

#### I Can't Wait!!

It could be argued that everyone has said this common statement, 'I can't wait' at one time or another. Often times, with excitement as the waiting was part of the thrill of receiving.

In today's culture, more than ever there is no need to wait, for anything. Deliveries come nearly instantly, television shows are streamed so you can watch whatever you want, whenever you want. There is no need to send a birthday card, when you can send a text message that arrives instantly. Wondering what happened in the election, at the game or in the news? Instantly we have answers, we can watch the results come in real time. News and information is quite literally at our finger tips the moment it happens.

All of this, although proving quite helpful to our lives at times, also has trained us to need results and answers immediately. This pattern has filled every corner of our lives, our minds and our souls. There is very little place for silence, for waiting, for the Lord.

If we are going to grow in faith and develop a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ, we must re-train ourselves to wait, to sit in silence and to make ourselves truly present to the Lord for us to hear what it is He is asking of each of us. As we come upon the Advent season, consider taking an inward look at the quiet places of your mind, your heart and your soul. Is there a place for the Lord there? Are you awaiting Him with joyful expectance? Perhaps it would be fruitful to use this upcoming time of preparation to open your heart, mind and soul a bit more. Give yourself some intentional time of silence, just for you to await Him.

#### **Meet St. Elizabeth of the Trinity**

St. Elizabeth's feast day is November 8. She is the patroness of both sick people and the loss of parents. She was a spiritual writer, played the piano was a mystic and a French Discalced Carmelite nun.

Even as a young person she had a great understanding and devotion of the Trinity. She dreamt of joining the Carmelites. She became known for her depths of spiritual growth while there. She is quoted as saying "I think that in Heaven my mission will be to draw souls by helping them to go out of themselves in order to cling to God by a wholly simple and loving movement, and to keep them in this great silence within which will allow God to communicate Himself to them and to transform them into Himself."



#### Scripture to ponder...

Matthew  $22:36-40 \sim$  "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest? He said to him, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- @ Home Faith Formation Parent Meeting ~ 11/14
- No Faith Formation 11/23
- Cluster Penance Service ~ 11/27 @ StP, 12:15 pm
- Cluster Advent Retreat ~ 12/3 @ StP, 8:30 am- 2 pm
- Feast of Immaculate Conception (Holy Day) 12/8
- First Reconciliation Retreat
   & Sacrament 12/10
- Cluster Christmas Play 12/14
- Faith Formation Christmas Break 12/19-1/2
- Men's Retreat 1/28-1/29
- Women's Retreat 2/11-12 or 2/18-19

## GREAT SITES TO BOOKMARK

- Daily Readings ~ <a href="https://bible.usccb.org/">https://bible.usccb.org/</a>
- Resources for all ages (free to our parishioners, contact Jen with trouble registering)
   https://formed.org/
- Cluster website, stay up on all things in our cluster! ~ https:// www.northernlakescatholics. org/
- Faith on the Go! Find digital ways to grow each and every day: <a href="https://www.northernlakescatholics.org/faith-on-the-go-">https://www.northernlakescatholics.org/faith-on-the-go-</a>
- Fr. Mike Schmitz Bible in a Year Podcast: https:// ascensionpress.com/pages/ biy-registration



At the time of the Liturgy of the Word, the young people will be called forward for a blessing from Father and then taken out of Mass for some time studying the scripture.

They will return to Mass by the time of the offertory. Children's Liturgy of the Word is open to all children ages 3 years-completion of grade 1.

All are welcome, visitors and registered parishioners alike!

St. Albert, St. Peter ~ 1st Sunday St. Kunegunda ~ 3rd Sunday St. Theresa ~ TBD

#### **Little Blue Book**

#### **Advent Devotional**

Devotions help us to focus on Christ and all he is and what he does for us. Regular time in the Word or in devotion helps us build perseverance. The Advent Season begins November 27 and is an



excellent time to either begin or continue our daily devotional time with the Lord.

This Advent Season, please help yourself to one of these books (which will be available next week in each of our parishes) and spend just a little time each day hearing what the Lord is placing on your heart after reading the day's devotion.

# Young Souls

Is a group for families with children to come together for fellowship and spiritual growth.
Our next meeting will be Sunday, November 20 and



continuing every third Sunday of the month .

Each month, we will gather for food and fellowship at St. Peter the Fisherman following Mass, having lunch and spending time together. All families are welcome to join us. Please bring a dish to pass if you are able. Contact Beatta at 715.891.9570 with questions or just to let her know you are able to come!

