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January 2, 2022

Fr. Michael Warden

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Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil Sunday 4:00 pm 8:00 am 10:00 am

8:00 am

6:00 pm

8:00 am

Daily Mass

Tuesday thru Friday Thursday First Saturday

Sacrament of Confession

Saturday Tuesday & Thursday First Saturday 2:30 pm 5:00 pm 7:30 am

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday thru Friday Tuesday Wednesday First Friday First Saturday 7:00-8:00am 5:00-6:00pm 9:00am-Noon 8:30-9:30am 7:30-8:00am

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call Tammy Krueger when you are expecting.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please call a minimum of six months in advance.

Visitation of the Sick/Homebound Please call Barbara Tate at 920-202-3239

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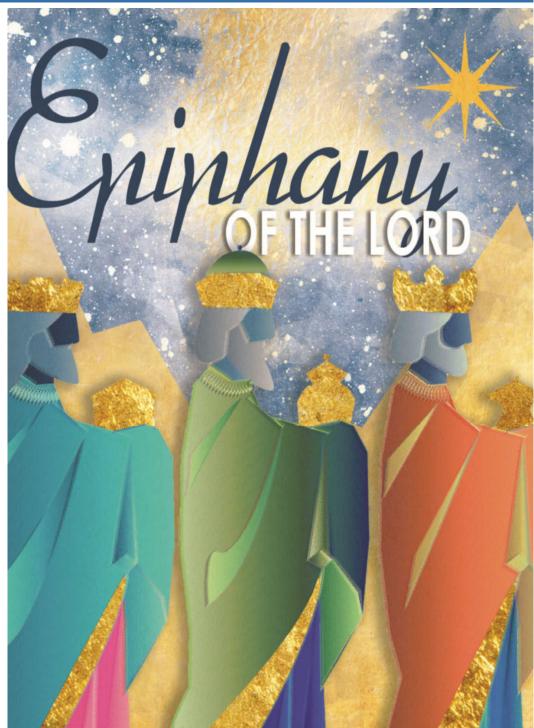
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Liturgical Tidbits...

What is the Mass? Why does it seem boring? The Mass is a prayer. More specifically, it is the participation of the priestly prayer of Jesus Christ the Son to God the Father on behalf of the entire human race. Ultimately that priestly prayer is completed on the cross when Jesus hands Himself over entirely to the Father saying, "It is accomplished." At each Mass, Catholics enter into that same eternal prayer and mystery. The priest speaks the words of prayer in an audible voice. Notice during the Mass that the priest speaks to the congregation (The Lord be with you! Etc.) and at other points is speaking to God the Father during the Eucharistic Prayers (I.e. Eucharistic Prayer II "You [referring to God the Father] are Holy Indeed the fount of all holiness.") The priest dialogues with the people. Then he offers their prayers, needs, petitions, gratitude, etc. to God the Father. The priest acts in the very person of Christ. The people echo in their hearts the words of the priest to God the Father. This is how participation works. Most of us will never play on a professional football team, but it doesn't prevent us from entering deeply into the performance by showing joy or frustration during the game. The depth we enter into that

performance of the audible prayer of the priest will determine how engaged we will be in the Mass. If you invest in a football game, you will never be bored. If you invest in the words of the Mass and see the reality behind it, the result will be the same.



Pastoral Message

Dear Parishioners,

I hope that the celebration of Christ's birth was a time of great joy for each of you and your families. Today we come to the unofficial end of Christmas as we have now completed the octave (eight days) in which we have celebrated Christ's birth. Although the Christmas season technically continues until the Baptism of the Lord.

The celebration at holy Mass this week is the Epiphany of the Lord. We all know about the gifts the Magi brought with them to the Christ child so I won't bore you with that.

Instead I'd like to discuss the power of one word found in our second reading today from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians: coheirs or, more specifically, heirs.

If we take a wide-angled lens and examine Scripture as a whole, we see God promising an heir to Abraham. God promised an heir of David would rule forever. We see the theme throughout the Bible of the selection of heirs and the passing of blessings to them.

Christ is the Son of God. He is heir to all things including heaven. By taking flesh God has welcomed into His very existence our lowly status (our human minds, flesh, hearts and souls) and lifted it up. He has dragged it out of the mire of sin and made us worthy to enter heaven itself. In our baptism, we receive this birthright. Our baptism makes us a member of Christ's body.

As a member of Christ's body, we inherit what is rightly due to Him. We inherit a relationship with the Father. We have no need of prophets or the Temple anymore. Each of us has direct access to the Father because in Christ the Father truly becomes "Our Father". We also become citizens of the kingdom over which Christ reigns, the Kingdom of God. We are heirs of heaven itself.

This inheritance is not earned, it is given by God to us. It can be lost, traded for some lesser good (like Esau or the Prodigal Son). Yet, you, yes YOU, have been called "son" or "daughter" by God. He stands ready to give to you all that His Son, Christ Jesus, has inherited. God has done the hard work for us. He doesn't ask us to be successful, He asks us to be faithful.

