

SAINTS JOSEPH, PETER, BONIFACE & ASSUMPTION *of the* BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

P A R I S H C L U S T E R

ONE. HOLY. APOSTOLIC. UNIVERSAL CHURCH. WE ARE CATHOLIC. WE ARE FAMILY. WELCOME HOME!

BARRON, CAMERON, CHETEK & STRICKLAND, WI



Youth participating in the monthly religious education family night model their “eyeglass creations.” The lesson for the evening focused on being the “eyes” of Jesus: to be observant and aware of the needs of others in our community. By doing so, and by helping others we are helping Jesus.

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY

4PM—ABVM, STRICKLAND
6PM—ST. PETER, CAMERON

SUNDAY

8AM—ST. PETER, CAMERON
9:30AM—ST. JOSEPH, BARRON
11AM—ST. BONIFACE, CHETEK

TUESDAY

5PM—ST. PETER, CAMERON

WEDNESDAY

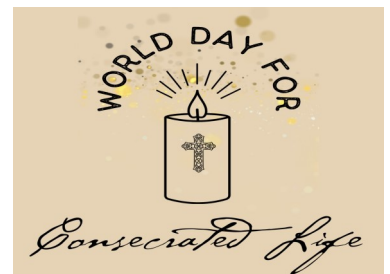
7:15AM—ST. JOSEPH, BARRON

THURSDAY

8:30AM—ST. BONIFACE, CHETEK

FRIDAY

8AM—ST. PETER, CAMERON



In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples.



“Teach the children how they should live and they will remember it all of their life!” Celebrate Catholic Schools Week is an opportunity to focus our shared efforts on helping to ensure the vitality of our 14 Catholic Schools. Our Catholic schools are a vital part of the mission of the Catholic Church. In addition to strong academics, Catholic schools play a key role in the development of leadership and help parents instill in their children the Catholic faith morals. This year you have an opportunity to participate in the annual Collection for Catholic Schools, which will take place in every parish throughout the diocese. This special collection is designed to provide an additional source of annual support for schools. All of the funds raised will be allocated to the schools based on their number of students. Thank you for your generosity.

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Sacraments

Reconciliation: Father will be present in the Confessional, for Reconciliation at all parishes, 30 minutes prior to all Masses, Tuesday-Saturday; and prior to Sunday Mass at St. Peter; and 9-10am on the 1st Saturday of the month at St. Joseph. Reconciliation may also be received following most Masses or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick: By appointment, please call parish office first.

Baptism: Please call the parish office to schedule. First time parents, please plan to attend a baptismal preparation session prior to your child’s baptism.

Marriage: Please make arrangements for marriage prep classes beginning six months before the wedding.

Thank you! FOR YOUR CONTINUED FINANCIAL SUPPORT!
Today for Tomorrow - helping your local parish maintain a stable offertory during the COVID-19 crisis.
 Your contributions are vital to your parishes. PLEASE continue to mail in your offertory envelopes/ contributions to the parish office at:
 827 E LaSalle Ave. Barron, WI 54812

Collections for the Weekend of January 22/23, 2022

	ST BONIFACE	ST PETER	ST JOSEPH	ABVM
January 23 Offerings	975	959	1303	377
Needed Weekly	1540	1945	1500	480
Vigil Lights				
Building Maintenance	85	255		
CSA Extra/ 1st Off./Herald	50	100	56	
TOTAL	1110	1314	1359	377



Saint of the Week

You may be familiar with the annual “blessing of throats” that many parishes in the United States use to commemorate the beloved bishop and martyr. St. Blaise lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was forced to flee and hide in a cave in the back country in order to save his life.

History has it that one day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St. Blaise was living. They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by wolves, lions and bears that he had tamed. The legend has it that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise’s command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived.

