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SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2021

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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!" - Mk 1:23-25

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 31, 2021

SUN 1/31	Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
MON 2/01	Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24 [25]/Mk 5:1-20
TUE 2/02	Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
WED 2/03	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a [cf. 17]/Mk 6:1-6
THR 2/04	Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 [cf. 10]/Mk 6:7-13
FRI 2/05	Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc [1a]/Mk 6:14-29
SAT 2/06	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mk 6:30-34
SUN 2/07	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 31, 2021

Sunday:	4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week
Tuesday:	The Presentation of the Lord; World Day for Consecrated Life
Wednesday:	St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop
Friday:	St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
Saturday:	St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
Sunday:	5 th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Most of us are not trail blazers. Throughout history though, there have been many folks who tirelessly and persistently pursued the promptings of their hearts without giving any care to what others thought or trends dictated. Jesus is one of them. St. Teresa of Calcutta and St. Francis of Assisi are examples of others. The rest of us are people who take a more measured look at things, want to test the waters, and take our time choosing what path or person to follow. We need credible witnesses of faith. We need the Moses people in our lives to show us by word and deed who God is and what integrity and a purpose-driven life looks like. They are the pointers to truth, who even though they struggle themselves, seem to embody an unspoken timeless wisdom that just sounds and feels right. Jesus taught with this same type of authority and caught the attention of the greatest of skeptics. They were astonished. Even though we need our human prophets we can also be somewhat prophetic ourselves by putting integrity and conviction behind our embrace of the Gospel. Perhaps much to our surprise, we all have the power to be a credible witness. Are you willing to give it a try?

Mass Intentions Week of 1/30–2/7/2021

Saturday, January 30, 2021

4:00pm † For the Parish

6:00pm † Herman Firkus

Sunday, January 31, 2021

8:00am † Richard Oscarson

10:30am † For the Parish

Tuesday, February 2, 2021

8:00am † Betty Flanagan

† Lou Popp

Thursday, February 4, 2021

9:30am St. Mark Intentions

Video Mass

Friday, February 5, 2021

† Sharon Hasselman

† Living & Deceased Members of
the Clarence Bosman Family

Saturday, February 6, 2021

4:00pm † Beatrice Stoner

6:00pm † Herman Firkus

† For the Parish

Sunday, February 7, 2021

8:00am † For the Parish

10:30am † Ted Jackson

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





We're Hiring!

St. Mary's currently has a part-time Communications Specialist position available that was vacated just before the Pandemic hit. This is a temporary position with the possibility to go permanent. We are looking for someone who has experience and enjoys working with video technology and various social media outlets, that can utilize their skills to help us continue to keep our Parish Community connected and well informed. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office at 262-694-6018 ext. 0 for a complete job description and information on how to apply.

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.

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 Masses

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



Financial Aid for Catholic Education

St. Mary's Congregation is offering financial aid in support of families sending their children to St. Joseph Catholic Academy and All Saints Catholic School. These programs are open to all registered, active members of the Parish.

