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OUR MISSION

We follow Jesus as a welcoming Catholic community of believers, fostering a life of active prayer and worship, sharing God's word through education and action, and reaching out in service to those in need.

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THE CHILD GREW AND BECAME STRONG, FILLED WITH WISDOM; AND THE FAVOR OF GOD WAS UPON HIM.
—LK 2:40

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Welcome!

You may come as a stranger to us, yet you are known to our Lord, Jesus Christ, and in his name we bid you "welcome," praying that you find peace, inspiration and friendship in this parish.

Parish Council

Julie Anderson, Janice Beder-Yee, Gail Bezucha, Bo Boone, Sue Chilson, Steve Kidder, Matt Knorr, Mike Kuick, Kevin Martin, Fr. Patrick O'Loughlin, Dave Sims, and Pat Trinko

Mass Schedule

Weekend

Saturday 4 pm, Sunday 10 am

Sacramental Life

Reconciliation

Cancelled until further notice.

By appointment only. Call the parish office at 414-762-4200 ex. 20

Marriage

Registered, practicing members, call the Pastor as soon as you are engaged and at least six months in advance of the marriage.

Baptism

We welcome children of registered members, practicing Catholic parent(s)/guardian(s). Please call Deacon John Stodola for more information at (414) 559-9957.

First Communion

Preparation begins in first grade. Please call Child Formation Office for more information.

Anointing of the Sick

Generally after one Mass the last weekend of the month or call the parish office.

Parish Services

Sick/Communion Outreach

Requests for visitation of the homebound should be made to the Parish Office.

Hospital Visitation

If you are hospitalized and wish a visit, please call the Parish Office.

Prayer Network

Prays for personal intentions daily. To add intentions, call Nikki Sunn at 414-762-8145 or e-mail wolfsunn@hotmail.com by Thursday morning each week unless emergency.

Parish Membership

All Catholic adults living in the parish area and regularly participating in Liturgy should register with the Parish. Registration is required for Religious Education and Youth Ministry Programs. To join, call parish office.



Weekend Mass Schedule St. Matthew/St. Mary by the Lake

Saturday, December 26

4:00 pm The Parishioners of
St. Matthew/St. Mary
by the Lake Parishes

Sunday, December 27

10:00 am †Harvey Moore

Tuesday, December 29

7:45 am Roland & Nelda Starszak
♥58th Wedding Anniversary

Thursday, December 31

4:00 pm †Andy and Sue Imp

Friday, January 1 No Mass

Saturday, January 2

4:00 pm The Parishioners of
St. Matthew/St. Mary
by the Lake Parishes

Sunday, January 3

10:00 am †Lynda Krieger

December 26/27

St. Matthew 4 pm	Fr. Pat	St. Mary 5:30 pm	Fr. Pat
St. Matthew 10 am	Fr. Pat	St. Mary 8:30 am	Fr. Pat

December 31 Mary, Mother of God

St. Matthew 4:00 pm Fr. Pat

January 2/3 The Epiphany

St. Matthew 4 pm	Fr. Pat (Dcn Steve)	St. Mary 5:30 pm	Fr. Pat (Dcn Steve)
St. Matthew 10 am	Fr. Pat (Dcn Steve)	St. Mary 8:30 am	Fr. Pat (Dcn Steve)

January 7/10

St. Matthew 4 pm	Fr. Pat (Dcn John)	St. Mary 5:30 pm	Fr. Pat (Dcn John)
St. Matthew 10 am	Fr. Pat (Dcn John)	St. Mary 8:30 am	Fr. Pat (Dcn John)

Your Stewardship Matters

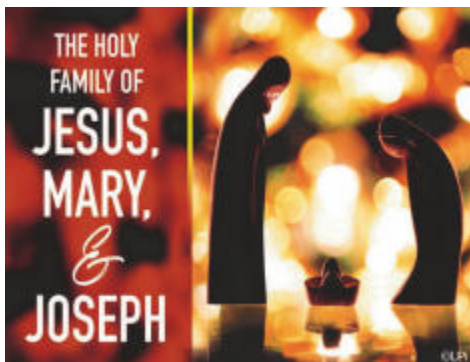
*"...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive." -
(Colossians 3:13)*

Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then, share give the gift of forgiveness with someone – a family member, a friend or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

Will be in next week's bulletin



WeShare™ a form of Stewardship giving online, It's easy and convenient: Go to www.stmattoc.org. Click on WeShare at top of the home page" and follow the instructions.



The Holy Family

Baptism

Anthony Otto, son of James Otto and Nicole Newman will be baptized in Christ this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers.

Good Reading

Only God knows the good that can come about by reading one good Catholic book. –St. John Bosco. Have you read a good Catholic book lately? Two good Catholic books will be available after our Christmas Masses as a Christmas gift to anyone who is interested! *I Heard God Laugh* and *Do Something Beautiful for God* will be made available thanks to the generosity of our Holy Name Society. *I Heard God Laugh* is half-memoir, half how-to make prayer a daily part of your day and the amazing changes that can come from that habit. *Do Something Beautiful for God* is an easy to read collection of 365 daily reflections from Mother Teresa. Plan to pick one up after Christmas Mass!



Blood Drive — Save the Date

St Matthew's next blood drive will be held **Wednesday, January 13, 2021**. Due to COVID restrictions we will be holding the drive at the Oak Creek Community Center. Sign-ups will begin soon. We apologize for the change in location, but there is a strong need for blood and January is typically a month with a significant need. Watch for further details.

