



### St. Charles Borromeo

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**Mass:** Saturday 4 p.m. Sunday 8 a.m. & 11 a.m.



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### St. Peter the Apostle - Tilden

11358 County Highway Q  
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729  
(715) 288-6484  
**Mass:** Saturday 6:30 p.m. Sunday 9:30 a.m.

## SACRAMENTS

### BAPTISM

By appointment

### MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Please check with the parish first for available dates before making all your plans.

### RECONCILIATION

St. Charles-Saturday 3:15 p.m.  
St. Peter-Saturday 6 p.m.  
or anytime by appointment

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you would like to be anointed please call the central office before surgery.

### HOSPITALIZED/HOMEBOUND

We bring you Holy Communion and will visit you in the hospital or at home. Please call the parish office for arrangements.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

### St. Peter Catholic School, Tilden

**GRADES 1-8**  
**Tammy Christopher, Principal**  
(715) 288-6250

**Christian Mothers Society**  
Kathy Rice (715) 723-0224  
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**Home & School**  
James Metza (715) 226-0190

### McDonell Area Catholic Schools

(MACS) www.macs.k12.wi.us

**MACS Central Office**  
**Br. Roger, President**  
(715) 723-0538 ext. 3309

**St. Charles Childcare**  
**Chris Cook, Director**  
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**St. Charles Borromeo Primary**  
**GRADES Pre K—2**  
(715) 723-5827

**Holy Ghost Elementary**  
**GRADES 3-5**

**Br. Roger, Principal**  
**Notre Dame Middle School**  
**GRADES 6-8**  
(715) 723-4777

**McDonell Central Catholic High**  
**GRADES 9-12**  
(715) 723-9126

### PRAYER OF THE WEEK

December 25, 2011, The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

At the Mass at Dawn Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, as we are bathed in the new radiance of your incarnate Word, the light of faith, which illumines our minds, may also shine through in our deeds.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question: How can the light of my faith be seen in my daily actions?

### THE GIFT OF GOD'S WORD

On this day of gifts and gift-giving, it seems appropriate that we take a moment to reflect on the great gift of God's Word. Because it is creative, God's Word always points to its author, always calls us to respond. Because it is powerful, God's Word can link the sublime with the ridiculous, the transcendent with the immanent, the divine with the human. Because it is graceful, God's Word establishes a relationship of deep intimacy between us and God.

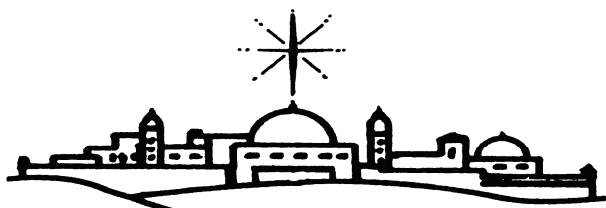
At the heart of God's Word lies a tantalizing tension between the mysterious and the mundane. In our liturgical celebration, this unresolved tension both reveals the meaning of life for us and calls us to respond, to act upon that meaning.

Once accepted and opened, the gift of God's Word is a gift that keeps on giving and keeps on calling us to give in return. It dares us to be like the gift-giver and to become gifts for others, not only at Christmas, but at every moment of life.

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### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

An old joke asks, "What time is Midnight Mass?" The answer is not really obvious, since Christmas is unique in having several distinct celebrations. The readings and prayers vary greatly from hour to hour. The Vigil Mass hinges on the family heritage of Jesus and his origins. The concept of "midnight" predates clock time, and really has to do with a celebration in the hours of darkness. Years ago, it was not possible to receive Communion without fasting for a full day, so the late hour of this Mass made it possible for the people to receive. The first Mass after sunrise, the Mass at Dawn, was once known as "The Shepherds' Mass," and later Masses set aside stories of Jesus' birth to focus on the key to the day's celebration: John the Evangelist's majestic theology of Christ's identity as the Word made flesh, dwelling among us. One feast, four separate Masses. Only monasteries manage the whole round. Parishioners typically take just one entry point into the mystery. Yet there is much to savor and celebrate in the coming of Christ into the world. Christmas is not a day, but a season. You still have two weeks to send those Christmas cards before you're officially late! --James Field Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

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## The Angel of Christmas

By: Brianna Buhrow

On the night before Christmas,

I saw a twinkle in the sky.

When I looked up,

It flew right on by.

The night was silent and dreary outside.

All I saw was the twinkle in the sky.

It shined so bright,

Gleaming with light.

Then it grew closer and closer that night.

It shined so bright.



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*Christmas greeting from the Staff of St. Charles Borromeo & St. Peter the Apostle Parishes. We hope you enjoy Christmas with family and friends.*



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Appreciation Dinner  
on December 28, 2011.  
St. Peter's church hall.  
Mass at 5:00 p.m.,  
social hour 5:30 p.m.  
and dinner at 6:30 p.m.



