

# Fides♥Spes♥Caritas

## MEN'S GROUP

Every Wednesday  
6:45 AM  
Lower Level of Church  
Contact Bob Lang for more  
information  
disciplelang@gmail.com  
920-716-4898

## WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY

Twice a Month from  
2 PM-3:30 PM  
Lower Level of Church  
Contact Barb Mastalish for more  
information  
winneconnebarb@gmail.com  
920-642-0376

## YOUNG MOMS

Every Monday school day  
8:10ish (after school dropoff)  
Lower Level of Church  
Contact Kathy Miller for more  
information  
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## Sounds of the Season

Welcome to Advent. The new liturgical year is brought in with the resounding call of "Stay Awake!", "Be Ready!" Advent is both a season of longing and a vigilant waiting, as well as a season of joyful expectation and presentation for Christ. The music of Advent is carefully chosen to contrast longing and fulfillment with joyous anticipation and hope. Like our Blessed Mother on her first Advent may we follow her steps as we bring Jesus into our hearts.

Pope Leo, in his homily for "Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe Solemnity" talked about the importance of singing together as a community. Singing reminds the faithful that they are a "church on a journey". Singing is a "natural and refined human expression where mind, feelings, body and soul come together to communicate life's great events." When we sing "we both pray and invite others to pray, praising God even amidst difficulties, with singing making the journey lighter."

*This advent let us all sing joyfully to our Lord!*

*Pray Musically~~Mark Pieplow*

## The Pope's Monthly Intention for December

For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.



*Share Some Love community Thanksgiving dinner*



## Women's Book Study

We will be discussing **Rejoicing in Our Hope** by Bishop Robert J. Baker for the next several meetings. This book is structured as a short reading with questions for reflection, and a prayer each day. You will need to order this book.

**Tuesday, December 9th~**  
read thru Day 7

**Tuesday, December 16th~**  
read Day 8 thru 14

**Tuesday, January 6th~**  
read Day 15 thru Jan. 5th

**Tuesday, January 20th~**  
read thru end of book

Share your insights and experiences, strengthen your faith and build friendships! New members are always welcome - please join us!

**Collection of non-perishable items for the Three Lakes Christian Food Pantry is the last full weekend of each month!**  
**Baskets will be in the entryways!**

**THRIFT STORE****Open Fridays and Saturdays, 10AM-3PM****Donation Drop-Off (at the store)****\*Wednesday 9AM-1PM\***

**\*Friday and Saturday, 10AM-2:30PM\*** Questions,  
please call Jeannie 414-430-1246 or Mike 715-617-3158

We will be **closed for donations and shopping from December 21<sup>st</sup> thru the 31<sup>st</sup>** for a much needed break and to spend time with our loved ones.

Thank you for your understanding and loyalty to this ministry!!!

The thrift store is in need of a manager! Please call the office 715-479-8704 or look on our website for more information! We need you!!!

### **CATECHISM CORNER~~Test Your Knowledge!** *answers and explanations on page 4*

Q1. How many sacraments are in the Catholic Church?

- A) 5
- B) 7
- C) 10
- D) 12

Q2. What is the Catholic belief about the Eucharist?

- A) Just a symbol
- B) Christ's real presence
- C) Only bread
- D) A memorial only

Q3. Which sacrament removes Original Sin?

- A) Confirmation
- B) Baptism
- C) Reconciliation
- D) Anointing of the Sick

Q4. Which council defined papal infallibility?

- A) Council of Trent
- B) Vatican I
- C) Vatican II
- D) Council of Nicaea

Q5. What does 'transubstantiation' mean?

- A) Christ is spiritually present
- B) Bread and wine truly become Christ's Body and Blood
- C) Eucharist is only symbolic
- D) The bread and wine coexist with Christ

Q6. Who translated the Bible into Latin (the Vulgate)?

- A) Augustine
- B) Jerome
- C) Aquinas
- D) Gregory the Great

*Thank you to Lee Ann Richmond for this submission!*

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>:** St. Kunegunda Christmas Gala, 6PM, Sugar Camp Town Hall

**Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>:** St. Nicholas Pot Luck after 4 PM Mass, St. Theresa lower level. All are welcome!!!

**Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>:** Soup lunch and penance service followed by individual confessions~~12:15 PM, St. Peter

**Saturday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>:** Anointing of the Sick Healing Masses~~All parishes

**Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>:** Faith Formation Christmas pageant and potluck~~6 PM, St. Peter. Come support our youth!

**Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>:** Share Some Love, Christmas community dinner; Serving 11:30AM-1:30PM, St. Theresa lower level

### **Beer and Brotherhood**

Hey Guys! Join your fellow St. Theresa brothers monthly to discuss a saint and try a craft beer!!!

Meet us just down the road at  
The Brew Station  
1803 Superior Street  
Three Lakes, WI

Next gathering: **Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**  
Contact Jeff Richmond for more information

jtrichmond7@gmail.com  
(563) 340-7939

### **Hot Breakfast!!!**

Come downstairs for great fellowship and a delicious hot breakfast on the second Wednesday of every month after Mass!!!  
Hosted by the St. Theresa Men's Group

**Next gathering:  
December 10th**



## Did You Know???

Catholic Services Appeal funding for Catholic Formation assists parishes in the areas of religious education, sacramental preparation, youth ministry, adult formation, and family ministry. Some areas of outreach to parishes consist of leadership development, curriculum guidelines, sacramental guidelines, youth rallies, Extreme Faith Camp, Totus Tuus, catechetical certification, and retreats. The Office of Catholic Formation's vision is to assist parishes in evangelizing and making Disciples of Christ within their own parishes, yet also participating in communion with the greater Church in northern Wisconsin.