Today we remember the saint on his feast day by taking two candles, crossing them against the throat, and saying the following prayer:

Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

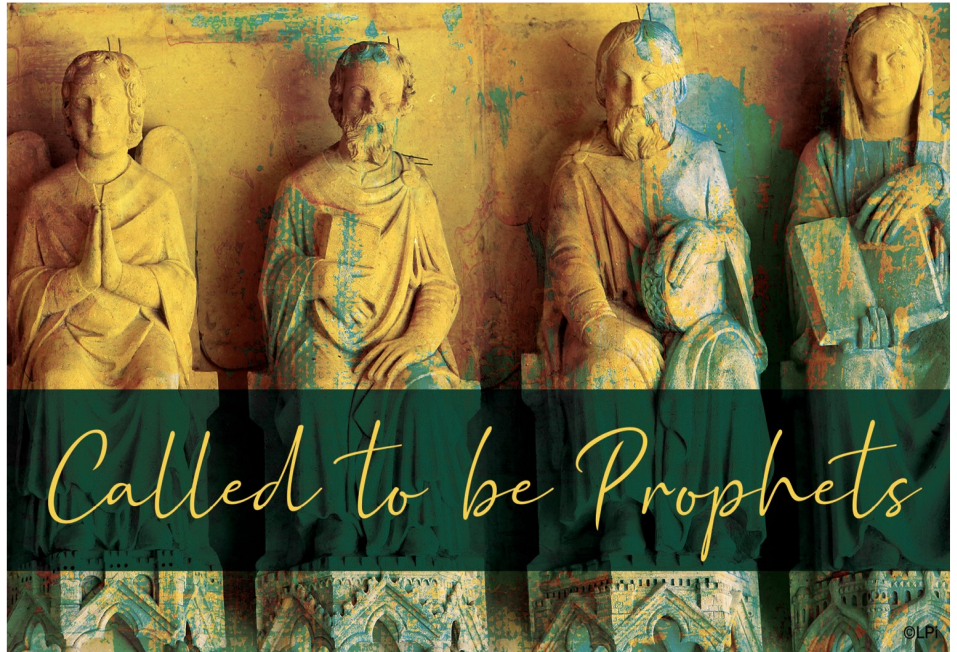
PORK STEAK DINNER
 Ss. Peter and Paul Weyerhaeuser's Annual Pork Steak Dinner beginning at 11am on Sunday, February 13th. Menu includes Pork Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Dressing, Sauerkraut, Corn, Cranberries and dessert. \$12 Adult; \$6 Children 6-12, preschool free. Dine in or take out. Basket Raffle, Bake Sale, Chicken Shake, 50/50 & more.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

St. Oscar Romero (1917-1980) was a “Salvadoran Roman Catholic archbishop who was a vocal critic of the violent activities of government armed forces, right-wing groups, and leftist guerrillas involved in El Salvador’s civil conflict (Encyclopedia Britannica).” As a voice of the voiceless, he was an outspoken champion of the poor who were the ones most affected by the civil unrest and violence. His advocacy provoked several attempts on his life. Nonetheless, St. Oscar Romero was convinced that before all else his faith in the resurrected Christ and the values of the Gospel trumped any earthly concern or worry. He walked with complete confidence and trust. On March 24, 1980, St. Oscar Romero was assassinated while celebrating Mass. Such is often the fate of those who challenge the socio-political agendas of the day.

We may look at the example of witness of St. Oscar Romero as something extraordinary. In one sense it is. Through the power of God, an ordinary human being did extraordinary things. But, in and of himself, St. Oscar Romero was simply a humble, loving



servant of God. Oscar knew not only the power of love but the risk that comes when loving unconditionally. The beauty of God’s message was able to shine in and through him because he was able to step out of the way and be a vessel. One can assume that for St. Oscar Romero, one’s earthly life has no merit when faith, integrity, conviction, zeal and love are jettisoned. Fear and apprehension had no grip on this man who not only saw but spoke the truth.

Do we speak the truth? It makes us feel good to speak of God as

love. But have we ever considered the ramifications of this radical message? There are assaults on human life occurring daily. More and more the value and worth of a human being is being reduced and minimized. We are becoming widgets in the production of life. In our whole simple humble ways, we too are called to be prophets. Knowing who you are and what is within your means to do, how can you make God’s love real, stand up for what is right, and give witness to the sacredness of all that is around you?

