



SAINT MARY'S  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

*Sunday, December 26, 2021*

*The Most Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

**Mass Schedule**

**Sunday**

7:30am

9:30am

12:00pm (Español)

**Monday through Friday**

6:15am

**Confessions and Adoration**

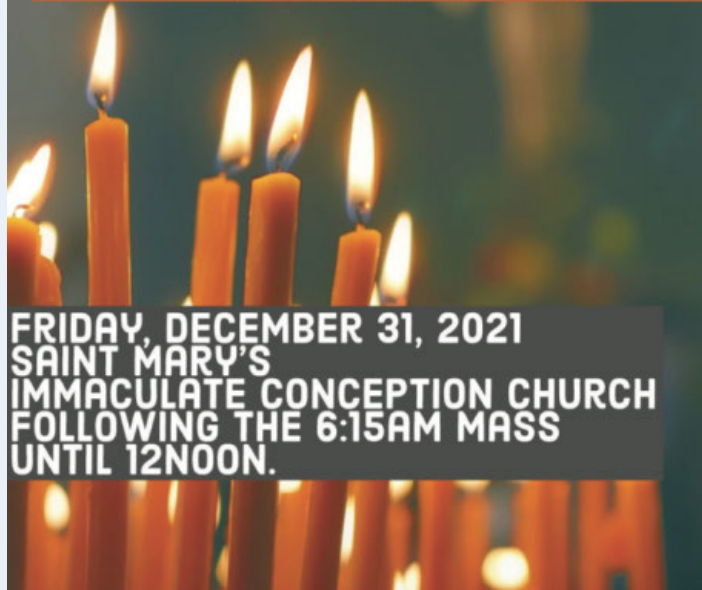
Thursdays

5:30pm-6:30pm



SAINT MARY'S IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION PARISH

**MORNING OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION  
IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE GOOD  
THINGS RECEIVED IN 2021  
AND ENTRUSTING THE YEAR  
OF 2022 TO THE LORD.**



**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2021  
SAINT MARY'S  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH  
FOLLOWING THE 6:15AM MASS  
UNTIL 12NOON.**

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## FROM FATHER NATHAN



Dear Friends at Saint Frances Cabrini Parish and Saint Mary's Immaculate Conception Parish:

Praised be Jesus Christ! And Merry Christmas! The Sunday within the Christmas Octave (December 25th through January 1st) is always dedicated to meditation and focus on the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. This makes a great deal of sense. The total reality of the Incarnation, of God becoming man, encompasses more than the mere event of his birth in Bethlehem. For God to truly become man he must be born into a family, and this Sunday's Feast day underscores this fact.

Family life is a fundamental building block of God's plan for the world. It is both a function of biology based on how God has fashioned us, as well as a function of intentional choices and dedicated commitments to others in the unit: vows between a husband and wife, and attitudes of respect and obedience among all in the household. In this way God's laws and God's grace build on what is basic to biology and elevate it to the level of the supernatural so that it becomes a means to grow in holiness. Family life is a pathway to sanctity, and sanctity occurs through all of the ins and outs and messes endemic to it.

Since births do not occur in isolation, and family life is so central to the fabric of humanity, God saw fit to be born into a family, and to grow up in a family. This Feast of the Holy Family is about the fact that not only was God born, but God also freely placed himself under the care of a mother and an earthly, legal father. God, in his profound humility, chose to obey and respect earthly parents, and to learn and grow as all humans must learn and grow. He chose to be in a household with daily concerns about shelter, food, clothing, chores, and work duties. This

means that even the customs and piety of the Jewish faith were taught to the Lord by his parents. From Mary and Joseph, God learned how to pray, and God learned how to set the table for supper. It would not be inaccurate to say that the adult Jesus that we know from the Gospels was very much a product of his upbringing.

Two critical points, among others, can be taken from all of the above. For one, meditating upon the mystery of the Holy Family should allow us to marvel even more at the mystery and wonder of God's dwelling among us. It fills in all the context of "Christmas" in a very important way. How humble and amazing is God that he would allow us mere creatures to teach him how to pray!

Also, the biological family unit does have an intended design, pattern, and purpose that is divine in its origins. A mom, a dad, and whatever children God sends is a template and standard that cannot undergo too many variations or adaptations before it becomes an entity that goes against God's plan. Our contemporary society has attempted to normalize new adaptations to the traditional model that tragically do take us too far outside the boundaries of what is healthy and good for persons and for the world. Christians are blessed to possess all the teachings of Divine Revelation that shed the proper light on family life as God desires it to be. Our teachings on family life, with the example of the Holy Family at the kernel of them, are indeed "Good News" for us and for a wider world that more and more need to hear it proclaimed, and also need to see it witnessed by us who know and love the Lord Jesus.

