



January 11, 2026



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

A voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." - Mt 3:17

Visitors & New Parishioners

We warmly welcome you to our parish family. Thank you for coming to worship with us.

Parish Offices

ST. MARY

320 E. Washington Ave, Tomahawk WI 54487
Phone 715-453-2878
Website: www.stmaryschurchtomahawk.com
Hours: Monday—Wednesday 8:00AM-3:30PM
Thursday—CLOSED
Friday 8:00AM-3:30PM

ST. AUGUSTINE

N10090 County Rd B, Tomahawk, WI 54487
Phone 715-453-2561
Fax 715-453-4813

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

5209 Willow Road, Tripoli, WI 54564
Please note: There is no office at this location,
please see St. Mary Parish Office.

Weekend Mass/Service Schedule

St. Francis-Pier Willow	Saturday 4:00PM
St. Mary-Tomahawk	Saturday 6:00PM
St. Augustine-Harrison	Sunday 8:00AM
St. Mary-Tomahawk	Sunday 9:30AM
St. Mary-Tomahawk	Sunday 11:00AM*

*Memorial Day Weekend—Labor Day Weekend Only

Weekday Mass/Service Schedule

St. Augustine-Harrison	Tuesday 8:30AM
St. Mary-Tomahawk	Wednesday 8:45AM
Nursing Homes	Thursday 9:15AM
St. Mary-Tomahawk	Friday 8:45AM

Rosary

St. Augustine-Harrison	Sunday 7:25AM
St. Augustine-Harrison	Tuesday 8:00AM
St. Mary-Tomahawk	Wednesday 8:15AM
St. Mary-Tomahawk	Friday 8:00AM

Adoration with Reconciliation

St. Mary-Tomahawk
Following 8:45AM Mass on Fridays
First Saturdays at 9:00AM

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus with Adoration & Reconciliation

St. Mary-Tomahawk
Following 8:45AM Mass on first Fridays

Reconciliation

St. Mary-Tomahawk
Saturdays at 9:00AM*
St. Francis-Pier Willow
Saturdays at 3:30PM*

Anointing of the Sick

St. Mary-Tomahawk
Following 9:30AM Mass on Sundays*
*or by appointment (715-453-2878)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Parochial Administrator

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ST. AUGUSTINE

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Financial Council Chair, Jim Evers

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ST. MARY & ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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Bernie Lyngdal (Retired)

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Deacon David Bablick 715-224-3472

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Parish Nurse Ministry

Ann Jelinek RN, PN 715-453-4573

Cemetery Sexton

Matt Wohlt 715-453-7030

Pastoral Council Chair, Mary Bailey

Financial Council Chair, Scott Swenty

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AJ Theiler 715-453-0010

ST. MARY'S THRIFT CELLAR

715-453-2878

Hours:

Tuesday 4:00PM-7:00PM

Wednesday 9:00AM-3:00PM

Friday 9:00AM-3:00PM

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Information for the parish bulletin must be in St. Mary's parish office by 8:00AM on Tuesday.



Your Gifts & Talents are Needed!

Become a volunteer
Call 715-453-2878

God Bless You!

Mission Statement

Our Catholic Communities are committed to be an extension of the universal Catholic church by daily living of the teachings of Jesus Christ for the spiritual growth of all in our parish and community.

Reflection

The reflection for the week can be found on our website at www.stmaryschurchtomahawk.com.

Sacraments & Faith Formation

Sacrament of Baptism

We ask that parents of a child to be baptized contact the parish office to arrange attendance of a Baptismal Preparation Class. Please note that it is not necessary to wait until the child is born to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Anyone seeking to set up a wedding must contact Fr. Aloysius, our pastor, at least 6 months prior to the marriage. Wedding guidelines are available at www.stmaryschurchtomahawk.com.

Sacrament of Anointing the Sick

Please call the parish office to notify us of the people who are in need of this care. This Sacrament is also available to those who wish to receive it after the 11:00AM Mass on Sunday.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

(Confession) is celebrated individually each Saturday at 9:00AM. Individual times can be arranged at any time by calling the parish office.

Faith Formation

The Sacraments of First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation take place during 2nd Grade. Confirmation Preparation begins in 9th grade and takes place on Sundays. Students are confirmed in the fall of either 10th or 11th Grade. Classes for Grades K-8 are on Wednesdays.

