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RISING



“We saw his star at its
rising and have come to
do him homage.”

MATTHEW 2:2

Mass Schedule

Saturday Mass of Anticipation 4:00 PM (Live Stream) and 6:00 PM
Sunday Morning 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Weekday Mass **Tuesday** 8:00 AM & Live Stream
Wednesday Live Streamed via St. Mark
Thursday 9:30 AM & Live Stream
Friday Online Mass

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
JANUARY 3, 2021

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 3, 2021

- SUN 1/03** 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
- MON 1/04** 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- TUE 1/05** 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44
- WED 1/06** 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52
- THR 1/07** 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a
- FRI 1/08** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16
- SAT 1/09** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30
- SUN 1/10** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk
1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 3, 2021

- Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week
- Monday:** St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
- Tuesday:** St. John Neumann, Bishop
- Wednesday:** St. André Bessette, Religious
- Thursday:** St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
- Sunday:** The Baptism of the Lord



**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 1/3—1/10/2021

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

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

8:00am † Cannon Hinnant

† Dick Casey

Thursday, January 7, 2021

9:30am St. Mark Intentions

Video Mass

Friday, January 8, 2021

9:00am † Patrick O'Toole

† Ray Hellman

Saturday, January 9, 2021

4:00pm

6:00pm † Jack Lippert

Sunday, January 10, 2021

8:00am † Deceased Members of
The Mieske Family

10:30am † For the Parish

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

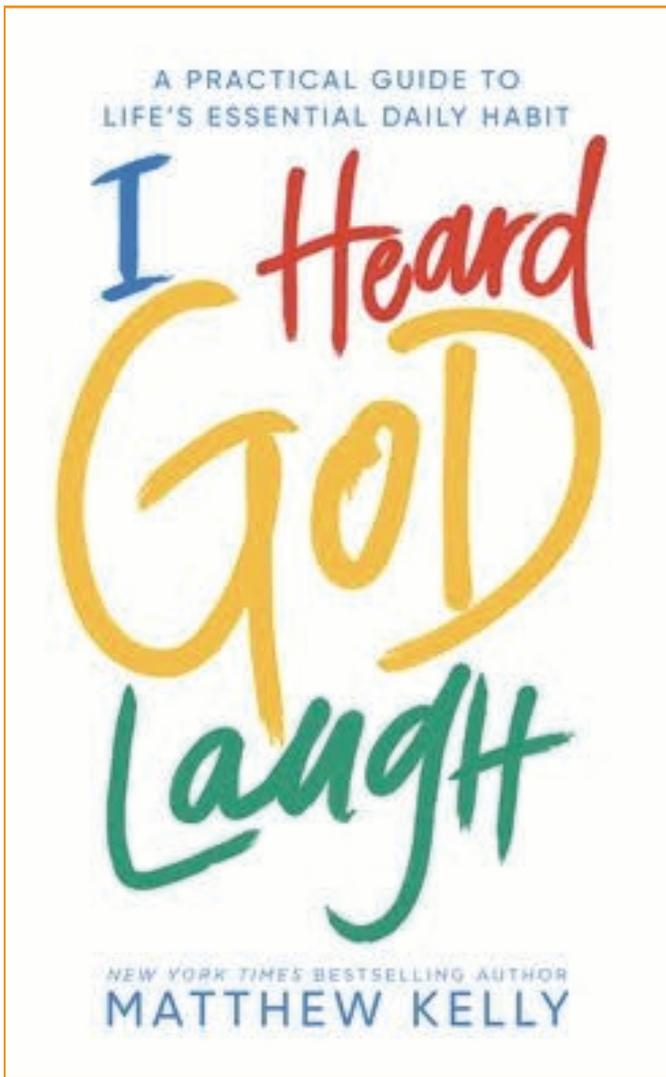
Monday - Thursday:

8:30AM - 3:00PM

Friday:

