

St. Mary/St. Patrick Catholic Church

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 16, 2022

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2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." - Jn 2:1-3

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WELCOME

If you are visiting with us today, we welcome you.
For information about the parish or to register for the parish
Check us out at: www.stmarystpatrick.org

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday, Vigil, 4:30 p.m.

Memorial Day to Labor Day weekends - St. Mary Church
September-May - St. Patrick Church

Sunday, 8:00 a.m. - St. Mary Church

10:00 a.m. - Memorial Day to Labor Day weekends - St. Patrick
10:30 a.m. - September-May - St. Mary Church

Monday, 7:30 a.m. Communion Service - St. Mary Church

Tuesday thru Friday, 7:30 a.m. Mass - St. Mary Church

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS:

Sunday, 7:30 a.m. - St. Mary Church

First Saturday, 11-11:30 a.m. - St. Mary Church

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

First Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - St. Mary Church

Benediction, 4:00 p.m. - St. Mary Church

THE BULLETIN: View the bulletin online at stmarystpatrick.org

Very Rev. Matthew M. Bergschneider, Pastor
Deacon Dick Mulcahey, Deacon Steve Pulkrabek

OFFICE HOURS: Mon–Thrs 8-4, Fri 8– Noon

A Reflection for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, by Deacon Steve Pulkrabek

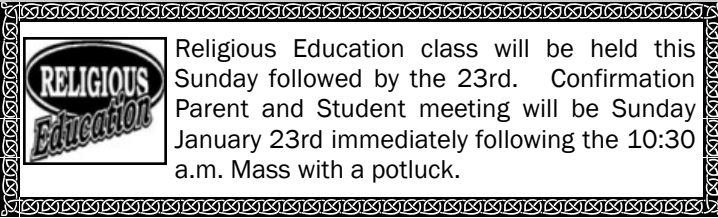
The Christmas decorations have been put away. Students are back at school. Things have returned to “normal,” whatever that is! How has the celebration of Jesus’ birth made a difference in your life and mine?

This Second Sunday of Ordinary Time is one beginning. Our readings today speak to us of beginnings, gifts given and revealed, and abundance. The abundant mercy of God is highlighted in the First Reading. St. Paul in the Second Reading speaks of the gifts of the Holy Spirit given to us through the abundant generosity of God. The Gospel takes us to the beginning of Jesus’ ministry and the first of his great “signs,” the changing of the water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana.

John's Gospel describes seven signs that indicate Jesus' identity to his disciples. John never speaks of these signs as miracles because of their importance. The emphasis here is on the public revelation of Jesus' identity and mission, which John calls the “beginning of his signs” which revealed his glory. We once again see the abundance and generosity of God manifested through Jesus. It is time for Jesus to reveal the gift of who he is to humanity.

Here, as when John describes the other signs, the disciples are said to begin to believe, but no mention is made as to whether the other wedding guests are even aware of what has happened.

Today we become aware of the Lord's presence in our lives. Gifts are continually given, claimed, and shared by Jesus with us. We gather together to celebrate the Eucharist, the place where in Word and Sacrament we come to know the abundance and generosity of God and are renewed to take up the challenge of living the Gospel. Having been fed by the Bread of Life this day, may we, in turn, strive to be a source of life for one another.



Religious Education class will be held this Sunday followed by the 23rd. Confirmation Parent and Student meeting will be Sunday January 23rd immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass with a potluck.

According to feedamerica.org, “one in six Americans (one in four children) live in food insecure households.” February is a tough time for people who are faced with either paying the heating bill or eating. Our parish is joining other Rockford parishes as well as the nation in an attempt to “feed the hungry” on Super Bowl Sunday with our own version of a “Souper Bowl” tailgate party. Before and after all Masses on Saturday/Sunday, February 5th/6th, we will be collecting nonperishable food and monetary donations to benefit our parish’s St. Vincent de Paul Society. Please bring nonperishable food items to the Mass you attend that weekend. Monetary donations will also be accepted. We need your help to feed the hungry in our own neighborhood. If you can help, please do so. Bear in mind that there is a healthier way to give. For more nutritious options, consider donating canned fruit in its natural juices, canned vegetables, whole grain cereals, oatmeal, dried fruit, cans of tuna, peanut butter, pasta or long grain rice. Show your support by placing your donation in the ‘soup pot’ for your favorite NFL team to win the Super Bowl or our very own SVdP team. **All food and monetary donations will be given to the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Mary/St. Patrick Church.**

