

St. Mary Catholic Church
December 27, 2020



The Holy Family

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor
of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 27, 2020

SUN 12/27	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40
MON 12/28	1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
TUE 12/29	1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
WED 12/30	1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
THR 12/31	1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
FRI 1/1	Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
SAT 1/2	1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28
SUN 1/3	Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/ Mt 2:1-12

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 27, 2020

Sunday:	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Monday:	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Tuesday:	St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
Thursday:	St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
Friday:	Mary, The Holy Mother of God; New Year's Day; World Day of Peace
Saturday:	Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

Holiday Office Hours

Dec. 31st New Years Eve: 8:30—3:00pm

Jan. 1st, 2021 New Years Day: CLOSED



**Fr. Roman and the
St. Mary Staff
would like to wish
you a wonderful
and blessed New
Year.**

**May the new year
bring you renewed
hope and strength.**

Mass Intentions

Week of 12/26– 1/3/2021

Saturday, December 26, 2020

4:00pm † Lina Scozzaro

6:00pm † Gladys Lippert

Sunday, December 27, 2020

8:00am † Mr. Wayne

Skrzypchak

10:30am † For the Parish

Tuesday, December 29, 2020

8:00am † Janella Labanowsky

† Susan Gentile

Thursday, December 31, 2020

5:00pm † Francis Singer

Friday, January 1, 2021

9:00am † Mrs. Judith Drury

Saturday, January 2, 2021

4:00pm Paolo Scozzaro

6:00pm † Donna Pomerich

Sunday, January 3, 2021

8:00am For the Parish

10:30am † Jack & Doreen Theriault

Looking for a Parish?

If you are new to the area or looking for a parish, please consider joining us. Call the parish office to receive more information.

Normal Parish Office Hours

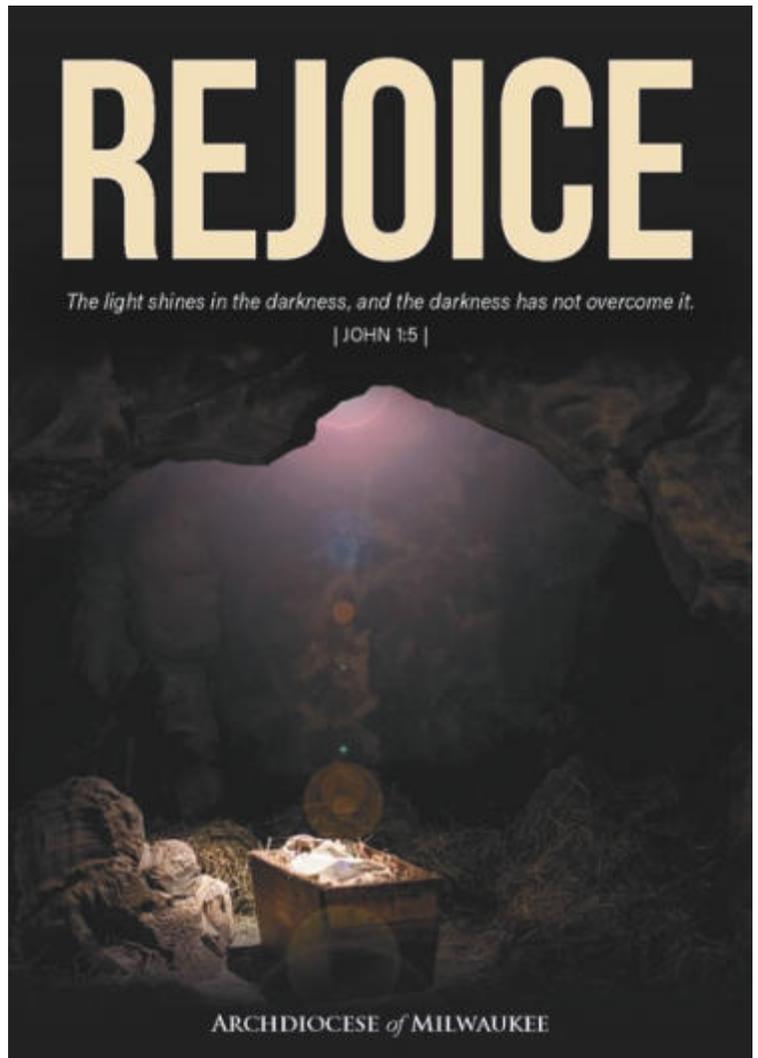
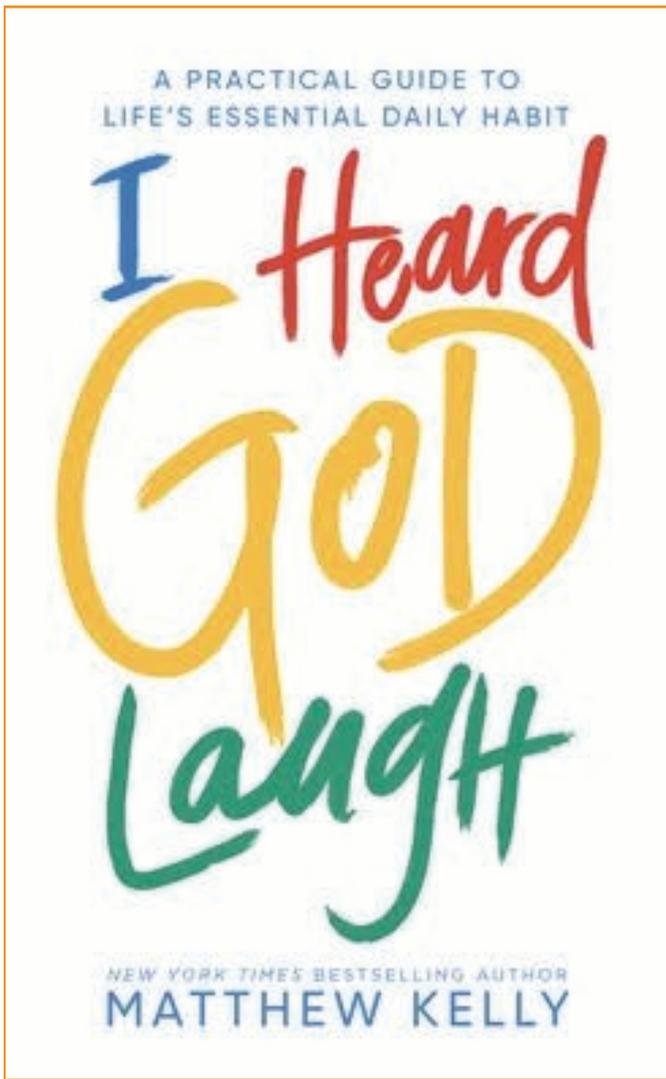
Monday - Thursday:

