

# St. Margaret Mary Catholic Parish

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Liturgical Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday: 9:00 and 11:00 a.m., and 7:00 p.m. Masses

Monday: 8:15 a.m. Communion Service

Tuesday-Friday: 8:15 a.m. Mass

### Rite of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

### Church

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## PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Welcome! We invite you to join our parish. Adults (18+) should join as members on their own, even if their parents are already members. Please complete and return a *New Member Registration* form. The form is available on our website, in the Church, and in the Parish Center. Registration is required for Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation, Marriage, and enrollment in Catholic Formation (religious education) programs.

July 25, 2021 • Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## From A Grateful Heart



Jesus feeds the crowd of 5 thousand men.

In this weekend's Gospel, the feeding began with 5 loaves and 2 fishes = 7 items.

Then when all have eaten enough, 12 (3 x 4) baskets of fragments are left over.

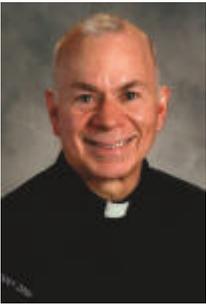
The appearance of the symbolic numbers of 3 and 4 appear when

Jesus performs miracles in the crowds.

We are a people of SIGNS and SYMBOLS. The Bible is resplendent with this symbolism.

So, it would be wise to study the deeper inferences in the Bible stories for they are told to embellish our understanding of God's desire to be in relationship with us!

### HAVE YOU SEEN GOD WORK MIRACLES TODAY?



We seldom recognize miracles that happen everyday.

The use of 3 in the Hebrew Theology and the Bible is the sign of completion, truth, and perfection.

The use of 4 in the Scriptures (Old and New) is a sign of earth, temporal value, and human weakness.

If you put both together, it is  $3 + 4 = 7$ .

The 7 stands for the configuration (coming together) of human and divine natures. *Perfection.*

All combinations of 3 and 4 are Biblical signals and ancient signs of Divine Intervention. This is where the Bible speaks in code. A very ancient code of literary construction that signals: "Divine Intervention!"

In this weekend's readings, Divine Intervention is signaled in many ways when Jesus preaches.

There are the many times that Jesus repeats a truth. There is the testimony of 3 witnesses needed to agree for ancient courts to accept accuracy of the evidence. 7 is the number of days that the Jews celebrated high feast days. The fish and loaves were  $5 + 2 = 7$ . The 12 Apostles and the 40 days of fasting in the desert.

The Bible is not a history book, a science book, or an answer book. It is the very journal of Humanity's encounter with God in his act of Salvation for his creation, you and me!

Oh! The Bucks just won 6 games to become Champions of the NBA for the first time in 50 years. Just guess what jersey number Giannis Antetokounmpo, "The Greek Freak," has. Number 34! That is a 3 and a 4. The Bucks win might have been accomplished with a little bit of Divine Intervention....

3 — 4 — 7 — 12 — 40 — 144 — and so on. Trinity. Think about it!

Symbols are important and signs still point to a reality: The Trinity is a symbol of God's true nature. The Crucifix is a sign of Redemptive Suffering and Our Salvation.

May our Risen Savior bless you,

*Fr. Pat Nelson, SDS*



### Ask Fr. Pat

Pretend you are a first time visitor to a Catholic Mass. Could you explain why we do what we do or would your response be, "That's the way we've always done it." If you have questions about the Catholic faith, about Catholic rituals, about Catholic Tradition, or about Scripture, ask Fr. Pat! If you are curious, others are, too!

**Email: AskFrPat@gmail.com**

*Questions and answers may be featured in upcoming bulletins. Submissions will always remain anonymous.*

## PONDERINGS OF THE HEART

*...making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ~Ephesians 4:3*

A few years ago, I had the fortune to hear a presenter speak on the topic of diversity. During the class, the presenter said that diversity has a tendency to become the casualty of unity, and vice versa. She described a rider sitting on a horse. Either the rider fell off one way as it chased diversity, or the other as it chased unity. The rider failed to understand that both were required to stay atop the horse.

