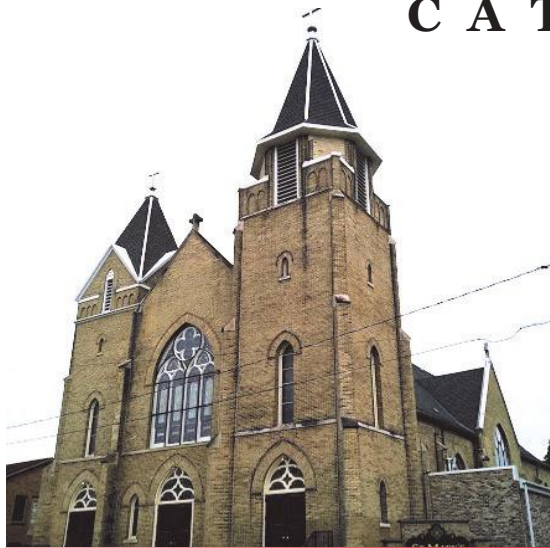


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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays

Tuesday 5:30 pm
Wed, Thurs, & Fri 8:30 am

Weekends

Saturday 7:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am & 1:00 pm

Adoration

Wed, Thurs, & Fri 8:00 - 8:30 am

Confessions

Tuesday 5:00 pm
Saturday 6:00 pm

Rosary

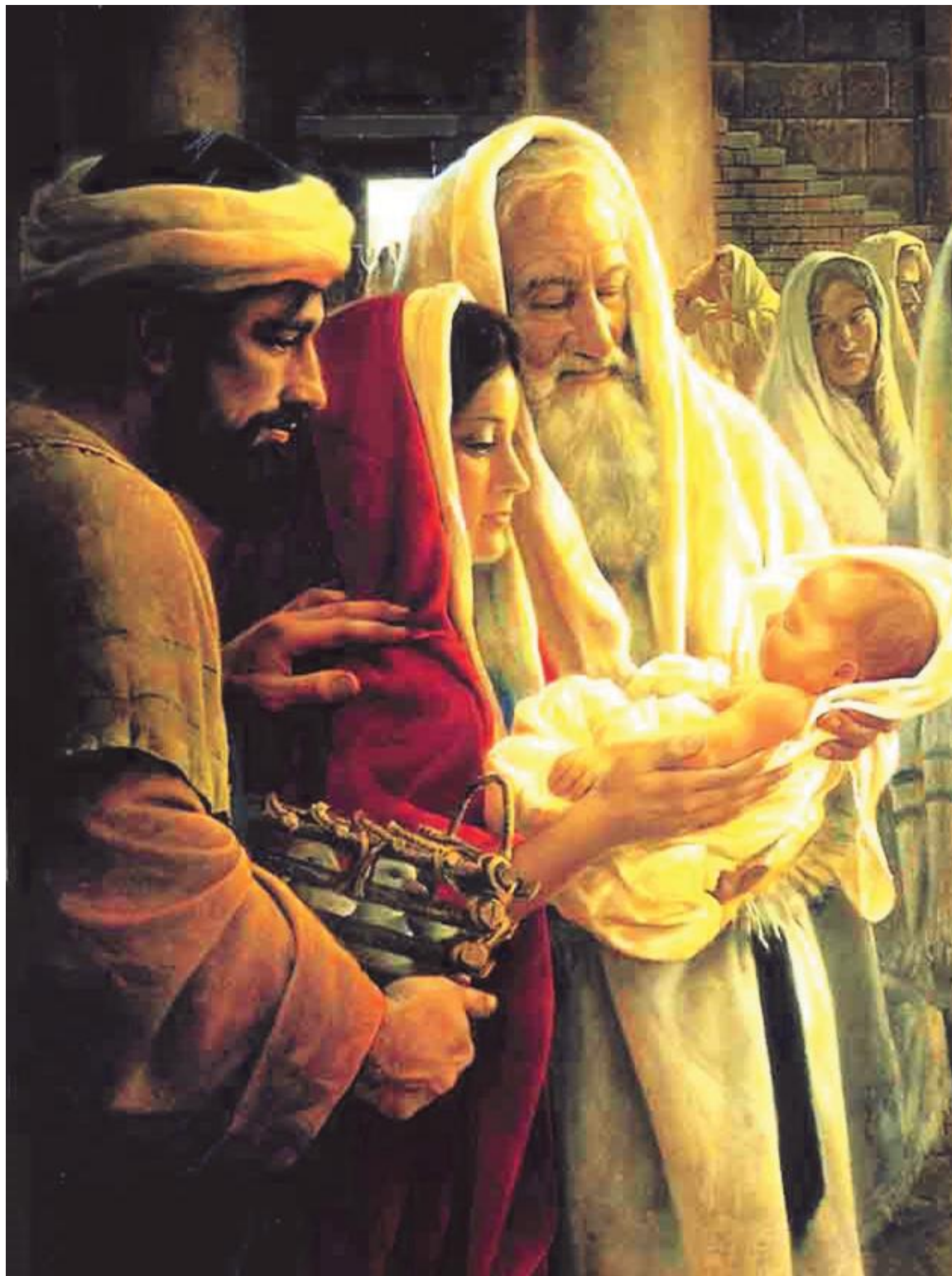
Before Saturday Vigil Mass and
Sunday 9:00 am Mass