8:30AM - 3:00PM

Friday:

8:30AM - 12:00PM





Most of us are trying to put together the jigsaw puzzle we call life without a very important piece. Over time this can become incredibly frustrating. In this extraordinary book, Matthew Kelly powerfully demonstrates that we cannot live the life we have imagined, or experience the joy we yearn for, unless we learn to tend the soul. From there, with his classic style of practical wisdom, he teaches us how to remedy the problem.

Are you taking care of your soul? Are you feeding it and nurturing it? Or are you ignoring it and neglecting it? The reality is most people have never really been taught how to tend their souls. *I Heard God Laugh* will help you to do just that, and so much more.

Copies of this book are available at all church entrances. Pick your copy up, as a gift to the parishioners of St. Mary Catholic Church. Copies of this book are also available at the Parish Office while supplies last.

WELCOME HOME.

This exceptionally difficult year has brought significant fear, anxiety, uncertainty, hardship, illness and disappointment into the lives of so many people. Yet, this is not the end of the story. The good news is God loves us so much He sent his only Son, Jesus, into the world, so we don't have to be alone or afraid. He is our light, no matter the present darkness. We invite you to take a moment to turn to Him, speak to Him, and simply, be with Him.

TAKE 1% OF YOUR DAY TO GET TO KNOW JESUS BETTER

This year, we invite you to get to know Jesus better by spending 1% of your day (15 minutes) for 30 days of daily prayer.

Find out more at
www.archmil.org/onepercentprayer

WELCOME HOME

Prayer cards are available at all church entrances and at our parish office.

DECEMBER 27, 2020

HOLY FAMILY

Mention the word 'family' and everyone is able to recall a variety of images both joyful and sad. No matter the extent of our life journeys, we recognize the importance of family and its influence in developing morally healthy and productive people. It is within the family that we first encounter Jesus, and it is there that his image is either sharpened or dimmed. Priest and poet, Fr. Ed Hayes described the family as '*primal church*.' Pope Paul VI observed that the Holy Family in Nazareth is a kind of "*school where we may begin to discover what Christ's life was like and even to understand his gospel message. Here we can observe and ponder the simple appeal of the way God's Son came to be known, and gradually we may even learn to imitate him.*" Each of us is "*a Nazareth experience,*" ..."*a school of love,*" ..."*a domestic church,*" where we learn about family and better understand its powerful force in shaping our lives.

