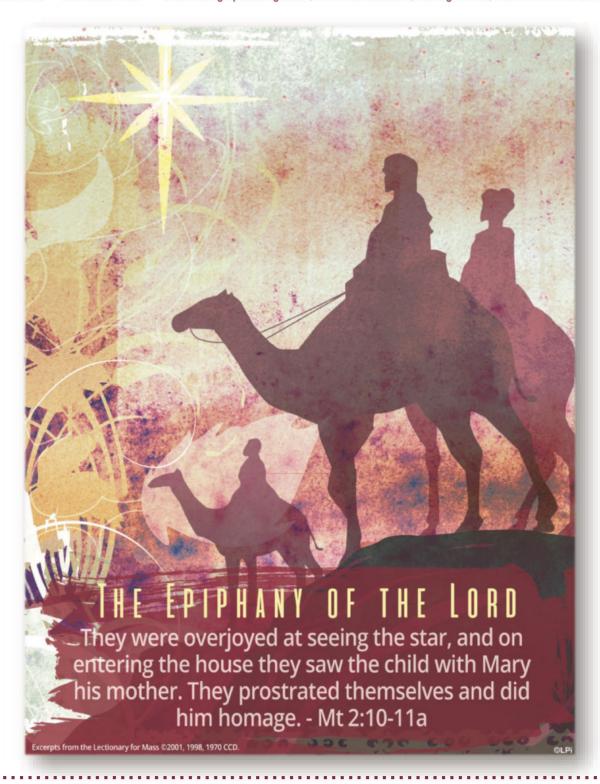
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## Dear Friends

#### Praised be Jesus Christ!

Happy New Year! I hope you all were able to ring in the new year with family and friends. New Year's Eve in my family has always been calm. It is usually spent with my parents and a couple of long-time family friends, and we have a nice dinner and play some games waiting for the ball to drop. Even in trying times, a new year brings about a sense of hope and renewal. It's kind of like the slate has been wiped clean and we begin again. How fitting it is that we, as believers, ring in the new year by honoring our Blessed Mother. We are under her patronage not only as a parish but as a country, and seek her protection, her guidance, and her love as we begin another year of our earthly journey. As we are still in the Octave of Christmas, our Christmas joy is renewed as well, reflecting upon Mary's Divine Motherhood.

We also celebrate Epiphany of the Lord, the feast which marks the Magi's arrival and their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. All three gifts acknowledging Jesus as the Messiah, the one who would redeem the world. Word now is starting to spread about Jesus' birth and people are becoming curious about this newborn king of the Jews. This reminds me a bit of our own evangelization. Now that we've celebrated Jesus' birth and witnessed his coming into our lives in many wonderful ways, we must start spreading the word. In part, that is what this feast calls us to do, to spread the word and tell people about what just happened. In the secular world Christmas was over on December 26. For us in the Church, the Christmas season is ending and we'll be back to Ordinary Time soon. Yet, the joy of Christmas and the redemptive message of Christmas is not over. That is the one thing that cannot be boxed up and brought out again next year. The Incarnation of our God is the good news that lasts all year long.

I'd like to mention some events that will be coming up here at the parish. On Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm starting January 25, we will offering Bishop Robert Barron's *The Mass* series. There are six sessions, and they will take us right up to Ash Wednesday. Each week there will be a viewing of Barron's video presentation, small group discussion, large group discussion, and Q & A with me.

Also, starting this week on January 5, we are offering a viewing of the TV series, *The Chosen*. You may have heard of this popular series, which is very moving, prayerful, and entertaining. Following each viewing there will be time for small- and large- group discussion. This will run each Wednesday through February 23. Hope to see you all there!

Holy Mary, Mother of Godpray for us!			s!
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# **Liturgical Schedule and Mass Intentions**

#### Monday, January 3

8:15 am Mass

† Max Lukas

4:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration

#### Tuesday, January 4

8:15 am Mass

- † Dominic Calabresa
- † June Wisniewski
- † Virginia Kaja

#### Wednesday, January 5

8:15 am Mass

#### Thursday, January 6

8:15 am Mass

† Robert Schiek

5:00 pm Reconciliation

#### Friday, January 7

8:15 am Mass

#### Saturday, January 8

4:00 pm Mass (AL)

#### Sunday, January 9

7:15 am (AL), 9:00 am (LB), 11:00 am (LB) Masses

- † Mary E. Wood
- † Joanne Pellegrini
- † Ralph Feiertag
- † Tony Galvan
- † Peter Zignego
- † Arlene McCue
- † Andrea Sparacino Kozak
- † Mary Ann Sparacino
- † Rosella Janquart
- † Barbara Loughney
- † Frank and Anita Niescior
- † Barbara and George Niemczycki
- † Melenchuk Family
- The living and deceased members of St. Mary Catholic Faith Community

AL: Fr. Aaron Laskiewicz LB: Fr. Leonard Barbian XAV: Xaverian Missionary Fathers



May the Risen Lord grant eternal rest and peace to:

**Joyce M. Overeem -** wife of the late Charles T.; mother of Charles (Janine), Robin Theissen, and Barbara (Doug) Braun.

The Catholic Faith Community of St. Mary extends our condolences to their families and friends. May they find comfort in God's love and promise.

