

Family of Four Parishes

Old St. Mary Our Lady of Divine Providence SS Peter & Paul Three Holy Women

December 26, 2021, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Mass Schedule

Old St. Mary Weekdays - 7:00 am & 12:05 pm Saturday - 4:30 pm Sunday - 7:15, 9:00 & 11:30 am

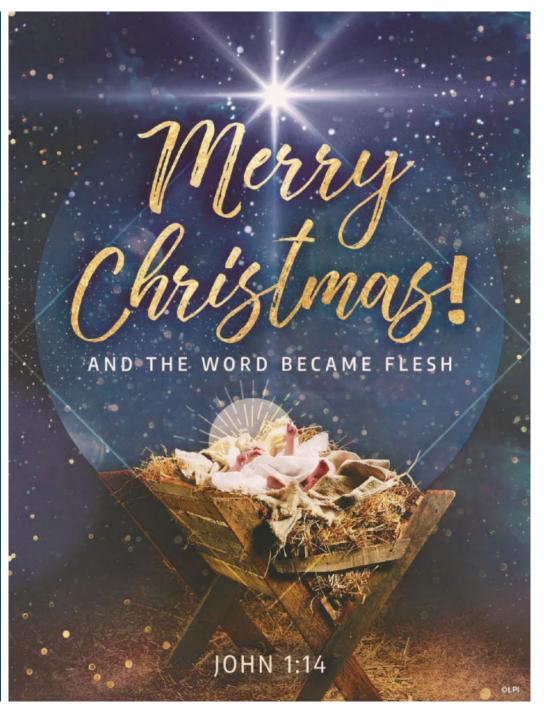
Our Lady of Divine Providence St. Casimir Church Saturday - 4:00 pm Sunday - 10:00 am

SS Peter & Paul Saturday - 5:00 pm Sunday - 9:30 am & 7:00 pm

Three Holy Women Holy Rosary Church Saturday - 4:30 pm St. Hedwig Church Sunday - 8:30 am St. Rita Church Sunday - 10:30 am

Reconciliation

Monday, Tuesday & Friday -11:30 am at Old St. Mary Saturday - 3:30-4:00 pm St. Casimir Church Saturday - 3:30-4:30 pm Holy Rosary Church Saturday - 4:00-5:00 pm SS Peter & Paul



Pastor's Corner

Pastoral Care

A BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND A HEALTHY, HAPPY NEW YEAR!

"Yes, God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him may not die but may have eternal life. For God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."



(Gospel of St. John, ch.3)

Dear Friends,

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus and the amazing love of the Holy Family, please know of our fervent prayers for you and your family!

In these interesting days of change and the unknown, and some anxiety and fears for the future, we stand firmly on the rock of Jesus and the Holy Family! We often hear people say: "I could not get through this without my family." Well, more than ever we need our families! And we need the family of Jesus! And we need to remember those who struggle with their families and those who for one reason or another feel they have no families. We need our parishes to be a family helping all families!

It is no accident that when our four parishes committed to working together we chose **Family of Four** as our motto!

On behalf of Fr. John, Fr. Michael and myself, and the team that serves the Family of Four with such love, loyalty, creativity and compassion, know how grateful we are to be family!

Sincerely, with love,



To view the annual Christmas letter from Archbishop Jerome E. Listecki, visit one of our parish websites! It is Christmas! It is the most wondrous feast—the birthday of Jesus, who came to show us God's love. Amid this tremendous joy, we remember those who are not with us, who are spending Christmas in Heaven.

Christmas In Heaven

Tis Christmas in Heaven what a beautiful sight! It's My first one here; everything is all right!

The crib is adorned with the brilliance of the star; Wisemen have come from near and far.

> I've met all our dear ones who preceded us here; the reunion was lovely, an event full of cheer. And tonight we'll all gather, in reverence we'll kneel, for the babe in the cradle, up in Heaven is REAL!

I think of my family, that I left behind and I pray that your Christmas is as blessed as mine.

Please shed no more tears, for my soul is at rest. Just love one another, live life to its best.

> Yes, it's Christmas in Heaven, so, I've heard them say, Yet Christmas in Heaven happens every day!

When we are sad and waiting for consolation, how do we see God with us? Isaiah assures us that God longs to gather us and carry us, to offer guidance and a compassionate heart. What a comforting way to picture God being with us. Today, imagine yourself experiencing the tenderness of God in one of these ways: resting in God's arms as a weary one would do with a good friend; gathered lovingly by God as a lost sheep would be by a concerned shepherd; consoled by God in an embrace of deep love by the beloved; comforted as a child held on the lap of a parent.

