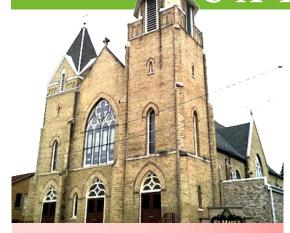
December 26, 2021 - Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC PARISH



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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays Tue, 5:30 pm Wed, Thurs, & Fri, 8:30 am

Weekends Saturday 7:00 pm Sunday 9:00 am & 1:00 pm

Adoration Wed, Thurs, & Fri 8:00 - 8:30 am

Confessions Tues 5:00 pm & Saturday 6:00 pm

Rosary Saturday 6:35 pm Sunday 8:35 am

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"Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 28

5:30 pm John Pat & Mary McGowan By: Joe Buttner

Wednesday, December 29 8:30 am Eugene Bielski

By: Matthew & Zofia Leja

Thursday,December 308:30 am† Peggy KolkBy: Mike & Darlene Gruszka

Friday,
8:30 amDecember 31
† Casey Jakacki
By: Rita HallSaturday,
9:00 amJanuary 1
† Gary Gavin
By: Elizabeth Mitchell7:00 pm† Anna McGowan
By: Lee & Mary FeldmanSunday,January 2

9:00 am Parishioner Mass 1:00 pm † George Smith By: Elizabeth Mitchell



Upcoming Events

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God Saturday, January 1st @ 9:00 am

Ladies Sodality Meeting Thurs, January 6th @ 1:00 pm

Finance Council Meeting January 25th @ 6:30 pm

Pastoral Council Meeting January 25 @ 7:00 pm



The Antiphon from Mass during the Night. "Let us all rejoice in the Lord, for our Savior has been born in the world. Today true peace has come down to us from heaven."

Merry Christmas to all!!

We have had four weeks to get ready, to reflect on what God has done for us. Maybe we take it for granted or do we do what we do every year and not give it another thought. Rejoice, our antiphon reminds us. Is there true joy in Christmas or are we happy that all the decorations are up or the gifts wrapped or the parties with the holiday anxieties are over? What do we really want for Christmas? Is it something that can be put under a tree? How many will celebrate Christmas without a loved one because of travel, work, health or they have passed and this will be the first Christmas without them?

We are also told that peace will come down from heaven. Often we try to work things out so that nothing goes wrong. Or hope that this year it will be different. Or if we don't mention XY or Z then everything will be fine. But do we turn to heaven so that peace may come down upon us and our gatherings as family and friends?

Yes Jesus is the reason for the season. Yet after all these years what does that mean? Is it really a season or is the Christmas tree out the door on the 26th? Christmas as a season continues until the Baptism of the Lord. (Which is January 9th, in case you are wondering.) Seasons allow us to dwell, ponder, and contemplate the mysteries of faith. God becoming one of us, and yes Mary did know since the archangel told her, but do we grasp the depths of it? The Incarnation makes Christianity unique. All religions are not the same. Jesus born in a manger at a particular time and place are not points of story or part of a myth.

In this season give yourself the time to read again the early chapters of Matthew and Luke to reflect more deeply on the realities of the season of Christmas. Part of the season should be joy, laughter and smiles. May you know them in abundance this Christmas season and to start you off please enjoy the following bits of humor.

-As a scarecrow, people say I'm outstanding in my field. But hay, it's in my jeans.

-What do you get when you cross a bell and a hummingbird? A humdinger. -Who wears thermal underwear and shines? Long John Silver

-Where does bad light end up? In prism.

-What is the difference between a hill and a pill? One is hard to get up, and one is hard to get down.

-What's a physicist's favorite food? Fission chips.

-What's the difference between a knight and Santa's reindeer? One slays the dragon, and the other's draggin' the sleigh.

-How much does it cost Santa to park his sleigh? Nothing, it's on the house.

Fr. John Potaczek

Thank you!

The Bank of Mauston sent a note of gratitude for the generous donation of \$1,920 from St. Mary's parishioners which The Bank of Mauston doubled to equal **\$3,840 total for the Food Pantry.** This goes a long way to help those who need it the most! New Office Hours As of January 3, 2022, the parish office hours will be:

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Wednesdays the office is closed until priest office hours 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm The office will be closed Mondays and Fridays

One of our part time office assistants has decided to completely retire at the end of the year.



If you wish to send Fr. Clayton Christmas cards, simply send them to the rectory and we can forward them to Fr. Clayton. As he continues his therapies, he will be happy to hear from you!



Gift Bearer Sign-up

Please take a few moments to check out the upcoming Mass intentions, located at the back of the church. The list includes weekend Masses from now through February so please take a look to see when you can help out and sign up!

