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December 7, 2025 / 7 de Diciembre de 2025

Welcome

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Thursday 8:00 AM

Enter at canopy, door 3

Weekend Mass

Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday/Domingo 8:00 AM
10:00 AM
1:00 PM

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:15 PM-4:00 PM

Other By Appointment

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday

8:00 AM-4:30 PM



2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. - Mt 3:4

Juan usaba una túnica de pelo de camello, ceñida con un cinturón de cuero, y se alimentaba de saltamontes y de miel silvestre. - Mt 3, 4

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Mission Statement

In the Name of
Jesus Christ,
St. Thomas the Apostle
Catholic Community
Welcomes
Prays
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Heals
Comforts
ALL!

Declaración de la Misión

*En el Nombre de
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Prayer & Worship

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 8th

8:00 AM

Available

6:30 PM

Available

Thursday, December 11th

8:00 AM

Les Graebel

Saturday, December 13th

4:30 PM

Ed & Luci Wallander

Sunday, December 14th

8:00 AM

Margie Bonde

10:00 AM

Robert & Delores Schmatz

Sanctuary Light

December 7th - 13th

David Dehring

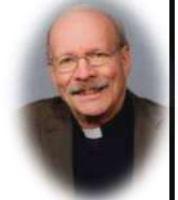
Dear Folks,

Blessed Advent! Lately, the ministry of the diaconate has been on my heart. During a recent conversation with a dear friend (who also happens to be a deacon), he made a comment that startled me. He said, "You really have never forgotten that you are still a deacon; the Order of Deacon has not gone away in your life." My year as a "transitional" deacon went fast and was filled with joy and much learning. It was a marvelous time to grow as a servant, to wash feet, to be a slave who leads others to Christ (who emptied himself, as Paul says to the Philippians, and took the form of a slave). That focus on service was a great preparation, not just for priesthood, but for life as a disciple of Jesus.

One of the greatest joys of ministry is to remember that I am still a deacon. Being a deacon is not something that I have "shed" in favor of a "higher" calling, a way so many view the diaconate and priesthood today. The service of the diaconate is a powerful ministry in the Church today and as it has been over the centuries. Popes and bishops have depended upon deacons to be their eyes and ears regarding the flocks of Jesus they tended. Perhaps that is why I am still at peace with being a Spiritual Servant. In the end, it is all about the spiritual and human relationships with the people we serve and with our God. Thank you Deacon Steve and Deacon Rich for embracing the self-emptying ministry of Matthew 25 in your lives!

Please look for another installment of Pope Leo's Apostolic Exhortation *Dilexi te*, which will be included as an insert in our bulletin. Many have asked if I would include more spiritual, theological or biblical documents/insights, in order to connect us with the universal Church and our local Church, the Green Bay Diocese.

In Christ's Peace, Fr. Dave



December 14, 2025

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

James 5:7-10

Matthew 11:2-11

How do you prepare yourself to meet Christ in those around you?

Homebound, Sick, or Elderly...

For a minister of care to bring Eucharist to your home, please call the parish office or refer to the information below.

Sunday Communion Minister for the homebound for the week of:

December 14- Phyllis Carey

920-901-3657

December 21- Wayne Wallander

920-946-9002

December 28- Dcn. Steve

920-860-0478



Reconciliation 5:00-7:00 PM

Tuesday, December 16th



Through the waters of Baptism, our parish welcomes...

Max Thomas Rose

Son of Adam & Jennifer

May you feel God's joy fill your heart every day, and know that he is deeply in love with you. Congratulations and many blessings to you and your family on this special day.

Funds received the week of November 23rd

Scrip profit for the week **\$519.38**

Tithing— Envelopes	\$5,533.72	Thanksgiving Donation	\$10
Offertory	\$1,143	2025 Bishop's appeal	\$1,199.50
Capital Improvement	\$80	Refund	
Unrestricted/Our Own Needs	\$540	Grant income	\$100

Yearly Budget as of October 2025

Tithe-Env, ACH & Online	\$655,494
Offertory	\$47,000
Total Budget Amount	\$702,494
Received as of 10/31/2025	\$164,781
Needed by 6/30/26	\$537,713

A special thank you for the additional donations of \$190 to help with the upkeep of our seven cemeteries.

Month of October totals

Capital Improvement— Envelopes, ACH & online	\$1,517.25
Our Own Needs— Envelopes & online	\$2,880.07

Christmas Caroling

Tues., December 9th 5:30 PM

All are welcome, adults and children alike,
to please join us in spreading some cheer at

New Day Assisted Living
2210 Dufek Dr., Manitowoc, WI

We will be singing in the social and dining
area near the entrance.

We look forward to
singing with you.



If you have
end-of-year
giving, please be
sure to have it in
by Tuesday,
December 30th.
Anything
postmarked
January 1st or later
will not be
accepted for 2025
giving.
Thank you.