### 2021 YEAR-END GIVING GUIDELINES

In order for your contributions and gifts to Saint Mary's Immaculate Conception Parish to qualify as a 2021 charitable gift and contribution for federal income tax purposes, please use the following guidelines:

#### **Hand Delivered:**

Your contribution should be dropped off to the parish office at 406 Jefferson Street, West Bend, WI 53090 on or before Thursday, December 30th, 2021, by 12pm. (only check or cash accepted)

#### **U.S. Postal Service:**

Your contribution should be postmarked on or before Friday, December 31, 2021. Mailing address is 406 Jefferson Street, West Bend, WI 53090. (only check -- do not mail cash)

#### **Contributions through WE SHARE :**

The date of the transfer via online giving must be on or before Friday, December 31, 2021. [stmaryparishwb.org](http://stmaryparishwb.org)

#### **IRA Distributions/Securities & Stock Distributions:**

The date of transfer must be on or before Wednesday, December 29, 2021 -3:00pm.

Please contact Bill Neureuther, 262-338-2366 x113 with distribution questions.

**Thank you for your continued generosity to Saint Mary's Immaculate Conception Parish!**

**Please note the Parish Office will be closed on December 27, 31, 2021, and January 3, 2022.**

### UPCOMING SCHEDULES

#### **MORNING OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION TO ENTRUST 2022 TO THE LORD**

**Friday, December 31 following the 6:15am Mass  
until 12noon at Saint Mary's Church**

#### **SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

**Saturday, January 1st at 10am  
at Saint Mary's Parish Only  
(no Mass of anticipation on December 31.)**

#### **THE EPIPHANY—January 2nd**

**We return to our normal Mass schedules**

### INTERFAITH CAREGIVERS

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This organization provides local opportunities for both volunteers and recipients. They bring non-medical care, such as light housekeeping, grocery shopping, transportation, or just a friendly visit to Seniors who could benefit from resources necessary to remain independent. To register as a volunteer or recipient, call them at 262-365-0902.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 27  
6:15am The Vogelsang Family  
Tuesday, December 28  
6:15am +Donald Peters  
Wednesday, December 29  
6:15am For Physical & Spiritual Health of Judy  
& Laura Meidl Families  
Thursday, December 30  
6:15am +Alfred "Fritz" Schmitt  
Friday, December 31  
6:15am +Harriet Peters  
Saturday, January 1  
10:00am +Carol Seegers  
Sunday, January 2  
7:30am +Eugene Schellinger  
9:30am +Francis & +Lorraine Braun  
12:00pm(Spanish)+Wayne Fink Jr.

## NOW HIRING

**Full-Time Shared Director of Administrative Services**  
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## TWINNING/SPONSORSHIP NEWS

We are happy to report that we have enough sponsors to support 62 students for the 2022 school year that begins in February. Our highest total!!!  
The Sponsorship program officially began with the 2006 school year with 15 students being sponsored.  
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## PARISH CONTACTS

*Please see the website for a complete staff listing*

**Parish Office**.....(262) 338-5600  
**Catholic Formation**.....(262) 338-5605  
**Shared Pastor**  
Father Nathan Reesman.....nreesman@wbparishes.org  
**Shared Associate Pastor**  
Father Carlos Londono.....clondono@wbparishes.org  
**Cemetery Sexton**.....Chuck Lepak (262) 334-2436

## PASTORAL COUNCIL

Father Nathan Reesman	Wendy Peters
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Kathleen Paul	

## PARISH HAPPENINGS

### Welcome to our new members!

#### **The Schultz Family**

Are you a registered member of our parish?  
We would love to have you as a part of our family!  
To register, please contact the parish office or visit  
[stmaryparishwb.org/im-new-parish-registration-info](http://stmaryparishwb.org/im-new-parish-registration-info)

### OFFICE CLOSED:

Monday, December 27th  
Friday, December 31st  
Monday, January 3rd

### CHURCH CLEANING

Our next church cleaning will be January 22nd at 7am. All are welcome. Questions about church cleaning-call Beth at the parish office: 262-338-5600

### SCRIP SALES: Resume on January 2nd

## AMAZON-SMILE

**Did you know you can earn money for our parish with every purchase you make on Amazon? It's so easy!**

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## PARISH INFORMATION

### New Members

Welcome! Please call the parish office or visit our website.

### Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8am-4pm. Friday: 8:00am-12noon

### Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Contact Julie Braun at 262-338-2366 X114 for information.

### Baptism

Contact Julie Braun for information on Baptism Preparation Classes, preferably before the child is born.

### Marriage

Please contact the pastor as soon as you are considering marriage, but no less than six months prior to the desired wedding date.

### Communion for the Homebound

Call the parish office.

### Sacrament of the Sick

Celebrated the last Sunday of the month after both Sunday morning Masses. Or call the parish office to arrange a visit.

### Signing for hearing impaired

2nd Sunday of the month at the 9:30am Mass

### Miscarriage Ministry

Please contact Julie Braun at 262-338-2366

### Bulletin, E-bulletin, Website, and Pulpit announcements

Contact Tammy Waech [twaech@wbparishes.org](mailto:twaech@wbparishes.org).

### Sign up for our E-bulletin on our website.

### Parish Social Media

Facebook: @ImmaculateConceptionWestBend

Twitter: @WBParishes

### Honduras Mission:

Visit: [www.stmaryparishwb.org/twinning-san-gaspar](http://www.stmaryparishwb.org/twinning-san-gaspar) for details and to get involved.

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