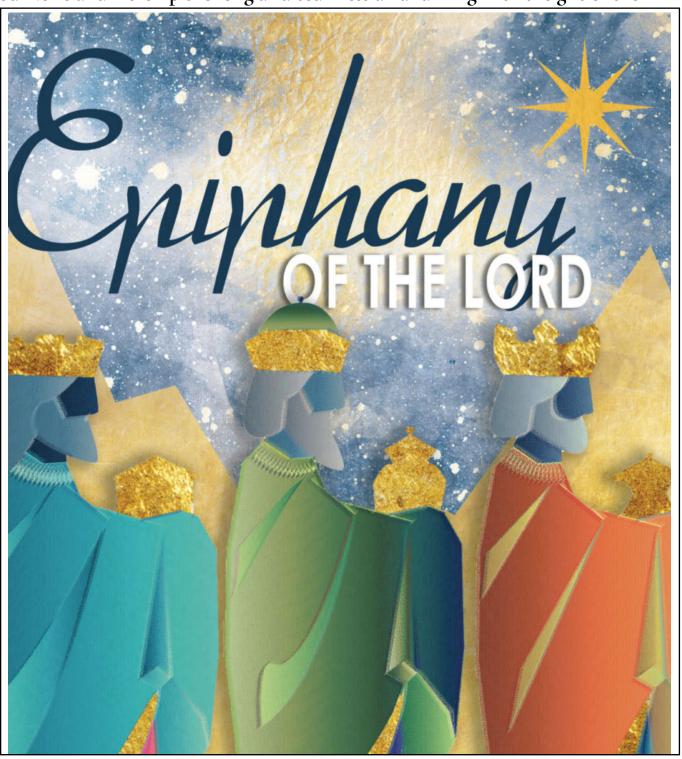


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JANUARY 2, 2022

All nations are invited to sing the Lord's praises for they have been called to hear the Good News and worship the long awaited Messiah and King with the gift of their lives.



Parish Information

EVENT CALENDAR

Sunday, Jan. 2 - Epiphany of the Lord

8:00am Mass †Bernadine Weishar 10:30am Mass †Robert Duffy, †Rosie Pies| Ad Orientem, Incense

12:00pm - 5:00pm Adoration

5:00pm Evening Prayer and Benediction

Monday, Jan. 3 - Holy Name of Jesus SCRIP processed today

8:00am Mass at St. Anthony Parish 9:00am - 7:00pm Adoration 12:00pm Confessions 5:00pm Confessions at St. Anthony Parish

Tuesday, Jan. 4 -St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School Resumes

6:30am †Lois Schneider 9:00am Adoration at St. Anthony Parish 12:00pm Confessions 5:00pm Confessions at St. Anthony Parish

Wednesday, Jan. 5 - St. John Neumann

8:10am Mass †Ulex Chan-A-Sue Adoration at St. Anthony Parish 12:00pm Confessions 5:00pm Confessions at St. Anthony Parish

Thursday, Jan. 6 - St. Andrew Bessette

12:10pm Mass †Claude Richards | Ad Orientem Adoration at St. Anthony Parish ending at 7:00pm 5:00pm Confessions at St. Anthony Parish

Friday, Jan. 7 - St. Raymond of Penafort

8:10am †Arlene Mass 9:00am - 1:00pm Adoration 12:00pm Confessions 5:00pm Confessions at St. Anthony Parish

Saturday, Jan. 8 - Christmas weekday

8:00am †Joanne Minessale | Ad Orientem 5:00pm †Irene Cemke, Sp. Int. for Chris Larkin | Ad Orientem, Incense

Sunday, Jan. 9-Baptism of the Lord

8:00am Mass †Harold S. Koslo | Ad Orientem 10:30am †Carol Mueller 2:00pm - 5:00pm Adoration 5:00pm Evening Prayer and Benediction

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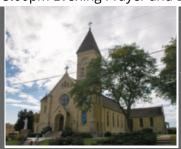
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Monday	8am - 4pm
Tuesday	8am - 4pm
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Thursday	8am - 4pm
Friday	8am - 4pm
Saturday	Closed
Sunday	Closed

