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**SS. JOSEPH
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WALSH

December 26, 2021



MERRY
Christmas



The Nativity of the Lord

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MASS TIMES: Saturday: 4:30pm
Sunday: 10:00am
Wednesday: 12:45pm
Friday: 8:30am

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or by request

MASS TIMES: Sunday: 8:00am
Tuesday: 8:30am
Thursday: 8:30am

WEEKLY SCHEDULES

RECONCILIATION

St. Mary.....Saturdays, 3:45-4:15pm
SS. Joseph & Edward.....Sundays, 7:15-7:45am

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 25 at St. Mary

10:00am For The People Of The Parish

NO MASS at 4:30 PM

Sunday, December 26 at SS. Joseph & Edward

8:00am †Carol Sutek by Brenda & Roger Carviou

Sunday, December 26 at St. Mary

10:00am †Janet Mouty by Paul & Stacey Bodi

Tuesday, December 28 at SS. Joseph & Edward

8:30am †Ken Vieth by Toni Vieth

Wednesday, December 29—NO MASS

Thursday, December 30 at SS. Joseph & Edward

8:30am For The Return of The Richard Heinemann
 Family to Church & the Sacraments

Friday, December 31 at St. Mary

8:30am †Janet Mouty by Mary Hahn

Saturday, January 1 at SS. Joseph & Edward

(does not count as Sunday Mass)

8:00am For The People Of The Parish

Saturday, January 1 at St. Mary

4:30pm †Harry Meintz by Fred & Celeste Meintz

Sunday, January 2 at SS. Joseph & Edward

8:00am †Helen Dzurick by Friends

Sunday, January 2 at St. Mary

10:00am †Libbie Zoglman by Estelle Boehm

LITURGICAL MINISTERS-January 1 & 2

Ministers of Communion

4:30pm.....Fr. Robert, Deacon Chuck
 8:00am.....Fr. Robert,
 10:00am.....Fr. Robert, Deacon Chuck

Ushers

4:30pm.....
 8:00am.....
 10:00am.....

Altar Servers & Sacristan

4:30pm.....Carola Fritz
 8:00am.....
 10:00am.....Tim Finger

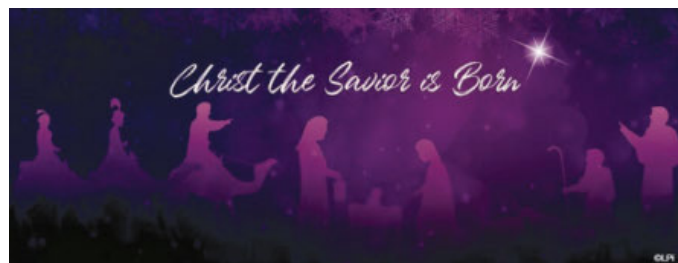
Lectors

4:30pm.....Kelly Nemec
 8:00am.....
 10:00am.....Amanda Benson

Organists & Musicians

4:30pm.....Estelle Boehm, Dave Junak
 8:00am.....Jill Leslie
 10:00am.....Estelle Boehm, Dave Junak

This is the last weekend to make changes to your listing in the Parish Directory!



Due to the increase in COVID cases, we ask you to please stay home if you do not feel well. There is dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass when you are sick, and there are many opportunities to attend televised Masses.



Reminder: Wearing of Masks at Mass is

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
throughout the Diocese.



IN REMEMBRANCE

The Sanctuary Light at St. Mary for the week of December 26-January 1 is

In Memory Of Bob VanVooren.

donated by Kay VanVooren

IN REMEMBRANCE

The Sanctuary Light at SS. Joseph & Edward for the week of December 26-January 1 is

In Memory Of Carol Anderson.

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Please Pray the ST. MICHAEL PRAYER daily for the needs of the parish and the nation.

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.



Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



OUR PARISH COMMUNITIES

OUR HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 1, New Years' Day:

8:00am..... Mass in Walsh (does not count for Sunday Mass)

4:30pm..... Mass in Peshtigo

Sunday, January 2

8:00am..... Mass in Walsh

10:00am..... Mass in Peshtigo

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

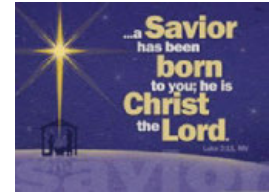
Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too. ©LPi

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sun: The Holy Family
- Mon: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
- Tues: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
- Wed: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
- Fri: St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
- Sat: New Year's Day;
Mary, The Holy Mother of God;
World Day of Peace
- Sun: The Epiphany of the Lord;
Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen,
Bishops and Doctors of the Church

FAITH FORMATION — BOTH PARISHES

BUILDING FAMILIES OF FAITH



FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- January 5:** Family Gathering
Grades 1-11 (Gymnasium)
One adult from each family must attend
- January 12:** Regular Classes—All Grades
Grades 1-6: 6:00-7:15pm
Grades 7-11: 6:00-7:30pm
- January 16:** Sunday
Confirmation Retreat
9:30-7:15pm



EVERY GIVEN SUNDAY
10:00am Mass
CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Meets in the St. Nicholas Room

Children ages 3 years-2nd grade can be dropped off at the St. Nicholas Room **BEFORE** Mass and they will be dismissed back to you after the offertory gifts are taken to the altar or you are welcome to come pick them up at that time. *CRYING BABIES* are very welcome to join us any time!

