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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also
had been baptized and was praying, heaven was
opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in
bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

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The Baptism of the Lord

January 9, 2022

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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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
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MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, January 11 4:00 PM (Portage)	† Pat Pate (Pate Family)
Wednesday, January 12 8:15AM (Briggsville)	† Kevin Keane Family (Patricia Keane)
Thursday, January 13 8:15 AM (Portage-School Gym)	† Karen Machkovich (Family)
Friday, January 14 7:00 AM (Portage)	† Mary Lou Hauch (Tom & Diana Vodicka)
Saturday, January 15 4:00 PM (Portage)	† Deceased Members of the Drinkwater and Detienne Family (Shirley Detienne)
Sunday, January 16 8:00 AM (Briggsville)	† Keith Summers (Family and Friends)
9:30 AM (Portage)	† Chris Pieper (Friends)
11:00 AM (Portage)	People of the Parish

EVENTS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, January 9 12:30 PM (Briggsville)	Holy Land Trip Information Meeting Church
TUESDAY, January 11 3:00 PM (Portage)	The Chaplet of Divine Mercy Murphy Rd Rosary Murphy Rd
3:30 PM (Portage)	Prayer Shawl Ministry Parish Center Conference Room
4:00 PM (Portage)	Holy Land Trip Information Meeting Murphy Rd
4:30 PM (Portage)	Rededication Meeting Murphy Rd
6:30 PM (Portage)	
WEDNESDAY, January 12 6:00 PM (Portage)	Faith Formation All Grades Various
THURSDAY, January 13 9:00 AM (Portage)	Coffee, Tea & Thee Murphy Rd
6:30 PM (Portage)	RCIA—I Believe Lower Level Meeting Room
SATURDAY, January 15 9:00 AM (Portage)	Reconciliation Murphy Rd.
SUNDAY, January 16 9:00 AM (Briggsville)	Faith Formation Church

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



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 “New Beginnings”. The scripture is 2nd Corinthians 5:17.

Our gathering will be January 13th 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.

Readings for the week of January 9, 2021

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
Monday:	1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday:	Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11



Spaghetti Dinner to celebrate Catholic Schools Week! January 29, 2022 4:30-7:00 pm

St. Mary School Gymnasium
All you can eat Spaghetti and Salad bar.
Desserts available for purchase.
Adults \$10, Kids 12 and under \$7 @ the door
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**Donations for the Mini Raffle are now being accepted. Please contact Jamie Hahn at jamhahn@stmarysportage.org or 608-742-6998

Prayer Chain



Has anyone ever prayed for you? There is dynamic power in intercessory prayer, praying for the needs of others. Please consider joining our prayer chain. Emails are sent to you with prayer requests for the week. You can pray as often as you'd like from wherever you want. Please contact Nancy Davis at 742-6998 or email ndavis@stmaryotic.org to become a link in our prayer chain or if you have a prayer request.

REDEDICATION FESTIVAL WEEKEND June 11-12, 2022

As we pass the half-way mark of the renovation of our parish church in Portage, it is time to start planning for our return! We will still be under construction in May, the usual time for Best Fest, so we will plan to combine our rededication of the church with a weekend of festivities in June.

This is a momentous occasion in the life of our parish! If you are interested in being a part of the planning for that weekend's festivities, we welcome you to a parish planning meeting on Tuesday, January 11 at 6:30PM [at our Murphy Road site] Please come and share your ideas and be a part of the planning of an event worthy of this once-in-a-lifetime occasion!



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 1230 PM (in Briggsville)
- 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

Happy New Year from the Fourth Grade Class!

After a nice, relaxing Christmas break, we are back at school to learn more interesting things!

We are continuing our study of the Ten Commandments in Religion class and how they pertain to a fourth grader. We have done a great job memorizing the first two commandments already and adding the numbers to our certificate! It is fun to act out the pantomime of when Moses received the Ten Commandments from God.

In Science class we are learning to classify plants and animals into categories.

We are studying early explorers who came to Wisconsin such as Jean Nicolet and Marquette & Joliet. We are learning the routes they took from France to Wisconsin using our desk maps. It is also interesting that the French sent missionaries and others to start up a fur trading business with the Native Americans.

In Math we continue to practice our multiplication facts and will soon be multiplying by two digit numbers.

We hope all of you have a happy and healthy new year!

Mrs. Daley and the 4th Graders

Thank you to all who were a part of the Christmas decorating at St. Mary, Portage and St. Mary, Briggsville, either by making a donation or helping with the actual decorating. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Lisa Dougherty and Sister Anita

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



ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION RENOVATION REPORT

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

Utilities Get More Complex

It seems as though every time someone walks onto the St. Mary Renovation site, the structure just becomes busier and busier. A lot has been happening on site, but one has to look closely just to see how much. In these past days and weeks, the crew has been moving beyond the structural component of the project to more detail-oriented and specific parts. Most notably, work continues to move forward as the crew runs electrical conduits, plumbing, and HVAC throughout the entire site. Crews have done everything from run new fire-prevention systems to wrapping ductwork and have even installed electrical boxes in all of the designated places!



Addition Framing Nears Completion

The past week saw another massive milestone for the renovation project at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception as crews drew closer to finishing up the interior framing for the addition. Much of the Lower-Level space has been framed for weeks, allowing the crew to move forward with utility work in that area. With the drywalling of the Upper-Level ceiling complete, crews could finally begin installing the steel studs which are already starting to divide up the space. This particular image shows the framing in the northern section of the addition, which will be home to a new Vesting Sacristy for the Priest, Deacons, and Altar Servers, as well as new male, female and family restrooms. While this area will be closed in, the southern area will remain mostly open to allow much-needed natural light to fill the new Gathering Space.

Work Moves On in Sanctuary Space

The image on the right is a sign of hope for the congregation at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception. While many things have changed onsite, the one thing that hasn't is the feeling of our Worship Space. The iconic dark timbers and the natural brick are still highlights of this space and will be the foundation for the work that will happen here in the coming weeks. With the space cleared of all obstructions, the crew can begin work on transforming this blank canvas into a beautiful masterpiece, which we will combine the feeling of a new and inviting space with the legacy and countless generations of years past.



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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