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January 23rd, 2022

3RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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## a special Welcome

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Whether you are a parishioner, a visitor, a Catholic returning to the Church or someone seeking faith, we hope you find your time among us inviting and welcoming. Please feel free to ask anyone for assistance.



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**Parish Office/STME Ministry Center:** (414) 332-1576  
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[smoffice@stme.church](mailto:smoffice@stme.church)

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(414) 332-3660

**Jordan Last** School Principal  
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**Our mission is to love God and neighbor by prayerfully celebrating the Sacraments, generously serving others, and intentionally engaging in lifelong faith formation.**



**Love One Another**

**Thank you to all who pledged to the Love One Another campaign.**

We made our initial goal and are working toward the aspirational goal of \$2.2 million. We are still collecting pledges.

Please note the Archdiocese has begun to send pledge acknowledgements and reminders to those who pledged. If you have made your payment kindly disregard.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Anne Rice at 414-420-6166 or arice@stme.church.

**We're Grateful for Your Gifts.**

The Milwaukee Chapter of the Christ Child Society thanks the many local parishes who contribute gifts of clothes for children and babies, financial support for our programs to help single moms, and prayers for our success in the past year. We look forward with joy to 2022!

Questions? Visit [www.ChristChildMilwaukee.org](http://www.ChristChildMilwaukee.org) or call (414) 540-0489.



**Our next two Bulletin Deadlines:**

**January 26th** for the February 6th Bulletin  
**February 2nd** for the February 13th Bulletin  
 To submit a request, visit [steugenecongregation.org/communications-requests](http://steugenecongregation.org/communications-requests)  
**Bulletin Requests subject to approval.**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

SAT 1/22	5:00pm	Fr. Michael Maher	† George Styne
SUN 1/23	8:00am	Fr. Michael Maher	† George Hershey
	10:15am		Parishioners of St. Monica
MON 1/24	8:00am	Fr. Jordan Berghouse	Intention of Mimi Piltz
TUE 1/25	7:30am	Fr. Jordan Berghouse	Mass at St. Eugene
WED 1/26	8:30am	Fr. Jordan Berghouse	Stephanie Monson
THU 1/27	8:15am	Fr. Jordan Berghouse	Mass at St. Eugene
FRI 1/28	7:30am	Fr. Jordan Berghouse	Mass at St. Eugene
SAT 1/29	8:00am	Fr. Jordan Berghouse	† George T. & Lucille Meyer
	<b>Reconciliation: Saturdays at 8:30am or by appointment</b>		
SUN 1/30	5:00pm	Fr. Jordan Berghouse	† Jeanne Feeney
	8:00am	Fr. Jordan Berghouse	Parishioners of St. Monica
10:15am	Bette Kendall		

## Livestreaming

**Given the rise in cases in our community, we will be livestreaming one Mass between the two parishes. Tune in Sunday at 8am, either on Facebook or on the St. Monica website: <https://www.st-monica.org/live>**

**THIS WEEK**

**January 23rd—30th**

SUN 23	9:00am	Child Ministry: Sunday School	At Home
	3:00pm	Rosary	Church, by Pieta
MON 24	8:30am	Rosary	Church
TUE 25			
WED 26			
THU 27	6:00am	Catholic Man Cave	Donovan Hall
	9:30am-8:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
	6:00pm	First Reconciliation	Church
	6:30pm	Knights of Columbus	SE Mackin Hall
	6:30pm	Youth Ministry: Study Night	SM Upper Rm.
	8:00pm	Catholic Man Cave	STME Ministry Ctr.
FRI 28			
SAT 29	7:00am	Exodus 90	SE Narthex
	7:00pm	Youth Ministry: Laser Tag	Offsite
SUN 30	3:00pm	Rosary	Church, by Pieta
	5:00pm	Confirmation Class	Donovan Hall
	5:30pm	Holy Hour & Reflection	Church
	6:45pm	SGL Bible Study	SM Upper Rm.



*This weekend I am in Washington, DC for some meetings. It is a great coincidence that I can be in town for the annual March For Life. With this in mind, I share with you a slightly edited version of a bulletin column I wrote three years ago.*

Friends,

It seems that good news/bad news, is the order of the day.