## **Pray for:**

Patricia Benoit • Sandy Dekarski • Wesley Finseth Gloria Hapka • Jim Herrmann • Barbara Kostrzewa Amy Krueger • Gerdi Machnitzky • Doug Marcelini Cindy Murkow • Nick Lascari • Phyllis Nickchen Kathleen O'Brien • Byron Ohmdahl • Lisa Przybayla Jim R. • Robert Rogalinski • Andrea S. Ella Schmidtknecht • Lavonne Tuska • Kenneth Voss Carol Anne Werkowski • Pat Wilken

**Note:** The "Pray For" list is cleared and updated quarterly. Please call the Parish Office (414-425-2174) **after** Sunday, January 2, 2022 if you would like to have a name retained or a new name added for the next quarter beginning January 2. Submit **full** names, whenever possible. We would appreciate a call when prayers have been answered as well! Thank you.

## Wedding Bans

II Ryan Lucchesi and Courtney Leister

#### Readings - January 2 through January 9, 2022

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a,

5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 - 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17,

23-25

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19 - 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;

Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38;

Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

#### Join Us for these Epiphany Celebrations at Masses!

"Blessing of Time" is celebrated at the beginning of the year. Our twelve-month calendar was initiated and developed under Pope Gregory XIII in the late sixth century), and is often referred to as the "Gregorian calendar". Fr. Aaron will give a general blessing of calendars at all Epiphany Masses.

"Blessing of the Doors" is a tradition initiated by the Israelites of the Old Testament in which they marked their doors to keep their homes safe from danger. Perhaps you, or someone you know, have asked parish clergy to bless their home in this fashion; sometimes such a blessing is requested soon after the purchase of a new home. We will have kits available with a piece of chalk and a note on how to bless your own home.

**"Epiphany Proclamation"** is either recited or chanted, and is a summary of all the liturgical events (and their dates) that will be celebrated in the coming year. The Proclamation will take place at all Masses.

Turn your face to the sun and the shadows fall behind you. (Unknown)

#### **Announcements**

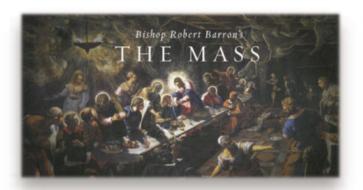
#### "The Chosen"

#### Wednesday Evenings, January 5 through February 23 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the Gathering Space

Join us in viewing *The Chosen*, a multi-season show about the life and ministry of Jesus Christ from the perspective of his early followers and founded on Sacred Scripture. Come to know Jesus in a deeper way as he shares his love, mercy, and compassion with those he met on the way - the sinners, the wounded, the outcasts.

Encounter the humanity of Christ, his mother Mary, Mary Magdalen, John the Baptist and the disciples. Bible stories will come alive to you. Each night you'll view an episode beginning with "Called by Name", followed by small group discussion.

Bring a friend, you won't be disappointed. Register NOW; visit the parish website, <a href="www.stmaryhc.org">www.stmaryhc.org</a>, or call Jeff Kacala in Catholic Formation at 414-425-2174, ext. 235.



#### "The Mass" A Catholic Study Program

by Bishop Robert Barron Hosted by Fr. Aaron Laskiewicz

Tuesday Evenings
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from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the Gathering Space

Register now at www.stmaryhc.org.

#### First Friday Men's Club - January 7

All parish men are invited to attend the First Friday Men's Club. Each first Friday of the month, the club meets for **8:15 am Mass at St. Alphonsus Parish** (6060 West Loomis Road), followed by breakfast and a talk by Fr. James E. Lobacz at **Carl's Catering** (5110 West Loomis Road). For more details, contact Tom Cyganek at 414-281-0526.

#### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

## Monday, January 10, from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm The Meeting Room

Kits with yarn are available. For more information about our ministry, please contact Jean Fugate at 414-525-0105.



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Parish Website: www.stmaryhc.org

**General Liturgical Schedule** 

Saturday: 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday: 7:15 am, 9:00 am, and 11:00 am Masses Monday through Friday: 8:15 am Mass

**Eucharistic Adoration** 

Monday evening, 4:00 to 9:00 pm

Rite of Reconciliation

Thursday evening, 5:00 to 6:00 pm, or by appointment

**Parish Office Hours** 

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

#### **Parish Membership**

New-to-the-area families and individuals are welcome and invited to join St. Mary Catholic Faith Community. Young adults should join as members on their own. You may register online by emailing the Parish Office or in person at the Parish Office during our regular office hours. Registration is required for Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist Preparation, Confirmation, Marriage, and enrollment in Catholic Formation (religious education) programs.

#### **Infant Baptism**

Baptisms are celebrated generally on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 1:00 and 2:00 pm (four families per time slot). Please contact the Parish Office during the first trimester. Baptism preparation work is required for parents.

#### **The Sacrament of Matrimony**

The Sacrament of Matrimony may be celebrated most Fridays and Saturdays of the year, with the exception of the Seasons of Advent and Lent. The bride or the groom or both must be registered as members of the parish and are expected to be attending Mass regularly. Weddings must be scheduled at least nine months before the actual wedding date. For more details or to schedule a wedding, please contact the pastor.

#### **Pastoral Care Ministry**

If you are going to have surgery or if you suddenly take ill and would like a priest to anoint you, please call the Parish Office and let the administrative assistants know you would like the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Also, Pastoral Care ministers can call and pray with you if you are ill or as you recover; again, please call the Parish Office staff to set up a connection with a Pastoral Care minister.

#### St. Vincent de Paul Outreach

St. Mary St. Vincent de Paul Society is available to serve those who need food or other resources. If you need assistance, call the Parish Office at 414-425-2174 and at the voice prompt, enter extension 310. A St. Vincent de Paul representative will call you back to discuss your needs.

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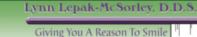
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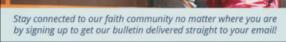


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