CALENDAR EVENTS

December

- 8th— 8:00 AM Mass-Immaculate Conception
9:00 AM Cleaning Day
6:30 PM Mass-Immaculate Conception
- 9th— 10:00 AM **Bible Study— Mary**
5:30 PM Christmas Caroling
- 11th— 8:00 AM Mass
9:30 PM **Lady of Guadalupe**
- 14th— 11:30 AM **Spanish Religious Ed**
- 15th— Cleaning Day
6:00 PM Living Justice
- 16th— 5:00-7:00 PM **Reconciliation**
6:30 PM Women's Bible Study
7:00 PM Men's Bible Study
- 17th— 6:15 PM **RE grades 1-9**
- 18th— 8:00 AM Mass
6:30 PM Pastoral Council
7:00 PM **Young Women's Bible Study**
- 20th-21st— **Cookie Sale Weekend**
- 21st— 9:00 AM **Confirmation Class**
RE Grades 10& 11
11:15 AM **RE Grade 2**
11:30 AM **Spanish Religious Ed**
2:00 PM **Posada**
- 22nd— Cleaning Day
- 24th— **Christmas Eve— Office Closed**
4:00 PM Mass
11:00 PM Mass
- 25th— **Christmas Day— Office Closed**
9:00 AM Mass
- 26th— **Office Closed**

St. Thomas Holiday Cookie Sale

will be Saturday, Dec. 20 and
Sunday, Dec. 21. Bakery and
cookies will be sold before and
after all Masses. All proceeds will
go to Peter's Pantry. We are
asking for donation of cookies,
dessert breads, candy, snacks and
pastry. We are also asking for
volunteers to help before and
after all Masses. There will be a
sign up sheet in the gathering
space. Bakery may
be brought to church
on Friday, Dec. 19
and before Masses.



Liturgical Ministry Schedule Dec. 13th & 14th

	4:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
Server(s)	Ella Grotegut Olivia Grotegut	Haleigh Wallander Bob Wallander	Victor Anzia Joseph Anzia
Hospitality	Travis Holschbach Salena Holschbach Shari Lipski Scott Lipski	Dale Barnes Bette Bahnman Wayne Wallander Mike Miller	Sarah Anzia Thomas Anzia Tim McTigue Deirdre McTigue
Cross Bearer	Max Jacky	Anne Neeb	Ian Anzia
Proclaimers	Lynn Bushman Dick Glueckert	Terri Waack Sandy Stoeckigt	Patti Bertshce Dale Birenbaum
Eucharistic Minister	Joan Nickels Joe Popp Dcn. Rich	Gemma Ulness Jeff Stoeckigt Dcn. Rich	Connie Ninneman Ann Hoban Dcn. Rich
Sacristan	Tom Fitzgerald	Sandy Stoeckigt	Rosie Gottsacker

Hispanic Comunidad

Queridos amigos,

¡Bendito Adviento! Últimamente, el ministerio del diaconado ha estado en mi corazón. Durante una conversación reciente con un querido amigo (que también es diácono), hizo un comentario que me sorprendió. Dijo: «De verdad que nunca has olvidado que sigues siendo diácono; el Orden del Diácono no ha desaparecido de tu vida». Mi año como diácono «de transición» pasó rápido y estuvo lleno de alegría y mucho aprendizaje. Fue un tiempo maravilloso para crecer como siervo, para lavar pies, para ser un esclavo que guía a otros a Cristo (quien se despojó de sí mismo, como dice Pablo a los filipenses, y tomó la forma de esclavo). Ese enfoque en el servicio fue una gran preparación, no solo para el sacerdocio, sino para la vida como discípulo de Jesús.



Una de las mayores alegrías del ministerio es recordar que sigo siendo diácono. Ser diácono no es algo que haya abandonado en favor de una vocación superior, como muchos ven hoy en día el diaconado y el sacerdocio. El servicio del diaconado es un ministerio poderoso en la Iglesia hoy y lo ha sido a lo largo de los siglos. Papas y obispos han dependido de los diáconos para que sean sus ojos y oídos con respecto a los rebaños de Jesús que atendían. Quizás por eso sigo en paz con mi condición de Siervo Espiritual. Al final, todo se trata de las relaciones espirituales y humanas con las personas a las que servimos y con nuestro Dios. ¡Gracias, Diácono Steve y Diácono Rich, por abrazar el ministerio de autodesprecio de Mateo 25 en sus vidas!

Por favor, estén atentos a la próxima entrega de la Exhortación Apostólica Dilexi te del Papa León, que se incluirá como un suplemento en nuestro boletín. Muchos me han preguntado si podría incluir más documentos o perspectivas espirituales, teológicas o bíblicas para conectarnos con la Iglesia universal y nuestra Iglesia local, la Diócesis de Green Bay.
En la paz de Cristo, P. Dave



Virgen de Guadalupe Lady of Guadalupe

«Listen and understand, my littlest kid, let nothing frighten and afflict you or trouble your heart»

«Escucha y comprende, hijito mio, que nada te asuste, te aflija ni turbe tu corazón».

«Am I not here, I, who am your mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection?»

