ST. MARY by the Lake

DECEMBER 12, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS TIMES
Saturday: 5:30 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am
Weekday Masses at St. Matthew:
Tuesday and Friday: 7:45 am
1st Friday: 6:30 pm

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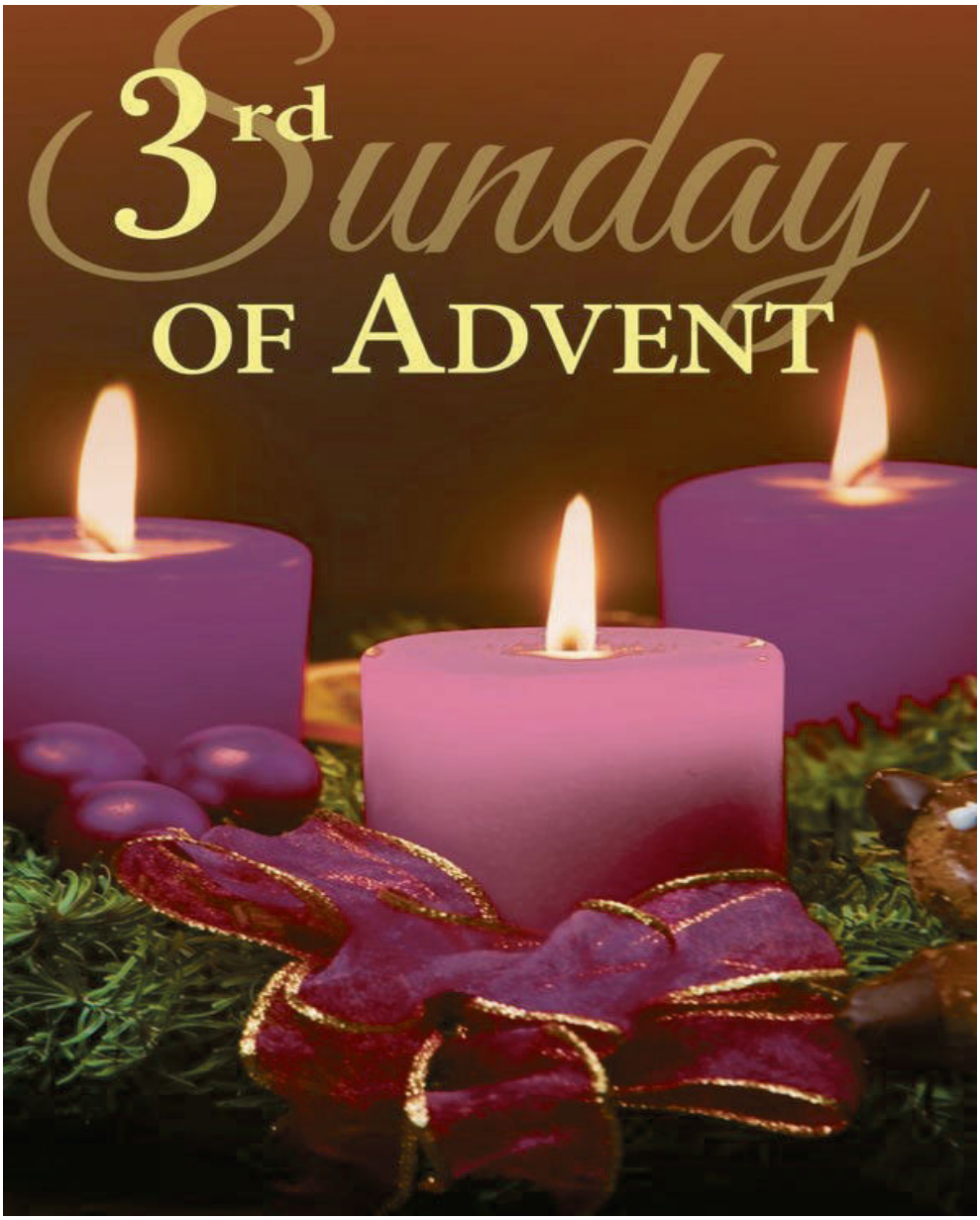

BAPTISMS: A class for both parents is required before the baptism of a child. Call the parish office.

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.

MASS Intentions

This Week			
Saturday	12/11/2021	5:30pm	James Telford
Sunday	12/12/2021	8:30am	Sandy Vitek
Next Week			
Saturday	12/18/2021	5:30pm	Wencel & Irene Sisak
Sunday	12/19/2021	8:30am	Craig Cesarz

ATTENTION LECTORS, USHERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS!

A schedule to sign up for December is available in the Vestibule, or you may call or email Jen in the Parish Office to be put on the schedule. Eucharistic Ministers will only be needed on weeks when Deacons do not preach. All ministers are asked to please arrive at least 20 minutes prior to Mass. Thank you.

LECTOR WORKBOOKS

The new *Workbook for Lectors 2022* is available for pickup in the Counting Office in Church, or arrangements can be made with Jen or Heather for pickup in the Parish Office. If you are a current Lector, please pick up your new copy. If you are interested in becoming a Lector, please call the Parish Office. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE

Mass Intentions for 2022 are now available. Mass intentions can be scheduled for $10 each by contacting the Parish Office. Dates are first come, first served and are only considered scheduled when payment is received. **There are still a few dates available in 2021!** Please contact the Parish Office with any questions or if you are interested in scheduling a Mass.