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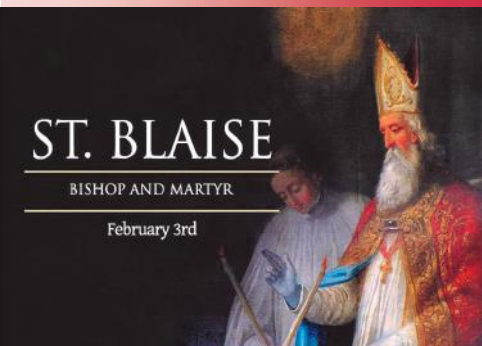
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“Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.”
LK 2:29-32

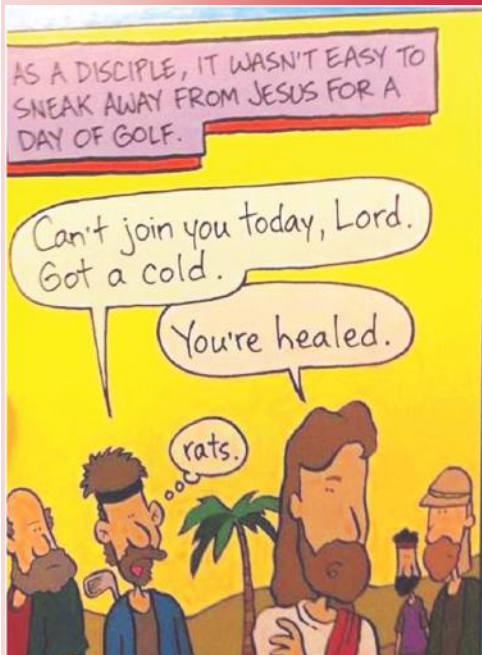
Mass Intentions

- Tuesday, February 4,**
5:30 pm † Fr. Thomas Smith
By: Fr. Clayton
- Wednesday, February 5,**
8:30 am † Benny Ryczek
By: Tim & Chris Sauter
- Thursday, February 6,**
8:30 am † Rita Wright
By: Rita Hall
- Friday, February 7,**
8:30 am † Don & Joan Donnelly
By: Dave & Terri Donnelly
- Saturday, February 8,**
7:00 pm Holy Souls in Purgatory
By: Dzewior Family
- Sunday, February 9,**
9:00 am † Beverly Walsh
By: Dean Walsh
- 1:00 pm Parishioners' Mass



Upcoming Events

- Parish Pastoral Council**
February 11th, 6:30 pm
- Ladies Sodality Meeting**
February 13th, 1:00 pm
- Ash Wednesday**
Feb 26th, 8:30 am & 7:00 pm
- Parish Finance Council**
March 10th, 6:30 pm
- Annual Ham Dinner**
March 15th, 11:00-1:00



Recently I saw the powerful movie *Unplanned*. It tells the true story of Abby Johnson, a Planned Parenthood clinic director and 'employee of the year' who one day was called to the procedure room because she was the only staff member available to assist the doctor with an ultrasound-guided abortion. As she maneuvered the ultrasound probe on the patient's belly, Abby was stunned to see on the monitor the image of a 13-week-old child squirming to escape the doctor's suction tool.

