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Sunday, January 2, 2022
The Epiphany of the Lord

Mass Schedule

Sunday

7:30am

9:30am

12:00pm (Español)

Monday through Friday

6:15am

Confessions and Adoration

Thursdays

5:30pm-6:30pm

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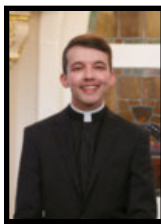


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FROM FATHER CARLOS



Dear Friends,

A blessed New Year of the Lord 2022! With gratitude and great rejoicing, we have celebrated the end of a whole calendar year, thanking God for the many blessings received during 2021. Now, as we begin this new year of 2022, we entrust to the Lord the joys, hopes and even the challenges that this year will bring for

us. It is Blessed Solanus Casey's invitation that we "Thank God ahead of time," and indeed today we already thank God for the many graces and blessings we will receive throughout this new year.

On the first day of 2022, January 1, the Church universal celebrates the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. The celebration of Mary's divine motherhood is linked to the celebration of the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. Because we profess that Christ is perfect God and perfect man, the necessary consequence of such profession of faith is to acknowledge and celebrate that Mary, as the Mother of Christ, is indeed the Mother of God.

Already, the first day of the year, the Church invites us to set our priorities straight. To profess that Jesus Christ is God is to say that he is the only one to whom we will listen and the only one we will follow. The Gospel, where we find the teachings of God, the Son of Mary, becomes thus the foundation of the new year we begin to live.

What at times lies underneath the lack of fervor for the practice of the faith is an actual lack of faith in the divinity of the Lord. If someone professes Christ to be the second person of the Almighty Trinity, then that person will heed his words that say "Come to me all you who labor and are burdened" because these words are coming from God himself and not from a mere human

being. And if that same person professes that God is good and that God loves us, then we would heed Christ's words with confidence for we would know that they are ultimately ordered for our good, coming from the one that loves us and perfectly wills our good.

As we begin this new year of the Lord, I invite us to consider the following: do I profess that Christ is God with my whole being? If we answer "yes" then the practice of the Faith makes sense and indeed we recognize that it is truly "our duty and our salvation." Another consequence of believing that Christ is God is the belief in his real presence in the Eucharist. Jesus who is God once took bread and said, "This IS my body" and then took a cup filled with wine and said, "This IS my blood." Because he is God, we believe Christ meant what he said and accomplished what he intended. That bread that is Christ is in our churches, in the tabernacle, awaiting for us to visit him and to adore him.

This year our parishes will be blessed with a Perpetual Eucharist Adoration chapel at Saint Frances Cabrini. There, the bread that is Christ, the bread that is God will be permanently exposed for adorers to come and worship the Lord whom in his infinite mercy and love for us wished to remain in our midst in the Eucharist. As we celebrate Mary, the Mother of God, may we also celebrate our Faith in Jesus Christ, the Father's only begotten son, "who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary" who is also "God from God, light from light, true God from true God." Jesus Christ is Lord, and He lives and reigns world without end.

**Please keep Father Carlos in your prayers this week while he is away from the parishes.*

LOVE ONE ANOTHER CAMPAIGN



The Milwaukee Archdiocese will be re-launching the Love One Another Campaign in the new year. Our parish is happy to be a part of the first wave of parishes participating. Parish volunteers will reach out to you and share more information about the Love One Another Campaign in the coming months. Until then, please pray for the success of the campaign. Together, we can do our part to strengthen our parish and vital ministries. God bless you!

WEST BEND ADORATION CHAPEL

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As our new adoration chapel nears completion, please visit the adoration chapel website (above) for details about chapel opening dates and scheduling your time to come and Adore HIM.

Please contact Jody with any questions: adoration@wbparishes.org or 262-343-3486. We currently anticipate a March 2022, opening.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 3

6:15am +Sandra Sterman

Tuesday, January 4

6:15am +Bernice Schultz

Wednesday, January 5

6:15am +Antonia Buddenhagen

Thursday, January 6

6:15am +Jacob Sterman

Friday, January 7

6:15am +Roman & +Rosemary Barth

Sunday, January 9

7:30am +Robert Mueller

9:30am +Carl & +Clem Palash

12:00pm(Spanish)Celebrant

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CHURCH CLEANING

Thanks to our heavenly cleaners and decorators for December: Marilyn and Gwynn Theusch, Jean Franke, Mary Moll, Judy Barwick, Diane Leister, Theresa Meyer, Sue Peters, Carolyn and Bella Leister, Gail Brown and Beth Habersetzer. Your help is greatly appreciated.

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

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PARISH HAPPENINGS

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

- The parish office will be closed on Monday, January 3rd
- Please note that due to limited staff, the Parish Office Hours will be reduced from January 23rd through February 3rd.

IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Please remember in your prayers the following parishioners who have recently passed away:

Lavern "Sonny" Carstens

Ingrid Mueller

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Ron & Marilyn Gundrum

The Conti 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

SCRIP SALES:

- Last day to order scrip: January 16th
- Scrip will be sold out-of-box only: January 23rd, January 31st, February 5th

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.

Sign up for our E-bulletin on our website.

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