***We are almost there! We have raised \$24,105 of our \$26,834 goal!!!***

## Hospitality Committee

Join us the second full weekend of each month! The hospitality committee hosts a wine and cheese social on Saturdays after the 4PM Mass. Sundays after the 8:30AM Mass we have coffee and donuts. Please join us for fun and fellowship - ***all parishioners and visitors are welcome!***

Our next gatherings will be held on ***Saturday, December 13th and Sunday, December 14th***

## A Short Advent Prayer

***Heavenly Father, heal my heart during this season of Advent. Help me to love more fully. To forgive more generously. To wait more patiently for Christmas, embracing each day and hour knowing the joy that awaits. In Your name I pray. Amen.***

## Need a Ride?

***Don't let transportation prevent you from having fun at the St. Kunegunda Christmas Gala, rejoice in the beauty of Midnight Mass, or enjoy good food and friendship at the Share Some Love Christmas Dinner. Please call/text Liz at 715-617-5255, and we will get you there! Handicapped accessible bus available! Don't miss out in the joys of our Savior's Season!!!***

## Upcoming Mass Schedule

- **Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** : Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary--***Holy Day of Obligation***
  - St. Mary: 7:30 AM
  - St. Kunegunda: 8:30 AM
  - St. Albert: 9:15 AM
  - St. Peter: 11 AM
  - St. Theresa: 6 PM
- **Saturday/Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>**: Anointing of the Sick Healing Masses
- **Christmas Vigil Masses--Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>** (*no weekday 8:30 AM Mass at St. Theresa*):
  - St. Peter and St. Theresa: 4 PM
  - St. Albert and St. Kunegunda: 6PM
  - St. Peter: 11 PM
- **Christmas Day Masses--Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**
  - St. Mary: 7:30 AM
  - St. Theresa: 8:30 AM
  - St. Peter: 10 AM
  - St. Kunegunda: 10:30 AM
- **Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God--*Holy Day of Obligation* Vigil Masses: Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>** (*no weekday 8:30 AM Mass at St. Theresa*) :
  - St. Kunegunda and St. Peter: 4 PM
  - St. Albert and St. Theresa: 6 PM
- **Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Day Mass--Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>** (*no weekday 8:30 AM Mass at St. Kunegunda*)
  - St. Mary: 7:30 AM

**SIGN UP**

Christmas is right around the corner! Eileen Hansen will be caring for the music on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Anyone interested - both adult and youth - in singing for either one or both masses, ***please contact Eileen at [eh3lakes@icoud.com](mailto:eh3lakes@icoud.com) or 262-844-1400.*** If there are enough children we will prepare something special for the kids for Christmas Eve. Rehearsals will be on ***Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> and Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30PM- 8:00PM***



## Share Some Love Community Dinners

**Do the work our Savior has asked of us! Spread love and joy with a hot meal and fellowship on Christmas Day to everyone in the community. The Holy Spirit works through each of us to touch the lives of all! Sit-down meals, pick-up, or delivery available. Serving from 11:30AM-1:30PM, Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>. Volunteer for a couple of hours or donate some food!**

**Sign-up sheets will be at the entrances the first weekend of December.**

**Help share the true meaning of Christmas!**

**[liz.h1973@gmail.com](mailto:liz.h1973@gmail.com)**

**715-617-5255 call/text**

*Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels . . . Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind Hebrews 13: 2, 16*



**Father Ron, Mary Schulz, Father Raja, Leif Gardner, and Anne Lindeke serve up a hot meal at St. Theresa's first ever Share Some Love community Thanksgiving meal**

## Catechism Corner Answers

1. B) 7 ~ The Church teaches that Christ instituted seven sacraments as visible signs of grace
2. B) Christ's real presence ~ Catholics believe Jesus is truly present—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity—in the Eucharist
3. B) Baptism ~ Baptism cleanses the soul from Original Sin and welcomes the person into the Church.
4. B) Vatican I ~ Vatican I taught that the pope is preserved from error when teaching definitively on faith and morals.
5. B) Bread and wine truly become Christ's Body and Blood ~ Transubstantiation means the substance changes while the appearance remains the same.
6. B) Jerome ~ St. Jerome translated Scripture into Latin in the 4th century, creating the Vulgate

## NORTHERN LAKES CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES

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715-337-5934

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### Mass

Wednesday 8:30 AM

Saturday 4:00 PM

Sunday 8:30 AM

### Adoration and Confession

Wednesday 8:00 AM

\*\*\*1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday  
9:00 AM-Noon\*\*\*

### Rosary for Priests

Wednesday 7:15 AM

\*\*\*1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 7:45 AM

### Confession

Saturday 3:00 PM-3:45 PM

## Talk To Us

Questions, Comments, Suggestions Welcome!  
What would you like to see? Please email Liz at [liz@northernlakescatholics.org](mailto:liz@northernlakescatholics.org) or call/text 715-617-5255. Thank you for your input! January submission deadline: 12/22/25