TUES		WED		THURS	
5pm	Mass, STP	7:15am	Mass, STJ	8:10am	Rosary, STB
		8am-2pm	Eucharistic Adoration, STJ	8:30am	Mass, STB
				9-10am	Eucharistic Adoration, STB
				6pm	Choir Practice, STP
				6-7pm	Adoracion en St. Joseph, Barron (en espanol)

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



LITURGICAL LIFE

Saturday

4:00pm † Kendzior Family by Sylvia ABVM
6:00 pm All the People of our Parish Cluster SP

Sunday

8:00 am † Judy Graf by Family SP
9:30 am † Randall & Mary Valley by Family SJ
11:00 am † Gerri Kohler by the McManus Family SB

Tuesday

5:00 pm Blessings & Peace for the Rose Family SP

Wednesday

7:15 am † Jodean Lindemer
by Harold & Sharon Millermon SJ

Thursday

8:30 am † Lorraine Sirinek by Marsha SB

Friday

8:00 am † Joseph Trinka Family Members SP

Saturday

4:00pm † Dc. Jim Dennis by ABVM PCCW ABVM
6:00 pm All the People of our Parish Cluster SP

Sunday

8:00 am † Joan Krug by Margaret Sailor SP
9:30 am Peace - An End to Violence SJ
11:00 am † Larry Schmidt by McManus Family SB

SB-St. Boniface • SJ-St. Joseph • SP-St. Peter
ABVM-Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

RESPONDING to the Call

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP
Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments
First Corinthians and the Stewardship of Social Media

“Love is patient, love is kind...” As familiar as these words are, they never seem to stray into the territory of becoming trite or silly. At their core they communicate a truth about us and about our Creator that never fails to inspire.

But despite the fact that you’ve probably heard it at many weddings over time, First Corinthians isn’t just for newlyweds. It wasn’t written for married folks. It’s for every single one of us, in every state of life and every social situation, in every country and culture and language across the globe.

Which means that First Corinthians is even for the online world. It’s for Facebook and Twitter and Instagram and all the other platforms I’m forgetting (there seems to be a new one every day, doesn’t there?).

A sense of division — whether rooted in politics, culture or anything else — is growing in our world, and it’s never more obvious than when we observe interactions online. It is far easier, after all, to remember what love is when a human being of flesh and blood stands before us. When all we see is an avatar or a profile picture on a screen — especially accompanied by an opinion with which we vehemently disagree — even the most loving Christians can throw First Corinthians out the window.

As everyday stewards we know that we are charged to be not only gracious but grateful. We receive others but we also give thanks for what they bring to us — even if that’s an opportunity to “strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts.”

So before the next time you post anything online, I suggest giving First Corinthians a read — and remember, love never fails.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Please Pray For: All of our cluster parishioners in hospitals, at home and in the nursing homes & for those in the Armed Forces and their families. Especially for: Laura Johanson, Jackie Brohman, Judy Lentz, Joyce Trotter, Darlene Townsend, Barb Dennis, Diane DeMars, Nancy Kukla, Jo Ann Lundequam, Sandy Garr, Jim Haas, Doug Rutledge, Joan Fostvedt, Norma Licht, Joel Rivera, Allen Klingelhoets, Bob Anderson, Barb Greene, Mike Haselhuhn, Betty Livingston, Mary Weber, Jimmy Rippy, Ceil Nelson, John & Loretta Shimon, Elizabeth Vanlyll, Charlene Henk, George & Betty Scott, Rex Krueger, Frankie Moullet, Robert Newman, Anita Moullet, Dan & Diane Novak, Mark Farmer, Gary Wigen, Annette Quarn, Charlie Breed, Sharon Jorgensen, Kevin Gehan, John Gronski, Marion Edwards, Matthew Williams, Noah Lykens, Dean Chappell, Stanley Mares, Lorraine Biedron, Linda Hackett, Mary Ann Tvedt, Don Drost, Amanda Ridout, Richard Folz, Roger Gardner & Stefan Geisinger. To be added or removed, please contact the parish office.