Reaching Out



St. Matthew's
Reaching Out

The Guest House provides emergency shelter and transitional housing to homeless men. Some of the items needed are: New clothing— men's winter gear, men's T-shirts and underwear (sizes small-3XL), new backpacks, 55 gallon garbage bags, razors, shaving cream, toothbrushes, toothpaste, body wash, personal hygiene items and playing cards. Cash donations are also appreciated.

During January will be collecting items for Meta House.

Questions of the Week

First Reading: The story of Abram and Sarah and their struggle to have a family centers on Abram's faith in the Lord. When have you needed to rely on faith when it comes to your family?

Second Reading: The author of Hebrews holds up Abraham as a model for the faith. When have you had to unconditionally trust in the Lord?

Gospel: Only Luke records the presentation in the temple of the baby Jesus. Simeon reveals to Mary and Joseph insights into Jesus and his destiny. How do you imagine Mary and Joseph understood Simeon's words?



Words of Wisdom

Christmas began in the heart of God. It is only complete when it reaches the hearts of people. (unknown)

Contributions

To be credited for tax purposes, your stewardship contributions for 2020 must be in the parish office by Wednesday, December 30. Anything after that will go towards 2021 stewardship. Thank you for your generosity!

Rosary Prayer Group

Join with fellow parishioners as we pray the rosary for the intention of healing and peace in our world, along with any personal intentions we may have. Each **Wednesday** morning at 10am, we gather in the Little Brick Church to pray one of the mysteries of the Rosary. We hope to see you there!



Just Checking...

Have you moved? Get a new phone number (including going from landline to cell phone)? Going away for the winter? If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, please call the parish office and let them know. It is important that we keep our records up to date. Thank you.

Mass Intentions

We are taking Mass Intentions through August. According to the Archdiocese you are allowed 1 Weekend/Holy day Mass and 2 weekday Masses. There are many parishioners wanting Masses, please stick to the 3 Masses per year. Call the parish office, come in or mail in your dates. Cost is still \$10. Thank You!



St. Mary by the Lake—Racine
7605 Lakeshore Dr. 262-639-3616
www.stmarybythelake.org
Email: stmarybl@wi.twcbc.com
Mass Schedule: Saturday 5:30 pm
Sunday 8:30 am
Office Hours: 8 am - 1 pm, M-F

Principal's Corner



The last week of Advent and a lead into Christmas. Our prayer service focused on love. You will get sick of me saying, what we “normally” do, or our tradition has been, but it’s hard not to when this time has brought about so many changes and required a lot of adaptations. There has been stress and reluctance at times, but in our reflection, there are many things that we like better than they were before. One common thread through the old and the new, is love. Love for our school and students. Love from teachers, support staff, parishioners, and parents. Loving one another as God loves us. Thank you for your continued love and support! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Blessings,
Mrs. Stefanich

Scholarship Information

Catholic Financial Life scholarship applications for the 2021-22 School Year are now available for members to apply online.

The guidelines and criteria for the Grade School Scholarship remain the same. Grade School Scholarships will be awarded based upon a random drawing.

While the guidelines for the High School and College Scholarships remain the same, there has been one significant change to the qualification criteria for each. In the past, these scholarships have been awarded based on service hours. Given the current situation, it is now difficult for students to volunteer their time. Therefore, in place of service hours, students must submit an application and a one-page essay by March 31, 2021.

The theme of the High School Scholarship essay should be: “Describe three ways in which you hope your Catholic high school education will prepare you to positively influence local, national, or global challenges.”

The theme of the College Scholarship essay should be: “Describe the ways in which you hope your college education will prepare you to walk in the footsteps of a hero you have known, either personally or through study of his/her life.”

High School and College Scholarships will be awarded based upon meeting the criteria and on the quality of the essay.

Essays may be submitted online when completing the scholarship application in “My Account.” Essays and applications may also be sent via email to: memberengagement@catholicfinanciallife.org or by U.S. mail to the Member Engagement Department at Catholic Financial Life. Essays submitted via email or U.S. mail should clearly identify the student’s name and contact information if they are sent apart from the scholarship application.

Call Your Advisor for Catholic Financial Life for scholarship applications!
Deborah J. Hecker, FIC, (414) 278-6637.

This Week

Sunday, December 27
Monday, December 28
Tuesday, December 29
Wednesday, December 30
Thursday, December 31
Friday, January 1
Saturday, January 2
Sunday, January 3

8:30 am Families of Faith Cafe
8:30 am YM Gr. 6/7/8

The parish office will be closed December, 31 and January 1. We will reopen on Monday, January 4 at 9am.

CH-Church • CR-Conference Room • GS-Good Shepherd • MP Multi Purpose Rms • SR-Scout Room • SW-South Wing
LBC-Little Brick Church

Sandwich Sunday Donations

Donations are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off in the gathering space before or after Mass. Items needed: Cheese slices, Fruit snacks and Individual bags of potato chips.



All sandwiches are donated to Guest House of Milwaukee. Guest House helps the homeless of Milwaukee with shelter, clothing, education, and other needed services. Thank you for your generosity!

Sandwich Sunday is the 2nd Sunday of the month.

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21/
Lk 2:22-40

Monday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

Friday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/
Lk 2:16-21

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/
Mt 2:1-12

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School Goes On



**Congratulations to our classroom spelling bee winners and our school finalists!
Good luck at regionals, Hailey!**



Congratulations to the winning middle school intramural whiffle ball teams!

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