

Family of Four Parishes

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

January 8, 2023

# 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



# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. - Mt 2:10-11a

#### Pastor's Corner

#### Christmas Photos

"There is no place for selfishness and no place for fear! Do not be afraid, then, when love makes demands. Do not be afraid when love requires sacrifice." (St. John Paul II)

Dear Friends,

As we celebrate the Epiphany when the Magi encounter the Holy Family and have their lives changed forever, I wonder what it must have been like returning home, as the Scriptures say, "by



returning home, as the Scriptures say, "by another way."

Perhaps we are being encouraged to see our lives in another way than what the world has been presenting us as the only way, a way of selfishness, ego, anger, envy, division, consumption, worry, addiction, abuse, loneliness and a host of other sad preoccupations and deadly sins.

Perhaps the Christ, the Word made flesh, helps us to see in the very limited flesh which we are, the unlimited possibility of self-sacrificing love. Perhaps the New Year gives us a chance to put ourselves on the sweet regimen of love for others, and as the Christ Child grew to the fullness of a life in total love and service to others, a chance to glimpse eternity a step at a time, we too can find glimpses of eternal happiness in singular acts of unselfish love. Eternal happiness in a moment!

St. John Paul II gives us one more dose of encouragement:

"The person who does not decide to love forever will find it difficult to really love for even one day."

And so let us begin!

Blessed days to you—love and happiness, now and forever!

Fr. Tim



# Christmas Season Gratitude

A big thank you to all our volunteers and staff who worked so hard to make the liturgies during this Christmas season special! It is no small feat to decorate all our churches so beautifully for Christmas and prepare the many holiday liturgies. From those who helped with environment to our sacristans, ushers, lectors, servers and musicians who served during our many Masses – Christmas would not have been the same without you. Thank you so much!

> Mary Robertson (OLDP & THW) Meggie Moyer (OSM & SSPP)



# Power in the Holy Spirit

...God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. Act 10:38

I wonder what it was like for Jesus when John baptized him? When he heard the voice from the heavens call him "my beloved"? He must have felt a surge of tenderness wash over him. A strong assuring conviction of his relationship with God must have become firmly stored in his soul at that time. Jesus felt this power again and again in his life as he came forth from the desert, as he healed the sick, as he spent the nights alone in prayer, as he stood up for his beliefs, as he communed with his disciples, as he walked the road to Calvary.

There have been times I have felt the effects of my own baptism. I am surprised every time it happens. I notice this inner power when people tell me how much my words or actions helped them, or when I am in prayer and pay attention to a presence much bigger than my own. I experience this power when I feel a nudge inside of me to be a better person or to do something to help ease the pain of the world. It is a wonderful gift, this power of the Holy Spirit. I invite you today to reflect on your own life, your baptism, and how you have experienced this strong presence of God.

Holy Sp<mark>irit, I celebrate your life</mark> in me. Your power filled me at my baptism and continues to stir within me today. Increase my awareness of this power for good, that daily lives within me. Amen

# Funeral Ministry of Hospitality

"A welcoming community is the heart of our parish."

The role of a Funeral Minister of Hospitality assists with funerals before, during and after the liturgy. They offer support to the family and welcome guests who are attending. Good hospitality is welcoming!

Funeral Ministers of Hospitality are essential to our community, and those who serve in this capacity have the potential to add greatly to the experience of worship for all who gather. Your warm smile or word of sympathy says, "I care..."



If you are interested in serving on the Funeral Ministry of Hospitality, here is the procedure. When a funeral comes into our Family of Four Parishes, that funeral information is emailed to all Funeral Ministers of Hospitality, and you only sign up for the funerals that work for your schedule.

Please contact Terri Balash, at 469-6173 or <u>tbalash@ffpmke.org</u> if you want to help. God bless you.

# Divorced or Separated Catholics,

#### We **NEED** you.

If you are part of the Family of Four Parishes, and have a friend, daughter or son, brother or sister who is divorced or separated,

We **NEED** you to reach out to them.

Catholics going through a divorce or separation, or who have gone through this, understand just how disconnected we can feel from our previous life. We can feel disconnected from our friends and family. Some of us struggle with our place in the Church. Even with our relationship with God. We can feel like that autumn leaf being blown around in the wind without direction, and without a place to settle or belong. If you are divorced, divorcing or separated: you get it.

This is what our new group "ANCHOR" will provide: a place to belong.

"Anchor" is a social, supportive group of Catholics who have or are going through the same thing. We will gather for social events to get to know each other; to have fun. Sometimes we will volunteer together, helping the community and those in need. Sometimes we will have spiritual themed discussions, helping keep that connection with God. And we will do these things together with other people who understand what we are going through.

You will be hearing more about "Anchor" in the coming weeks and months. If you have questions or are interested in learning more, please feel to reach out to me directly, or ask Fr. Tim or Fr. Carlos for more information.

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#### Family Ministry





Happy Epiphany!

Today we celebrate the visit of the Wise Men to Baby Jesus. The word "epiphany" means revelation or manifestation, and the arrival of these visitors from another land is taken to represent the way that Christ is revealed to the wider world, beyond the Jewish community of one particular time and place.