# Please join us!



Our parishes will soon be starting monthly Youth Masses.

This will be our normally scheduled Sunday masses,
but with the youth taking the lead on all Liturgical Ministries.

#### Please contact Jen

@ 715.490.4362 or jen@northernlakescatholics.org to register your family for these masses.

All are welcome, regardless of home parish, but please register so that the proper plans could be made for training and scheduling.

#### **Current Schedule:**

St. Theresa ~ Sunday, November 13 (Future dates TBD)

St. Kunegunda ~ Third Sunday of the month (Beginning November)

St. Peter ~ First Sunday of the month (Beginning December)

St. Albert ~ Date TBD



# Many hands makes the work light! Consider volunteering for any the following:

#### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Our liturgical ministries of Sacristan, Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and Hospitality Minister are now accepting candidates. We will provide all of the training and materials to allow you to serve within these ministries to your fullest. Scheduling is flexible to meet your personal needs. Serving is a great way to help your community

and enhance your walk with God.
Contact Parish Office @ 715.546.2159 or @ 715.479.8704

#### **THRIFT STORES /ANNEX/MAN CAVE**

Many shifts available for service opportunities. For St. Peter's Contact Kristin @ 715.891.7064 For St. Theresa's Contact the Office @ 715.546.2159

#### ST. PETER'S HUMANITARIAN GARDEN (SEASONAL)

Many shifts available for service opportunities.
Contact Mike @ 715.891.3630

#### **MONEY COUNTING**

Contact Celia @ 715.546.2159 or @ 715.479.8704



Our Cluster provides Formed.org access to all parishioners at NO CHARGE! It is a great resource with movies, books, audio, kids shows, studies and MORE!

Here is how you can enroll yourself to Formed. Go to: <u>formed.org</u> or our site: <u>northernlakescatholics.org</u>

Choose the "Sign up as a Parishioner Option" Find St. Theresa of Avila, in Three Lakes as your parish.

This is the parish every parishioner will use, regardless of which church in the cluster is considered their home parish.

When you find that you will be asked for your **name** and for an **Email**. Each subsequent time you go to the site, it should prompt you to **Start Watching**..

You can access formed from any smart device.



# Wednesday, December 14 ~ 6 pm Please join us for our ALL CLUSTER Christmas Play!

ALL elementary students (@ home also) are welcome to join at 4 pm to begin preparing our play.

Students will have dinner prior to the play performance.

ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS welcome to join us at 6 pm for the play in the main church at St. Peter the Fisherman.

Evening classes, please join us and help our young friends!



Opening the Word Bible Study
Each Wednesday we meet to ponder
the upcoming Sunday Scripture passages.
We meet weekly at 10 am via Zoom.
All are welcome to join this flexible study.

Come when you are able, no homework to catch up on!

Contact any parish office to get the zoom link!

See you soon!

