



**DECEMBER 9, 2018**

**MASS TIMES**

Saturday: 5:30pm  
Sunday: 8:30am

**QUIET REFLECTION**

Thursday: 5:00pm

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**BAPTISMS:** A class for both parents is required before the baptism of a child. Call the parish office.

**RECONCILIATION:** Anytime by appointment

**MARRIAGES:** Registered, practicing members, call the pastor at least six months in advance to make arrangements.

**PARISH REGISTRATION:** Forms are available in the vestibule or contact the parish office.

# THIS WEEK

## MASS INTENTIONS

### This Week

Saturday	12/08/18	5:30pm	Alice Komos
Sunday	12/09/18	8:30am	Richard Granger

### Next Week

Saturday	12/15/18	5:30pm	Peg & Vern Hecht
Sunday	12/16/18	8:30am	Craig Cesarz

### Quite Reflection

Thursday	12/13/18	5:30 pm	Prayer Evenings
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## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### Sat., Dec. 8

5:30 pm	Celebrant :	Rev. Patrick O'Loughlin
	Greeter:	Debbie Andrews
	Reader:	Mary Lynn Broughman
	Eucharist:	Deb Keil Rich Pozzi Volunteer (H)

### Sun., Dec. 9

8:30 am	Celebrant:	Xaverian Missionary
	Usher:	Robb Granger Tom Wendt
	Greeter:	Patrick Krukowski
	Reader:	Janice Krukowski
	Eucharist:	Evelyn Schultz Tony Turcotte Volunteer (H)

If you cannot fulfill your scheduled date and time, please secure a substitute! **Remember to dress appropriately for your ministry.** Thank you!

### Reminder:

Food Pantry workers are reminded to report to Ministries at North Pointe at 1:30 pm on Tuesday, December 18, to work at the food pantry from 2 - 4 pm.

## Prayers of the Faithful Intentions

During this Advent season, we are modifying how we offer the Prayers of the Faithful during our weekend liturgies. Parishioners are encouraged to write down their prayer intentions and hang them on our Christmas Tree. There are paper stars on which to write your intentions on the table located next to the tree. During the Prayers of the Faithful, we will pray for all our intentions as one general petition in place of inviting individuals to voice their individual intentions out loud as was the norm. Let's see how many stars we can add to our Christmas Tree from now until Christmas! And remember - you may add as many stars as you have petitions.

## POOR BOX

The Poor Box Collection for December will be for the **HALO** Program, **Homeless Assistance Leadership Organization, Inc.**, 2000 DeKoven Ave. HALO'S commitment to Racine County is to provide separate emergency shelter for all men, women, and children in need, prevent chronic homelessness through services that help homeless adults become self-sufficient, and to ensure that homeless children get positive support through stable living and learning environments.



### FOOD PANTRY UPDATE:

We have started a new partnership with North Side Food Pantry located in the Ministries at North Pointe (3825 Erie St.). The food pantry runs on Tuesday and Thursday from 2-4 pm. There are no restrictions on food donated. In addition, we are collecting personal care items and paper grocery bags. Collection barrels for food and bags are located in the vestibule.

### Special needs are:

#### Jelly, Jam, Preserves and Peanut Butter

Canned meat	Beef Stew
Canned Salmon	Cereal for Kids
Canned spaghetti (ravioli & Spaghetti's)	
Bar soap	Laundry soap
Dish soap	

**At this time, the Food Pantry is NOT in need of plastic bags. However, paper grocery bags are still needed.**

The Food Bank has what is called a BIRTHDAY BAG. You fill a paper grocery bag with items for the family to be able to celebrate a loved one's special day, such as cake mix, frosting, candles, small paper plates and napkins. Please mark the bag "BIRTHDAY BAG".

**We wish to thank Maresh-Meredith & Acklam Funeral Home** for their gift of calendars for the new year to all our parishioners. Please pick one up in the vestibule.

# WORSHIP & FAITH FORMATION

## THURSDAY PRAYER EVENINGS

at St. Mary by the Lake are from 5:30 pm until 8 pm, as needed. The format is:

- 5:30 - 6:00pm Rosary is prayed by those present.
- 6:00 - 6:20pm The topic of the week's teaching is shared.
- 6:20 - 6:30pm The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy is prayed.
- 6:30 - 7:00pm Shared Prayer service incorporating th Spiritual Communion prayer
- 7:00 - 8:00pm Quiet Reflection-church remains open for silent, soul-refreshing individual prayer.

**It's time once again to purchase a lovely poinsettia** plant to grace our church this Christmas season. Pick up an envelope in the vestibule and place it in the collection basket along with your payment of \$32. Thirty plants have been ordered and will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. Return envelopes by **December 16**.

