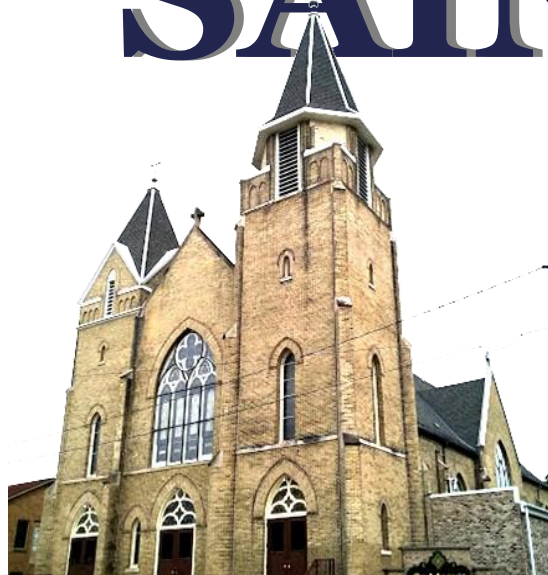


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Communion Service with Deacon Tom

Weekdays (until Fr. Cryton returns)
Wednesday-Friday 8:30-9:00am

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekends

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

Confessions

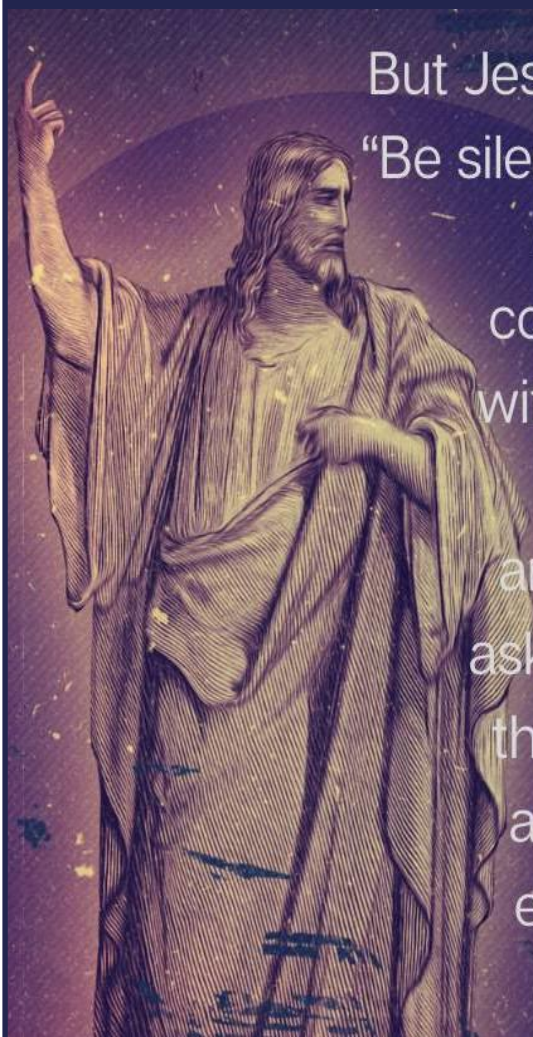
Saturday 6:00 pm

Rosary

Saturday 6:35 pm
Sunday 8:35 am & 12:35 pm

January 28, 2024

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



But Jesus rebuked him, saying,
"Be silent, and come out of him!"
And the unclean spirit,
convulsing him and crying
with a loud voice, came out
of him. They were all
amazed, and they kept on
asking one another, "What is
this? A new teaching—with
authority! He commands
even the unclean spirits,
and they obey him.

Mark 1:25-27

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, January 30
NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE

Wednesday, January 31
8:30 am Communion Service
w/Deacon Tom

Thursday, February 1
8:30 am Communion Service
w/Deacon Tom

Friday, February 2
8:30 am Communion Service
w/Deacon Tom

Saturday, February 3
7:00 pm † Eugene Fitzgerald
By: Patricia DeBaets

Sunday, February 4
9:00 am Parishioner Mass
1:00 pm † Howard & Lorraine
Lu Holm
By: Jim & Judy Hall



**The Presentation of the Lord
February 2nd**

Upcoming Events

Fr. Cryton on Vacation
January 8th-February 9th

Ash Wednesday
February 14th
Masses @ 8:30 am &
7:00 pm

Pastoral Council Meeting
February 22nd @ 6:30 pm

**Naming the Basement &
Knights of Columbus
Pancake Breakfast**
March 10th

Finance Council Meeting
March 12th @ 6:30 pm

Ladies Sodality Meeting
March 14th @ 1:00 pm

**Sacred Worship Committee
Meeting**
March 18th @ 6:30 pm

The Subtleties of Grace

In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. Mark 1:23–26

It's interesting to note that this unclean spirit immediately knows Who Jesus is. This is because each of two opposites emphasizes the other very clearly. For example, the color black is most clearly seen when it is placed in front of something white. Or something hot is most noticeable after experiencing something very cold. And a loud noise is most jarring when someone is sitting in silence. And so it is with Jesus and evil. Jesus, the Holy One of God, is most clearly seen when He comes in contact with an unclean spirit.

