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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 30, 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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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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, February 1 5:00 PM (Portage)	† Joe Stebic (Pat Amend)
Wednesday, February 2 8:15AM (Briggsville)	† Dick Solterman (Diane Hons-Solterman)
Thursday, February 3 8:15 AM (Portage-School Gym)	Special Intention (Cynthia Egide)
Friday, February 4 7:00 AM (Portage)	† Phil Mattke (Fran & Jean Mattke)
Saturday, February 5 4:00 PM (Portage)	People of the Parish
Sunday, February 6 8:00 AM (Briggsville)	† Patrick Coon (Cheryl Coon)
9:30 AM (Portage)	† Katherine Phillips (Mike Reynolds)
11:00 AM (Portage)	† John O'Donnell Family



Knights of Columbus Friday Night Fish Fries

The KC's will host a fish fry on Friday, February 4, 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.

Readings for the week of January 30, 2022

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
Monday:	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday:	Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Thursday:	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13
Friday:	Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday:	1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday:	Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

EVENTS THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, February 1 4:00 PM (Portage)	The Chaplet of Divine Mercy Murphy Rd
4:30 PM (Portage)	Rosary Murphy Rd
6:30 PM (Portage)	Rededication Meeting Murphy 'Rd
WEDNESDAY, February 2 6:00 PM (Portage)	Faith Formation All Grades Various
THURSDAY, February 3 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, February 4 12:00-2:00 PM (Portage)	Eucharistic Adoration Murphy Rd
SATURDAY, February 5 9:00 AM (Portage)	Reconciliation Murphy Rd.
SUNDAY, February 6 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.stmaryoticanandhoc.com/>

2022 Diocese of Madison Annual Catholic Appeal Begins

Please Make a Generous Pledge

This week, parishioners throughout the Diocese will receive a mailing asking for a pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal to support the ministries of the Diocese of Madison.

Please prayerfully consider making a pledge payable over 6-months to the appeal. Your gift will help enable the diocese to reach its goal and provide for many ministries, education and services throughout the Diocese.

Thank you for your continuing support of our parish, diocese, and the work of the Church throughout the world.



ST. MARY SCHOOL NEWS

ST. MARY, PORTAGE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

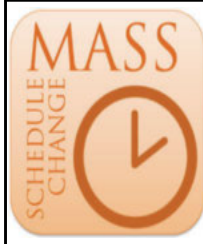
St. Mary, Portage 2021 financial statements are ready and available to pick up at the Murphy Rd. Worship Space, 2652 Murphy Rd., Portage WI 53901.

The Murphy Rd. worship space is open Tuesday through Friday, 8-4, Saturday 9-5 and Sunday 8-Noon.

WELCOMING AND FELLOWSHIP

The next St. Mary, Portage new member welcoming social will be after all of the weekend Masses on February 5th & 6th in the gathering space at our Murphy Rd. site. Members of the Finance Council 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.



Effective Tuesday, February 1, the Mass time at Murphy Rd. will change back to 5:00 PM with the Chalice of Divine Mercy at 4:00 and Rosary at 4:30.

Greetings from the First Grade!

Happy New Year!

The First Grade classroom returned from holiday break buzzing with excitement! Is it the new year, snow, and baby Jesus' birth?

Yes to all three, but these children get excited over EVERYTHING! Their attitudes are contagious! We talked about resolutions and I know that they will continue to work to follow God's example and spread kindness, treat siblings better, and be more helpful around the house!

We continue to work hard using everything we've learned this year in Mathematics to master place value this week. These enthusiastic learners are reading leveled-books every night and growing by leaps and bounds! It is fun to listen to them read and discover!

Their curiosity and independence serve them well in Science and Social Studies too! I continue to learn something from them each and every day!

May you, too, feel this excitement of a new year...we wish you God's blessings for a joyful and healthy new year!

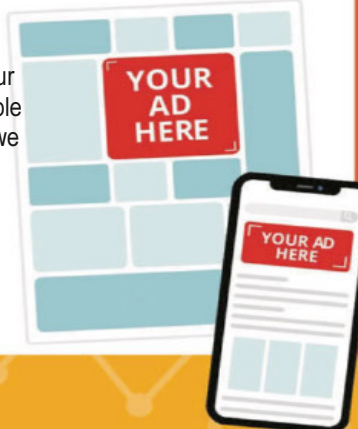
St. Mary First Grade and Mrs. Dawn Nelson



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World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Wednesday, February 2, 2022 and in parishes over the weekend of February 5-6, 2022.

Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day.

May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

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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.



Leveling the Worship Space

Being a 150-year old building has its perks. The originality and craftsmanship of an older space speaks to the endurance of our faith community. That being said, the building has settled into the the ground, which has caused the floor to become unlevelled in places. To counteract this, and start with a new slate, the construction crew poured a new floor in the Worship Space, which took nearly three days to settle properly. With the new floor poured, the crew will be able to continue moving forward with the extensive work that has yet to be done.



Drywall Continues to Go Up

Crews have been making great progress this week mounting the drywall installed throughout much of the addition. In the previous week, crews got started on the process of putting up the drywall in the Dining Hall, but that was only the beginning. With all of the wall space that needs to be covered, you wouldn't think that it could be possible to get it all done in a short amount of time, but the crews were able to accomplish much of the work in only five days. There is still a bit of drywall that needs to be hung, but the bulk of the work has been accomplished. With the drywall being finished, crews can continue to work towards completing the addition.

Spray Foam & Efficiency

It's no surprise that maintaining the temperature inside of the existing Worship Space has been a challenge for many years. To counteract the loss of heat within the Worship Space, crews are taking steps to make it more efficient. The major change in this space within the last week is the addition of a spray foam insulation within the east and west side ceilings. With a new roof on the exterior and this special insulation, the efficiency of the space will increase. In addition to being more efficient, this will also protect the structure from any further damage that the harsh Wisconsin elements may cause.



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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