That traumatic experience would change Abby Johnson forever.

Heart wrenching as it is at times to watch, *Unplanned* ultimately lifts us up as a story of healing, a story of profound mercy.

In common usage, we speak of mercy as that form of love which reaches out to a guilty offender, seeking to touch and heal that person's moral failure and pain and to draw them to conversion. In the process, mercy treats them less severely than pure justice might demand.

In *Unplanned*, Abby is shown mercy by Shawn Carney, of the pro-life organization 40 Days for Life, and his wife, Marilisa. We often see the young couple standing outside the fence that surrounds the clinic, praying for those who enter. To her surprise, the couple treats Abby with respect and kindness and they show genuine interest in her life.

Relationship with GOD

More than Just SUNDAY

Unplanned and the Gift of Divine Mercy

Their brief conversations nurture a level of trust. As a result, when she undergoes her sudden conversion, Abby knows exactly where to turn, seeking out Shawn and Marilisa's guidance on what to do next.

Abby's parents also show her mercy. When she informs them of her hiring at the abortion clinic, and later of her promotion to director, they continue to love her with all their hearts. They have the courage to speak the truth to Abby, in a serious and passionate way, about the destructive effects of abortion on women, but always remaining calm and loving toward her.

Mercy is also shown to Abby by her husband, Doug, who married her even though he knew her stand on abortion. Convinced that abortion ends innocent human lives, Doug tries to break through to Abby at various times, but always in love. After she later experiences her graced moment of conversion, Abby breaks down weeping at the realization that she has been complicit in 22,000 abortions, even aborting two of her own children, conceived before she had met Doug. Holding her, he expresses his love for her even more and speaks humbly about God's love and forgiveness.

All these people who reveal mercy to Abby can do so only because they have experienced God's mercy themselves.

Jesus is the primary manifestation of God's mercy. Christ has shown us His mercy by freeing us from the prison of our sins by His agonizing suffering and death on the cross, and by His glorious Resurrection. It is timely, then, that each year on the

Sunday after Easter the Church celebrates Divine Mercy.

This feast was designated by Jesus Himself when, in 1931, He appeared to St. Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun, and spoke these words: "...Tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. ... Let no soul fear to draw near to Me. ... It is My desire that the Feast of Mercy be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy." (Diary, no. 699) "Paint an image according to the pattern you see with the signature: 'Jesus, I trust in You.'" (Diary, n. 42)

Jesus taught St. Faustina to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, a simple prayer recited on the beads of the Rosary. Jesus said: "Encourage souls to say the Chaplet which I have given to you" (Diary, no. 1541). "Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy..." (Diary, no. 687).

To learn more about the Chaplet as well as the story behind this great Feast, Divine Mercy Sunday, visit www.thedivine Mercy.org. The April issue of Catholic Life Magazine contains a guide to praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet. They can also usually be found in pamphlet form in most parish churches.

As Abby Johnson received the mercy of God through key people in her life, let us seek the infinite mercy of God through trust, prayer and the Sacraments, and show His mercy to those in our lives.

By Ann Lankford



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National Marriage Week USA

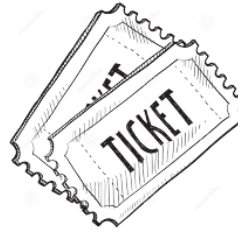
MARRIAGE IS WORTH IT! • EVERY FEB 7-14

This annual observance is a great prompt for everyone to reflect on the gift marriage is to our Church and our country, as well as an opportunity for couples to build up their own marriages. All married couples are encouraged to spend a little time on a 7-day virtual retreat titled "Stories from the Domestic Church." This and other valuable resources are available for couples, pastors, and parishes at:

www.foryourmarriage.org/celebrate-national-marriage-week/

Come get your Ham Dinner Raffle tickets!!!