Pray for the Sick

Lawrence & Colette Matthews	Jean Flammang	Cliff & Jean Eggett	Maribeth Burke	Deonn Graeber
Tucker Van Ryen	Marvelene Sosinsky	Billy Frigo	Janet Pierdzioch	Robert "Roo" Rundle
Melinda Meyers	Betty Hudson	Suzanne Theis	Gloria Biesik	Jim Brimacombe
Christine Taylor	Mary Stelzer	Howard Sipple	Hannah Bell	Dave Bablick
Margaret Congdon	Joan Crowell	Janet Giers	Ron Groshek	Chuck Grigg
Joan McCormick	Mary Sue Novotny	Karen Orthober	Lisa Wildey	Donna Olson
Dan Bassett	Shawna Geiger	Brynn Orthober	Millie Lyngdal	Tracy Bartz
Charlene Marks	Joan Cook	Mady Hanse	Bernie Lyngdal	Annette Kowerski
Evelyn Brown	Al Felz	Joan Kleinschmidt	Anneth Lyngdal	Robert Eisenman
Nicholas Peterson	Larry Andrew	Robert Zipp	Rich O'Dell	Betty Hanson
Steve Malin	Alex Schroeder	Jan Hammell	Joe Sherman	Fr. Jim Marchionda
Vivian Mitchell	Karson Bartz	Diane Barr	Lois Bartz	James Martinco
Joann Meyers	Julie Iwen	Patricia Bulauski	Jeanne Daurer	Darlene Likwarz
Marlene Erickson	Mary "Lee" Hamlin	Therese DuPlayee	Tom Seavey	William Holzschuh
Jim Witucki	Nathalie Obey	Therese Quirion	Emma Schiltz	
			Karen Monti	
			Grace Towle	
			Tom Wenninger	

All the sick in the hospitals and all the residents in our Nursing Homes. To keep our list current, all names are removed on a monthly basis. If our parish's thoughts and prayers are still needed for you and yours, you must contact us to ensure that your loved ones are on the prayer list.

Pray For All the Priests of our Diocese:

Each week we are asked to pray for all the Priests of our Diocese. The monthly calendars are available at catholicdos.org/chancery-bulletin.



Respect Life Committee

715-302-4815

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ST. MARY'S PARISH SCHOOL

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OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

From our Priest

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We are in the first week of ordinary time of cycle A, which begins with the celebration of the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In the first reading we hear about the characteristics of the servant of God mentioned by prophet Isaiah in the servant song. The servant is associated with God rendering God's spirit present. The servant also effectively embodies God to those he encounters and to see the servant is to see God. This servant is the Messiah, who would come to establish a covenantal relationship with God and His people.

The second reading highlights the attitude of God that all those who are upright God-fearers are acceptable. Lord Jesus was sent to proclaim peace and good news to all people as He is the Lord of all, to those of Jewish and Gentile backgrounds. Jesus' baptism functioned as a catalyst for a public ministry of good

works, healing and exorcism as God is present in Jesus. Jesus' baptism also provides a catalyst for the conversion and baptism of His followers. How importantly do we consider our baptism?

In the Gospel we hear about the baptism of the Lord at Jordan by John the Baptist, though John recognizes Jesus and resists baptizing Him. John recognizes his unworthiness and says that it would be proper if Jesus were to baptize him. Jesus' baptism aims to fulfill righteousness. The language of righteousness recalls the definitive purpose of the law, which was also to produce obedience to God, His plan and His perfect union with both the Spirit and the Father. Hence, our baptism which entails entry into Christ's life also draws us into the life of God.