Small Groups... are forming now! We will delve into the classical view of morality and how it relates to our culture. **The group study program is an eight-week program that starts the week of January 24th.** Is what’s right for you right for me? Is there a right and wrong for everyone, all the time? These are difficult questions to discuss in our culture. We live in a society that supports the opinion that each person should make his or her own morality- that there is no moral truth that applies to everyone. Maybe some of us wonder whether there really is an absolute right and wrong for everyone. Or maybe we accept that there is a moral standard for all, but we don’t know how to explain our moral convictions to others. These are some of the ideas that will be explored.

There are several ways to sign up for the small group program: you can use the sign-up form in the bulletin or on the parish website (stmarystpatrick.org) or you can call the office and we’ll get you signed up. You can also access the videos from the **Formed** website.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Thanks for your generous contributions this past year. We were able to provide financial assistance to many area families in need by providing payments for rent, mortgage, utilities, food and other essentials.

If you made contributions of \$200.00 or more this past year, we will automatically be sending “Tax and Donor” thank you letters. If less than that amount, please email Larry-Saar23@gmail.com Or call him at 815-541-7206 Donor statements will be mailed in the next few weeks.

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

- The Sacrament of Reconciliation is held on Sundays at 7:30 a.m. and on the first Saturday of the month from 11-11:30 a.m. at St. Mary Church.
- Requests for Anointing of the Sick can be made by calling 815-248-4428.
- For Religious Education information please give us a call at 815-248-2490, or visit www.stmarystpatrick.org. To register for a Wedding or Baptism, register as parishioners, reserve a Mass intention, request Anointing of the Sick, memorial candles or flowers, or for any other parish matters, please stop by or give the office a call, 815-248-2490.
- The Parish Office will be closed February 21, for the holiday.

Holy Virgin of virgins, pray for us.

If you would like to occasionally assist with decorating the church then please give a Terry at the office a call. 815-248-2490 Thank you.

WORD OF LIFE

“There is such a wide spectrum of issues involving the protection of human life and the promotion of human dignity. Good people frequently disagree on which problems to address, which policies to adopt and how best to apply them. But for citizens and elected officials alike, the basic principle is simple: *We must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude in the killing, of any innocent human life, no matter how broken, unformed, disabled or desperate that life may seem.* In other words, the choice of certain ways of acting is always and radically incompatible with the love of God and the dignity of the human person created in His image. USCCB, “Living the Gospel of Life,”

The next DEC Community Lunch will take place on January 19th, at 12:00 p.m., at Trinity Lutheran in Durand. Lunch will be a hearty soup with sandwiches and other goodies.

THANKS!

Blessings to all who helped dismantle and store the nativity scene inside St. Mary Church last Sunday. It was great to see our spiritual family gather- young and old, families, too working side by side. The laborers were many and the job got done in a reasonable amount of time. Thanks again, everybody, for helping out.



**THIS IS THE NATIONAL APPEAL
WEEKEND**



Your support for the 2022 National Appeal in the Diocese of Rockford empowers local communities, shares the Gospel message, and cares for elderly religious. Through this combined appeal collection on January 15-16, we continue the work of building the Kingdom of God right here in our own country and within our own Diocese. Thank you for considering generous support of the 2022 National Appeal.

*Most Reverend David J. Malloy
Bishop of Rockford*

**PRAY TO PROTECT HUMAN LIFE
JANUARY 22, 2022**

On January 22, the Church in the United States observes the annual "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children." You are invited to join Catholics from throughout the diocese in a special Mass for the respect of human life. It will be offered by Bishop David Malloy at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary Parish, 10307 Dundee Rd., Huntley, IL. If unable to attend in person, it will be live streamed on the St. Mary Catholic Church, Huntley, You Tube channel.