Please grab your tickets in the back of church. Ladies from the Sodality will be out in the back to collect and/or hand out your tickets. Reminder to use these as a perfect invitation to bring someone to St. Mary's; reach out to those who have left, or those who are in need. Don't be tempted to just buy all your tickets and be done with it. Take courage and do a little outreach. When you've exhausted all those options, then buy the rest—but at least give it a go and try. Thank you!



World Day for Consecrated Life
WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 2ND & 3RD

Please keep these families in your prayers:

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| * Mildred Blank | * Mary Claire |
| * Jim & Adela Hagen | * Marshall |
| * Elizabeth Hall | * Courtney Miller |
| * Gloria Kramer | * Lucille Ryczek |
| * Helen & Andy Kwit | * Leo Schneider |
| | * George Smith |
| | * Rosalee Verette |

New Bulletin!

Welcome to the new bulletin! There are many advertising spaces available with **VERY** affordable rates. There are forms and information available on the back table. Take it and distribute to a business you think would be interested. Please contact the parish office with any inquiries or questions.

“Recapturing the Big Picture”

St. Patrick Parish in Sparta invites you to a powerful retreat beginning Sunday, February 16 for three nights, sessions at 7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick's - Sparta. Father John Riccardo, a classmate of Fr. Eric Berns, is a well-known evangelizer and founder of Acts XXIX ministry. The retreat will be sure to fan into a flame your relationship with Jesus. Father Riccardo and his team normally do not bring their ministry directly into parishes, so this will be a rare opportunity. Please join them on February 16th in Sparta.



Men's Renewal Retreat – Feb. 15 in Marshfield



What does it mean to “be a man of the cross”? Find out by joining us for a one-day retreat focusing on practical ways to live out the Gospel call to be a disciple of Jesus Christ daily. We'll receive great insights from Deacon Ralph Poyo, who was a favorite speaker from the fall Men of the Cross Conference, to embrace our crosses and learn of ways to become the man, father, husband and son that God intended.

Details: When: February 15, 9am– 3pm

Where: St. John the Baptist Parish, 201 W Blodgett St, Marshfield, WI
Cost: \$25/person (Includes morning snack and lunch) - \$30 at the door
For more information and to register, go to: <http://menofthecross.org/>

March for Life 2020

Thank you for all those who supported this year's March for Life. There were thousands that attended the Chicago march and dozens whom attended the Juneau County event. God bless all those who stand up for the culture of life! Also thank you to those who prayed from afar.



Financial Stewardship

January 25th & 26, 2019
Actual

Adult Envelopes.....	\$1856.00
Student Envelopes.....	\$13.00
Offertory.....	\$322.00
Votive Candles.....	\$39.00
Utility Envelopes.....	\$195.00
Total	\$2425.00

Weekly Budget \$2,326.23
(155 registered families)

Year-to-date*

Budgeted	\$69,786.90
Contributed	\$85,235.03

*Fiscal Year began July 1, 2019

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, February 8th, 7:00 pm

Lector	Joyce Fuller
Servers	Katelyn Browne
	.....Volunteer
Ushers	Jim Arens
	.....Dan Patton
	.....Rodney Senzig
Gift Bearers	Jim & Rochelle Crowley
EMC	Joyce Fuller
	.....Karen Patton
	.....Raymonda Blank
Musician	Tracey Tolzmann

Sunday, February 9th, 9:00 am

Lector	Sheri Guyse
Servers	Samantha Kobylski
	.....Ella Franek
Ushers	Garrett Madland
	.....Pat Mitchell
	.....Tony Oldigs
Gift Bearers	Pat & Sue Mitchell
EMC	Sheri Guyse
	.....Kelly Honnold
	.....Deacon Tom
Musician	Jade Pusel

Floor Project

Goal: \$75,000
Total Received: \$60,617.20
Percent of Goal received: 80.82%

Annual Appeal

Goal: \$14,380
Total Pledged & Received: \$11,155.00
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