Fr. Aloysius Royan Anthony

Mass Intentions & The Week Ahead

Sunday	1/11	7:25AM Rosary @ St. Augustine 8:00AM Mass @ St. Augustine: Mary Zahringer by Phyllis Henry 8:55AM Rosary @ St. Mary 9:00AM St. Augustine Parish Breakfast 9:30AM Mass @ St. Mary: Deacon Darrell Smerz by Donna & Mary Anointing of the Sick following Mass
Monday	1/12	NO MASS 10:00AM Dick Huseby's Discussion Group in CCC 4:00PM Low Impact Strengthening & Balancing Exercise Class in CCC
Tuesday	1/13	8:00AM Rosary @ St. Augustine 8:30AM Scripture & Communion Service @ St. Augustine 4-7PM Thrift Cellar
Wednesday	1/14	8:15AM Rosary @ St. Mary 8:45AM Mass @ St. Mary: Patrick Wolf by Kathy Ramassini 9AM-3PM Thrift Cellar 3:30PM Religious Ed Classes (K-8 th Grade) 4:30PM Youth Choir 5:00PM Extreme Faith Camp Parent Meeting in the CCC 6:00PM High School Youth Group
Thursday	1/15	9:15AM Mass @ Milestone: For the People of the Parishes 1:00PM Prayer Shawl in the Conference Room 6:00PM St. Mary Parish Council Meeting
Friday	1/16	8:00AM Rosary @ St. Mary 8:45AM Mass @ St. Mary: Penny Haring by Bette Stillman 9AM-3PM Thrift Cellar 9:15AM Adoration with Benediction @ St. Mary 10:30AM Rosary @ Milestone Living Center 3:30PM OCIA Class @ St. Mary's School
Saturday	1/17	9:00AM Reconciliation @ St. Mary 11AM-Noon Adoration & Reconciliation for Catholic Young Adults Gathering Noon Catholic Young Adults Gathering Potluck Lunch in the CCC followed by Outdoor Activities/Socialization 4:00PM Mass @ St. Francis: For the People of the Parishes 6:00PM Mass @ St. Mary: Bill Weizenicker by Carl & Leona Vander Sanden Blood Pressures after Mass
Sunday	1/18	7:25AM Rosary @ St. Augustine 8:00AM Mass @ St. Augustine: Mary Zahringer by Gene & Ginny Swan 8:55AM Rosary @ St. Mary 9:30AM Family Mass @ St. Mary: Donna Magnuson by Maureen Lechleitner High School Confirmation Class in the CCC following Mass Free Brunch in the CCC following Mass Anointing of the Sick following Mass Blood Pressures after Mass



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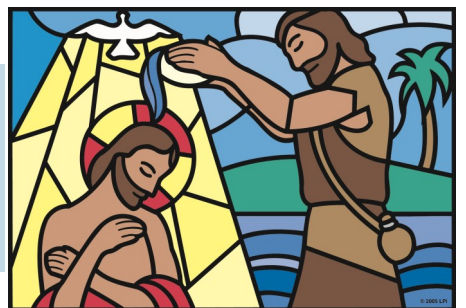
"St. Mary's Catholic Parish Tomahawk, WI". We will update you on events, keep you posted on things happening in our parish and send out important announcements! **Please like and share!**

FOOD PANTRY

This week's item is instant potatoes. There are collection baskets in the entrance of St. Francis', St. Mary's & St. Augustine's Church. Contact: Ricky (715-453-1386)

Prayer Chain - Anyone with a personal prayer intention is invited to call Ruth at 715-453-3397, and caring persons will pray on your behalf. Your request can be anonymous, or you may choose to include your name. Please respect the privacy of others, and do not share a prayer request on behalf of a third party.

St. Joseph the Worker Committee will be working Tuesday, January 13 from 9:00AM-11:30AM. Your help is always appreciated whether you can work all or part of this time. Thank You!



Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" Jesus said to him in reply, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed him. - Mt 3:13-15



Liturgy & Music Notes from Jan

Youth Choir will rehearse this **Wednesday, January 14** from 4:45-5:30PM. Our second term will conclude on April 15, leaving plenty of time for other spring activities. The Choir sings once per month at the 9:30AM Family Mass. Registration forms have been sent home through religious education classes and St. Mary's School. New members are welcome! We will sing the 9:30AM Family Mass next Sunday, January 18.

Parish Choir—There is a schedule change to note: the Parish Choir will **NOT** sing on Sunday, February 8.

The next **small group discussion with Dick Huseby** will be held this **Monday, January 12** at 10:00AM in the CCC. Please join us in beginning the new year with prayer, coffee and memorable stories. It's easy to feel isolated in these dark winter times, and it's very important to maintain social contacts with friends.

Mark your calendars for our "Teaching Mass" on **Sunday, February 8** at 9:30AM. This monthly Family Mass will have a special focus of learning more about the prayers and beautiful rituals of the Mass. There is always something for us to learn, especially when we've been doing the same thing for a long time without deeply understanding what or why.



Open Arms Community Meal

Important Notice: Open Arms Community Meal will be closed now through January 2026. They hope to reopen in February 2026. Please watch upcoming bulletins for their exact reopen date. They are looking forward to everyone coming back together soon to celebrate!!!

Weekly Readings and Observances

Sunday, January 11 (*The Baptism of the Lord*): Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17
Monday, January 12: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday, January 13 (*St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*): 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday, January 14: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday, January 15: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45
Friday, January 16: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday, January 17 (*St. Anthony, Abbot*): 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17
Sunday, January 18 (*2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*): Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34



Join us for our FAMILY MASS

- Youth Choir
- Children's Liturgy of the Word
- Free brunch following Mass
- Craft for kids to make or take home
- All are welcome!