LITURGICAL ROLES

January 8, 9

Lectors

5:00pm Brian Gold 8:00am Mike Reesman 10:30am Diane Hempel

Servers

5:00pm Matthias Wiese, Brady Jaeger, Andrew Noll

8:00am Tilly Micallef, Zachary & Noah Gasper

10:30am Blake Schmitt, Aaron Furrer, Rachel Memory

Ushers

5:00pm John & Eric Wiese, Mark Bougie, Marian Etzel 8:00am Jeff Knop, Mark Wierzbinski, Mike Elmer, Matt Kuhn 10:30am Dave Pittman, Tory Schultz, Joe Pless, Jack Webber

If you are able to fill any of the needs, please contact Sharon Memory, memorys@stam.church.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Is 40:1-5, 9-11 Ti 2:11-14, 3:4-7 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR

JANUARY 2022

For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own right and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

Stewardship of Prayer

IN OUR PRAYERS

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Danno & Janet Walker

Take comfort in knowing your special needs or the needs of someone else will be remembered by our praying community. If you or someone close to you is in need of our prayers, you can request the Body of Christ Prayer Network to pray for your intentions. Your request will be kept confidential. Please contact Shirley Zuzick 262-251-3888 or kszuzick@sbcglobal.net

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Ben Baus,
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Brian Carlson,
brother of Caroline Harvey
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granddaughter of Mary Dorn
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grandson of Mary Dorn
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Alex Laughton,
son of David & Kathy
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grandson of Theodora Kempf
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son of Mike & Michele

PRAY THE ROSARY

Tuesday after the 6:30am Mass Wednesday 7:30am Thursday 11:30am Friday 7:30am

FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF Dennis Hell

Weekly Adoration Schedule

Sunday 12pm-5pm | St. Mary Parish Monday 9am-7pm | St. Mary Parish

Tuesday 9am - Thursday 7pm | St. Joseph Chapel, St. Anthony Parish

Friday 9am-1pm | St. Mary Parish

ADORATION

Friday - 10am

To sign up for a weekly, biweekly or monthly Holy Hour visit adorationpro.org/maryanthonywi/ or use the QR code.
Hours we currently need filled:
Monday - 11am, 1pm, 5pm, 6pm
Tuesday - 11am, 6pm, 11pm
Wednesday - 2 am
Thursday - 2am, 4am, 4pm



Lifelong Formation

FAITH FORMATION

Karissa Tousignant and Ellen Schlosser FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Our next Family Faith Formation evening is Tuesday January 18. We begin in St. Mary Parish church at 6:15pm with student classes and adult formation to follow. Fr. Linn will be presenting to our adults!

YOUTH, YOUNG ADULT & FAMILY SNOWTUBING

All youth and young adult families are invited to join us for snow tubing at Sunburst on Friday, January 7, from 7-9pm. We will meet at Sunburst in Kewaskum. Cost is \$17 per person. Register online by Friday, December 31, via the QR code. Invite your friends!

WISCONSIN CATHOLIC YOUTH RALLY - 2022

A powerful and prayerful day long worship experience for Catholic high school and middle school students from all over Wisconsin. This is a beautiful opportunity for teenagers to encounter Christ. Saturday, March 19, 10am - 6pm, Carroll University Sign up via the QR Code!



NET RETREAT - FEBRUARY 20, 2022

All sixth through twelfth grade students are encouraged to join us four NET retreat on Sunday, February 20. All faith formation students are asked to sign up for either the NET retreat or the Wisconsin Catholic Youth Rally. Our NET retreat runs from 10am to 5:30pm at St. Mary Parish School. Contact Karissa for the QR code to sign up.

National Evangelization Teams

NET Ministries challenges young Catholics to love Christ and embrace the life of the Church. Every August, 175 young Catholics aged 18-28 leave behind their jobs, school, family, and friends to devote nine months to serving with the National Evangelization Teams (NET). Divided into 16 teams, they travel across the U.S. for nine months to share the Gospel with young people and their families.

ADORATION TESTAMONIAL

It's always difficult to commit to an hour of adoration, because life is so busy. But when I settle down in front of our Lord in adoration, the payback is huge! There are so many things to tell him, to ask him. Several times, I've been able to see the way to help a family member or friend during this time of prayer. I need that quiet and closeness to our Lord in order to sort out all the challenges, especially the challenge of living a holy life. God is so generous! I always receive much more than I give.

