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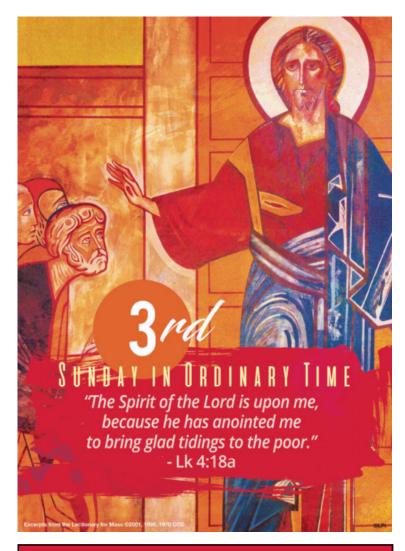
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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 23, 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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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 25	† Arnold Serna
4:00 PM (Portage)	
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	(Rose Serna)
Wednesday, January 26	† Deceased Members of the Dinegan
8:15AM (Briggsville)	Family
, 65 ,	(Dennis & Mary Lueck)
	(Definis & Wary Edeck)
Thursday, January 27	† Roger Haun
8:15 AM (Portage-School Gym)	
	(Mike & Lisa Clemmons)
Friday, January 28	† David Seeman
7:00 AM (Portage)	
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	(Tom & Diana Vodicka)
Saturday, January 29	† Larry Pepin
4:00 PM (Portage)	
	(F. 11.)
	(Family)
Sunday, January 30	
8:00 AM (Briggsville)	† Joe Stebics
	(Mike & Chris Clark)
9:30 AM (Portage)	† William & Margaret LaFleur
	(Estate)
11:00 AM (Portage)	People of the Parish



If you missed seeing 'The Chosen' with Deacon Dennis we have a surprise for you. St. Mary's OTIC now owns two sets of Seasons 1 and 2 and they are available for check-out from the parish library. Simply stop by the parish office in Portage.

'The Chosen' offers viewers a glimpse into the daily life of Jesus Christ and his disciples. Through this extraordinary series, you become one with the 2,000 year-old story. Your life will be forever changed.

Readings for the week of January 23, 2022

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30

or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-

18

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-

20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk

4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10

-11/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk

4:35-41

Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/

1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

EVENTS THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, January 25

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

Murphy Rd

3:30 PM (Portage) Rosary

Murphy Rd

RCIA

THURSDAY, January 27

6:30 PM (Portage)

Lower Level Meeting Room

SATURDAY, January 29

9:00 AM (Portage) Reconciliation

Murphy Rd.

4:30 PM (School) Spaghetti Dinner

School Gym

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

Stand Up for Life!

Please join us on Sunday, January 23rd from 3:00 to 4:00 pm at Commerce Plaza (corner of Hwy 16 and Rt. 33 in Portage).

We will be honoring the memory of the more than 60,000,000 babies who have lost their lives since Roe v Wade was decided 49 years ago. You are welcome to bring positive signs, pictures and posters. We also have posters available for you to use.



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

Mini Raffle, Kids Bingo!

Presale tickets will be sold after Mass the weekend of 1/22-23.

All proceeds benefit the new playground.

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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

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SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

DAY 1—Developing Baby—"I'm here!"

At the moment the father's sperm and mother's egg unite a new and unrepeatable human being comes into existence, complete with his own unique set of DNA. Although she is only one cell, everything about this little person is already present: color of eyes, bloc type, the height she will grow to be, color of hair—everything

about this little person is already present: color of eyes, blood type, the height she will grow to be, color of hair—everything! She will play a role in her family and her community—a role only she can play! Nothing is added after conception to make her a complete human being. She already exists; all she needs is nourishment, a safe, warm environment, and most of all—love. Her parents don't even know she exists yet. Pray for them to safely bring their baby to birth so she can fulfill the mission God has for her.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The Catholic Herald, official newspaper of the Diocese of Madison, is looking for a full-time administrative assistant with duties in secretarial/reception, circulation, editorial/production, writing/photography, and advertising areas. Microsoft Office, Adobe, layout design, and database experience helpful. Knowledge of the Catholic Church required. Excellent benefits. Send a cover letter with resumé by February 13 to:

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No phone calls, please

As Fr. Joe put it, "All the families here (rural Haiti) are poor, but some are in truly pitiful shape."

But thanks to the generosity of SMOTIC and SMHOC, many good things are happening in Ranja, Haiti (just outside of Jeremie). Footings for the school have been poured, students have textbooks, teachers have been paid, parents are receiving monthly education, a mill was purchased for grinding crops for the Ranja farmers, and a Christmas party was held where students received a delicious meal and a pair of sunglasses. In addition, the Plat Cho food program continues to feed the elderly and mentally ill who live on the streets of Jeremie.

Fr. Willy sent his sincere thanks to the generous supporters which made all these things possible and for your continued prayers for Haiti. Since 1998, St. Mary's has helped thousands of people move from misery to poverty and given them hope in times of despair.

Nancy Hibbard





ST. MARY SCHOOL NEWS

Greetings from the Second Grade!

Happy New Year!

In Religion class we have been learning about the sacraments. We have discussed many Bible stories including: Moses and The Ten Commandments, The angel Gabriel visiting Mary, and The Epiphany.

We are very excited to share with you that in December we received the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time!

In Reading class we continue to review short vowels, learn about long vowels, digraphs, syllables and compound words. We have also continued to read the many interesting stories in our reading series.

In Science, we have just completed our whale unit. During this unit, we completed several activities to see how we can save water, both at home and school, in order to help protect one of our natural resources. We made our own whale books and endangered whale dioramas and presented them to the class.

In Math, we continue to work on money, time, addition and subtraction facts.

We have just started learning how to write in cursive!

We hope you have a good week!

Mrs. Raines and the Second Graders



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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.



Lower Level Drywall Goes In

Now that most of the interior utilities work has been finished, crews can begin closing in the steel studs throughout the lower level. These images were taken from the new Dining Hall, which makes up a large portion of the lower level addition. The image on the left shows the entire dining hall from the northwest corner of the site, where a new stairwell will lead up to the Gathering Space above. The image on the right shows the interior of the new kitchen, which will allow us to hold a wide variety of functions in the new space.





North Exterior Completed

The image to the left shows the finished exterior on the north side of the addition. The left-most part of the image is the addition on the east side of the church. The right-most part of the image is the existing church structure. In between each of the buildings is the transition. The outer façade of the transition is made up of a larger material, which will help to visually transition the eye from one space to another. While the brick on the exterior of the addition is a close match to the recognizable yellow Portage brick, it doesn't carry the same patina that the existing structure does. The door that can be seen in this image will provide access from the parking lot into the north stairwell, which will allow access to both the Gathering Space and the Dining Hall below.

Worship Space Begins Change

There is a lot that still needs to happen in the existing Worship Space before we can use it, however, crews have begun to make some leeway on some of the ground work in this space. This week, the crews removed the old east side entrance from W. Cook St. This old access will be turned into a devotional area and will continue to provide much-needed light through a window, which will look out onto the street outside. The other major change happening in this space is the addition of more HVAC. This particular HVAC will be hidden inside of the wall for the new confessional, which will be built in the area of one of the old bathrooms. The other side will house some storage for liturgical furnishings and other ministries.



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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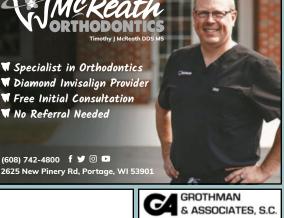






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