Luke Gietman

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<u>Vianney</u> Cenacle

Vianney Cenacles are groups of men and women who are affiliated with the Foundation of Prayer for Priests and, placing themselves under the intercession of St. John Vianney, the Patron Saint of Priests, come together to pray for priests and vocations. Taking inspiration from the Congregation for the Clergy's 2012 publication Eucharistic Adoration for the Sanctification of Priests and *Spiritual Maternity*, the Foundation of Prayer for Priests is proud to introduce both Public and Private Vianney Cenacles in order to magnify the Congregation's worldwide initiative of intercessory prayer for priests, especially through Eucharistic Adoration.

Here at St. Mary's, we have an open Vianney Cenacle the first Tuesday of each month at 5:00pm with the scheduled holy hour with Eucharistic Adoration. Please come join us in praying for priests and vocations!



Parish Life

Stop the Bleed Training

Our Parish First Responder Ministry Members, Ushers and Greeters are invited to attend a brief "stop the bleed" training session on Sunday, January 16 from 9:10am–9:50am in the St. Mary's Gymnasium. In an emergency, the person next to a bleeding victim may very well be the one who's most likely to save him or her from bleeding to death. By learning how to "stop the bleed", you'll gain the ability to recognize life-threatening bleeding and act quickly and effectively to control bleeding once you learn three quick techniques. <u>This is an RSVP event.</u> Please contact Steve Elliott at <u>apd9159@gmail.com</u> before January 10 if you will be attending. Or send a text to 920-538-6119. Thank you!

Religious Education

Second semester of Religious Ed begins Tuesday January 11/ Wednesday January 12th. All high school third quarter class assignments will be posted in the narthex upon the students arrival on Wednesday evening. Please contact Luke Gietman or Maria Fannin with any questions!

Speaker/Religious Education Family Night

On Wednesday, January 5th, Ben Miller, son of parishioners Tom and Laureen Miller, will be speaking at 4:45pm on the theme of "Winning the Battle of the Heart". This will be a family night for religious education, but all parishioners are welcome!

<u>In Sympathy</u>

Prayers and sympathy are offered for the family and friends of Peter Bekkers who was called home to the Lord. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.



Please welcome the newly baptized:

Connor Michael Reis Son of Jonathan & Katie Reis Josie Ann Nichols Daughter of Jesse & Kimberly Nicholas

Cleanora Dolores Schmidt Daughter of Phil & Vicki Schmidt

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Lord, help me to love You *in* all things, and *above* all things.



School News: St. Mary's Museum











Mary Museum

Different images of Mary were displayed in our Mary Museum. Students were asked to look at the images and respond to some of these questions in their journal:

- Their favorite image and why they liked it.
- If they could tell Mary anything, what would they tell her?
- * Which title of Mary they liked best and why?
- How they could be more like Mary?

Intention Ornaments



PRAYERFUL CHRISTMAS TREES

Thank you to everyone who turned in an ornament with their family's prayer intentions! The decorated ornaments add an extra pop of excitement when you see the sanctuary. Your prayers are being lifted to God during each and every Mass!

Please know that if you were not able to submit an intention-filled ornament, we are still praying for you and your intentions too! This is simply a beautiful visual of the prayers that we can ask for and offer for one another as a parish family.

What is Your New Year's **Resolution?**

come January 1st each year. And while resolutions of eating better, exercising more, reading more, hobby, etc. are great, maybe try something a little more spiritually fulfilling for 2022. Try praying more, learning a new prayer, going to an extra Mass during the week - maybe your goal is even to make sure you make it Mass every week at all! Maybe try letting go of a grudge, or some hurt that you've been clinging to. Go to confession! Make confession a regular occurrence!

As we make efforts to better our relationships with ourselves and others, make an even greater effort to better your relationship with God this year.

Living the Faith at Home



May Christ Bless This House

A traditional way of blessing your home for Epiphany is to use chalk to write above the home's entrance, for instance, "20+M+B+C+22". The numbers, combined, should be the current year.

The letters C, M, and B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words "Christus mansionem benedicat" - "May Christ Bless this house". The "+" signs represent the cross and 20...22 is the year.

Our parish will have blessed chalk with prayers to be brought home and to bless your own homes with. Because the chalk is blessed, it can be put away to be used again next year or you can also bury it in the yard.

Care Ministry

Our Stephen Minister trainees will have their first training session on

We all like to make resolutions

"Supervision: A Key to Quality Christian Care"

this week. They'll learn about the kind of discussion that takes place in supervision while preserving confidentiality—and then



they'll have a chance to try out their skills in a practice supervision session.

Please pray for them as they develop these essential abilities for their ongoing ministry.

Contact Barbara Tate, Care Minister

Stephen Ministry or Hope Ministry.