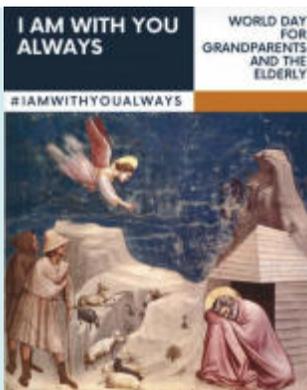
At first I was confused because I know that I embrace unity *and* diversity. However, as she went on to explain that often what is meant by unity is the removal of what is “different,” I squirmed with discomfort. This kind of unity assumes that everyone is “just like me.” This was a jarring realization!

I live in an ethnically diverse neighborhood. As we raised our children, we often said that we wanted them to be “color blind,” in other words, to not see color as something that makes one person different from another. Our intentions were good, but the result was to essentially ask our kids to stop seeing color, to see “white, like me.” In doing so, our kids were raised to see everyone united, yes, but the cost was high. It instructed them to look past or ignore the beauty of everything unique and special that accompanies diversity, like rich cultural stories and traditions. Rather than see things that are different from us with curiosity and interest, we asked our kids to see sameness and ignore these things. What a loss!

When Paul speaks of unity of the Spirit, he is speaking of the unity that recognizes the necessity of diversity in order to become the united body of Christ. This is not something we come to on our own but are gifted by the Holy Spirit. This week, I invite you to consider how you facilitate unity and encourage diversity in how you offer what you have and receive what others offer.

~Jacque, Pastoral Coordinator

## World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly



Did you know that Pope Francis established a new celebration to recognize grandparents and the elderly as vital members of the Church? They are recognized as an invaluable, crucial part of passing on the faith.

July 25, 2021 will be the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. The celebration will be marked each year on the fourth Sunday in July.

Take this opportunity to reach out and say thank you to those who have helped to shape your faith! STMMP offers prayers of thanksgiving for all of the grandparents and elderly who enrich our community. God bless you!

## Free Library for Our Littlest Members



Odds are that you have either borrowed from, built, or seen a local “Free Library.” We are creating our own version of this for our littlest members, children from birth - 5th grade.

We are seeking donations of new or gently used books that focus on faith and virtues, written for children. Starting next week, there will be a collection box for your donated books. Alternately, you may bring them to the Parish Center. If you prefer to make a cash donation toward the purchase of books, please contact Jacque Kelnhofer at [jkelnhofer@stmmp.org](mailto:jkelnhofer@stmmp.org) or (414) 461-6073. Gift cards to Barnes & Noble and Amazon are also helpful.

We have a plan, but if you are a woodworker interested in creating a special STMMP Free Library, contact Jacque.

Watch for more information as our library grows!

## Eucharistic Adoration

*Help Needed to Expand this Prayer Opportunity*



STMMP celebrates Eucharistic Adoration on the first Friday of each month, following 8:15 a.m. Mass. We would like to expand our offerings for this prayer opportunity. In order to do this, we need people to commit to be present at designated times to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament, the real presence of Jesus, is never left unattended.

Initially, we would like to begin offering Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. If you are able to commit to be present for thirty or sixty minutes, weekly, during these hours, please contact Pastoral Coordinator Jacque Kelnhofer. If and when we are able to secure volunteers for this ongoing commitment, we will make an additional announcement indicating the start date.

## Sow the Seeds of Faith

Are you passionate about Christ? Do you want to be more actively involved in your child’s faith life? Are you looking for ways to live a life of service? Do you have time to invest in the next generation?

We are seeking adult catechists to facilitate small Catholic formation groups. Training and resources provided. If any of the above questions strikes a chord, or you are just curious and want to know more, contact Pastoral Coordinator Jacque Kelnhofer,

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Morning Mass Social

**Tuesday, July 27th, following 8:15 a.m. Mass**

All are invited to attend Morning Mass this coming Tuesday and stay for some munchies and refreshments. Take advantage of this opportunity to start your day with prayer, praise, and fellowship!