## End of Calendar Year Charitable Contributions

- Mon. Dec. 26** Feast of St. Stephen  
5:30 p.m. **NO MASS**
  - Tue. Dec. 27** Feast of St. John  
8:30 a.m. **NO MASS**
  - Wed. Dec. 28** The Holy Innocents  
5:00 p.m. **Mass at St. Peter**
  - Thurs. Dec. 29** Feast of St. Thomas Becket  
8:30 a.m. + Dick Hamilton
  - Fri. Dec. 30** The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph  
8:30 a.m. + Dolores Schemenauer
  - Sat. Dec. 31** Vigil Mary Mother of God  
4:00 p.m. + Francis Leis
  - Sun. Jan 1** Mary, Mother of God  
8:00 a.m. + Robert Loew  
11:00 a.m. + Bernice Schindler
- Rosary: Weekdays at 8:35 a.m. and Sunday 7 p.m.*

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### MINISTERIES for December 31 & January 1

#### 4 p.m. Mass

- SERVERS:** Clare & Tim Buchmann, Eion Kressin
- READERS:** Michael Salm, Michele Kressin
- EMOC:** Robert & Ruth Dahms
- CANTOR:** Robert Parkhurst
- PRAISE LEADER:** Robert Parkhurst
- SACRISTAN:** Erin Franz

#### 8 a.m. Mass

- SERVERS:** Anthony & Ethan Roach, Carter Holm
- READERS:** Erin Rapienski, Mary Kuehl
- EMOC:** Cyril & Lelah Krista
- CANTOR:** Gary Reither
- PRAISE LEADER:** Gary Reither
- SACRISTAN:** JoAnn Vahlenkamp

#### 11 a.m. Mass

- SERVERS:** Olivia Pomietlo, Emily Holldorf, Olivia Barry
- READERS:** Matt Amundson, Jill Pomietlo
- EMOC:** Todd Andringa, Arlis Hanson
- CANTOR:** Mike Steinberger
- PRAISE LEADER:** Phyllis Goettl
- SACRISTAN:** Rita Nowak



## Funerals

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December 7, 2011

A. Brigid Early

December 15, 2011

Joe Joas

Joe was the oldest male member of St. Charles Borromeo Parish.

*May they rest in peace*



Thank you everyone for your generous support of the Spirit of Christmas gifts and monies for Casa Hogar.

We are blessed with many wonderful members!



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Tue. Dec. 27 Feast of St John 8:30 a.m. NO MASS
Wed. Dec. 28 The Holy Innocents 5:00 p.m. All Entrusted to the Pastors Care
Thu. Dec. 29 Feast of St. Thomas Becket 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Charles
Fri. Dec. 30 The Holy Family 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Charles
Sat. Dec. 31 Vigil Mary, Mother of God 6:30 p.m. + Ken Goettl
Sun. Jan 1 Mary, Mother of God 9:30 a.m. + Norbert Simon

MINISTERIES for December 31 & January 1

- 6:30 p.m. Mass
SERVERS: Michael Eisenreich, Johnathan Normand
MC: Matthew Rider
READER: Diane Woolever
GIFT BEARERS: Ryan Normand family
GREETERS: Jim & Lori Eisenreich
ROSARY: Albert Fialkowski
9:30 a.m. Mass
SERVERS: Christopher Pieper, Jacob & Luke Schemenauer
MC: Stephen Sykora
READER: Charlene Kervina
GIFT BEARER: Audra Knowlton
GREETER: Liz Blum
ROSARY: Handmaids

Peters Patter

Our preparations during Advent have come to an end. Jesus is born! The fifth and sixth grade learned the history and meaning of the Christmas song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas." This song has much history behind it. Ask a fifth or sixth grader about it! In Religion, we reviewed the Ten Commandments. We also learned about the characteristics of a tabernacle. In Math, the fifth grade learned how to multiply decimals and the sixth grade worked on multiplying decimals, then they learned how to divide decimals. New England states, their geography and their economy, were the topic of study in Social Studies. Students learned about weather and types of clouds in Science. In English, students learned about proper and common nouns, plural and singular nouns and abbreviations.

Congratulations to Brianna Buhrow. Her poem "The Angel of Christmas" won 2nd place in The Catholic Times writing contest and was published in the December 16th edition. It is on the front page of this bulletin. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. Thank you for all of your prayers and support in 2011.

Christian Mothers News

Meeting on January 8, 2012 after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend. Bingo for the up coming year will start again on January 15, 2012. St. Clara's Circle will host. Reminder to Circles to check the list of items needed to be cleaned during the break. Call one of the officers if you are not sure what you need to do. Thank you to all who helped with the Taste of Tilden. A complete report will be available after the holidays.