We are all profoundly shaped by our family. The great reality is that no matter the extent of our education, the variety of our life experiences, or the responsibilities we acquire, our families remain our most influential and powerful teachers. And, a family's most influential instruction will be best achieved by actions rather than words. A young father asked Mother Teresa, "*What must I do to raise my children well? How can I pass on my faith to them?*" She answered, "*If you want to raise your family well and if you want your children to learn love, kindness, and commitment, love your wife with all your heart, soul, mind and strength.*"

...We are always God's children, a part of his family at our worst and at our best."

The characteristics of love, kindness, prayerfulness, and forgiveness are key in maintaining and strengthening family life. Treating family members with love and kindness allows them to become all they can be, and nurtures and strengthens family relationships. Prayerfulness and forgiveness are the bonds that hold families together especially during difficult times. These characteristics allowed family life to flourish for the Holy Family over 2000 years ago, and are the same characteristics that will sustain family life today.

The truth is that none of us is ever quite ready to begin our own journey as adults no matter how good a start our family gives us. We struggle in the midst of our joys, our blessings, and our sorrows to know who we are and what we are called to do. In that day-to-day struggle, we hope to remain faithful and committed to our call as parents. It is well to remember that we are always God's children, a part of his family at our worst and at our best. That reality never changes whether our name is Mary, Joseph, Wilson, or _____! (Put your name in the blank.)

As part of the human family, each of us represents a unique facet of God's nurturing and forgiving love. Whether we are part of a traditional nuclear family, a blended family, a single-parent household, or a community comprised of caregivers and care-receivers, our families remain the "*nesting ground for our faith,*" and the "*proving ground of our discipleship.*" It is never perfect, but it is the most powerful force in our on-going relationship with Jesus.

----Deacon Wilson Shierk



Have you been considering joining the Knights of Columbus? If so, the Knights of Columbus is offering a free membership opportunity during the month of December! This is a great time to join this wonderful Organization! Council #14362 has many different opportunities for service: Lenten Fish Fry's, Breakfast with St. Nick, Bingo, 4th of July Citywide Mass, Honor Guard, Parish Festival, just to name a few. The \$30.00 annual fee will be waived but in order to qualify you must sign up online. Please go to www.kofc.org/joinus You will need code: MCGIVNEY2020 and the Council # 14362

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ADORATION—PLEASE NOTE

There will be No Adoration on Thursday, December 31, 2020.

2020 Parish Contributions

Please Note: All 2020 contributions must be submitted to our office by 12 Noon on December 31, 2020 in order to be reflected on the 2020 IRS Contribution Statement.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) and Adult Confirmation

If you are an adult who seeks to be baptized in the Catholic faith, an adult who would like to receive adult Confirmation or an adult who would like to learn more about their Catholic faith, please contact the parish office to learn more about our RCIA Program.

Need Prayer???

We're living in difficult times. Remember; St. Mary's Prayer Line is here for you. Call 925-4156 or Email prayerline@stmarycatholic.org and leave your prayer request for us.



Coffee & Conversation with Father Mike Via Zoom

Father Mike Newman, retired priest and former pastor of St. Mary Parish, leads parishioners in a relaxed conversational setting discussing the upcoming Sunday's readings. We deepen our faith by reading the upcoming Sunday Scriptures and try to apply them to our lives.

This is Bible study *made easy* week to week! Fr. Mike encourages questions, and you'll benefit by attending once or many times. Why not join Fr. Mike and your fellow parishioners this week? Please contact Mary at (224) 595-7238 for more information.

Prayer Shawls are once again available at the back of Church, for more information, please contact the Parish Office.



NEW YEAR'S EVE AND DAY RETREAT

with Deacon Steve Vande Hey, joined virtually by Fr. Tom Zelinski

Fr. Tom Zelinski, OFM Cap, will be here to help us ring in the New Year again this year! His talks and our time together will help us process the experiences of this year and prepare to move with optimism and courage into 2021.

Guests will be asked to wear a mask or face covering in common areas except at mealtimes. We strongly encourage each guest to bring his/her own face covering; however, a limited number of masks will be available for those who do not have their own.

This retreat will be limited to 19 participants. Register Early! If you cannot attend but are interested in the content, contact us about virtual options. Registration begins at 3 pm on Friday, followed by orientation at 6:00 and supper at 6:30. The retreat concludes on Friday after Mass and the noon meal.