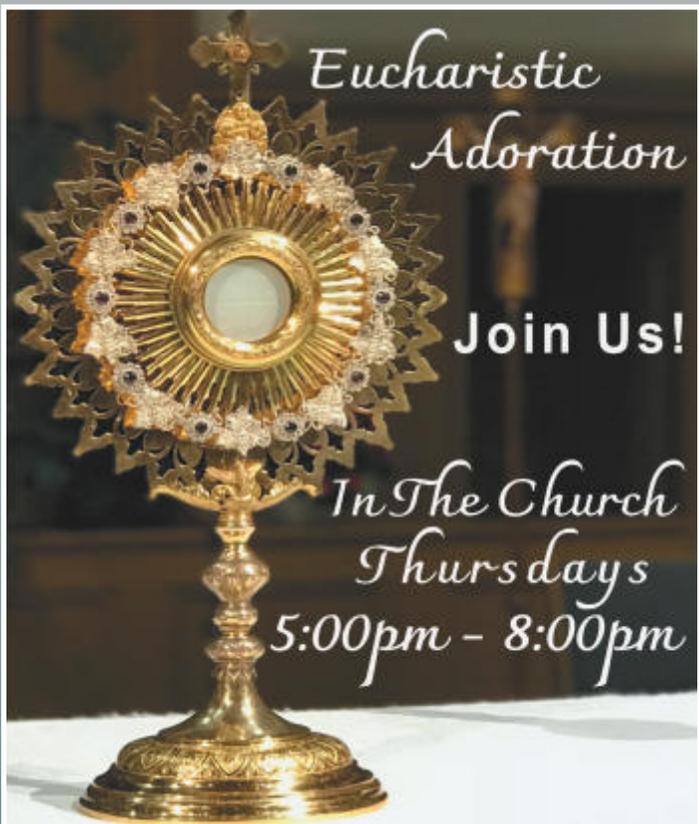
The Tuition Assistance grant is to families that might not be financially able to send their children to St. Joes or All Saints. This program is not limited to either school or to any particular grade level but is based on need. The amount to be given is at the discretion of the Pastor with the assistance of the selection committee. Tuition Assistance applications are available in the parish office and can also be found on the Parish's website. The Application with all required supporting documents are due in the Parish Office by noon on April 30, 2021. If you have any questions regarding the Tuition Assistance program you can contact Fr. Roman at the parish office (262) 694-6018.

The second program is the St. Mary's Scholarship program that the parish has offered for a number of years to worthy eighth grade students who will attend St. Joseph Academy as a ninth grader for the 2021-2022 school year. The Parish is again offering two one-time scholarships of \$500.00. Scholarship applications are available in the parish office, and at All Saints School and St. Joe's upper campus. Applications can also be found on the Parish's website as well as the St. Joe's and All Saint's websites. The Application and the necessary supporting documents must be received at the Parish office by noon on April 7, 2021.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact John Higgins at (262)945-8744 or jhiggins001@wi.rr.com.

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





Eucharistic Adoration

Join Us!

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

21st CENTURY STEWARDSHIP:

One More Way to Make a Difference

Did you know that each year, St. Mary Parish receives gifts of stock as a form of contribution and support? For some donors, this type of gift alleviates capital gains tax associated with a stock sale. Others enjoy the benefit of a pretax charitable contribution of required distributions from their retirement funds. Speaking with your tax preparer or retirement and/or brokerage account representative is a great first step to finding out if making this type of contribution is right for you.

If transferring stock to St. Mary is a good option for you, it is a simple process and usually can be completed over the phone or via email. Please contact Steve Hejnal in the Parish Office at 262-694-6018 ext. 4172 or at shejnal@stmarycatholic.org, and he can provide you with details and instructions.

Thank you for your continued commitment to supporting St. Mary Parish!

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.



Its that time of year!!!!

Fish Fries are on the horizon.

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting 4 Fish Fries:

- Friday February 12th
- Friday February 26th
- Friday March 12th
- Friday March 26th

All from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm.

At this time all dinners will be **PICK UP / Drive Thru only.** Stay tune for more details.



St Therese will be having an Italian Beef Dinner Fundraiser on Super Bowl Sunday February 7, 2021. This is the famous beef served at our Parish Festival. Dinner includes 1 lb of beef, 4 bomber buns, salad, dressing, chips and cookies. Cost is \$25. Additional beef can be purchased for

\$10/lb. Preorders are necessary and taken at st-therese-kenosha.org or call 262-697-0834. Pick up on February 7th 11:30 am until 2:00 pm. Cash or credit. Enjoy the Big Game with a taste of our summer festival.

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.



The Elizabeth Closet would like to thank you for your generous donations. Currently the greatest need is for boy's and girl's clothes sizes 3T-6T. Thank you once again.