The NEW YEAR is fast approaching! The 2022 offertory envelopes are ready to be picked up in the back of church. Please find yours and take it home. If you don't see a box or would like to get envelopes to make contributions, please contact the parish office by phone 608-666-2421 or email office@stmlys.diolcparish.com

St. Mary's Prayer List

Vinnie Bellock, Kathy McGowan Bermeo, Braun Family, Joan Burch, Mary Jean Cauley, Karen DeLange, Jamie Donnelly, Fr. Clayton Elmhorst, Mike, Mikey, Lori, Morgan & Alan Gruszka, Jim & Adela Hagen, Elizabeth Hall, Roseanne Kenneth, Gloria Kramer, Helena Kwit & Family, Mary Claire Marshall, Bud Miller, Courtney Miller, Lizzie Mitchell, Tony Oldigs, Karen Patton, Charlotte Rybicki, Preston Shields,

Jeri Smith, Jane Torgerson, Rosalee Verette, Jackie Zenk, Bob Walsh, Marion Walsh, Nancy, those who are sick, unemployed, in need, & all families who are suffering in any way; from illness, cancer, uncertainty, anxieties & for the end of the COVID-19 pandemic; Families & Friends please... <u>PRAY THE ROSARY</u>!!!



Christmas Flower Memorials

In Memory of:	By:
Hall & Donovan Families	Jim & Judy Hall
Deceased Relatives & Friends	Mary Jean Cauley
Hall & Mitchell Families	Natty Kranz
Cauley, Mitchell, Biba & O'Donnell Families	Jim & Carol Cauley
Deceased Members of Crowley & Howley Families	Leo & Jeanette Crowley
John E & Shirley Walsh and Ted Passer	Tanya Walsh Laehn
Deceased Rhyner & Rogge Families	Jay & Wendy Rhyner
Edward & Mary Scully, Buzz & Audrey Scott	Steven & Judy Scott
Francis Sr, Marjorie, Karen, & Julie Senzig	The Senzig Family
Stephen Bellock, Father & Grandfather	Anna Bellock
John Hall, Clarence & Rose Hall Family, & Martin & Mary Mitchell Family	Rita Hall Family
Drea & Mauch Families	Rich & Karen Drea
MaryJane Dereszynski & Eunice Mueller	Larry & Teri Mueller
Hall & Novak Family	Lynn Novak
Plewa and Conway Families	Jeanette Conway
James Nate	Janie & Linda Nate
Patty, Mike & Mary Coughlin	Janie & Linda Nate
Ronald Dombroski Sr, Sophie, Michael, & Barbara Marusin	Rachel Dombroski
Cauley, Mitchell, Lochner & Elms Families	Pete & Linda Lochner
Bill Zenk, Vera & Lyall Wright	Jackie Zenk
Joseph & Germaine Landuyt	Elizabeth Mitchell
Charles & Catherine Hall, Charles Hall Jr., Robert Hall	Elizabeth Hall
For Fr. Clayton's Health	Mike & Darlene Gruszka

Financial <u>Stewardship</u>

December 19, 2021

Adult Envelopes	\$2075.00
Student Envelopes	\$8.00
Offertory	\$291.00
Holy Days	\$65.00
Utilities	\$100.00
Votive Candles	\$72.00
Total	\$2,611.00

Weekly Budget \$3,047.27

(160 registered families)

Fiscal year-to-date	
Budgeted	\$76,181.75
Contributed	\$65,131.70

2021-22 Annual Appeal

Goal: \$17,155.00 Total Pledged & Received: \$10,980.00 Percent of Goal Pledged: 64.00%

<u>Liturgical Role</u>

Saturday, Jan 1, 9:00 am

Lector	Karen Patton
Servers	Brian Fox
Ushers	Dan Patton
••••••	Ken Engevold
	Mark Walsh
Gift Bearers	Needed
Musician	Heidi Finucan

Saturday, Jan 1, 7:00 pm

Joyce Fuller
& Aron Browne
Gary Fuller
Dennis Franek
Jim Arens
Needed
Heidi Finucan

Sunday, Jan 2, 9:00 am

Lector	Sheri Guyse
Servers	Karina Strzemecka
	Amanda Strzemecka
Ushers	Tom Guyse
•••••	Connie Walsh
••••••	Matthew Leja
Gift Bearer	sNeeded
Musician	Jade Pusel

Sunday, Jan 2, 1:00 pm

Lector	Terri Donnelly
Servers	Needed
Ushers	Clay DiCioula
	Zach Housworth
Gift Bearers	Needed