**SUNDAY,
JANUARY, 18
9:30AM**



Sign up for a Mass role at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054AAEA92CABFFC34-58542946-family#/>



Youth & Religious Ed News

As part of the Confirmation process, each student selects a Saint whose name they will take on the day they receive the sacrament. During the ceremony, they will be called by this chosen Saint's name. After learning about the life and significance of their individual Saints, the students created posters to share what they discovered. These posters will be displayed in the CCC at the next Family Mass on Sunday, January 18. Come check them out!





Registration

It's hard to believe it, but it is already time to start planning for next school year! Registration will open on Sunday, January 25. These are enrollment periods for the 2026-2027 school year:

- * January 25 – Registration for Current Families
- * February 9 – Registration for all Parish Cluster Families
- * February 16 – Open Enrollment Begins

Current families who register by Friday, 11th will receive 50% off their registration fee. We anticipate large numbers in our Preschool, 4K and Kindergarten classes. We encourage interested families to register early. Any questions, please call Mrs. Skubal, Principal, at 715-453-3542 or email smsprincipal@stmarystudents.com. Thank you!

Catholic Schools Week

One of our favorite weeks of the year is just around the corner! Catholic Schools Week! We are busy planning a fun week for our students. Next week our schedule for the week will be posted. Please plan to come to our 9:30AM Kick Off Mass and Open House on Sunday, January 25.

Volunteers Needed

We had so much fun last year, that we would like to give our students another fun learning opportunity with mini courses again this year. We are looking for people to share their time and talent with our students. Please contact Mrs. Skubal at smsprincipal@stmarystudents.com or call the school at 715-453-3542 with any idea of activity you'd like to share with our students. Thank you!

Pictured:
Visits to
Milestone
Senior
Living-
Tomahawk.



St. Mary's will host a **Young Adults Winter Social** on **Saturday, January 17, 2026**

- 11:00AM-Noon - Adoration and Reconciliation in St. Mary's Church
- Noon - Potluck lunch in CCC
- Afternoon - Outdoor activities at Pride Park including snowshoeing (some snowshoes will be available), cross country skiing and ice skating. The CCC will be available for those who choose to stay indoors to socialize after lunch.

Young adults from the Diocese of Superior including Tomahawk, Merrill, Rhinelander, and surrounding areas of Wisconsin from ages 18 through 20s and 30s are welcome to come to any or all of the activities offered, whatever works for your schedule! To RSVP and sign up for a potluck item, please contact Jayda at 715-803-0577.

For more information regarding this event or future events in the diocese, check the Facebook page: Catholic Young Adults in Northern Wisconsin.

From the Parish Nurse

Falls are not just the result of getting older, they are usually caused by a number of things. Many falls can be prevented. Changing some things can lower your chances of falling.

Exercise is one of the most important ways to reduce your chances of falling, especially those exercises that improve balance and coordination. Exercise burns calories, boosts stamina, improves heart health, reduces stress, lowers inflammation, and gives you something to do on these long winter days. Begin with these six exercises to improve your BALANCE. With all of these, beginners are instructed to hold a chair with one hand.

Statue of Liberty: Lift left arm overhead and lift right leg forward, hold 5-10 seconds. Repeat on other side. **Salutation:** Lift left arm overhead, lift right leg to side, hold 5-10 seconds. Repeat on other side. **Tightrope:** Place right foot in front of left (heel to toe), arms out to your side, hold 5-10 seconds. Repeat on other side. **Flamingo:** Place both hands on hips, bend at knee and bring left leg back, hold 5-10 seconds. Repeat on other side. **Superman:** Bring both arms forward, lift left leg behind you, hold 5-10 seconds. Repeat on other side. (Beginners keep your toe on the floor and raise your heel.) **Tree Pose:** Rest right foot on left leg, lift both arms overhead, hold 5-10 seconds. Repeat on other side. (Beginners use a chair and lift only one arm overhead.) *Exercises from Curtis Adams*

Balances and strengthening exercise classes are held every Monday from 4-5PM in the CCC. All are welcome, it is low impact with a chair or standing only, and it is FREE.

Stay safe and take care not to fall, especially on the ice and snowy walks. God bless! ~ Ann Jelinek RN, PN

REMINDER: Blood pressure screenings are next weekend.