We're celebrating our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary by giving your parish the opportunity to win one of five special **\$20,000 awards!**

Submit an idea to your pastor/administrator/parish director for something outside your normal budget or current programs. What's on your parish "wish list"?

**Last Chance! Submit your wish for your parish. Call the Parish Center or email [mblinkhorn@stmp.org](mailto:mblinkhorn@stmp.org) by July 28.**

### Online Giving



Online giving is an easy and convenient way to save time and support our parish. Donating is simple, safe, and completely secure. You can set up a recurring donation using your checking, savings, or credit card, or make a one-time donation.

Follow the simple instructions at:  
<https://stmpmilwaukee.weshareonline.org/>



## PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

### Bereavement Ministry

*Monthly Support Meetings of Care*

At some point, we all face the loss of a loved one. Our Bereavement Ministry team invites anyone grieving a loss to join us so we may accompany you with care, support, and understanding.

We meet in the Church Office from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month. **Join us July 28th.**

If you have questions or would like to register, please contact Terry Cheski. Call (414) 233-9773 or email [terry.cheski@gmail.com](mailto:terry.cheski@gmail.com).

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

### Save the Date!

An unexpected hiccup in the parking lot project delayed our start, but we look forward to gathering in August!



### Low Gluten Hosts

Please see the Assisting Sacristan prior to Mass if you have an allergy and require low gluten hosts.

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE

*Please contact the Parish Center at (414) 461-6073 for all sacramental inquiries.*

### Infant Baptism

Baptisms may be celebrated at all Masses. Preparation work is required for parents.

### Catholic Formation Classes

*Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation*

Catholic formation classes are available for school-aged children and young adults. Contact us if you are interested in working with our parish to form your children in the faith as they prepare for the Sacraments of Initiation.

### Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

Are you an adult who is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? RCIA is a way to learn about the sacraments and understand how to live in Christ's teachings. We walk the path of formation with you!

### The Sacrament of Matrimony

The Sacrament of Matrimony may be celebrated most Saturdays of the year, with the exception of the seasons of Advent and Lent. The bride or groom must be registered as members of the parish and are expected to be attending Mass regularly. Weddings must be scheduled at least nine months prior to the actual date.

### Ministry to the Sick or Dying

If you are going to have surgery or if you suddenly take ill and would like the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please call Fr. Patrick at (414) 581-2397. Additionally, we have ministers who can call and pray with you if you are ill or as you recover.



- 27: Hospitality following 8:15 a.m. Mass  
 28: Bereavement Support Meeting 6:30 p.m.

### August

- 1: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 6: First Friday: Adoration following the 8:15am Mass  
 8: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 15: Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 17: Faith and Fiber Fellowship

## READINGS OF THE WEEK

- Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/  
 Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15  
 Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [1a]/  
 Mt 13:31-35  
 Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11,  
 12-13 [8a]/Mt 13:36-43  
 Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 13:44-46  
 Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 [2]/  
 Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42  
 Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6,  
 10-11ab [2a]/Mt 13:54-58  
 Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 [4]/Mt 14:1-12  
 Next Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/  
 Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, July 26

8:15 a.m.: Communion Service

### Tuesday, July 27

8:15 a.m.: Joan Kelly +

### Wednesday, July 28

8:15 a.m.: Souls in Purgatory

### Thursday, July 29

8:15am: Souls in Purgatory

### Friday, July 30

8:15 a.m.: Souls in Purgatory

### Saturday, July 31

5:00 p.m.: Patricia Sly +

### Sunday, August 1

9:00 a.m.: intentions of our parish members

11:00 a.m.: Blessings of the Loduha family

7:00 p.m.: intentions of Fr. Pat Nelson, SDS

*If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives to all men generously and without reproaching, and it will be given him.*

~St. James, son of Zebedee

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