Also, **9 Days for Life** is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. **Join today at www.9daysforlife.com**

**ST. ANNE'S CCW CHRISTMAS PARTY
AND SILENT AUCTION**

A good time was had by those who attended the St. Anne's Christmas Party and Silent Auction. There were fifty-eight women of the parish who attended the party and eight tables were decorated for Christmas. The women brought the Church hall to life with their beautifully decorated tables and Christmas spirit. Father Bergschneider led the before-meal prayer and joined us for dinner. The dinner buffet, prepared by Vicki Mulder, was plentiful and delicious.

After the meal, everyone had their choice of three scrumptious desserts. Then the Silent Auction was concluded. This year \$1286 was raised from the Silent Auction. A portion of the money was donated to the DEC.

If you're one of the women of the parish and you've never attended the St. Anne's Christmas Party and Silent Auction, or even if you've been away for awhile, we invite you to join us next year. Many thanks to Jeanine Schwab and all the ladies

who worked hard for this Christmas party.



PARISH PRAYER TREE AND PRAYER CHAIN

Our Parish Prayer Tree and Prayer Chain offer a network of support and prayers not only for our parish, but for the community at large. **If you would like someone included on the Parish Prayer Tree which is in the bulletin**, please call the Parish Office: 815-248-2490. **If you would like someone added to the Parish Prayer Chain**, which is a group of parishioners who pray for parish members and their intentions, please call Mary Borgmann, 815-865-5555, Margie Flynn, 815-494-4288 or the parish office, 815-248-2490.

Please remember in your prayers our homebound parishioners and those in Medina Manor, along with Glenn Busjahn, Ryan Bergschneider, Adrian Book, Regina Borg, Art Block, Terry Brogan, Dave Brown, Lisa Carlson, David DiGvonna, Christine Gignac, Tristan Hendler, Kevin Henze, Carol Hertzner, Jennifer Hicks, Judy Hollenbeck, Kenneth Jason, Tony Jason, Carrie Kiely, Shelly Wenger Jauch, Mary Joyce, Samantha Kaldohl, Emmanuel Kilb, Nancy Kalina, Carol Kirchner, Joanne Komprood, Bill Kussner, Keith Ludolph, Dominick & Rose Lomanto, Stacey Ludkowski, Mary Terese Lynne, Judy Lynde, Vicki Marshall, Vicky Mathew, Raymond McDade, Theresa Mikosz, Jeff Miller, Isabelle Morales, Deacon Dick Mulcahey, Barb Neuzil, Kathy Nielsen, Gracie Nicolosi, Erlene Nipps, Holgeir and Karen Oksnevad, Patty Page, Kelli Palmer, Sandra Pauley, Joe Peiffer, Tom Peiffer, Elefterious Prevett, Louis Ropilla, Carol Rosko, Frances Salvato, Brock Scarpetta, JoEllen Sharer, Dennis Shippy, Eugene Siwinski, Dean Simmer, Betty Sorg, Dawson Thomas, Amber Hill Thompson, Lana Todd, Marcie Turner, Jean Walsh, and Laurie Walsh.

Remember our service men and women including: Nic Blum, Will Devore, Will Francis, Lucas Graves, Rev. Bob Keener, Landon Ketchum, Garrett & Jason Kirk, Ashley Kochanski, Chris Miranda, Matthew Moser, Mark Shram, Zeth Willard, and Charlie Wojcik. (12/28/21)

If you or your loved one no longer need our prayers then please let us know so that we can keep the Prayer Tree and Prayer Chain current. Parish Office number: 815-248-2490.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Q. How can we pray for the dead throughout the year?

A. We commemorate the faithful departed on November 2nd each year. However, we can and should continue to pray for the dead. Our growth in Christian perfection takes a long time. At the time of our death, many of us might not be saints yet. But God, in His mercy, allows for those who love Him to experience purification after death. Our word for that state is Purgatory.