This fact gives us some wonderful insights into our journey toward the heights of holiness. Oftentimes, when one experiences a profound and transforming conversion, it is because they were first living a life of sin. When one who is living in sin encounters the saving grace of God, it is quite noticeable. And that is good.

But there is also another spiritual insight we can take from this. To further the analogy, it is also true that when the color black is put next to something dark blue, or something hot is touched after holding something quite warm, there is less notice taken. So it is with the spiritual life. When we are striving to obtain true holiness of life, and when we are already living the many virtues to which we are called, the next step closer to God might not be nearly as noticeable. Instead, growth in perfection for one who is already striving for perfection will be very subtle. And that is also good.

This is important to understand because sometimes, when a person has gone through a powerful conversion earlier in life, they want to return to the experience they had when they initially converted. But that should not be our goal. Instead, we should continually strive to experience these more subtle changes that take us from a life of holiness to one of even greater holiness. In this case, if you do not sense a powerful contrast of spiritual experiences within you, that may be simply because there are no serious sins you are trying to overcome. Thus, the ideal for every Christian is to eventually experience less contrasting spiritual experiences and more that are gentle and subtle as our Lord continues to gently perfect you in many ways.

Reflect, today, upon your own spiritual journey toward holiness. If you do see serious sin in your life, know that God wants to profoundly free you and draw you through a major conversion. If you do not see serious sin in your life and if you already strive daily to become holy, then rejoice if your spiritual consolations and communications from God are much more subtle and, at times, undetectable. Keep working at perfection and rejoice that you are on the correct path.

Lord of all holiness, please continue to draw me into the life of perfection. Help me to grow in every virtue and to continually be aware of every gift of grace I am given. Please help me, especially, to be attentive to every small and subtle grace and to respond to those graces with a truly open and grateful heart. Jesus, I trust in You!

A reflection taken from My Catholic Life!

The February-March Ministry Schedule is now available in the vestibule. A HUGE thank you to all who help out!!! Please contact the parish office if you would like to be added in future schedules.





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January 28 - February 3
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The 2023 contribution statements are available in the back of church this weekend only. Please take your statement to save on postage as we have to mail them this week. If you have any questions about your statement, please contact the parish office. Thank you for your generosity in 2023!!!



Welcome Heather!

Heather recently joined our parish staff in the office and is a great addition to our team!

Bring your palms to church!

There is a basket in the vestibule for your old palms. We will use them to make ashes to be distributed on Ash Wednesday, February 14th.



St. Mary's Prayer List

Vinnie Bellock, Braun Family, Joan Burch, Rick Bornemeier, Mary Jean Cauley, Mary Crowley, Chris DeLange, Fr. Clayton Elmhorst, Jim & Adela Hagen, Chuck Huber, Roseanne Kenneth, Noah, Mary Claire Marshall, Lizzie Mitchell, Pat Mitchell, Tony Oldigs, Karen Patton, Charlotte Rybicki, Marie Senzig, Preston Shields, MV, those who are sick, unemployed, in need, & all families who are suffering in any way; from illness, cancer, uncertainty, & anxieties; Families & Friends, please... **PRAY THE ROSARY!!!**



Financial Stewardship

January 21st, 2024

Adult Envelopes.....	\$1,255.00
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Offertory.....	\$396.00
Votive candles.....	\$50.00
Utility Envelopes.....	\$543.00
Total	\$2,246.00

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Total Pledged & Received: \$95,820.00

Percent of Goal Pledged: 59.89%

Number of Donors: 36

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Goal: \$20,100.00

Total Pledged & Received: \$10,040.00

Percent of Goal Pledged: 51.29%

Number of Donors: 46

There are envelopes in the back of church if you would like to contribute.

Every gift makes a difference and is truly appreciated!

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, February 3, 7:00 pm

Lector.....Joyce Fuller
EMC.....Joyce Fuller
 Servers.....Katelyn Browne
Aron Browne
 Ushers.....Gary Fuller
Jim McGowan
Matt McGowan
Gift Bearers...Joe & Linda Rozsahegyi
Musician.....

Sunday, February 4, 9:00 am

Lector.....Larry Mueller
EMC.....Teri Mueller
Larry Mueller
 Servers.....Karina Strzemecki
Amanda Strzemecki
Karol Strzemecki
 Ushers.....Tom Kowalke
Mark Walsh
Matthew Leja
Tony Oldigs
Gift Bearers.....Moore Family
Musician.....

Sunday, February 4, 1:00 pm

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