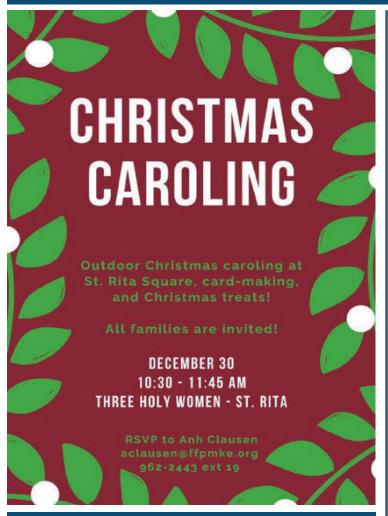
Good Shepherd, come find me when I am lost. Gather me to your heart when I am hurt. Protect me when I am in harm's way. I turn to you with gratitude for your tender love. Amen

May you and your family have a Merry Christmas! You remain in my prayers.

Terri Balash, Director of Pastoral Care

Because someone we Love is in Heaven theres a little bit of HEAVEN in our Home

Family Ministry



Young Adult Ministry



Young Adult Winter Weekend Retreat Coming Up!

All young adults in your 20s and 30s are invited to take time to rest, relax and enjoy being away from your daily routine. Our Winter Weekend Retreat is an excellent way to explore the deeper questions of life within a dynamic community of young adults who are going through the same things you are. If you have a hunger to rest, refill your cup and get to know Jesus and the Catholic Church better, Winter Weekend is right for you. The retreat goes from Friday, January 21 at 6:00 pm - Sunday, January 23 at 12:00 pm at the Schoenstatt Retreat Center in Waukesha, WI. You may reach out to Nino Rebholz with any questions or sign up details at nrebholz@ffpmke.org.

Family Ministry Book Study: The Temperament God Gave You

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GOD GAVE YOU

The Classic Key

to Knowing Yourself,

Getting Along

with Others, and Growing Closer

to the Lord +

Art & Laraine

Bennett

All parents or grandparents are invited to join our upcoming Family Ministry Book Study of The Temperament God Gave You, by Art & Laraine Bennett.

All of us are born with a God-given temperament that, all our days, colors our understanding, guides our choices, and serves as the foundation of our moral and spiritual life.

Read the book, take the temperament quiz, discover your own temperament and

use this knowledge to become what God is calling you to be: a loving spouse, an effective parent, a good friend. Most importantly, this understanding will help you to grow closer to God and help you to discover the path to holiness that is unique and right for you.

The Book Study group will meet on January 12 & 26 on



Zoom from 8:00-9:15 pm. To sign up or get more information, please go to tinyurl.com/temperamentgodgaveyou, scan the QR code or contact Anh Clausen, Director of Family Ministry and Religious Formation, at <u>clausen@ffpmke.org</u> or 962-2443 ext 19.

UPLIFT Families

UPLIFT Families are exploring the profession of faith this year. This month, we are reflecting on the phrase, "...and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary ... "

We remember and celebrate that, just as our Fall from Grace was brought about through the cooperation of a man and woman (Adam and Eve), so too our Salvation was brought about through the cooperation of a man and woman: Jesus and Mary.

Christmas Gift! Thanks to the gift of a generous donor, free copies of Matthew Kelly's book, Life Is Messy, are available in the back of church. If you have any questions, contact our Pastoral Associate, Chad Griesel, at cgriesel@ffpmke.org or 271-6577 x114.

Social Justice Ministries

January Habitat Build Day

Mark your calendars for our Family of Four Parishes' next Habitat for Humanity Build Day! Help Habitat combat Milwaukee's growing affordable housing crisis by lending a helping hand on **Saturday, January 15** from 8:00 am-3:00 pm. Parishioners aged 16 and older are invited to help install flooring in a house in the Harambee neighborhood. For more information and to register, please email Tim Logman, Habitat Parishioner Coordinator for the Family of Four Parishes, at logs56@earthlink.net.

Riverwest Food Pantry

Riverwest Food Pantry is in need of more volunteers to help distribute food to our neighbors. They cannot do it without you! If you or someone you know is available to help on Tuesdays (2:30-4:00 pm or 2:30-6:00 pm) and Fridays (8:30-11:00 am), email Jack at <u>volunteer@riverwestfoodpantry.org</u> or leave a voicemail at 301-1478. See their website for more info at <u>www.riverwestfoodpantry.org/getinvolved</u>. In a Community of Generosity, all are able to give and all are able to receive. Come, be a part of the community while helping others!



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Thank You!

A heartfelt "Thank You!" to those who generously contributed to our parishes' Advent Giving Trees in support of Meta House and the Women's Care Center of Milwaukee! Your generosity was overwhelming and required staff to find "overflow" space in the parish office until the organizations were able to pick up the gifts. We also extend our gratitude to those who supported the Holiday Giving Tree at SS Peter & Paul! Please know of our gratitude for all your abundant giving. Merry Christmastide!