~Anne Lawinger

CATHOLICISM 101

Spiritual Talks on Faith Topics with our Associate Pastor, Fr. Andrew Linn

Tuesdays from 7-8:30pm in church at St. Mary, Mother of God Parish

January 11, 2022 January 25, 2022

February 8, 2022 February 22, 2022

March 8, 2022 March 22, 2022

April 26, 2022

May 10, 2022 May 24, 2022

News and Announcements

MENOMONEE FALLS FOOD PANTRY

There is still a need to help those with acute or chronic need who live in the communities of Butler, Brookfield, Colgate, Germantown, Hubertus, Lannon, Menomonee Falls, or Richfield. We distribute food on Tuesday and Thursday from 12-2pm and 5-7pm. Once registered, clients can receive food twice a month. We always welcome new clients and encourage you to visit the pantry to register. To register for Falls Food Pantry services, you'll need to present two forms of ID showing residence in one of the communities that we serve. Call 251-6848 or visit our website at www. fallsfoodpantry.org. If you wish to donate be sure to drop off donations directly to the food pantry located at N85W15382 Menomonee River Pkwy.

JANUARY SCRIP DATES

SCRIP will be processed Monday, January 3, January 17, and January 31. Orders need to be dropped off to the parish office by 8am Monday and orders are ready for pick up on Wednesday of that week at the school office. If you have questions, contact Jerry Esser (jerryesser@sbcglobal.net). For those that would like to pick your orders up at the parish office, be sure to let Jerry know.



RAFFLE WINNERS!

\$30 Calendar Raffle WinnersNielsen Family, Mitch Nolan,
Pat Gagnon, Aubry Leonard,
Nick Lipski

PARISH TRUSTEE ELECTION

As a reminder, it's time again to elect two Parish Trustees for St. Mary, Mother of God Parish. *Joan Phillips will be running for re-election. Steven Schumacher's position will be open. Jim Gremminger has been nominated.*

Trustees are to be elected from and by the congregation of our parish. The term of service is a two-year term for trustees.

Nominations are open to registered and active Catholic parishioners who are at least 25 years old. Candidates must be nominated in writing by 10 or more registered parishioners. Nominations close two weeks prior to the election on January 16. Nominations need to be turned in by Wednesday, December 29.

The election will be held on January 16 with a written ballot before/ after each weekend Mass.

SENIOR SOCIAL

All seniors 55 and over are invited for our monthly luncheon on Thursday, January 13, in the St. Clare/St. Francis conference rooms (lower level of the Activity Center, handicap accessible). Lunch is served beginning at 11:30am with and cards and bingo to follow. Cost is \$4.00 at the door. To make a reservation or to order a meal to go or for more information contact **Karen Zyszkiewicz (414-355-1074).**





PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Dear God,

Thank you that You make all things new. Thank you for all that You've allowed into our lives this past year, the good along with the hard things, which have reminded us how much we need You and rely on Your Presence filling us every single day.

We pray for your Spirit to lead us each step of this new year. We ask that You will guide our decisions and turn our hearts to deeply desire You above all else. We ask that You will open doors needing to be opened and close the ones needing to be shut tight. We ask that You would help us release our grip on the things to which You've said "no," "not yet", or "wait". We ask for help to pursue You first, above every dream and desire You've put within our hearts.

We ask for your wisdom, for your strength and power to be constantly present within us. We pray You would make us strong and courageous for the road ahead. Give us ability beyond what we feel able, let your gifts flow freely through us, so that You would be honored by our lives, and others would be drawn to You. We pray that You'd keep us far from the snares and traps of temptations. That You would whisper in our ear when we need to run and whisper in our heart when we need to stand our ground.

We pray for your protection over our families and friends. We ask for your hand to cover us and keep us distanced from the evil intent of the enemy; that You would be a barrier to surround us, that we'd be safe in your hands. We pray that You would give us discernment and insight beyond our years, to understand your will, hear your voice, and know your ways. Amen. *Debbie McDaniel*



BLESSING OF THE HOME & HOUSEHOLD ON EPIPHANY

All are invited to pick up a piece of blessed chalk and prayer card at all Masses this weekend!

The leader (usually the father or mother) begins: Peace be with this house and with all who live here. Blessed be the name of the Lord! During these days of the Christmas season, we keep this feast of Epiphany, celebrating the manifestation of Christ to the magi. Today

Christ is manifest to us! Today this home is a holy place.