## School News & Community Events



**MCDONELL AREA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**  
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[www.macs.k12.wi.us](http://www.macs.k12.wi.us) \* 715.723.0538

### Merry Christmas!

Dear Parishioners and families,

One of the things that I have been thinking about this Advent is how willing Mary was to receive the Word of God as it was proposed by the angel and as He was incarnated in her womb. We hope to have that same willingness to receive the Word well. In this way, we try to imitate our Lady. Maybe we are being challenged to re-order some moral aspect of our lives, maybe we are being challenged to ensure that our souls are fed every Sunday at Mass, maybe we are being asked to spend more time in prayer. Whatever it is, the Word desires to come to you this Christmas. Pray for those kids who are discerning a call to the priesthood or consecrated life, pray for those kids who are trying to live Christ's ideals in their relationships in order to have healthy, happy, holy marriages, pray that all of us, like Mary, would be able to respond to whatever God is asking with a whole-hearted "yes, let it be done according to your Word". *Merry Christmas.*

Father Justin J. Kizewski, *Chaplain*

**MACS CENTRAL OFFICE** will be open Monday through Thursday, December 26-29 from 7 am to 4 pm, closed Friday, Dec. 30, 2011

#### SAVE THE DATES

**McDonell Musical *Beauty and the Beast*** will be shown on January 23, 24 and 25<sup>th</sup>. This year there will be an additional performance, a Saturday matinee!

**MACS information open houses** and registration for 2012-2013 Building Bridges 4 Children (BB4C), MACS 4 - year old program is February 1<sup>st</sup>, and the Kindergarten is February 2<sup>nd</sup> at St. Charles Borromeo Primary School.

**National Catholic Schools Week** starts Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> with a community brunch at McDonell High School. More details coming.

**MACS Mid-Winter Mardi Gras is February 11<sup>th</sup>.** Please start sending in your couple nominations for King and Queen to: [macsmardigras@gmail.com](mailto:macsmardigras@gmail.com)

**Building Bridges 4 Children (BB4C)** the St. Charles 4 year-old program is offering an opportunity to see their classrooms and meet the head teachers on Tuesday, January 10th from 5:30 to 6:00 pm before their winter program. Please join us if you have a child turning four by September 1, 2012.

#### Football Mania winners:

**Week 13** - Annette Sykora--\$25, William Jeske--\$25, Rachel Funk--\$25, Brad Tarras--\$25 **Week 14** - Barb Williams--\$100, Lee Rusch--\$25.00, Dave Fish--\$50, Reggie Geissler--\$25

The Chippewa Falls **Knights of Columbus Goldsmith Council #974** will host a breakfast at St. Charles Borromeo Primary School on January 8, 2012 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. All KC members and their guests are welcome.

**The Knights of Columbus** are seeking a Field Agent for a career opportunity representing their insurance company. We offer a complete benefits package with this full time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the KC's. For more information contact Ed Knolmayer, FIC, General Agent at 715-426-9898 or e-mail at [edmund.knolmayer@kofc.org](mailto:edmund.knolmayer@kofc.org)

#### NOTRE DAME PORK STEAK DINNER

The Church of Notre Dame in Chippewa Falls invites everyone to join us on Wednesday, January 25 for roasted pork steak marinated in our "secret recipe" sauce, seasoned baked beans, sauerkraut with a twist, and potato dumplings that would make grandma proud! Top off your dinner with coffee or milk, and a selection from our tempting assortment of desserts. Serving from 4-7pm in the Parish Life Center located at 22 South Prairie Street. Adults \$9.50, seniors (65+) \$8.50, children (12 & under) \$4.50. Carry-outs are available by calling 715-720-4840 from 2-5:30pm.

**Book Club news:** You are welcome to come and share the discussion of the book "**The Return of the Prodigal Son**" by **Henri J.M. Nouwen**. We will meet on January 12, 2012 for the first time. We meet at Notre Dame in the Avila Room on the southeast side of the church. Times are 1:00 p.m. ~ 3:00 p.m. or at 7:00 p.m. ~ 9:00 p.m. Call Sharon at 715-894-1060 if you have questions or are in need of finding the book.

**Family style fish fry** at Sacred Heart Of Jesus, Jim Falls January 6, 2012, from **4:30 p.m. ~ 7:30 p.m. Mass at 6:00 p.m.** Serving family style fish, baked potatoes, coleslaw, soup, crackers, roll, dessert. Adults \$ 8.00, children 5~12 \$3.50 and preschoolers free. Early bird special for Seniors \$7.50 from 4:30 ~ 5:30 p.m.