8:30AM - 12:00PM

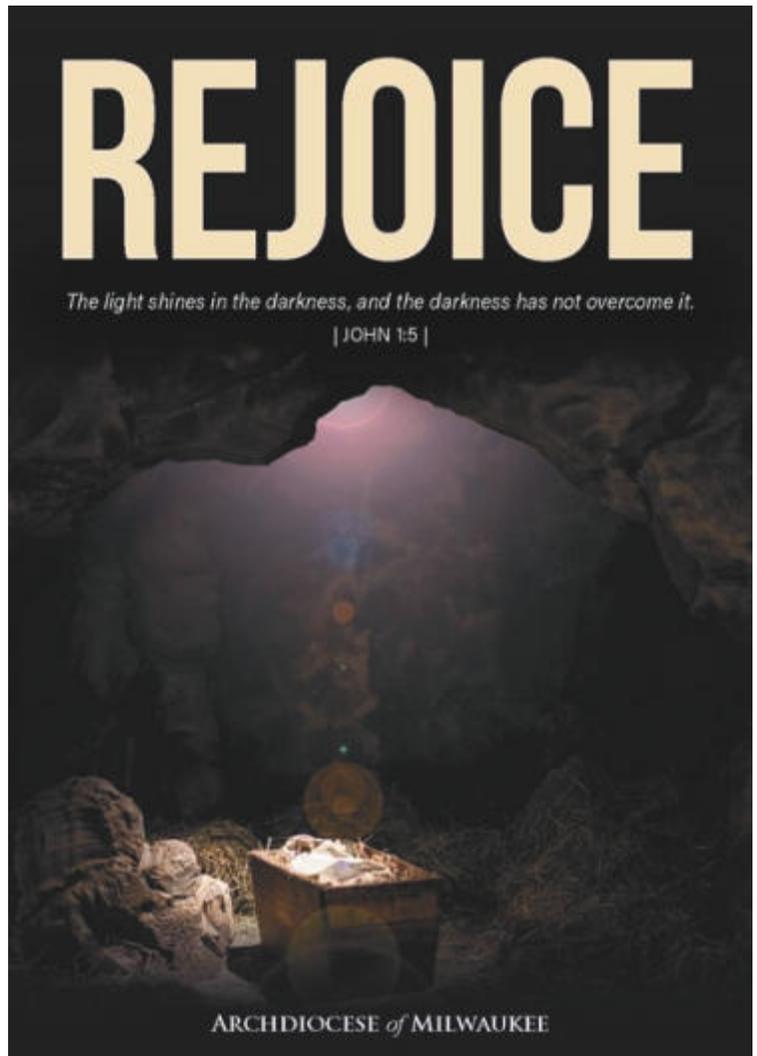




Most of us are trying to put together the jigsaw puzzle we call life without a very important piece. Over time this can become incredibly frustrating. In this extraordinary book, Matthew Kelly powerfully demonstrates that we cannot live the life we have imagined, or experience the joy we yearn for, unless 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.

EPIPHANIES

As you know, Nativity sets come in a variety of sizes, some costly, while others are very inexpensive. Each Christmas season we faithfully arrange our own set in its customary place as part of our pre-holiday decorating plan. Some of us carefully set aside the three wise men until today, because this is the day we celebrate their arrival. Caught up in the activity of Advent and Christmas, many set the wise men in place long before Christmas just in case they forget.

If you have been a member of St. Mary Parish long enough, you may remember the variety of Nativity scenes that were used in past Christmas seasons. From the life-sized Nativity scene of the 90's that was downsized to a much smaller stable scene, and that set was replaced by our current crèche, which was a gift from the St. Thomas-St. Mary merger more than 20 years ago. Again this year, our stable scene is placed in front of the altar for all to see. Notice, the three kings have arrived! No matter when your Magi join your crib-scene, they represent the universal attraction of love, a quest for so many for so long.

“Finding Christ is a hard and long journey, for it takes a lifetime.”

It has been two weeks since Christmas, and many holiday decorations have disappeared, packed away for another year. Calendars have become less busy and vacation time has given way to school and work activities. Today's feast of Epiphany helps keep our focus on the manger. Again we confront the vital question asked by the Magi in today's gospel, a question that still remains unanswered: **“Where is the newborn King of the Jews?”** Apparently the Magi found him centuries ago, but that doesn't mean our search has been equally successful. Like every previous group of travelers, we follow the *“signs of the times”* in our search for him.

The Magi found Jesus after a long and dangerous journey, a journey that represented the revelation of Jesus to all people everywhere for all generations to come. Poet, T.S. Elliott, expressed the searching for Jesus in this way: **“A cold coming we had of it. Just the worst time of the year for a journey and such a long journey...Finding Christ is a hard and long journey, for it takes a lifetime.”** Like the kings who followed the star until they found the newborn king, we too travel lifetimes looking for the same Jesus. It is a daily effort as we continually search through the faces and events of our lives.