PARISH HAPPENINGS

St. Mary & St. Augustine Liturgical Ministries

6:00PM @ St. Mary, Saturday, January 17, 2026

Readers	Tom Oscar & Sharon Eisenman
Altar Servers	Volunteers Needed
Musician	Kay Nyberg
Cantor	Lynn Grube
Communion Ministers	Darrell Pierson, Karen Sprister, Colleen Schuett & Kathy Van Ryen

8:00AM @ St. Augustine, Sunday, January 18, 2026

Reader	Pat Haskin
Greeters	Paul & Sarah Leimer
Communion Ministers	Nancy Swan, Dennis Goulee & Pat Haskin
Money Counters	Nancy Swan & Brad Gramberg

9:30AM @ St. Mary, Sunday, January 18, 2026

Readers	Religious Ed Students
Altar Servers	Religious Ed Students
Musician	Jan Huseby
Cantor	Deb Duncan
Choir	Youth Choir
Communion Ministers	Karen Jarvensivu, Jean Whalen, Stephani Placek & Ann Swenty

St. Augustine Announcements

St. Augustine Parish Breakfast - We welcome all to breakfast following Mass today. Lots of thanks to those who are helping with setup, serving and cleanup. Also, thanks to all participants and for monetary donations to cover grocery expenses and other parish needs.

Prayer Shawl Ministry at St. Augustine Parish - When: Tuesday January 13. Time: 9:30-10:30AM. Where: St. Augustine Church basement. Please use the side entrances. We will meet on the second Tuesday of each month. ALL are welcome. For more information, please contact Deb Russell at 224-381-4040.

Hospital Closet - We have a hospital closet to loan out hospital supplies such as walkers, a lift chair, crutches, knee scooter, commodes, and the like. Contact the parish office at 715-453-2561 and leave a message if you have a need.

Parish Support - If you know anyone in St Augustine parish who has celebrated a birthday or anniversary, suffered loss, or needs the comfort of prayers, please contact Kathy Havey (text: 414-243-0860 or email: sistersky60@gmail.com) so she can acknowledge on behalf of St. Augustine parish with a card & supportive words.



After serving a Funeral Luncheon for the Parish Family of **Jane Lamer** we would like to thank the following for their gifts of food and/or time:

Karen Jarvensivu	Sue Butkiewicz	Jean Grodevant	Pam Crass
Paige Heikkinen	Kathy Van Ryen	Julia Pankow	Ginny Swan
Deonn Graeber	Corinne Swan	Connie Beilke	Mary Luedke
Donna Skubal	Fran & Frenchy LaFond	Mary Hageny	Mary Bailey
Sandy Martinson	Alice Gray	Mary Beier	Rita Lee
	Jean Richert	Jayne Boebel	Jeanie Crass

As always the food was delicious and very much appreciated.
The Funeral Luncheon Committee

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Our Gifts to Our Lord

For the weekend of December 21, 2025

St. Mary's Collections:

Adult Envelopes	\$3,583.00
Loose Collection	\$328.00
Online Giving	\$2,746.50
Capital Expense/Heat	\$511.00
School Collection	\$325.00
Christmas	\$225.00
Maintenance Fund	\$20.00
Christmas Flowers	\$20.00
Total	\$7,758.50



"Heavenly Father, in the sacrament of Baptism, you have given us the gift of new life. Through your son our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, you have made us your own. Help us to recognize the gift of human life as a sign of hope in our world. Reveal to us the places where your precious gift of life is most in need of protection and strengthen us to defend life in all stages and circumstances, from the child in the womb to the elderly and dying. Guided by your Holy Spirit, guard us from discouragement and give us the grace to be messengers of hope, filled with confidence that nothing can separate us from your love."
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "A Prayer for Hope"



Novenas are a focused way of praying, often for nine days in a row. Give one a try!

St. Francis' Collections:

Adult Envelopes	\$450.00
Loose Collection	\$94.00
School Collection	\$30.00
Total	\$574.00

St. Augustine's Collections

Adult Envelopes	\$1,340.00
Loose Collection	\$196.00
Christmas	\$575.00
Backpack Program	\$351.00
Heat	\$100.00
Immaculate Conception	\$25.00
School Collection	\$20.00
Total	\$2,607.00



Catholic Schools Week 2026

Join us in celebrating **Catholic Schools Week from Sunday, January 25-Saturday, January 31.**

This is a special time dedicated to honoring the outstanding education provided by the 14 Catholic Schools throughout our Diocese. These schools highlight the unique qualities that make them exceptional: a rigorous academic foundation rooted deeply in **faith, community, and service.** We invite you to participate in the special events, open houses, and activities planned throughout the week. Let's come together to celebrate our shared commitment to excellence in education and the formation of strong, faith-filled leaders for the future of our Church and communities. As we observe this important week, we also ask you to support the **Special Diocesan Collection for Catholic Schools.** This collection provides an immediate and essential source of support for our schools, allocated based on student enrollment. Your generous response is a beautiful expression of discipleship and unity with Catholic school communities across northern Wisconsin. Your gift will help ensure a vibrant future for Catholic education and a strong Church.