



ST. MARY

by the Lake

JANUARY 2, 2022

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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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THE EPIPHANY *of the Lord*

*"Since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel."* - Mt 2:6b

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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 1/01/2022 5:30pm No Mass

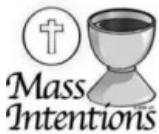
Sunday 1/2/2022 8:30am Angie Vallin

Next Week

Saturday 1/8/2022 5:30pm Alice Komos

Sunday 1/9/2022 8:30am Mary B. Kroes

MASS INTENTIONS 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. Please contact the Parish Office with any questions or if you are interested in scheduling a Mass.

MEAL PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to assist at our first hot meal program for the new year on Monday, January 3rd, at the Hospitality Center (located at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 614 Main Street). Our menu for this event:

- ◆ Taking financial donations for fried chicken - ordering from Infusino's *
- ◆ Hot potato dishes
- ◆ Institutional size cans of mixed vegetables
- ◆ Dinner rolls
- ◆ Desserts to go

Food can be dropped off at church parking lot from 3:30 until 3:45 pm or at the Hospitality Center after 4:00 pm. Volunteers are also needed to arrive at 4:00 to help serve at 4:30 pm. Please contact Karen if you can help at nkrecupero@gmail.com or (262) 497-9891.

* Envelopes for your financial contributions to the Meal Program can be found on the table in the vestibule. They may be returned to the Collection Basket or the Parish Office. Thank You.



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.



UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE

Many Catholics want to read the Bible but get bogged down by the long stretches that seem not to make sense or get lost among the sea of Old Testament names and places. *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*, an eight-part Bible study, helps you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture, so you can get the "big picture" of the Bible and understand what it's all about. *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* will help you pick up the Bible with confidence and understand how you fit into God's plan.

All are welcome to begin the *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* study at St. Mary by the Lake on January 12th at 1:00pm or 6:00pm. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. For more information or to register, visit www.stmarybythelake.org, or contact Heather Warner at 262-639-3616 or hwarner@stmarybythelake.org.

IN SICKNESS AND HEALTH - ESTATE PLANNING ISN'T JUST FOR DEATH

It's so necessary! St. Matthew & St Mary by the Lake parishioners are invited to attend a seminar on wills, trusts, and estate planning presented by St. Matthew parishioner and attorney, Elizabeth Ruthmansdorfer. She has been assisting clients since 2003 with estate planning, elder law issues, Title 19/Medicaid, probate, and guardianship.

Beth will share the basics of estate planning and how they actually work during a person's life and after death. Everyone over the age of 18 should have a basic plan.

Join us on **Saturday, January 15 at 2:30 pm in the cafeteria at St. Matthew**. There is no cost or obligation to attend! Light refreshments will be served.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

The Epiphany of the Lord

In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

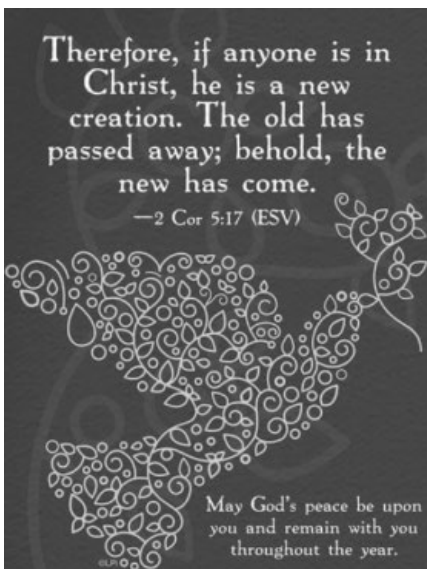
Human beings easily get bored. Life's routines can become so predictable that there is often little time for excitement or freshness. Today is all about the new and the wonderful. In celebrating the beauty and simplicity of the Epiphany, we see in tangible ways God's creative, redemptive, and restorative power. This refreshment and revitalization is offered not only to a select few but to everyone throughout the world. There is nothing routine or static about God. Surprises, wonders, miracles, opportunities, healings, and joy without measure are available to those who believe. There are never any endings, just beginnings. And, when darkness, boredom, and gloom seem to be the order of the day, a bright new light now shines pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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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.



ST. MONICA'S BINGO

THANK YOU

"Thank you so much for doing bingo for us. You are a true blessing."

Love, All of us at St. Monica's

NEXT BINGO

Bingo at St. Monica's, Sunday, January 2nd, 1:00-2:00 pm.

Sponsored by St. Mary by the Lake Parish. Vaccinated volunteers are welcome. Donations of quarters would be appreciated. For more information, please contact Lynn Urban, 262-639-9105.



VETERANS CHRISTMAS DINNER THANK YOU



Thank you to all who cooked, provided gift cards & served the meal for our Veterans at the Tiny Homes in Racine. The dinner was an outstanding feast. The men were very appreciative and it put them in a holiday mood.

CALENDAR THANK YOU

Thank you to Maresh-Meredith & Acklam Funeral Home for their gift of 2022 calendars to all of our parishioners. Please pick one up in the vestibule.

ARE YOU REGISTERED?

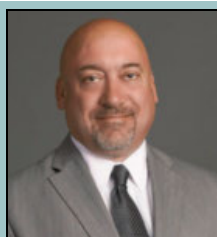


If you are not registered in our parish, please consider doing so. Also, please encourage your friends and family to register!

Registering is important because:

- If a parish doesn't know who is out there, how can it adequately serve the needs of all?
- When the services of the Church are needed - such as for a wedding, Baptism or funeral - it is easier if the person is registered.
- Registered parishioners receive helpful information about our parish including periodic mailings.

Registering is easy. Contact the parish office today!



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