Guided by that presence, we experience many epiphanies that change our lives. We begin to look more carefully especially among the lowly, the poor, the overlooked, and the excluded. We find him even among those we cannot imagine inviting into our neighborhoods, our homes, our churches, or our country. However, that's how God works. As one scripture scholar put it: **“I am astonished how often my most dismal intentions become waylaid by grace into something redemptive. God knits us back into the plan, so that Christ can be all in all.”**

Priest and poet, Fr. Ed Hays reminded us that each time we gather for liturgy, we are completing another leg of our journey home to God. **“With joy, O God, my feet are taking me up to your house, to my church, with the same joy as once long ago prayerful pilgrims climbed to your holy temple in Jerusalem. Holy is this weekly pilgrimage, the journey my heart takes to be nearer to you, whose life for me is boundless and true.May today's going and returning be a pair of holy pilgrimages...to and from your two holy houses, the shrines of my church and my home, both holy houses of prayer. Amen.”**

----Deacon Wilson Shierk

January 3, 2021



Eucharistic Adoration

Join Us!

In The Church
Thursdays
5:00pm - 8:00pm

Give Thanks to the LORD for He is Good; His Mercy Endures Forever
1 Chronicles 16:34

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.



GIVING CIRCLE

Thank You. 

As we close the doors to Bell Hall on Monday, Dec 21 after the last gifts were picked up, the Giving Circle Committee would like to thank all of you who helped make this year's event such a huge success! We were able to help over 220 families with gifts, gift certificates and hygiene items.

The generosity of our community was heartwarming. We didn't let a year filled with a pandemic and unrest keep us from helping others. We will publish a detailed report of the event later in January.

A special thanks to the following:

- the parish staff for all the extra work during the past two months
- the youth of the parish for hauling boxes and bags, setting and cleaning up and delivering bags of gifts to the cars
- those who gave so generously with beautiful gifts, gift cards and monetarily
- those who Adopted a Family or shopped for families in Bell Hall
- the committee members who spent hours setting up, organizing, and cleaning up
- the school counselors for filling out information about needy families and picking up gifts for families who were unable to come themselves,

May God bless each of you for your generous giving.



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.

 <p>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.</p>	 <p>DON'T TOUCH YOUR FACE Especially around the eyes, nose and mouth. If you must sneeze, use a tissue or your arm.</p>	 <p>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.</p>
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Welcome to St. Mary!

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Upper Campus.....262/654-8651
Little Lancer Preschool.....262/656-7360

All Saints Catholic School

Ms. Kelly Neu, Principal
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

Did you know that Scrip is still available?



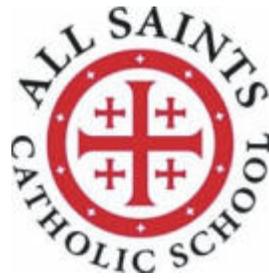
The process may have changed a little, but we are still here to serve all of your Scrip needs! Please order by Monday to ensure your order arrives by Friday, we may have some cards in stock, but stock is currently limited.

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If you need help setting up your account contact Mike Tyson. You can pay with a card online (there is a small processing fee) or pay with a check or cash when you pick up your order. Please note that there are also ecards which are available for immediate delivery, but those are not physical cards.
2. Download the "RaiseRight Fundraising" App. Available in the App Store or on Google Play
3. Email your order to Mike
4. Text your order to Mike

Mike's information: mptyson@wi.rr.com , 262-496-0502

JOIN US! It's January and we are already preparing for enrollment for the 2021-22 school year. Last year we welcomed more than 90 new students throughout all grade levels (Preschool & 4K-8th grade). Our current enrollment is 412 students and next week we will finish our first semester of 5 day per week in person instruction.



If you are considering enrolling at ASCS for the 2021-22 school year, perhaps hearing from one of our new families will help with your decision... "We made the decision to switch our boys to All Saints after attending Open House in January. We were extremely impressed by not only the academic standards but the honor code the students are held to as well. The teacher dedication and positive energy they brought to their classes was amazing. The boys were sold on the fact that the students got to roller skate during gym class and they now have the option to play a band instrument. All three boys love that we made the switch to All Saints! I am continually impressed by the amazing classroom projects and teacher involvement. I love the fact that we immediately felt like we were part of the All Saints family."

Enrollment for 2021-22 school year for new families begins January 31, 2021!

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Thank you for your continued support of the Church through this difficult time.
-Fr. Roman

Contributions

16-Dec	through	22-Dec	wk25	YTD
		Budget	\$15,490	\$387,260
		Gave	\$23,538	\$492,527
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