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REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	4:30 p.m. (English)
Sunday	9:00 a.m. (English)
	11:00 a.m. (Croatian) - This new time allows time for cleaning the pews
Daily Mass	7:45 a.m., Mon.-Sat. (English)

SACRAMENTS (Confessions: please call office 774-9418)

Confessions:	Saturdays 3-4 p.m.
Baptism	Call Parish Office
Marriage	Call Parish Office 6 months in advance
Anointing of the Sick and Last Rites	Call Parish Office at any time
Communion for the shut-ins:	ordinarily on First Friday
Funerals	Call Parish Office

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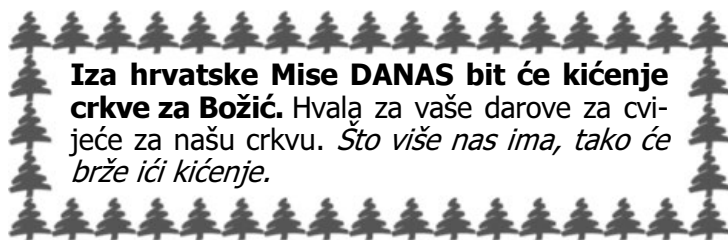
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Croatian Radio show is Saturdays 5-7 pm: AM 1340 / FM 98.7

NEDJELJNO RAZMIŠLJANJE**Advent—Došašće 4.**

Prostori tišine su prostori Svetoga Duha. U ovu nedjelju, posljednju pred blagdan Božića, dok slušamo o Marijinu odlasku rođakinji Elizabeti, ne možemo, a ne zamijetiti jednu veliku stvarnost evanđeoskih tekstova: Marijinu šutnju. Žena s čuđenjem u očima, mistična života, žena puna događaja povijesti koju dotiče sam Gospodar sve-mira ... šuti.

Riječi su joj bile škrte, a u očima se zamijetila dubina. Marija nas šutnjom uči mudrosti, jer mudrost se ne stječe površnim govorom koji spoznaje samo djelić istine. Marija surađuje s Bogom, posjećuje rođakinju, dijeli radosnu vijest, odaziva se pozivu Božjem, ali šuti. Njena šutnja je plod njene mistike. Njena mistika je odraz njena života.



Iza hrvatske Mise DANAS bit će kićenje crkve za Božić. Hvala za vaše darove za cvijeće za našu crkvu. *Sto više nas ima, tako će brže ići kićenje.*

BOŽIČNO OBITELJSKO DRVCE - na ovo

Drvce (koje je kraj kipa Majke Božje) možete staviti svoje **obiteljske nakite**. Ako želite da vratimo vaše nakite, molimo Vas da stavite svoje ime na nakite.

Kupit ćemo darove za novorođenu djecu do 6 mjeseci. Tko može i želi pridonijeti—neka donese svoj dar i stavi ga ispod Božićnog drvca. Istodobno, ako hoćete dati novčani dar za pomoć za Women's Care Center, upotrijebite omotnice koje su na ulazu crkve. *Hvala!*



Naši zidni kalendari za 2022. godinu na engleskom su stigli. Bogu hvala za sprovednu kuću **SCHAFF FUNERAL HOME**, koja je platila za ove kalendari za naše župljane. **(Zidni kalendari na hrvatskom jeziku će uskoro doći.)**

Stigao je Hrvatski franjevački Vjesnik!

Uzmite kopiju za sebe i za prijatelja koji želi čitati o Božiću i o drugim vijestima. Stranica o našoj župi je broj 34.

ŽUPNE AKTIVNOSTI U OVOM TJEDNU**DANAS (19. prosinca)**

- Kićenje crkve za Božić iza hrvatske Mise
- Sastanak Središnjice u Dvorani u 1:30 sati popodne

PETAK (24. prosinca)**— BADNJAK:**

- Večernja Misa za Badnjak, tako zvana "Family Mass," u 4:30 sati poslije podne (na engleskom) *(Božićne pjesme počinju nakon 4 sati)*
- **Koncert Božićnih pjesama u 10:30 sati navečer**
- **"POLNOČKA" - na hrvatskom - u 11 sati navečer**

SUBOTA (25. prosinca) ROĐENJE KRISTOVO - BOŽIĆ

- Mise u 9:00 i 11:00 sati ujutro
- Božićne pjesme počinju 15 minuta prije svete Mise
- Nema sv. Mise u 4:30 sati navečer danas, 25. prosinca

IDUĆE NEDJELJE (26. prosinca)

- Mise u 9:00 i 11:00 sati ujutro

U nedjelju, drugoga siječnja nakon jutarnjih Misa, svi ste pozvani u Dvorani na zakusku i na ugodan razgovor u ove Božićne dane. *Molimo naše dobre domaćice da donesu domaćih kolača — ako donesite tijekom tjedna, molimo donesite u župni ured. Hvala!*

Fra Pavao Maslač je u mirovinu u samostanu. Zahvalan je za naše molitve, i moli za nas! Njegova adresa je: **St. Anthony Friary, 4848 S. Ellis Ave., Chicago IL 60615**

Sestre Imelda Marinovich i Christine Cochonet još žive u Akron, Ohio. Njihova adresa je: **Leonora Hall Convent, 39 N. Portage Path, Akron OH 44303**

Sestra Imelda (99) stalno moli za nas! Prošle godine je imala dosta problema sa zdravlje, ali sada se osjeća dobro. Njezin rođendan je 26. lipnja.