It is good news to hear from the pro-abortion Guttmacher Institute that the abortion rate in the United States has fallen to its lowest level since the Roe vs. Wade decision of 1973. The bad news is that, in that same report (based on numbers for 2018) there were over 860,000 children aborted in the United States.

Good news is that the rate of abortions for women ages 15-44, is less than half what it was 35 years ago. Bad news is that minorities are so heavily targeted by the abortion industry, that they have abortion rates one and a half times greater for Hispanic women and two times greater for African-American women.

Good news is that this past Friday hundreds of thousands of people (most of them young people) gathered in Washington, D.C., in the hope of continuing the gains and the good news by participating in the annual March for Life. Bad news is that, except for Catholic or conservative news outlets, America heard nothing about the march.

Some call the March for Life "America's largest annual uncovered news event." For nine straight years I joined the "Crusaders for Life," Catholic Memorial High School's pro-life club, attending this great sign of hope and commitment.

It has been estimated that since Roe vs. Wade there have been more than 61 million babies aborted in the United States. For students of college and high school age, when they realize that anywhere from a quarter to a third of their generation was never allowed to be born, they feel as compelled to act as others who fight climate change, human trafficking, or any number of other social justice movements.

They realize that as they advocate for the unborn (the ultimate examples of defenseless persons, of dreamers wanting citizenship, of those truly insecure about nutrition and shelter), they are fighting for the most significant human rights issue of our time.

Beyond its attack on children in the womb, the most insidious impact of Roe vs. Wade has been our culture's skewed attitudes about sexuality; how we come to see the lives of others (the unborn, the disabled, the ill, the elderly) as mere encumbrances on the presumed "rights" or "freedoms" of an individual; and how we are being pushed to objectify aspects of life which were once defined as moral, miraculous and loving.

Ideally, these are matters of the soul. Instead, what should be discernment of love, has been usurped as politics. What made us families or local communities of mutual support, has been degraded into divisions and conflicts.

We, as Catholics, have a more hopeful vision. We understand that the heart of the matter is even more compelling than simply being a being human right. When Pope Francis visited the United States, he rightly pointed out that "care for one another is care for Jesus himself." (Greeting to the Organizers, Volunteers and Benefactors of the World Meeting of Families, Sept. 27, 2015).

When my CMH students traveled to Washington, D.C., for the March for Life, they were encouraged to find encounters with Christ. Some have stories of a sibling who might have been aborted because of Down syndrome. Some know firsthand that minorities are more likely the prey of the abortion industry. Some know a college-aged friend or relative who was confronted with the decision for life. These students bring about an encounter which will start the transformation of another person.

Some of us have never met a woman who survived a botched abortion. Few have heard firsthand accounts of forced abortions of baby girls in many parts of the world. Rare is our encounter with a young man, born of rape, who challenges us not to see him as a reminder of horror, but to first see conviction and inspiration which hopes to transform the world. These are engagements with Christ at the March for Life.

By the time you read this, the 2022 March for Life will have come and gone with little attention paid. But I ask you to join in the work of being pro-life.

Blessings to you.

## YOUR STEWARDSHIP: JULY 1-JANUARY 2

YTD Actual: \$670,254  
 YTD Budget: \$714,830 (—\$44,576)

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For questions contact Meaghan Turner at [mturner@stme.church](mailto:mturner@stme.church)



Fr. John Burns

## CATHOLICISM 101: 7-8:30PM AT ST. EUGENE IN THE CHURCH

February 3- Faith & Science with Dr. Paul Stryker

Exploring the basics of being Catholic:  
Who We Are, What We Do, and Why We Do It.

Contact Meaghan Turner at [mturner@stme.church](mailto:mturner@stme.church) with questions!

# HOLY HOUR & REFLECTION

SUNDAYS @ 5:30PM

ST. MONICA CHURCH

January 2, 16, & 30

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March 13

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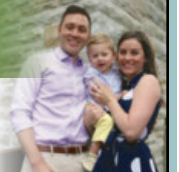
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