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Readings for	the week of January 02, 2022		
Sunday:	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		
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 72:1-2, 3-4, 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 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a		
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16		
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30		
Next Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22		
•	or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk		
	3:15-16, 21-22		
Observances	for the week of January 02, 2022		
Sunday:	The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops		
	and Doctors of the Church		
Monday:	The Most Holy Name of Jesus		
Tuesday:	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious		
Wednesday:	St. John Neumann, Bishop		
Thursday:	St. André Bessette, Religious		
Friday:	St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest		
Saturday:			
Next Sunday:	The Baptism of the Lord		

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Calendar for the week of January 3-9, 2022

Parish Offices Closed

Monday

	No Mass	
Tuesday	Adoration Morning Prayer Mass No Religious Education Classes Adoration of Jesus in Church Vianney Cenacle Confessions Choir Practice	7:00am 7:40am 8:00am 5:00-6:00pm 5:00-5:45pm 6:00pm
Wednesday		
	Adoration Morning Prayer Mass Adoration Religious Ed Family Night	7:00am 7:40am 8:00am 9:00am-12:00pm 4:45-6:00pm
Thursday		
	Adoration Morning Prayer Mass Confessions Mass	7:00am 7:40am 8:00am 5:00-5:45pm 6:00pm
Friday		
	Adoration Morning Prayer Mass	7:00am 7:40am 8:00am
Saturday		
	Confessions Mass	2:30pm 4:00pm
Sunday	Maga	8:00om
	Mass Mass	8:00am 10:00am

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Mass Intentions

Week of January 3-9, 2022

The saving graces of the Mass are for:				
No Mass	-			
8:00 am	† The Holy Souls			
/ 8:00 am	† The Living & Deceased			
	members of the Gerald &			
0.00	Ethel Ebben Family			
8:00 am	† The Living & Deceased			
	members of the Holcomb Family			
6:00 pm	† The Deceased members of			
	Catholic Financial Life			
	Chapter 0188			
8:00 am	† The souls of Patrick &			
	Thomas Pawlowski			
8:00 am	† The souls of Earl & Suzanne Schroeder			
	The Living & Deceased			
	members of the			
	Williamson & Griesbach			
	Families			
10:00 am	† The soul of John Thompson			
	No Mass 8:00 am 8:00 am 6:00 pm 8:00 am 4:00 pm 8:00 am			

Liturgical Roles

Weekend of January 8/9

Ushers

4:00 pm Craig & Mary Taylor 8:00 am Denis Ebben / Ron Powers 10:00 am Eric Schmidt / Gary Smiley / David Hahn

Lectors

4:00 pm Kurt Wondra 8:00 am Wendy Vandenboom 10:00 am Laura Bovee

Altar Servers

4:00 pm TBD 8:00 am TBD 10:00 am TBD

Musicians

4:00 pm Kate F / Matt K 8:00 am Kate F / Sarah K / Maria F 10:00 am Betty R / Andrea H

Sacristans

4:00 pm James Cotter 8:00 am Denis Ebben 10:00 am Ron Steffen

Scrip Sellers

If you are able to help sell scrip after any of the Masses, please contact the parish office.

How to Go to Confession

Reconciliation may be face to face or anonymous, with a screen between you and the priest. Choose the option that is the most comfortable for you.

- 1. The priest gives you a blessing or greeting. He may share a brief Scripture passage.
- 2. Make the Sign of the Cross and say: "Bless me father, for I have sinned. My last confession was (give the number of weeks, months or years).
- 3. Confess all of your sins to the priest. The priest will help you to make a good confession. If you are unsure about how to confess or you feel uneasy, just ask him to help you. Answer his questions without hiding anything out of fear or shame. Place your trust in God, a merciful Father who wants to forgive you.
- 4. Following your confession of sins, say, "I am sorry for these and all of my sins."
- 5. The priest assigns you a penance and offers advice to help you be a better Catholic.
- 6. Say an Act of Contrition, expressing your sorrow for your sins. The priest, acting in the person of Christ, then absolves you from your sins

Act of Contrition

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.

Area Confessions Schedules

Hortonville

St. Joseph Parish

St. Therese Parish

Sacred Heart Parish

St. Mary Parish

St. Pius X

- St. Peter and PaulSaNew LondonMost Precious BloodSaMost Precious BloodSaStephensvilleSaSt. PatrickSaAppletonSaSt. Thomas MoreSaSt. Bernard ParishSaSt. Bernadette ParishSa
 - Sat. 3:30 pm
 - Sat. 4:15 pm

Sat. 9:30am

Sat. 4:00-4:45pm Sat. 3:45-4:15pm Sat. 8:30-9:30 am Sat. 9:00-9:30 am Sat. 9:00-10:00am Sat. 8:30-10:00 am Sat. 3:00-3:45 pm Sat. 3:00-4:00 pm





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