



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

### Next Week

Saturday	12/22/18	5:30pm	Roy & Mary Ann LeTendre
Sunday	12/23/18	8:30am	Estelle Pioro
Monday	12/24/18	4:30 pm	Constance Schultz
Tuesday	12/25/18	8:30 am	Richard Granger

### Quite Reflection

Thursday	12/20/18	5:30 pm	Prayer Evenings
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## Mass Intention Calendar

The Mass Intention Calendar for 2019 is available. There are many masses available for remembering a loved one.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sat., Dec. 15

5:30 pm	Celebrant :	Rev. Patrick O'Loughlin
	Greeter:	Carolyn Baader & Patty Czerwinski
	Reader:	Ramona Oertel
	Eucharist:	Mary Paul Ric Paul Deacon Bob Starr

Sun., Dec. 16

8:30 am	Celebrant:	Rev. Patrick O'Loughlin
	Usher:	Janice Krukowski Pat Krukowski
	Greeter:	Bill Spreeberg
	Reader:	John Urban
	Eucharist:	Lynn Urban John Urban Deacon Bob Starr

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.

## 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 the Spiritual Communion prayer
- 7:00 - 8:00pm Quiet Reflection-church remains open for silent, soul-refreshing individual prayer.

**Reminder:**  
**Poinsettia memorials are due to the parish office by December 16.**

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

## FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

**Sunday, December 16:**  
Classes 7-HS 9:30-11:00 am

**Wednesday, December 19:**  
Classes K-6 5:30-6:45pm

**Wednesday, December 26:**  
**NO Classes**

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

**December 8 - 9**  
Contribution Envelopes \$2730.00  
Cash Offerings \$ 668.00  
**Total \$3398.00**

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.**

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

### REMINDER

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, December 20, Tuesday & Wednesday, December 25 & 26, Monday, December 31, and Tuesday, January 1.

**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.

### MASS SCHEDULE for DECEMBER 24 & 25, 2018 DECEMBER 31-JANUARY 1, 2019

Sunday, December 24 - 4th Sunday of Advent, 8:30 AM

Monday, December 24 -  
Feast of the Nativity, 4:30 PM Family Liturgy (begins with Service of Light and Children's Processional)  
Tuesday, December 25 -  
Feast of the Nativity, 8:30 AM

Monday, December 31 -  
6:30 PM Feast of Mary, Mother of God, St. Matthew Parish

Monday, January 1 -  
10 AM Feast of Mary, Mother of God St. Mary by the Lake

### 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.

### Sing Noel! A Carol Service ~

Come and join us on December 20th as we celebrate the season with carols and readings. This concert will feature the combined choirs of St. Louis and St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Churches and the St. Paul Hand Bell Ensemble under the direction of Music Director, Ronnie Quella. Take a break from your Christmas preparations and enjoy this most beautiful time of the year. The service will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the church at St. Paul the Apostle, followed by a Christmas cookie reception in the Fr. Cox Hall. All are welcome!

### Christmas Gift Ideas

- To your enemy; forgiveness
- To an opponent; tolerance
- To a friend; your heart
- To a customer; service
- To all; charity
- To every child; a good example
- To yourself; respect

## ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS AT SIENA RETREAT CENTER

**Advent Taizé Prayer**, Monday, Dec. 17, 6:30-8:00pm. 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.

**"The Seed of God Turns into God: A New Year's Silent Retreat,"** Jan. 4-5, 7:00 pm Fri-3:30 pm Sat, Paula Hirschboeck. Both the Dominican preacher Meister Eckhart and Zen pose a new year's conundrum: Why strive to be "holy" if you are already infinite love and goodness? Why make a new year's resolution if there is nothing to strive for? Why commit to spiritual practice? During this weekend, we will discover ways to live into these questions; to meditate or pray; to share silence and dialogue; and to honor our awakening in ritual. Cost: \$195, includes \$10 non-refundable deposit and the noon meal.

For more information  
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