Here on earth, we can pray for the souls in Purgatory. One way is to request that your parish offer a Mass for the intention of a specific loved one. We can also remember the departed in our daily prayers. Just as we have special intentions for family and friends here on earth, we can pray for those who have died. It's also an act of Christian charity to pray for the forgotten, those who have no one else to pray for them. God knows who they are! ©LPi

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Jan. 22 4:30 p.m. Kathy Moran
 Jan. 23 8:00 a.m. Dennis Osgood
 Jan. 23 10:30 a.m. Deacon Steve Pulkrabek

LECTORS

Jan. 22 4:30 p.m. Polly Stache
 Jan. 23 8:00 a.m. Bernie Walsh
 Jan. 23 10:30 a.m. Debra Morge-Erickson

USHERS

Jan. 22 4:30 p.m. Jack & Lisa Walsh
 Jan. 23 8:00 a.m. Ben Dolan, Dave Sutherland
 Jan. 23 10:30 a.m. Wayne Plasmier

ALTAR SERVERS

Jan. 22 4:30 p.m. Staches
 Jan. 23 8:00 a.m. Matt Dolan
 Jan. 23 10:30 a.m. Alex Flores

COLLECTION COUNTERS

Jan. 23 Dan McCullough, *Peggy Stewart

SACRISTAN, ST. PATRICK CHURCH

Jan. 22 4:30 p.m. Theresa Conti

Collection Totals

3rd Week of December 2020	3rd Week of December 2021
Mail-in & drop-off \$6965.00	Envelopes \$4673.00
Loose: \$1090.00	Loose \$170.00

The letters for donations to Diocesan Appeals will be sent from the Diocesan offices directly to all donors. This is the same as last year. This includes the Diocesan Appeal, National Appeal, International Appeal, and Mission Appeal.

Financial statements for 2021 for St. Mary/St. Patrick Catholic Church will be mailed upon request. To request yours, email secretary@stmariestpatrick.org or contact the parish office at, 815-248-2490. Thank you.

The Durand Area Food Pantry will be open for food box pick-up on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 4:30-6 p.m. and on the 4th Saturday from 9-10:30 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran in Durand.

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 15
4:30 p.m. (SP) +Donna Bramer

Sunday, January 16-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. (SM) The People of the Parish
10:30 a.m. (SM) +Ruby Mercer

Monday, January 17-St. Anthony, Abbot
7:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service

Tuesday, January 18
7:30 a.m. +John & Mildred Cable

Wednesday, January 19
7:30 a.m. Cindy Moisan

Thursday, January 20-St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr
St. Sebastian, Martyr
7:30 a.m. +Lydia Pena

Friday, January 21-St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
7:30 p.m. +Bob Vormezelee

Saturday, January 22-Day of Prayer for the Legal
Protection of Unborn Children
4:30 p.m. SP +Merlin & Joyce Germain
And Family

Sunday, January 23-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. SM +Florence Walsh
10:30 a.m. SM The People of the Parish

“+” denotes a Mass intention for the deceased.

Mass intentions can also be for the living.

(SM) St. Mary Church, Durand

(SP) St. Patrick Church, Davis/Irish Grove

MEMORIAL CANDLE INTENTIONS

Lighting candles is an ancient practice we continue today to signify our hope and prayers we offer for a particular intention. The intended person could be living or deceased. We have two special ways of burning candles for the sake of prayer. Seven-day candles burn before the Tabernacle and the Icon of The Blessed Virgin Mary inside of St. Mary Church. These candles are available to be lighted for your intention and will burn for one week. While we do ask for a donation of \$10 this cost should not be a prohibiting factor.



Mary Icon Candle

Tabernacle Candle

January 16 - 22 +Loretto & Augusto Azul and Ben Hur

TABERNACLE FLORAL MEMORIALS

Floral memorials dedicating the two bouquets on either side of the Tabernacle at St. Mary Church are available for loved ones—living and deceased or for special intentions such as holidays, anniversaries or other special events.



A donation of \$15 per vase will help offset the cost of these flowers and enable you to have a beautiful floral tribute for one week. Please call the parish office at 815-248-2490, to schedule.

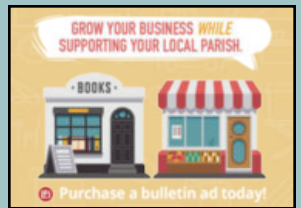
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