«¿No estoy yo aquí, yo, que soy tu Madre? ¿No estas bajo mi sombra y protección?»

«Do not be frightened or grieve, or let your heart be dismayed»

«No temas ni te aflijas, ni desmayes».

«I am your merciful Mother, the Mother of all who love me»

«Soy tu Madre misericordiosa, la Madre de todos los que me aman».

Madre de las Americas
"Mother of the Americas"



¿Por qué celebramos a la Inmaculada Concepción?

La Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción se celebra el 8 de diciembre y es un día de precepto.

Por EWTN



¿Por qué celebramos esta fiesta?

La Iglesia enseña que la Santísima Madre fue redimida por Su Hijo, al igual que sucede con nosotros, pero en el caso de ella, de manera anticipada por los méritos de la Palabra hecha carne. Al igual que Eva antes que ella, María no estuvo sujeta a la caída y por ende, al príncipe de este mundo. Sin embargo, a diferencia de Eva, María nunca renunciaría a esa libertad que la gracia de Dios le dio.

¿Cuál es la diferencia entre la Inmaculada Concepción y el nacimiento virginal?

La Inmaculada Concepción refiere a que Nuestra Señora fue preservada de la culpa del pecado original desde el momento de su concepción. El nacimiento virginal hace alusión a que Jesús fue concebido y nació no de la carne sino del Espíritu Santo.

¿Cómo sabemos que María fue concebida inmaculada?

Nos lo enseña la Iglesia. En el Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica se afirma:

Para ser la Madre del Salvador, María fue "dotada por Dios con dones a la medida de una misión tan importante". El ángel Gabriel en el momento de la anunciación la saluda como "llena de gracia". En efecto, para poder dar el asentimiento libre de su fe al anuncio de su vocación era preciso que ella estuviese totalmente conducida por la gracia de Dios.

A lo largo de los siglos, la Iglesia ha tomado conciencia de que María "llena de gracia" por Dios había sido redimida desde su concepción. Es lo que confiesa el dogma de la Inmaculada Concepción, proclamado en 1854 por el Papa Pío IX: «... la bienaventurada Virgen María fue preservada inmune de toda la mancha de pecado original en el primer instante de su concepción por singular gracia y privilegio de Dios omnipotente, en atención a los méritos de Jesucristo Salvador del género humano.

¿Quién es la Inmaculada Concepción y por qué?

María, Madre de Dios, es la Inmaculada Concepción. Esto se debe a que fue elegido por Dios y de Él recibió la gracia de ser preservada del pecado original.

El Papa San Juan Pablo II dijo:

"El hombre mira la apariencia exterior, el Señor mira el corazón" (1 Sm 16,7). Y el corazón de María estaba completamente dispuesto a cumplir la voluntad divina. Es por eso que la Santísima Virgen es el modelo de la anticipación y la esperanza... En su corazón no hay sombra de egoísmo: ella no desea otra cosa para ella que la gloria de Dios y la salvación del hombre. Para ella, el privilegio mismo de ser preservada del pecado original no es un motivo de vanidad sino de total servicio a la misión redentora de su Hijo.

¿Por qué eligió Dios a María?

En los números 492 y 493, el Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica nos enseña:

Esta "resplandeciente santidad del todo singular" de la que ella fue "enriquecida desde el primer instante de su concepción", le viene toda entera de Cristo: ella es "redimida de la manera más sublime en atención a los méritos de su Hijo". El Padre la ha "bendecido [...] con toda clase de bendiciones espirituales, en los cielos, en Cristo" más que a ninguna otra persona creada. Él la ha "elegido en él antes de la creación del mundo para ser santa e inmaculada en su presencia, en el amor".

Los Padres de la tradición oriental llaman a la Madre de Dios "la Toda Santa" (Panaghia), la celebran "como inmune de toda mancha de pecado y como plasmada y hecha una nueva criatura por el Espíritu Santo". Por la gracia de Dios, María ha permanecido pura de todo pecado personal a lo largo de toda su vida

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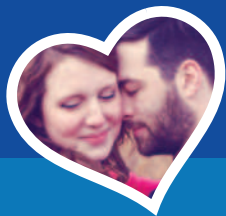
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Council 710 donates to Ascend Services



With proceeds from the May 2025 Campaign for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (aka, the tootsie roll fundraiser), Council 710 recently donated \$2,618.25 to Ascend Services of Manitowoc County. We are pleased to be able to support the wonderful programming that Ascend Services provides in our community. We especially thank those that supported our spring campaign, making this donation possible.



The Finance Council met on Thursday, November 20th, at 6:00 PM. Bonnie Jacky led us in prayer. The minutes from the October meeting were approved as written. The October Financial Report was reviewed by the Finance Council. Bonnie Jacky reviewed the bank accounts and the Scrip account. The reconciliation report is under review. Repair work on the rectory mound system has been completed. Schaus is working on determining the exact cause of the chiller related leak. The next Finance Council meeting will be Thursday, January 22, 2026, at 6:00 pm. The meeting has been moved to the 4th Thursday for January.