FOOD PANTRY

The North Side Food Pantry that we support is in need of supplies. They are humbly asking us to "come thru again" with these specific items:

- **Jelly/Jam**
- Dry/instant potatoes
- Soup (no cream of)
- Laundry soap
- Dry pasta (shells, elbow, egg noodles)
- **Saltine Crackers**
- Spaghetti O's
- Pork & beans
- Pancake Syrup
- Pancake Mix
- **Toilet Paper**

Food may be dropped off in the blue barrel at the Parish Office on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. If you know anyone who needs food, please send them over to the Food Pantry.

Additional Food Barrel: In addition to the barrel being out on Tuesdays and Thursdays, there is now a barrel in the vestibule of church. You can now drop off food on weekends when you come to church.

HOSPITALITY AFTER MASSES

Back after a very long absence -

Join us after Masses on **December 11th and 12th** for Hospitality featuring cookies and O & H doughnuts. Stop by for some good conversation and get to know your fellow parishioners.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

It is that time of year again. Remember or honor a loved one this Christmas with a poinsettia memorial. Pick up an envelope in the vestibule and place it in the collection basket or mail it back to church along with your payment of $15. **Please return envelopes by December 19th to have names included in the Christmas bulletin.**

Remember or honor a loved one - living or deceased - or in thanksgiving for the blessings in your lives with a beautiful plant this Christmas.

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We remember in prayer all who are sick or suffering. If you or a loved one would like to be added to this list, please contact the Parish Office. To maintain privacy, please confirm the person submitted is aware their name will be published.

Patricia Bladzik
Kevin Burgey
Eryn
Virginia Fitzgerald
Joan Grontkowski
Joe Guertin
Jenny Kraase
Christopher Kroes
Sarah M.
Saralee Mayew
James (Jamie) Michael
Carolyn Potter
Joyce Ramczyk
Diana Salamone
Tom Schultz
Barbara and Dan Schuster
Calvin Sustachek
William & Diane Wagner
For the children who are not in school, that they continue to receive school support, love and sustenance.
That all affected by the pandemic stay safe, especially the elderly.
For the swift end to this crisis.
For all first responders in Racine County.
For a good friend of Kathy S.

Please remember to notify the Parish Office of any updates to the prayer list, including when to remove yourself or a loved one from the list. Thank you!

ADVENT PRAYER TREE

Our Advent Prayer tree has returned! For the duration of Advent and Christmas time, the tree in the vestibule will serve as our Prayer Tree. On the paper ornaments provided, you are invited to write a short note to God saying: thank you, sorry, asking for help, sharing your worries, prayers for others, etc.

When you add your intention to the tree, pray also for the intentions of others already on the tree. These intentions will be remembered at Mass.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Shout for joy! When was the last time you ever felt like doing that? Fear, uncertainty, pressure, negativity, disappointment, and myriad other human experiences can rob us of joy. We can never predict what life will bring. As unsettling as that can often seem, life's unpredictability is also the very thing that allows it to be exciting and adventuresome! We know that life can be difficult, and it is unrealistic to expect it to be otherwise. God never promised an easy road. But, when a person truly falls in love with God and discovers the peacefulness and assurance of God's presence, then a depth of understanding will be brought to everything they do and experience. Nothing will be able to rob them of joy! When we realize that God, the King of Israel, is in our midst and with us, there is no further misfortune to fear. We celebrate the beauty and wonder of God's gift of joy today as we ready ourselves, even more excitedly, for the coming of our Savior. Do not fear and do not be discouraged. There is a power and presence within us, our God, who has made us, who loves us and who will keep us. What more do we need? Rejoice!

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HOW TO SHARE YOUR FAITH

Join St. Mary by the Lake and St. Matthew Parishes on **December 15th at 1:00 pm or 6:00 pm** for **How To Share Your Faith: Without Losing your Friends and Family**. Both sessions will take place at St. Mary by the Lake. Learn the 5 key steps to witness your Catholic Faith to others without starting an argument. There will even be time to practice this new formed skill following the brief presentation. For more information contact Heather Warner at SMBTL at 262-639-3616 or hwarner@stmarybythelake.org.

PARISH BOOK PROGRAM

Are you in need of a spiritual boost..... a "pick me up from the pew"? Check out St. Mary by the Lake READS our new Parish Book Program!

This Parish Book Program is designed to reconnect men, women, and families within our faith community - to help engage Catholics and reinvigorate parish life. According to research, each year only 1% of Catholics in America read a Catholic book.

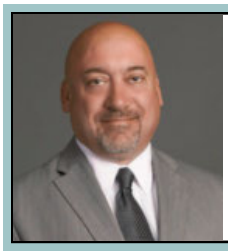
Located in the vestibule of St. Mary by the Lake, is the St. Mary by the Lake READS cart, featuring complimentary copies of great Catholic books. The featured titles are carefully selected to meet people where they are and lead them to where God is calling them to be. Feel free to take a book, and then share it with a friend once you are done!

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve Mass:
4:00 pm at St. Matthew
5:00 pm at St. Mary by the Lake
6:00 pm at St. Matthew

Christmas Day Mass:
8:00 am at St. Mary by the Lake
10:00 am at St. Matthew

At St. Mary by the Lake: The 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass will be **Mask optional**. The 8:00 am Christmas morning Mass will have half the church with masks, and half without.



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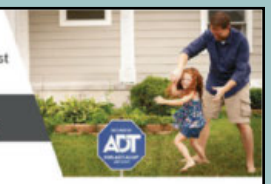

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