Zadnji dan za dati novčani dar crkvi (zbog takse za godinu 2021.) je 31. prosinca 2021. Trebalo bi to učiniti ranije, ali najkasnije s datumom na čeku 31. prosinca. Iskreno Vam hvala za Vašu darežljivost za našu zajednicu!

Postoji način dati novac našoj župi — putem vaše kreditne kartice i računala. Možete ići kod SacredHeartMilwaukee.org i onda izabrati (na „Menu“) kategoriju „Online Giving to Parish via credit card.“ Za više informacija, nazovite nas (župni ured 414-774-9418).

THIS WEEK'S PARISH ACTIVITIES**TODAY** (December 19)

- Decorate church after 11:00 a.m. Mass
- Federation of Croatian Societies meets in our Hall: 1:30 p.m.

FRIDAY (December 24)

- Morning Mass: 7:45 a.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE

- Christmas Carols (*English*) at 4:00 p.m. followed by Christmas Eve "Family Mass" at 4:30 p.m. (*English*)
- Christmas Carols (*Croatian*) at 10:30 p.m. followed by "Midnight Mass" (*Croatian*) at 11:00 p.m.

SATURDAY (December 25) — **CHRISTMAS DAY**

- Christmas Carols at 8:45 a.m. and Mass at 9:00 a.m. (*English*)
- Christmas Carols at 10:45 a.m. and Mass at 11:00 a.m. (*Croatian*)
- ***There will be NO 4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass***



Family Ornament Tree — Every family is invited to bring one ornament to decorate the Family Tree. If you would like the ornament returned, please make sure to put your name on the ornament.

GIFTS FOR BABY JESUS - We invite our parishioners to donate gifts suitable for a baby: from newborn to six months old (**please, no toys**). You can place your gift under the Family Ornament Tree, which is by the statue of Our Lady of Grace. Gifts will be donated to the Women's Care Center of Milwaukee. Monetary gifts will be accepted and can be dropped off in the Parish Office. Deadline is Sunday, January 2nd. Thank you!

We Share Online Giving \$1,000 Matching Opportunity!

For every first gift from a new recurring donor that occurs between November 1 and December 31, 2021, We Share Online Giving will match that first gift, up to \$50, with a maximum match of \$1,000 for Sacred Heart Parish. We will **need 20 new recurring donors** giving \$50 to hit the maximum match amount of \$1,000. To be eligible for the matching gift, more than one installment must be set-up and the first recurring gift must be transacted by December 31, 2021. *We prayerfully ask that you consider helping us meet this goal by creating your recurring online gift today.*

REMINDER FOR TAX PURPOSES - Contributions for the 2021 calendar year must be received no later than Dec. 31, 2021. **Please note the check must be dated Dec. 31, 2021 or prior to Dec. 31, 2021.**

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: *As always, it is cash or checks received in a contribution envelope that are tracked and acknowledged by the parish.*

Parish Family Christmas Social Sunday, January 2nd.

Please bring a food item to share. Items can be brought to the church and dropped off at the office during the week. Thank you!

ADVENT is a time of renewal, prayer, good deeds, almsgiving and penance. Please find time for yourself and your family!

REMINDERS:

- The sick and homebound wishing to receive the sacraments in the Christmas season should call the Parish Office at 414-774-9418 to make arrangements.
- Find time for yourself and your family. Advent is a good time to deepen vital relationships, to practice patience and forgiveness, and to do kind deeds for someone, to pray more, to go to church regularly...

MARCH FOR LIFE in D.C. - January 19-23, 2022

Join Pro-Life Wisconsin for an exclusive journey to our nation's capital to be the voice of the preborn. You'll leave from Washington D.C. on Wednesday, January 19th, and return to Wisconsin on Sunday, January 23rd. **Deadline is THIS MONDAY, December 20th.** For more details visit: ProLifeWi.org/marchforlife

The Weekly "Gospel of Life" Message

Join in Pope St. John Paul II's "Gospel of Life" prayer.
www.4Life4Family.org/Pope-JP-ii-prayer

Please Note: The parish secretary will be on vacation December 24th to January 2nd.

