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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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The Epiphany of the Lord

January 2, 2022

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MASS SCHEDULE

St. Mary, Portage

Tuesday, 4:00 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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MISSION STATEMENT

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, January 4	† Lois Sankey
4:00 PM (Portage)	
	(Wednesday Night Basketball
	League)
Wednesday, January 5	† James A. Levernier
8:15AM (Briggsville)	
	(Charlie Newling)
Thursday, January 6	† Rosemary Mandli
8:15 AM (Portage-School Gym)	
	(Lisa & Sam Clemmons)
Friday, January 7	† Ray & Maggie Dorn
7:00 AM (Portage)	
	(Family)
Saturday, January 8	† Arnold Serna
4:00 PM (Portage)	
	(Rose Serna)
Sunday, January 9	
8:00 AM (Briggsville)	† Pat Cleary
	(Family and Friends)
9:30 AM (Portage)	† Faith Weix
	(Family)
11:00 AM (Portage)	People of the Parish

WELCOMING AND FELLOWSHIP

The next St. Mary, Portage new member welcoming social will be after all of the weekend Masses on January 8th & 9th in the gathering space at our Murphy Rd. site. Members of the Community Outreach Committee will be providing light snacks for all, as well as meeting with anyone interested in learning more about St. Mary Parish or those wanting to register.

We hope everyone will take a moment to mingle, introduce themselves to someone new, and simply enjoy one another as a community of faith.

Readings for the week of January 2, 2021

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

EVENTS THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, January 4

3:00 PM (Portage) The Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Murphy Rd

3:30 PM (Portage) Rosary

Murphy Rd

WEDNESDAY, January 5

6:00 PM (Portage) Faith Formation All Grades

Various

THURSDAY, January 6

5:15 PM (Portage) All Committees Prayer

Cafeteria

5:30 PM (Portage) All Committees Meetings

Various

6:15 PM (Portage) All Committees Social

Cafeteria

6:30 PM (Portage) Pastoral Council

Lower Level Meeting Room

FRIDAY, January 7

12:00-2:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration

Murphy Rd

SATURDAY, January 8

9:00 AM (Portage) Reconciliation

Murphy Rd.

SUNDAY, January 9

12:00 PM (Portage) Holy Land Informational Meeting

Murphy Rd

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

www.stmaryoticandhoc.com/



A huge thank you to all the St. Mary, Portage parishioners who baked Christmas treats for the workers on the renovation construction site. We were able to make up 40 plates of goodies for everyone who was working.

Your generosity is overwhelming and greatly appreciated!

Glow in the Glen, Light Show only!

Wednesday, December 22, 2021 through January 2, 2022.

5:00 PM-7:00 PM

Join us for a 'Drive Thru Only' event at The Glen! W11876

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Knights of Columbus Friday Night Fish Fries

The KC's will host a fish fry on Friday, January 7, 2022 at the KC Hall in Portage.

Cocktails begin at 4:00 PM and dinner is served from 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM
Carry out orders can be placed at 608-742-7778.

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FRASSATI FEST 2022

Dear High School Students,

I am writing to extend an invitation for all of you to participate in *Frassati Fest* this year. If you are not familiar, *Frassati Fest* is an opportunity to gather with other high school students from across the diocese for a weekend of fun, faith, celebration and prayer. It is sponsored by the Diocese of Madison and held at Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells the weekend of Feb. 11-13.

Check out this link https://madisondiocese.org/frassatifest for more information and a short video.

If you are interested, there will be registration forms at the parish office or at Murphy Road. You can also call to request a form be emailed to you.

Please complete it and send it to the St. Mary, Portage Parish Office, Attn: Lisa,(309 West Cook Street, Portage WI 53901) no later than January 5.

Because of the generous support of some parishioners, the parish will cover the entire cost of the room! You will only be responsible for \$75 of the cost for the weekend.

I hope many of you consider this opportunity and participate.