## **UPCOMING SPECIAL MASSES AND SERVICES**

Hunter's Mass Saturday, 11/19

6 pm St. Peter

THANKSGIVING EVE

Wednesday, 11/23

4 pm St. Peter 6 pm St. Theresa

THANKSGIVING DAY
Thursday, 11/24

8:30 am St. Kunegunda

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE
Sunday 11/27

12:15 St. Peter

FEAST OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

VIGIL ~ Wednesday, 12/7

6 pm St. Peter

Thursday, 12/8

7:30 am St. Mary

8 am St. Theresa

9:15 am St. Albert

11 am St. Peter

CHRISTMAS EVE Saturday, 12/24

4 pm St. Peter & St. Theresa

6 pm St. Kunegunda

11:45 pm St. Peter

CHRISTMAS DAY

**Sunday, 12/25** 

7:30 am St. Mary

8:30 am St. Theresa

9:15 am St. Albert

10:30 am St. Kunegunda

11 am St. Peter

MARY MOTHER OF GOD

Vigil ~ Saturday, 12/31

4 pm St. Peter & St. Theresa

Sunday, 1/1

7:30 am St. Mary

8:30 am St. Theresa

9:15 am St. Albert

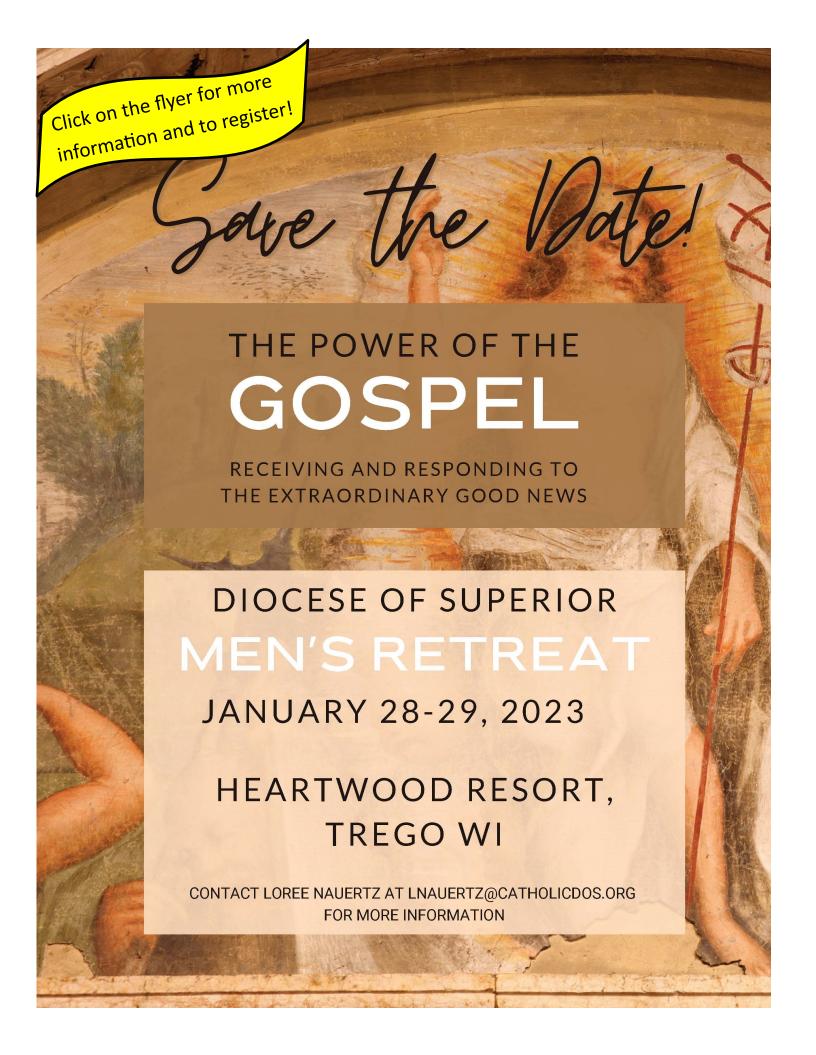
10:30 am St. Kunegunda

11 am St. Peter

# NLCC 2022 ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2022

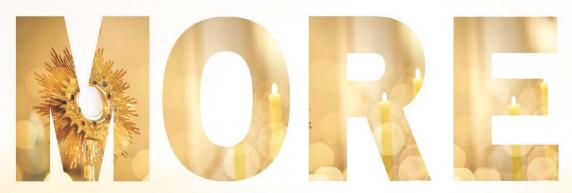
Join us at St. Peter's beginning at 12:15 pm for a light meal, prayer, and an opportunity for Adoration and Reconciliation.

# Rootedin... Click on the picture for more information and to register! An Advent Retreat Saturday, Join us as Ryan O'Hara December 3, 2022 walks with us through 8:30 am-2 pm St. Peter Eagle River a day focused on what it Register at any cluster parish or means to be Rooted on our website: northernlakescatholics.org in Prayer & Scripture. A light lunch will be provided. Sponsored by the NLCC: St. Albert, St. Kunegunda, St. Mary, St. Peter, St. Theresa



Click on the flyer for more information and to register!

# MADE FOR



## RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL

SAVE THE DATE!
DIOCESE OF SUPERIOR
WOMEN'S RETREAT

FEBRUARY 11-12, 2023

OR

FEBRUARY 18-19, 2023

#### FEATURING BARBARA HEIL

Barbara Heil is a former Pentecostal minister who has traveled the world as a missionary, teacher, and evangelist. She entered the Catholic Church in 2013 and founded From His Heart Ministries in 2014 to "see this generation encounter the deep love of our Heavenly Father." She is a dynamic and inspirational speaker who has a passion to awaken others to their destiny and purpose in Christ.



Contact Loree Nauertz at Inauertz@catholicdos.org for more information