POLITICANS OR PROPHETS

A wise person said that the reason our society finds itself in such a confused state and surrounded by so many difficulties is that it has chosen to listen to its politicians rather than its prophets. This observation includes politicians in its broadest sense and certainly is not limited to individuals in government service. A politician is someone who is successful if he/she tells people what they *want* to hear to gain their support. A prophet is successful if he/she is willing to risk saying what people *need* to hear to gain their change of heart. Political promises rather than prophetic truths are always more popular.

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Jesus is prophet extraordinaire, because he tells us what we need to hear, and challenges us to look at our values, our priorities and our actions. As Walter Brueggemann, Theologian and Old Testament scholar, reminds us, *“The task of a prophet is to nurture and evoke a consciousness and perception which is an alternative to the consciousness and perception of the dominant culture in which believers find themselves.”* Prophets are not simply investigative reporters who seek out injustice and punish criminals, but guides who force listeners to become aware of an alternative view which understands, appreciates, and evaluates reality according to the will of God.

This alternative view becomes the guiding principle of the lives of believers so that: *“Injustice is exposed for what it is, not simply an affront to humans, but a contradiction of the truth and goodness which is the essence of God. The prophet offers an alternative view of reality that allows people to see their own history in the light of God’s call for justice.”*

Where we go to hear a prophetic voice makes all the difference. Some turn to their favorite news source, while others rely on a variety of information options. Some insist they listen to the Pope, to the American Bishops, or to their pastor or spiritual director. Spiritual writer Alice Camille identifies the true source of wisdom in this way: *“...Teachers teach, experts pontificate, and a few contemplatives struggle quietly to approach the Source of authority without mediation, prayer or scripture study. Jesus continues to assure his followers that his Spirit remains a vital indwelling presence upon which we can rely with confidence.”*

All too often, prophetic words either fall on deaf ears or are briefly accepted and quickly rejected or forgotten. Prophetic preaching is fraught with risk because it opens the door to the holy, and the Holy One urges us to make our words come alive. Our job is not to manipulate or coerce listeners to see things our way, but to nudge them gently to see things God’s way.

Today we must decide to listen either to politicians or prophets. Prophetic messages are often unpleasant, shocking us and causing us to feel uncomfortable. However, it is only the prophetic voice that can put us in touch with the only viable alternative available when we face suffering, evil, injustice, and death. That alternative is God!
 —Deacon Wilson Shierk

Contributions

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

20-Jan	through	26-Jan	wk30	YTD
		Budget	\$ 15,490.00	\$464,711.00
		Gave	\$ 17,520.00	\$ 624,115.00
		Difference	\$ 2,030.00	\$159,404.00
		Last Year	\$ 17,665.00	\$595,596.00



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Robert Freund, President

Lower Campus.....262/656-7360

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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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.

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

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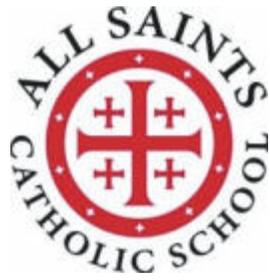
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Our Open House is Sunday, January 31, 2021 from 11am-2pm. If you are considering enrolling at ASCS for the 2021-22 school year, enrollment for new families begins January 31, 2021! **Space is limited.**
Allsaintskenosha.org (262)925-4024
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From Preschool through High School, St. Joseph Catholic Academy builds scholars, leaders, and stewards who will transform the world. Join us at our **Open House on Sunday, January 31st** to discover how your child will benefit from an SJCA education. Families must **schedule a time online** to visit the Open House. If you are unable to attend this weekend's Open House, please visit the school website to view the Open House videos. Both online registration and Open House videos can be found at www.sjcaw.org/admissions. Learn about the curriculum, meet students and staff, and tour the campuses either virtually or online. For questions, please contact the Admissions Office at (262) 654-8651 ext. 104 or email admissions@sjcaw.org.

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