Jesus was a gift meant for the whole world!

In Catholic tradition, Epiphany is a time to bless your home for the year. This is a great family activity – Children love blessing things, and they'll find writing with chalk on your doorframe pretty exciting, especially if you lift them up to do it themselves. Just make sure that you explain to them what you are doing and why!

The blessing is traditionally inscribed on the doorway above the main entry to your house. After praying a prayer of blessing (see below), use the chalk to write this above the door:

# 20 † C † M † B † 23

The numbers on the ends represent the current year, with the letters in the middle representing the names of the three wise men. (They are not named in the Scriptures, but tradition calls them Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar.) "CMB" also stands for "Christus Mansionem Benedicat," a Latin phrase that means, "May Christ Bless This House." Crosses, representing Jesus present in our home and in our hearts, are drawn to separate the letters.

# Epiphany Blessing For the Home

Here is a simple prayer of blessing you can use today. For young children with shorter attention spans, you may want to omit the scripture reading, or just tell them the story of the Wise Men in your own words.

**Leader:** "A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to Matthew" (*Read Matthew 2:1-12*) "The Gospel of the Lord"

All: "Thanks be to God!"

**Leader:** "Peace be with this house and with all who enter here. On the Feast of the Epiphany, we celebrate Jesus, who was revealed to the Wise Men and to the whole world. Today, Christ is revealed to us too! Today, this home is a holy place because Christ is present here with us." (Mark the doorframe)

**Leader:** God, bless this house and all who enter it. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All make the sign of the cross and respond "Amen."



## Middle School Nova Night

Our middle school youth group, Nova Night, has begun very well. We learned about the communion of Saints in October, wrote letters to our sister parish in Uganda and playing candy corn ring toss! In November we had our pajama and pizza movie night (with some Christmas karaoke as well), and December was our Christmas Nova Night! Our group has been awesome this year, and we've been having so much fun! Our next Nova Night is **Sunday, January 22 from 5:30 - 7:00 pm** at SS Peter & Paul. If you'd like to sign up, go to tinyurl.com/novanight2022 or reach out to Nino with any questions at <u>nrebholz@ffpmke.org</u>



Take time to enjoy being away from your daily routine. Our Winter Weekend Retreat is an opportunity to experience renewal within a vibrant young adult Catholic community. Whether you are already passionate about living your faith or are just looking to get to know the community, Christ or the Church, you have a place here. The retreat takes place on **Friday, January 27 - Sunday, January 29** at Schoenstatt Retreat Center in Waukesha, WI. Registration now open until January 11! Email Nino Rebholz at

nrebholz@ffpmke.org for more details.



All young adults in their 20s and 30s are welcome to join our next UPLIFT Young Adults on **Sunday, January 22**. At UPLIFT, we gather for a time of reflection and prayer, and then listen to a speaker to take a deep dive into a topic. Join us at 2:30 pm at Old St. Mary for a chance to pray, connect and learn. You may sign up at <u>tinyurl.com/</u> <u>upliftyoungadults2022</u> or reach out to Nino Rebholz at <u>nrebholz@ffpmke.org</u>.

# Apostles Café

Join us for the Apostles Café after the 7:00 pm Mass at SS Peter & Paul on **Sunday**, **January 22**! All are welcome to meet your fellow parishioners and spread some holiday cheer. Beverages, snacks and desserts are served, so come and enjoy! If you'd like to be on our coordinating team or have any questions, feel free to reach out to Nino Rebholz at nrebholz@ffpmke.org.

#### Adult Formation



Eat, Drink and Be Catholic continues on **Wednesday**, **January 11 at 7:00 pm** at Mo's...A Place for Steaks (720 N Plankinton Ave – across the street from Mo's Irish Pub). We will be led by our pastor, **Fr. Tim Kitzke**. This year's theme is "Real Presence: Real Love." Eat, Drink and Be Catholic offers women and men of all ages a casual opportunity to explore the Catholic faith. The format ranges from speakers and group discussion to movies and music. Drinks and appetizers are provided. If you would like to learn more about Eat, Drink and Be Catholic or RSVP for this session, see our parish website or email Chad Griesel at cgriesel@ffpmke.org.

### Book Club with 4D Sobriety

The family of Four Parishes is excited to partner with 4D Sobriety to facilitate discussions of Richard Rohr's powerful book, *Breathing Under Water: Spirituality and the Twelve Steps*. We are forming two weekly groups – Monday mornings and Monday evenings – starting on January 16, 2023. If you are interested in learning more, please contact our Pastoral Associate, Chad Griesel, at cgriesel@ffpmke.org or 271-6577 x114.

### 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. 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 how God is calling us to love. 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.

### **Becoming Catholic - RCIA**

RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is a place where adults of any or no faith can explore questions of faith and consider preparing to join the Catholic Church. Our group sessions started in September and are held at 7:00 pm in the parish center at Old St. Mary (835 N Milwaukee St). Please pray for these women and men as they seek the will of God in their lives and in our parish communities. See our parish website for more details and contact our Pastoral Associate, Chad Griesel, to learn more at cgriesel@ffpmke.org or 271-6577.