Fr. Gary



Fr. Gary will be leading a 12-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land from September 26 - October 7, 2022.

Fr. Gary and Fr. Kevin (a seminary classmate) will be Co-Spiritual Directors on this pilgrimage.

Bishop Hying recently referred to a Holy Land Pilgrimage as "The Fifth Gospel." It is an opportunity to walk where Jesus walked and experience the Gospel of Jesus Christ beyond the written word.

If you are interested in learning more, Fr. Gary will lead informational meetings on :

- Sunday January 9 at 12:00 Noon (after the 11:00 Mass)
- Tuesday January 11 at 4:30 PM (after the 4:00 Mass)

Informational meetings will be held at the St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Church (on Murphy Road). Brochures are available at both churches, in the parish offices and can be mailed upon request.

ST. MARY SCHOOL NEWS

Merry Christmas from the 5th Grade classroom!

The fifth graders have enjoyed learning about Advent. They are grateful that Mary said, "Yes," so that Jesus could come into our lives. The class wrote letters and sent gifts to their prayer partner. They appreciate being given the opportunity to have a special bond with a member from our parish.

In Math they began a new chapter on factors and fractions.

They continue to study their states and capitals in social studies.

In Technology class they created a Google Slide on a saint of their choice. They are currently writing directions on how to complete a simple task. It's amazing how many details there are to remember.

The class is also very excited to have some time off to relax and gather with family during the Christmas break. We hope that you are able to do the same.

Mrs. Collins and the 5th grade class

ST. MARY PORTAGE FAITH FORMATION

The Faith Formation program in Portage is looking for a teacher's aid in two classrooms, one for Grades 4-6 and one for 9th Grade.

A teacher's aid helps take attendance and is a second adult in the classroom to help with any tasks needed and to help supervise our students.

Faith Formation meets three Wednesday a month from 6:00-7:00 PM.

If you are interested, please contact Father Gary at garyk@stmaryotic.org or call 608-742-6998 x214

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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.

Gathering Space Drywall

Over these past weeks, crews have been focusing quite a bit on structural walls, utilities, and other unseeable interior components, but the wheel is slowly starting to turn in another direction. Before crews left for the Christmas holiday, they accomplished the goal of hanging drywall in the upper level of the addition. The outer two images show the ceiling of the two larger components of the Gathering Space - the left being over the new bathrooms and Vesting Sacristy and the right being over the new Gathering Space. The center image shows where these two spaces will meet in the middle, just before entering the renovated Worship Space.









Scaffolding Support Comes Down

The space that was once occupied by the balcony has, for weeks, been occupied by the supporting structure for the scaffolding on the roof above the existing church. With the steeple restoration and renovation completed, crews are slowly beginning to remove the large steel structure that has dominated this space for the majority of this project. The Worship Space is, once again, starting to resemble the space that we knew before this renovation began. In the coming weeks, crews will continue to work on the renovation of the Worship Space, as the entire project begins to round the corner and towards the 60% completion mark.

HVAC, HVAC, HVAC, Oh My!

When discussing this project with people, it is hard to convey just how necessary the new HVAC is to maintaining this added space. When one sees all of the new ductwork that is being installed, it is impossible to fathom how we ever got by on the little that we had. It's no understatement when we say that the old church had so much inconsistency when it came to climate and temperature control. Not only is the entire basement filled with new HVAC, but the new walls and ceiling will be filled with just as much new ductwork to ensure the longevity of the new and existing structures.





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— Iclemmons@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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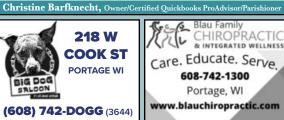
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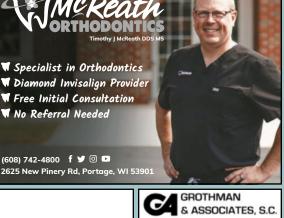






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