



SAINT MARY'S  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

*Sunday, January 9, 2022*  
*The Baptism 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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Dear Friends at Saint Mary’s Immaculate Conception Parish and Saint Frances Cabrini Parish:

Praised be Jesus Christ! I want to offer some brief comments on what at first might seem to be two unrelated items: Christmas and Covid.

Under the heading of Christmas, as we officially conclude the liturgical season today with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, I simply want to express my gratitude for, and awe of, the beautiful faith of our parishes expressed so well in these last few weeks. It is true that our numbers at the Advent and Christmas Masses were still short of pre-Covid numbers, however it is also the case that we did have nice crowds this year in church, far higher than last year. I sensed that people came to pray, were engaged, were grateful to be at Mass, were grateful for the sacraments and the beauty of our seasons, and I think simply grateful for anything that was “normal” and “routine.” It was a blessing for me to see faces of people in church I had not seen for quite awhile, and to watch children come home to pray with their parents, and to witness the joy and beauty of all the in-person encounters in our churches between friends and neighbors.

People have also continued to be very generous with their donations of time, money, and prayers. It takes a great deal of work to decorate our churches, and to come to hours of rehearsals for special musical pieces, and to sign up for times of Adoration, and to greet people as our ushers do over and over again. It takes great generosity and trust to keep sending in donations for our operations with everything else in life becoming more expensive. All of this went on this Christmas season in the face of so many other challenges and uncertainties in the world. I took it all in with a great sense of amazement at the enduring power of the Gospel, and also of the community of the Church. Our parishes are not perfect, and there continue to be problems and daily headaches, but even with all of that the genuine love for the Lord in our parish communities remains evident and strong.

Which is a fitting lead-in to Covid. Like everything in life that is linked to suffering, Covid has become yet another permitted agent of God’s plan for humanity that allows both the best and the worst of the human condition to come forth. It has been an agent to unleash compassion and tireless dedication on the part of so many towards the sick and the dying. It has also been an occasion for deep division, frustration, and daily up-ending of all that has been so routine for so long. It has been, from my vantage point anyway, a relentless source of consternation for all of our over-confident attempts at scientific, medical, political, and personal control.

To put it another way, Covid is in so many respects not a sickness but an antidote. It is not our opponent but is instead our instructor. It is a priceless modern lesson in humility, surrender, patience, and detachment which are all remedies to the deep-seated sickness of pride. It is teaching us all to learn the critical phrase about every plan we make: “If God’s wills it.” Science and politics can be great gifts, and as Christians we do not reject what is good in them. However, we cannot place all of our faith in them. It is a painful lesson for us all because the secularism of our era has seeped its way deep into our marrow, even into the bones of the Church. Maybe Covid will help to heal it.

The beautiful community gatherings of parish life during this Christmas season were a great sign of hope to me that the real healing of humanity that the Gospel offers is still possible and is still alive and well. In the face of all that is secular, so many of you came together in person, in church, before the altar, to profess the Creed, and to proclaim that Christ is born, and that his death and resurrection are the ultimate remedy for every single ill. No one came to Mass rejecting science, or the important role of politics, but rather you all came knowing that faith reigns above those things, and knowing that only God is our master. You came knowing that the in-person gathering of the Church’s community is of supreme importance and can never, ever be destroyed. Know of my gratitude and of my sense of awe at the gift of your faith.

**SMIC Parish Neighborhood Outreach:  
Green Tree Elementary School Assistance**

Saint Mary’s Immaculate Conception Parish will be partnering with Saint Vincent de Paul and the Salvation Army to provide an ongoing commitment of assistance to families in critical need of help at Green Tree Elementary School. Please join in support as we respond to the School’s current and future requests for specific needs for their families.

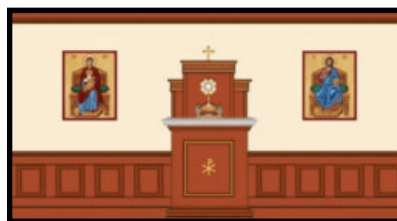
**Green Tree Elementary Winter Clothing Drive  
New or gently used winter clothing  
for boys and girls ages 5-9**

- Snow pants sized 7-8-10-12
  - Waterproof gloves sized S-M-L
  - Winter boots kids sizes (13, 1, 2, and 3)
- Drop off location:** bins in the Saint Mary’s church and lobby entry doorways beginning the week of January 9<sup>th</sup>.

*Please watch for future item drives for Green Tree later this spring and this coming fall. Thank you so much for your prayers for our neighborhood families and your generosity!*

**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](mailto:adoration@wbparishes.org) or 262-343-3486. We currently anticipate a March 2022, opening.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 10  
6:15am +Clara Moll  
Tuesday, January 11  
6:15am +Donald Peters  
Wednesday, January 12  
6:15am +Charlene Fuiten  
Thursday, January 13  
6:15am +Kay Lepak  
Friday, January 14  
6:15am +Patrick Duffy  
Sunday, January 16  
7:30am +Tom Klamrowski  
9:30am +Bill Anderson  
12:00pm(Spanish)Celebrant

## 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!

## THAT MAN IS YOU!

We invite all men 16 years and older to attend.  
Wednesdays starting January 12, 2022  
7:00pm in the Saint Mary's Church Hall-Basement  
13 sessions leading to Holy Week

## PRESENTATIONS AVAILABLE

If you are interested in watching a video of Mitch Mueller's presentations on anxiety and depression, or filling out a questionnaire about a group, please see our website under "news"

## 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  
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## PASTORAL COUNCIL

Father Nathan Reesman	Wendy Peters
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Kathleen Paul	

## PARISH HAPPENINGS

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Due to limited staff, the Parish Office Hours will be reduced from January 24th to January 28th.

Monday, January 24th, 8am to 12pm  
Tuesday, January 25th, 8am to 12pm  
Wednesday, January 26th, 8am to 12pm  
Thursday, January 27th, Office Closed  
Friday, January 28th, Office Closed

### SCRIP:

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

### IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Please remember in your prayers the following parishioner who has recently passed away:

**James Horner**

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

### JOURNEY DONATIONS NEEDED:

The Journey Ministry of Washington County is looking for donations of sets of nativity figures that are no taller than 3 to 4" in height and ribbon (of any color or pattern with no wires) that is 1/2". We also are accepting religious medals. All figurines and ribbon must be in good condition. Please drop them off at SFC Parish Office during business hours, attention: Christina.

## 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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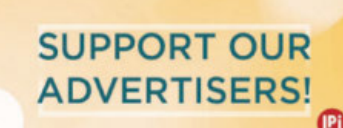
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