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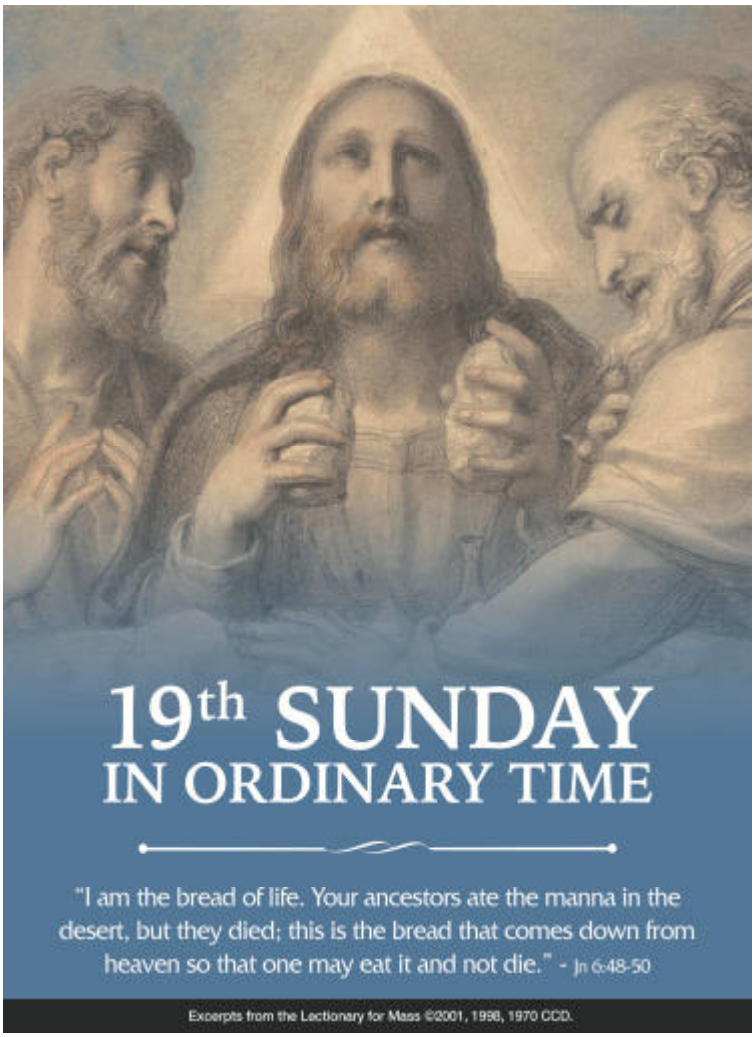

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 8, 2021

MASS SCHEDULE

St. Mary, Portage

Tuesday, 5:00 PM
Thursday, 8:15 AM
Friday, 7 AM
Saturday, 4:00 pm
Sunday, 9:30 am & 11:00 am

St. Mary, Briggsville

Wednesday, 8:15 AM
Sunday, 8:00 AM

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We, the parishes of St. Mary Help of Christians (Briggsville) and St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception (Portage), in a spirit of faith and service rooted in the mission of Christ as revealed in the Gospel, are committed to creating welcoming communities that actively pursue opportunities for formation in our Catholic faith, spiritual growth and outreach to others in need.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, August 10 5:00 PM (Murphy Rd)	† Nick Hryszko
	(Ed & Anne Zydowsky)
ST PHILOMENA MASS Wednesday, August 11 11:00 AM (Briggsville)	Celebration of St. Philomena
Thursday, August 12 8:15 AM (Portage)	PRAYER SERVICE
Friday, August 13 7:00 AM (Portage)	† Vodicka & Spagnola Families
	(Tom & Diana Vodicka)
Saturday, August 14 4:00 PM (Portage)	† Alice O'Keefe
	(Dan Trolinger)
Sunday, August 15	
8:00 AM (Briggsville)	† Louise Collins
	(Ed Flynn)
9:30 AM (Portage)	† Frances Hryszko
	Ed, Anne & Jake Zydowsky
11:00 AM (Portage)	People of the Parish

Marriage blessings to Alyssa & Steven Smith, and Janelle & Joseph Mueller.
Both couples were united in marriage at St. Mary, Briggsville on July 31, 2021.

Readings for the week of August 8, 2021

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/ Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24 -26

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 [cf. 20a and 10b]/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5a]/ Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday: *Vigil:* 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/
1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 *Day:* Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

EVENTS THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, August 10
4:30 PM (Portage) Rosary Murphy Rd

WEDNESDAY, August 11
11:00 AM (Briggsville) St. Philomena Mass Church

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13
10:00 AM (Portage) Resurrection Choir Practice Murphy Rd

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14
9:00 AM (Portage) Private Reconciliation Murphy Rd Church

A full calendar of St. Mary, Portage and St. Mary, Briggsville events can be found on our website at http://www.stmaryoticandhoc.com/

The Knights of Columbus will be having a brat and hot dog fry at the Festival Foods Brat House on Saturday, August 14th from 10:30 AM to 6:00 PM. We look forward to seeing you there.

Registration information will be available for any Catholic man who would like to join this great organization.

Faith Formation Registration is Now Open

Registration is open for our Faith Formation program! Students not currently enrolled in a Catholic School going into K5-9th grade should register to participate. These sessions will be held Wednesday Nights throughout the year. There will be a parent meeting held in the Cafeteria on September 1st at 5pm for K5-8th grade parents and one at 6pm for 9th grade parents. Classes begin September 8th. Registration can also be found online.