#### **Parish Directory**

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

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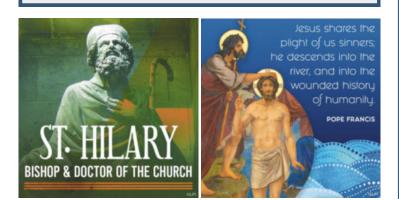
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# Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JANUARY	7 (VIGIL)	
(SC) 4:00 pm (HR) 4:30 pm (OSM) 4:30 pm	† Walentówski Family	
(HR) 4:30 pm	Pro Populo	
(OSM) 4:30 pm	† Edward Fleming	
(SSPP) 5:00 pm	Pro Populo	
SUNDAY, JANUARY 8	The Epiphany of the Lord	
(OSM) 7:15 am	Living & Deceased Members of the	
	Narloch Family	
(SH) 8:30 am	Mass Fellowship	
(OSM) 9:00 am	† John Joseph Riordan	
(SSPP) 9:30 am	Pro Populo	
(SC) 10:00 am (SR) 10:30 am	+ Judith Lutz	
(OSM) 11:30 am	† Mary & George Brzezinski Pro Populo	
(SSPP) 7:00 pm	Pro Populo	
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MONDAY, JANUARY 9 (OSM) 7:00 am	† Paddy & Freda O'Connor	
(OSM) 12:05 pm	† Cathy Zittel	
	Weekday (First Week in Ordinary	
Time)		
(OSM) 7:00 am	† Mary Clare Bruce	
(OSM) 12:05 pm	For Protection of the Holy Angels	
WEDNESDAY, JANUAR	Y 11 Weekday	
(OSM) 7:00 am	In Honor of St. Joseph	
(OSM) 12:05 pm	Fr. Michael Hammer	
THURSDAY, JANUARY 1	12 Weekday	
(OSM) 7:00 am	In Thanksgiving for Priests	
(OSM) 12:05 pm	Sabrine Cutting & Family	
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(SC) 4:00 pm	† Fran Grzechowiak	
(HR) 4:30 pm	† Carolyn Zagorski	
(HR) 4:30 pm (OSM) 4:30 pm	† Frank Fuller McBride	
(SSPP) 5:00 pm	Pro Populo	
SUNDAY, JANUARY 15 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time		
(OSM) 7:15 am	† Geraldine Kirsch	
(SH) 8:30 am	Pro Populo	
(OSM) 9:00 am	Pro Populo	
(SSPP) 9:30 am	Pro Populo	
(SC) 10:00 am	Pro Populo	
(SR) 10:30 am	† Nancy Spano † Theresa Panzarella	
(OSM) 11:30 am (SSPP) 7:00 pm	T Theresa Panzarella Pro Populo	
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Baptisms

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II Justin Gregory Fiala & Samantha Marie Klein

Wedding

Jacob Carl Cotton & Catherine Jean LeGault

Mass Fellowships

† Lois O'Keefe by Joe & Carole Casamento † Jack Flannick by Tony & Barbara Lupo † Harry Vega by Mary Rose Vicini



# **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/ Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12 Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 (11b)/Mt 3:13-17 Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12/ Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28 Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9//Mk 1:29-39 Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40-45 Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12 Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17 Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-3

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# Kinship Community Food Center

*The items of the week for January 8 are deodorant, body soap and toilet paper.* You are welcome to bring physical items to Mass or donate online via our ongoing virtual food drive at You Give Goods. The link may be found at <u>https://yougivegoods.com/familyoffourparishes2022</u> Please consider making your donation in a reusable tote bag when possible. Thank you!



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# SVDP Thanks You

Thanks to all who donated to the 'Giving Tree' for our conference. We also had some parishioners who adopted some of our families with children to give them a Merry Christmas by providing toys, gloves, hats, socks, pajamas and household items for the parents. Thanks to you. In 2022 we did 452 home visits to 'Families in Need'. Thanks for donating household items and bedding throughout the year. Almost every family is in need of these items, so you can imagine how many pillows, blankets, towels, dishes, silverware, glassware and pots/pans we give out, again thanks for your donations.

When we wish each other "Happy New Year" as Christians, we are really wishing each other a grace-filled year of responding to God's revelation and a year of contemplating what we have seen and heard so that we can come to understand life with more depth and insight. May our "Happy New Year' be a pledge too, like the shepherds and Mary, embrace in joy and peace God's presence to us and in us. To donate household items or if you are interested in joining our mission of helping "Families in Need', please contact Laurie Jacobs at 815-861-4645 or <u>lajacobs9073@gmail.com</u>.

# Many Thanks from the Women's Care Center!

"Thank you for your generosity in participating in the Advent Giving Tree which has provided Women's Care Center with an estimated \$5,700 worth of baby items for our Crib Club! This has been one of our largest donations received this year. We are so incredibly grateful for your wonderful support of our beautiful mission; saving babies, empowering women and building strong families. Thank you for your partnership in this mission of life and love!"

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