FRI		SAT		SUN	
8am	Mass, STP	4pm	Mass, ABVM	8am	Mass, STP
		6pm	Mass, STP	9:30am	Mass, STJ
				10:30am	Ladies Guild Meeting, STJ
				11am	Mass, STB

CLUSTER NEWS



LADIES OF ST. JOSEPH

Please join us for our Ladies Guild Meeting on Sunday, February 6th, after the 9:30am Mass at St. Joseph. We will hold our meeting in the basement. Looking forward to seeing all of you there!

Lent & Easter Choir Practice will take place on Thursdays, starting this week, February 3rd, 6pm at St. Peter



Blessing of Candles February 5th at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



The blessing of the candles on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord became part of the Church tradition in the 11th century. The feast is also known as "Swieto Matko Boskiej Gromnicznej" in Polish and is a very old Polish tradition. The people of Poland would bring candles decorated with either ribbons or liturgical symbols to church to be blessed. The blessed candles (gromice) are taken home to be used when needed during the church year such as: the birth of a child, an illness of someone at home, in a severe storm or any other occasion which implores the presence of Jesus Christ in the home. Next Saturday, February 5th, please bring your candles to be blessed during the 4:00pm Mass at ABVM, Strickland, and help to continue this wonderful custom.

POPE FRANCIS WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

All parishioners, across the world, are invited to participate in the Synod as requested by Pope Francis. This is a process of journeying together



to answer questions such as "What steps do you hear the Holy Spirit asking us to take to deepen our commitment to the Church's mission of spreading the Gospel and making disciples?" The purpose of this is to get a better understanding on what is going on in the Church and discuss what perhaps needs to be modified or changed at the conference of Bishops in 2023. On Wed., Feb. 16th, we will host an all-cluster gathering at 6pm at St. Joseph, Barron, to invite you to share your responses to the six synod questions—all are welcome. For those who prefer not to gather, paper and online options are also available. Details are being mailed in a cluster newsletter and are available on our website. The evening gathering will consist of hospitality, a short introductory video presentation by Bishop Powers (3min) , Lecto Devina video with Chris Hurtubise (10min), scripture reading and discussion, introduction to synod questions and time for personal reflection, large group discussion, and a closing prayer. This gathering is to serve as a community builder and as a means to have some fluid discussions on where the Church is thriving and where it is struggling. If you would like to attend, please RSVP at 715-637-3255 or email sspbandj@outlook.com by Wednesday, February 9th.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES from the Diocese

WOMEN'S RETREAT

February 19-20, 2022
The Feminine Genius: Living Lives as Women of God
- Featuring Author Gina Loehr with music by Aly Aleigha.
Heartwood Conference Center, Trego WI
8am Saturday - 12:00pm Sunday
Cost: \$100
More info: <https://catholicdos.org/womens-ministry>

MEN'S RETREAT

February 5-6, 2022
Redeeming Masculinity: Christ's Urgent Call to Authentic Manliness
Featuring Speaker Peter Andrastek
Heartwood Conference Center, Trego WI
8am Saturday - 12:pm Sunday
Cost \$100
More info: <https://catholicdos.org/mens-ministry>

KNIGHTS CORNER

Next council meeting to be held February 8, 7pm at St. Peter church in Cameron.

The Father James Harte/Six Lakes Council #6754 Is Honored To Offer For 2022, **2 - \$600 Outstanding Young Citizen Awards**. Note that in the past we have called the Awards a 'Scholarship'. However based on the Councils newly adapted format by which the applications will be judged we feel more comfortable offering "Outstanding Young Citizen Awards". Open to ALL Graduating Seniors of the Class of 2022 from either the Barron, Cameron or Chetek-Weyerhaeuser School Districts as well as all Graduating Seniors from our Parish Cluster, regardless of which High School they attended. Applicants must be planning on attending either a Technical or Traditional College as full-time students. Funds will be disbursed to the chosen applicants after the successful completion of their first semester. Young women as well as young men are eligible and encouraged to apply. Questions? Call Deputy Grand Knight - Raymond Kressin, 715-642-0317