All (men and women) are invited to join us for Coffee, Tea and Thee.

A new topic will be presented each month.

The topic this month is "Mission—Jesus' and Yours".

Our gathering will be August 12 from 9:00 a.m. – 10.00 a.m. We meet the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Murphy Rd. temporary worship space.

If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Davis at 742-6998 or email at ndavis@stmaryotic.org

Please join us for Coffee, Tea and Thee.

As we further resume pre-COVID-19 practices, we are looking to reintroduce the Funeral Luncheon Committee and their ministry of providing luncheons to the grieving families of our deceased.

Volunteer chair people are needed for the St. Mary, Portage Funeral Luncheon Committee.

The Funeral Luncheon Committee consists of six groups of two chairpersons for each group. Each group is responsible for a two -month period of the calendar year.

One of the chairpersons plans the luncheon menu with the family and orders the main food items. The other chairperson calls for help and donations of food, if necessary. The monthly chair people pick up the food from a local retailer and, with volunteers, helps serve the food and oversees the clean up of the kitchen and cafeteria.

Each Funeral Luncheon group has a list of regular volunteers who help them with the luncheon. In addition, there are usually family members and friends who bring food for the luncheon.

Most funeral luncheons are held in the St. Mary School Cafeteria.

If you are interested in learning more about this volunteer opportunity, please contact Lisa Clemmons at 608-742-6998 x223 or lclemmons@stmaryotic.org

Are you excited to get back into singing? Consider joining the Immaculate Conception Choir

The *Immaculate Conception Choir* was founded in 2015 and sings at two Masses every month between September and June. The choir is made up of 20 people and welcomes musicians from all abilities & backgrounds. The choir meets to rehearse based upon the availability of the group. The musical selections range in variety from classical hymns to contemporary Christian rock and are aimed at connecting to the congregation and creating a meaningful worship experience. The *IC Choir* traditionally prepares all of the hymns and songs for a week in addition to a prelude and meditation piece.

Columbia County Right to Life ~ Please join us

Every second Tuesday we pray in front of Planned Parenthood, 132 W. Cook St., in Portage from 5 to 6 pm.

We pray that abortion will no longer be a solution for unplanned pregnancies.

Please join us on Tuesday, August 10, for all or part of the hour. There is also a 365 Day Prayer vigil going on in Madison. If you'd like to sign up to pray or learn more, contact Gwen at info@vigilforlife.org or at (608) 393-8545.

St. Mary Briggsville Stewardship Statement

July 2021

Budget/Month	$6346.00
Actual	$9627.00
Shortage/Overage	$3281.00

Year to date (07/01/20—06/30/21)

Budget	$6346.00
Actual	$9627.00
Shortage/Overage	$3281.00

St. Mary Portage Stewardship Statement

July 2021

Budget/Month	$58,850.00
Actual	$52,984.51
Shortage/Overage	($5865.49)

Year to date (07/01/20—06/30/21)

Budget	$58,850.00
Actual	$52,984.51
YTD Shortage/Overage	($5865.49)

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ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

RENOVATION REPORT

Your weekly update on the progress of the renovation at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception.

Saving for a Rainy Day

God promised to Noah that the land would never see another flood as it did in his days, but in the city of Portage, anything is possible. While we don't expect to see floods of biblical proportions, we can expect that water will be a part of our future. We want to make sure that that the changes being made to the church will stand the test of time - including any weather it might throw our way. As the foundation wall is being completed on the west side of the new structure, crews installed necessary waterproofing material to ensure that the new structure remains watertight. This guarantees that the generations of worshipers who use the lower-level of the new space will rest assured knowing that it was done with the longevity of the parish in mind.

We Con-du-it!

No, those aren't just random pipes that have been laid in the ground! Those "pipes" are actually part of the new electrical system that is being placed in the church and is part of a project that stems back more than 12 months. Beginning last summer, prep work was done with some of the electrical systems in church. More recently, all of the electrical lines on campus were removed from overhead and placed underground. Now that all of the prep work is finished, crews can continue running the new conduit to the addition on the east side of the church, will will provide much needed power access throughout the entire structure.

Moving Toward the South

More of the new structure on the east side of the church is beginning to take shape as crews work to pour more of the structural walls for the new Gathering Space and Lower-level Fellowship Space. This week, crews moved away from the western wall and poured the wall that runs parallel with W. Cook St. Aside from being a structural component of the project, the wall being poured on the south end of the site also provides some insight into how that existing structure will be patched into the new one. The small indent that you see pictured here shows the physical separation that will occur between the worship space (existing structure) and the Gathering Space (new structure). Having this physical separation will have a strong impact on how each of the spaces are used and will maximize the functionality of each space and its place within our faith community.

Sacrament Information

Reconciliation

Private confessions are held at St. Mary, Portage most Saturdays at 9:00 am in the church.

Baptisms

Parents wishing to have their child baptized must attend a Baptismal Preparation session. To make arrangements to attend, please call the Portage Parish Center at 742-6998. Pre-registration is necessary. Baptism prep class is usually offered the third Tuesday of each month in Portage.

Marriages

For weddings at St. Mary, Portage or St. Mary, Briggsville please make arrangements with Fr. Gary at least six months in advance by calling the St. Mary, Portage Parish Center at 742-6998.

Bulletin Deadline

Announcements must be dropped off at the Parish office or emailed to Lisa Clemmons– lclemmons@stmaryotic.org by 4:00 PM each Monday for publication in the following weekend's bulletin. Holiday deadlines are Friday of the week before.

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