SAVE THE DATE

- **Friday, December 24**
 - Christmas Carols: 4:00 p.m.
 - Christmas Eve Vigil Mass: 4:30 p.m. (English)
 - Christmas Carols: 10:30 p.m.
 - "Polnočka"—Midnight Mass: 11 p.m. (Croatian)
- **Saturday, December 25**
 - Christmas, Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord
 - Mass: 9:00 a.m. (English)
 - Mass 11:00 a.m. (Croatian)
 - **No 4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass for Sunday**
- **Saturday, January 1**
 - Feast of Mary the Mother of God (*Because it's on a Saturday this is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year*)
- **Sunday, January 2**
 - Parish Family Christmas Social Sunday after Masses

MASS INTENTIONS - MISNE NAKANE

Monday, December 20 - Ponedjeljak, 20. prosinca
7:45 a.m.

† Steve Sendelbach.....friends

Tuesday, December 21 - Utorak, 21. prosinca
7:45 a.m.

†† Joseph & Maria Strmecki.....Fr. Ivan
God's blessing on Fr. Ivan on his birthday...
...Howie & Jacque Rulf

Wednesday, December 22 - Srijeda, 22. prosinca
7:45 a.m.

† Brian Spotttek.....Mary Erceg

Thursday, December 23 - Četvrtak, 23. prosinca
7:45 a.m.

† Robert Marincic.....Gary

Friday, December 24 - Petak, 24. prosinca
7:45 a.m.

† Gary Flood Sciano.....Howie & Jacque Rulf

4:30 p.m. - Christmas Eve (English) - *Prelude at 4pm*

† Fred Ruhland.....Panich sisters

11:00 p.m. - MISA POLNOĆKA (CROATIAN)

Music begins at 10:30 p.m.

For all Parishioners, living and deceased - Za župljane

Saturday, December 25 - Subota, 25. prosinca

9:00 a.m. - CHRISTMAS DAY (ENGLISH)

†† Living & Deceased members of the Vallone &
Klapatauskas families.....Vallone family

† Helen Crivello.....daughter Nancy Kezele

11:00 a.m. - BOŽIĆ (CROATIAN)

†† Ivan i Ruža Horvat.....family

† Nevenka Braovac.....Jerry Endries

THERE IS NO 4:30 P.M. SATURDAY MASS TODAY

Sunday, December 26 - Nedjelja, 26. prosinca
Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

9:00 a.m.

For all Parishioners, living and deceased - Za župljane

11:00 a.m.

† Pero Marković.....Mirjana, kids & grandkids

† Nevenka Braovac.....Katarina Vuković

† Ana Bralić.....ob. Kuzmanović

† Nikola Krezić.....Mario Krezić i ob.

†† Pok. iz ob. Djurina i Goltz.....Milan Djurina

Parish Support

DECEMBER 11/12 WEEKEND COLLECTION: \$4,436.

WeShare 12/6—12/12 Envelopes: \$580.

Thank you! Hvala!

Have a blessed Christmas!

SUNDAY MEDITATION

With the celebration of Jesus' birth just days away, it is appropriate for today's Gospel to shine a light on the Mother of God, the Blessed Virgin Mary. Of course, Jesus is the ultimate center of attention, but Mary's humble cooperation made the Incarnation a reality. Today's Gospel reading lets us see even more deeply how important Mary is to our salvation.

St. Elizabeth calls her visiting relative Mary *blessed*. One definition of blessed is *holy*; another is *favored* by God. Mary is all of these things – blessed, holy and favored by God – because God chose her to be the mother of Jesus. This helps us understand the important role Mary had *and continues to have* in God's unfolding plan of salvation for us. Mary is the mother of the Savior of the world, Jesus, true God and true man, conceived in Nazareth and born in Bethlehem. And Mary was His mother at the foot of the Cross in Jerusalem.

To grow in our love for Jesus and to be with Him one day in heaven, we should strive to imitate Mary's example of being faithful to God, whether we are joyful or sorrowful. May we trust in God's plan for our lives. We should also turn to the Blessed Virgin Mary, our spiritual mother, to pray for us that we might be open to the grace needed to remain steadfast and to grow in faith and love for her Son, Jesus.

So, as we continue to prepare for the celebration of the Lord's birth, let us remember Mary's example. Let us give thanks for her. Let us also stay close to her in prayer, so she can guide us in the way of the Lord.

AFTER THE 10:30 A.M. MASS THIS WEEKEND, PLEASE JOIN US TO HELP DECORATE OUR CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS. THE MORE WHO COME (ESPECIALLY PEOPLE TO CARRY ITEMS), THE MORE QUICKLY WE FINISH!

A BIG THANK YOU to the volunteers who came and helped clean the church! It was a good crowd with some new faces! An enjoyable time was had afterwards with good fellowship and pizza in the Parish Hall. Again, thank you! And thank you to Mike Hrdi and Joe Veber for putting up some of the outdoor decorations this past week! Everyone's help is very much appreciated.

• English Calendars for 2022 have arrived!

*Our Parish wall calendars featuring religious art have arrived and we thank the **Schaff Funeral Home** at Lincoln and 60th for again this year providing these beautiful calendars for free!*

• Croatian Franciscan Herald magazines, with Christmas stories, are here. Our Parish is on p. 34.

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