*Remember a loved one - living or deceased - with a beautiful plant this Christmas.*

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

December 1 - 2

Contribution Envelopes \$2030.46  
Cash Offerings \$2338.00

**Total \$4368.46**

The operating expense for St. Mary by the Lake is \$3,700 weekly. God bless each of you!!

**2019 Contribution Envelopes** are available in the vestibule. Please pick them up as soon as possible. If you do not find your envelopes, please place your name on the sheet in the vestibule, or call the parish office at 262-639-3616. Your envelopes will then be ready for you the following weekend.

**Year End Contributions for 2018 need to be in the parish office no later than Sunday, December 30, 2018.**

**When admitted to the hospital or nursing home, you should do two things:**

Tell the staff that you are Catholic and want to receive Communion; and have a family member inform the parish.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**The Giving Tree** for the Veterans Home in Union Grove is up. Please bring the gift back to church wrapped or in a gift bag with the **tag attached, no later than December 9**. Your generosity at this time of year will bring joy to others less fortunate this Christmas.

### ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Mark your calendar for Saturday, December 15 for our annual Advent Penance Service beginning at 10 am in church. In addition to making sure your gifts are wrapped and your holiday menu planned, take time to make sure that your soul is prepared for the season of the Nativity! The opportunity for private reconciliation will be offered as part of this service.

**CHURCH DECORATING** - Decorating church for Christmas will take place on **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22** at 10 am. A sign-up sheet is located in the vestibule. Many hands make short work.

## FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Wednesday, December 12:

Classes K-6 5:30-6:45pm  
1st Reconciliation Parent's Meeting

Sunday, December 16:

Classes 7-HS 9:30-11:00 am

Wednesday, December 19:

Classes K-6 5:30-6:45pm

## ST. MATTHEW- Oak Creek

www.stmattoc.org  
Mass Schedule  
Saturday 4:00pm  
Sunday 10:00am  
T, Th & F 7:45am

Please join Deacon John and Laurie Stodola for Advent prayer services during the four Sundays of Advent. They will take place in the Little Brick Church at 4 pm each of the four Sundays.

### Save the Day. Save the Date

St. Matthew will host a Blood Drive on Wednesday, January 16th from 12:30-7 p.m. in the Gathering Space. Appointments can be made online at [www.bit.ly/stmatthews919](http://www.bit.ly/stmatthews919), or by calling the Blood Center at 1-877-232-4376 or Lynn Lopez at 416-4870. Sign-ups in the Gathering Space at St. Matthew will begin in December. Save a life while enjoying food, refreshments, and a chance to win door prizes.

Our **8th BREAKFAST WITH SANTA** event is in the history books! Thanks to all parishioners and friends who attended our event in our parish center. We served approximately 110 pancake eaters who also enjoyed taking part in crafts and a visit with Santa Claus himself! Thanks to the following who donated their time setting up, cooking, bussing tables, supervising activities, and tearing-down and cleaning up:

Carolyn Baader	Destiney Carothers
Pat Czerwinski	Daniel Dreifuerst
Kurt Despin	Melissa Despin
Josephine Johnson	Miranda Johnson
Patrick Kachellek	Seth Kachellek
Sheri Kachellek	Jon Kroes
Michael Kroes	Janice Krukowski
Patrick Krukowski	Carol Malik
Evelyn Mateljan	Neala Mateljan
Aniesa Neave	Jane Remsza
Breanna Starr	Daniel Sweetman

and, of course, **Santa**

Mark your calendars for the first Saturday of December, 2019, for our 9th Annual Breakfast with Santa!

Heather Warner & Jeff Rasmussen

## ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS AT SIENA RETREAT CENTER

**Advent Taizé Prayer**, Monday, Dec.17, 6:30-8:00 pm. Taizé prayer is a form of prayer begun by an ecumenical community of Christian monks after World War II. Today, this prayer is practiced throughout the world. Join us for an evening of prayer, silent reflection, scripture, ritual, and simple meditative chants. Come share in this beautiful expression of our desire for peace and oneness for our world. Freewill offering.

**Honoring Grief...Intending to Heal: Grief Companion Training Program**, Saturdays, January 26, February 23, March 23, April 27, and July 13, 2019; Snow Date: March 30, 2019, 8:30am - 4:30pm, Melissa Minkley, Pete Reinl & Ann Marie Uselmann. This training is designed for those who work with the bereaved, whether professionally or as a volunteer. This is designed to be very practical in providing skills and resources that can be used with individuals or grief groups. Participants who complete the program will receive four grief related book, handouts, certificate of completion and Continuing Education Units. Attendance at all sessions is required. Cost: \$475, includes \$50 non-refundable deposit and meals. DEADLINE to register: December 31, 2018.

For more information call 262-898-2590 for more info or visit [www.SienaRetreatCenter.org](http://www.SienaRetreatCenter.org)



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