Let us pray:

Father, we give you special thanks on this festival of the Epiphany, for leading the magi from afar to the home of Christ, who has given light and hope to all peoples. By the power of the guiding spirit, may his presence be renewed in our home. Make it a place of human wholeness and divine holiness: a place of joy and laughter, a place of forgiveness and peace, a place of prayer; service, and discipleship.

The leader takes the blessed chalk and marks the lintel, the door frame above the door, of the main exit door of the house as follows:

20+C+M+B+22

The following prayer is said during the marking by another family member:

Loving God, as we mark this lintel, send the angel of mercy to guard our home and repel all powers of darkness. Fill those of us living here with a love for each other, and warm us with the fullness of your presence and love.

After the lintel has been marked, the leader prays: Lord our God, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless now this household with health, goodness of heart, gentleness, and the keeping of your law of love. May all who dwell here, or visit this dwelling with their presence, find the joy and thoughtfulness of Mary, the Godbearer, and thus praise and thank you eternally together with Jesus, the light of the nations, in the unity of the Holy Spirit and the Church, now and forever. Amen.

All join hands and pray together the Our Father. The leader then invites all to share a sign of peace.

After the prayer service is finished, other doors may also be marked by family members, especially the doors of the children's bedrooms. The family may continue the celebration by sharing a special meal together.

The marking 20+C+M+B+22 stands for the following:

The last two digits of the current year and the traditional markings of "CMB" refer to the names of the three Wise Men who visited the Holy Family at the Nativity, whom tradition identifies as Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar, who gifted the infant Jesus with gold, frankincense and myrrh.

News And Announcements

A WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS

There is a custom, rooted in Ireland, of celebrating Epiphany as Women's Christmas. It originated from when women, who often carried the domestic responsibilities all year, took this occasion to celebrate together at the end of the holidays. Join Firstfruits Women's Center in Elm Grove on Thursdays, January 13-27 (Zoom) and February 3 (in person) for a Women's Christmas. These four days are an invitation for you to rest, reflect, and contemplate where you are in your unfolding spiritual path. Check out their website for more details and to register: firstfruits.info/events.

CALLED & GIFTED WORKSHOP

God is calling you to a unique purpose in life, a work that only you can do. He has gifted you with charisms or spiritual gifts to carry out that work. Have you asked yourself lately is this all that there is? Have you felt restless and unsettled in life, wondering what you should be doing? Are you at a place in life where you are assessing what to do next? On Wednesday evenings, January 5-February 9, join Firstfruits Women's Center in Elm Grove for their Called and Gifted workshop. You will begin to discern what your charisms are and where God might be calling you to use them. Check out their website for more details and to register: firstfruits.info/events. If you have any questions, please feel free to email Joan Carey at firstfruits.joan@gmail.com.

SOCIETY OF ST.VINCENT DE PAUL ST. MARY PARISH CONFERENCE

Today is the Feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn King and offer Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

In the spirit of the Magi, please share your stewardship gifts by placing them in the collection baskets so that comfort and peace can once again be given to those in need.

The St. Mary Parish St. Vincent De Paul (SVDP) Conference is now in the fifth year of continuing the work of our founder, Frederick Ozanam. We answer God's call to service by providing emergency assistance to neighborhood families for the basics of rent, utilities, food, gas, clothing, or household goods. This assistance is only possible through the generosity of our parish. We strive to grow in our own faith, be examples of Christ's love in the world and to include an invitation to prayer and worship to those that are served.

If you know anyone in need in the parish or community, please reach out to us at 262-251-0220 or memorys@stam.church. All information is confidential.

Please consider joining the SVDP Conference. There are many ways to serve on the conference and we would love to have you! We are currently looking for volunteers.

ST. MARY PARISH DINNER & AUCTION GALA 2022

March 12, at Davians N56W16300 Silver Spring Drive Menomonee Falls, WI 53051 5:30pm



The St. Mary Parish Auction is one of our biggest fundraisers that supports our parish community. This event has helped to renovate both the parish and the school buildings and allowed us to enhance our facilities to create welcoming events, learning environments and worship spaces to achieve our parish-school mission.

If you are interested in helping to plan, organize or support this event, please contact Sharon Memory (memorys@stam. church) for more information.

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