Love Thy Neighbor

Kwanzaa is a seven-day holiday observed from December 26 to January 1 that celebrates Black culture, ancestral traditions and fellowship. Unlike Christmas and Hanukkah, the Kwanzaa holiday is not a religious celebration; it is related to Christmas only in the proximity of its timing. Its name comes from a Swahili phrase meaning "first fruits", and the celebration is based on harvest festival traditions from throughout Africa. Each day of Kwanzaa focuses on one of seven principles with the goal of strengthening community: unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity and faith. Milwaukee's Kwanzaa celebration, one of the longest running in the country, primarily celebrates young people and families while building community. If you'd like to get connected with the Racial Justice & Healing Committee that is sponsoring the "Love Thy Neighbor" articles, please email Laura Hancock at <u>Ihancock@ffpmke.org</u>.

Adult Formation



Eat, Drink and Be Catholic offers women and men of all ages a casual opportunity to explore the Catholic faith. We hope to provide space for intellectual, relational and spiritual growth, as well as some real community building. Our hope is that at the end of each evening, individuals not only know more but are inspired and empowered to live out their faith. This year's theme is "People of God: Vulnerability and 'Failure' as a Path to God." Our next in-person events will be on Wednesdays, **January 12 & 26** at Mo's...A Place for Steaks! (720 N Plankinton) beginning at **7:00 pm**. For more information, to RSVP or be added to the email list for future events, contact Chad Griesel at <u>cgriesel@ffpmke.org</u>.

Reflecting on the Sunday Readings

We invite individuals to share and reflect on the upcoming Sunday readings on the first and third Mondays of each month. Our next gathering will be **Monday**, **January 3**. In a small group setting, we break open God's Word, allowing it to speak to our lives and to challenge us to grow in our understanding of who God is, who we are and who God is calling us to be. The group meets in person in the parish center at Old St. Mary beginning at **7:00 pm**. For further information, contact our Pastoral Associate, Chad Griesel, at <u>cgriesel@ffpmke.org</u> or 271-6577.

Catholic East Elementary

Christmas Greetings from Catholic East!

We are now in the midst of the Twelve Days of Christmas, and a season of joyful gift-giving. One of the things that comes to mind is that the best gifts are those that keep on giving - like a great education!



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The collaboration of teachers and parents results in continual improvement in our student's academic performance. We are thrilled to share that Catholic East was recently honored with a 5-Star School designation from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI)! This means that Catholic East "Significantly Exceeds Expectations" for the 2020-2021 school year.

We continue to work together on our goals to provide a high-quality education in four primary areas:

- Student Initiatives increasing focus and development of programs such as math, STEM, trades, foreign language, and other skill-based learning opportunities;
- High School Scholarships for 8th Graders who desire, but may not be able to afford, continuing their faith-based education at Catholic high schools;
- Faculty Retention supporting development of professional skills, growth of faith mission, and encouragement of continuity in staffing; and
 Improved Facilities including a much-needed playground at the SS Peter & Paul campus.

Please consider the benefits of giving your child - or those of your friends and family - a faith-based education at Catholic East, our parish school. We are a diverse Catholic community that encourages the pursuit of academic excellence, nurtures strong moral development and fosters lifelong learning through living out the Gospel values. For more information, visit our website at <u>www.catholiceast.org</u> and check out our Admissions page.

> Blessings and gratitude, Timothy Trzcinko, Principal



Friday, December 31 - New Year's Eve

4:30 pm - Holy Rosary Church 6:00 pm-Midnight - Adoration & Benediction St. Rita Church

Saturday, January 1 - New Year's Day

10:00 am - SS Peter & Paul

Sunday, January 2

Regular Mass Schedule

Parish Directory

ALL PHONE NUMBERS ARE AREA CODE (414) UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

OLD ST MARY PARISH

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OUR LADY OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE PARISH

St. Casimir Church: Bremen & Clarke OFFICE: 1716 N Humboldt Ave, Milwaukee WI 53202 264.0049 / www.ourladyofdivineprovidence.org

SS PETER & PAUL PARISH

CHURCH: Cramer & Bradford OFFICE: 2491 N Murray Ave, Milwaukee WI 53211 962.2443 / www.ssppmilw.org

THREE HOLY WOMEN PARISH

Holy Rosary Church: Oakland & Lafayette St Hedwig Church: Brady & Humboldt St Rita Church: Cass & Pleasant OFFICE: 1716 N Humboldt Ave, Milwaukee WI 53202 271.6577 / www.threeholywomenparish.org

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Please Note: If you or anyone you know has been sexually abused by church personnel and would like assistance, contact Stephanie Delmore, the Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Archdiocese at 414-758-2232 or <u>delmores@archmil.org</u>. If you would like to report independently of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, please contact The Healing Center at 414-671-4325.