Church Activity Totes are available and can be found hanging on our little coat rack near the St. Nicholas Room.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK



- Sun: 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 2:41-52
- Mon: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/
Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Tue: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/
Mt 2:13-18
- Wed: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/
Lk 2:22-35
- Thur: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/
Lk 2:36-40
- Fri: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/
Jn 1:1-18
- Sat: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/
Lk 2:16-21
- Sun: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coming Back to Church

Question:

I have been away from the Church for a few years and really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children. Is this a bad reason to come back to Church?

Answer:

If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back. This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be.

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Saint Thomas Aquinas Academy is currently on Christmas Break. School and office hours will resume on Monday, January 3, 2022.



Stewardship Ties

There is a lot of imagery around Christmas that has to do with adoption — or, more specifically, with a child being loved by another as if they belonged to that person and loved in such a profound way that in time, they do come to belong to that person.

We see this with Joseph and the infant Jesus. Joseph is not Jesus' biological father. But through a series of actions, and through his faithfulness in small, everyday matters, Joseph becomes the foster father of Jesus.

Perhaps we are parents who have adopted children, or we ourselves were adopted. We have also seen how, through a series of actions of love and sacrifice, someone can become the parent of a person who is not their "blood." A lot of times these families celebrate the day of the adoption. I've heard it called a "gotcha day," and it's marked joyously, like a birthday.

Most of us are not descended from the Israelites, God's Chosen People. But through a series of extraordinary actions of love and sacrifice, God has made Himself our parent, too. And through our own actions, and through faithfulness in small and everyday matters, we are His children.

But in this family, instead of blood ties, we have stewardship ties. It's not about who we look like, it's about how we treat one another. How we take care of one another.

So this Christmas, let's think about how we will celebrate our adoption. As much as it is Jesus' birthday, it's also our "gotcha day" — the day we received the gift of eternal family.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH WHILE STRENGTHENING OUR PARISH

Please note: There will be NO BINGO on December 26 or January 2.



REJOICE! Christ, the Savior is born! May He continue to watch over and protect us in the New Year!

CHRISTMAS



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday-Monday, December 23-27

Both Offices Closed for Christmas holiday

Sunday, January 2

January 50/50 Raffle after Mass in Walsh

Thursday-Monday, December 30-January 3

Both Offices Closed for New Year's holiday

Tuesday, January 4

5:00pm Stewardship meeting in Peshtigo

Tuesday, January 11

6:00pm Buildings & Grounds meeting in Peshtigo

Monday, January 17

6:30pm Worship meeting in Peshtigo

Tuesday, January 18

5:00pm Finance meeting in Peshtigo

Thursday, January 20

5:30pm PPC meeting in Peshtigo

Tuesday, January 25

4:00pm SSJE Finance meeting - Peshtigo rectory

6:00pm PPC meeting in Walsh

Friday, January 28

4:00pm Holy Hour in Walsh

6:00pm Holy Hour in Peshtigo

THANK YOU FOR SHARING WITH YOUR PARISH

December 12, 2021

ST MARY	SACRIFICIAL GIVING	SSJE
\$ 6,750.30	Registered Envelopes	\$ 1,789.00
92.00	Loose	66.00
368.00	Immaculate Conc.- Env	133.00
159.00	Immaculate Conc.-Loose	64.00
25.00	Christmas	10.00
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\$9,387.05	TOTAL GIVING	\$2,062.00
	OTHER INCOME	
\$ 20.00	Mass Intentions	\$ 10.00
41.00	Candles	10.00
50.00	Miscellaneous Other	
55.20	Aluminum	
\$ 166.20	TOTAL OTHER	\$ 20.00
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CONTRIBUTIONS TO BE CREDITED IN 2021 MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31.

Any financial offerings and donations received after **Friday, December 31** will be credited to the year 2022 contributions.

St. Mary Parish - Directory News

An updated Parish Directory will be printed and made available in January 2022. We would like to make sure all of our parishioners are included!

Samples of our current directory are located in the back of church for you to review. Please take and complete a Directory Form so your family can be added to the next edition, or if you have changes to submit. Forms can be returned to the drop box in church, the parish office, or to Jason Knox at jknoxrph@gmail.com or via text at **(920) 373-5655**. Your picture for the directory may also be submitted to the parish office or to Jason via email or text. Contact Jason with any questions or if you need assistance with photos or getting a picture taken.

Information must be submitted by December 31, 2021 to be included in the next directory!

Aluminum Can Update:

We turned in cans again on December 13.

Seventy-eight lbs. were turned in for St. Mary and 71 lbs. for SS. Joseph & Edward. At \$0.48 cents per lb., we received \$37.44 and \$34.08,



respectively. Our YTD (July 1 to present) totals are \$636.08 for St. Mary and \$685.33 for SS. Joseph & Edward. What a good half year of this mini-fundraiser we have had! We are on pace to match last year's numbers, which was a very good year. Thanks to all of our many contributors! Note that SS. Joseph & Edward's can corral is just west of the main entrance during the winter months and St. Mary's is in its usual place next to the parish office garage. Keep on turning in those cans! God's blessings! Deacon Chuck

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