Cost: \$105

DECEMBER 31, 2020-JANUARY 1, 2021

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ST. MARY HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

New Years Eve/Mass of Anticipation: 5:00pm

New Years Day/Solemnity of Mary (Holy Day of Obligation): 9:00am

3 EASY STEPS

TO KEEPING YOURSELF & OTHERS HEALTHY!

We are cautioned to be especially careful during the Coronavirus outbreak. Here are some simple ways to keep sickness away.



WASH YOUR HANDS

Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you can't wash your hands, use hand sanitizer frequently.



DON'T TOUCH YOUR FACE

Especially around the eyes, nose and mouth. If you must sneeze, use a tissue or your arm.



KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

Practice social distancing during this epidemic and stay away from large groups. Instead, call, email or check up on family and friends using social media.

Welcome to St. Mary!

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Email: parish@stmarycatholic.org • Website: www.stmarycatholic.org
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School.....262/925-4000

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Active Membership in St. Mary Parish is determined by the following:

1. Faithful attendance at Mass on Sundays & Holy Days.
 2. Regular support through envelopes or direct withdrawal system.
 3. Participate in one parish spiritual program, ministry or organization.
 4. For 6 months being a registered member of the parish.
- All criteria subject to the discretion of the Pastor.*

Being an Active Member entitles you to use various facilities and services including the Church for Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, and other sacramental events. Parishioner status is used at the local Parochial schools.

Our Mission

We are a Roman Catholic Community sent forth to visibly bring the presence of Christ to the world around us.

To Download the Parish App:

iPhone Users Text: ParishApp1 to 800.950.9952
Android Users Text: ParishApp2 to 800.950.9952
If you have any questions, contact the Parish office.



Thank you to those of you using our online giving tool. We appreciate your efforts and thank you for your continued support of our Parish.



Parish Staff Directory

Pastor.....Father Roman Stikel
Deacon.....Jim Francois
Deacon.....Ron Lesjak
Deacon.....Wilson Shierk
Director of Administrative Services
Steve Hejnal..... Ext. 4172
Administrative Assistant
Janice Schmidbauer..... Ext. 4154
Contributions/Administrative Assistant
Jane Jurca.....Ext. 4155
Parish Office Receptionist.....Ext. 0
Pastoral Musician
Theresa Setter.....Ext. 4159
Christian Formation
Director of Child/Early Adolescent Ministries
Sandy Slivon.....Ext. 4158
Director of Youth & Adult Ministries
Sandy SchwalbeExt. 4157
Administrative Assistant
Kellee ChwalaExt. 4150

Pastoral Council

Trustees: John P. Higgins and Peggy Malmberg
Members

Tim Lippert, Richard Thoun, Frank Marrese, Ellen Pedraza, Chris Rudynski, Nancy Cushman, Paula Yurchak

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2. Download the "RaiseRight Fundraising" App. Available in the App Store or on Google Play
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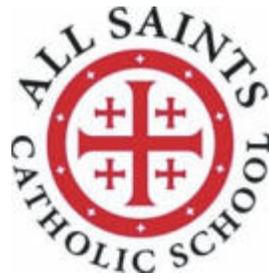
Mike's information: mptyson@wi.rr.com , 262-496-0502

Happy New Year!

As 2020 comes to a close we are thankful for the many blessings we have been given as a Catholic school community. We are thankful to have the opportunity to offer daily, in person instruction to our 400+ students. We are also thankful for the families that consider the gift of Catholic education for their children and grandchildren. In January, we begin planning and enrolling for the 2021-22 school year. We would love to share what ASCS has to offer. For more information or to schedule a tour, please call/email Sue Wendorf (262)925-4024/swendorf@allsaintskenosha.org

Moving Forward in Faith! Allsaintskenosha.org

If you are interested in joining our ASCS community or wish to take a tour of our school, please call (262)925-4024 or visit our website (Allsaintskenosha.org). Enrollment for the 2021-22 school year begins next month!



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To learn more about SJCA, please mark your calendars for the SJCA Open House on Sunday, January 31st. Details are still being worked on, but families will need to register for a time slot at www.sjcaw.org/admissions. Come and learn how an SJCA education will benefit your student. For questions, please contact the Admissions Office at 262-654-8651 ext. 104 or email admissions@sjcaw.org.

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-Fr. Roman

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		Budget	\$15,490	\$371,769
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