Mass Intentions

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph		
(OSM) 7:15 am	† Galena Lagoda	
(SH) 8:30 am	† Deceased Members of the Suminski Family	
(OSM) 9:00 am	† Mr. & Mrs. Dominic Sanfilippo and † Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Zizzo	
(SSPP) 9:30 am	Pro Populo	
	Pro Populo	
(SR) 10:30 am	Pro Populo	
(OSM) 11:30 am		
	NOMASS	
. , .	7 Saint John Apostle and	
Evangelist		
(OSM) 7:00 am	Duane Domagalski	
(OSM) 12:05 pm	† Daniel & Eileen Meehan	
	28 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs	
	For the Protection of the Holy Angels	
(OSM) 12:05 pm	† Gloria Wehner	
WEDNESDAY, DECEMB	ER 29 Fifth Day within the Octave	
	, Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and	
Martyr		
(OSM) 7:00 am	† William M. Sklba	
(OSM) 12:05 pm	Living & Deceased Members of the Catalane & Patton Family	
	8 30 Sixty Day within the Octave of	
the Nativity of the Lord		
(OSM) 7:00 am	† Karen P. Fox	
· / /	† James McCue	
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31 Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord		
(HR) 4:30 pm	Pro Populo	
FIRST SATURDAY, JANUARY 1 The Octave Day of the		
Nativity of the Lord; Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (SSPP) 10:00 am Pro Populo		
SUNDAY, JANUARY 2		
(OSM) 7:15 am	Pro Populo	
(SH) 8:30 am	Pro Populo	
(OSM) 9:00 am	Pro Populo	
(SSPP) 9:30 am	† Wilma Giese	
(SC) 10:00 am	† John & Carol Boglitsch	
(SR) 10:30 am	† Giovina DeSanctis	
(OSM) 11:30 am	Veronique Hazell	
(SSPP) 7:00 pm	Pro Populo	

Year End Contributions

For your contributions to be included on your 2021 year-end statement, please make sure that all gifts are placed in the collection baskets or postmarked by December 31. They may also be dropped off at the parish offices by Thursday, December 30. Additionally, checks need to be dated no later than December 31. Thank you for your generous and faithful support of our parishes.

Please Pray For . . .

Banns

III John Joseph Jansky & Annamarie Frances Ciancio
 III Aaron Neil Kellas & Anjelica Rose Bailey
 III Daniel Stephen Hill & Kristen Kathleen Peuvion

Mass Fellowships † Dorothy Jaworski by Pat Suminski † Salvatore Colla by Tom Spera † Frank Budzinski by Tom Spera + Janice DiMaggio by Tom Spera In Loving Memory † James Balistreri + Edmund Cera Readings for the Week of December 26 Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45 Monday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38 Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45 Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56 Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66 Friday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4 -5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79 Saturday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/ Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/ Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11 -14/Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14 Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/ Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-5 ©Liturgical Publications Inc.

Eucharistic All Night Vigil

The January Eucharistic All Night Vigil of Reparation and Prayer will be held on Friday, December 31 at Old St. Anthony Church (1711 S 9th St). Confessions will be available from 7:00-8:00 pm, and after each priest speaker.

The vigil opening Mass begins at 8:00 pm, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament all evening, talks on the vigil theme, rosaries and various other devotions. The vigil is open to the public, and you may spend one hour or stay all night if you are able. These vigils began in 1965 to answer our Lady's call at Fatima - to pray and do penance for world peace for the conversion of sinners. The vigil concludes with Mass at 5:00 pm on Saturday, January 1. Please call 414-254-2790 with any questions.

Riverwest Food Pantry: The item of the week for December 26 is dried fruit and canned fruit in its own juice. You are welcome to bring physical items to Mass or to donate online via our ongoing virtual food drive at You Give Goods. The link may be found at https://yougivegoods.com/familyoffourparishes2021.

Pastoral Care to the Sick/Infirmed: If you have a family member or friend who is sick and in a facility of care or is homebound and in need of a visit, contact Terri Balash, Director of Pastoral Care at 469-6173 or tbalash@ffpmke.org.

In Need of Prayer? Parishioners in our prayer circle will be happy to pray for needs and intentions. Please call 271-6577 with your prayer request.

Bulletin Requests to: lablackmer@ffpmke.org each Tuesday by 10:00 am

Announcement Requests to: drivera@ffpmke.org each Tuesday by10:00 am

Parish Finances: For information regarding the financial health of our parishes, please see the parish website or contact Chris D'Amato, Director of Administrative Services, at cdamato@ffpmke.org.

Parish Leadership: Contact information for the Parish Pastoral Council and Trustees may be found at the parish websites.

December Intention of Pope Francis: Catechists - Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit..

Key to Locations: (SH) = St. Hedwig; (SR) = St. Rita; (HR) = Holy Rosary; (OSM) = Old Saint Mary; (SSPP) = SS Peter & Paul; (SC)=St. Casimir

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