

JANUARY 23, 2022

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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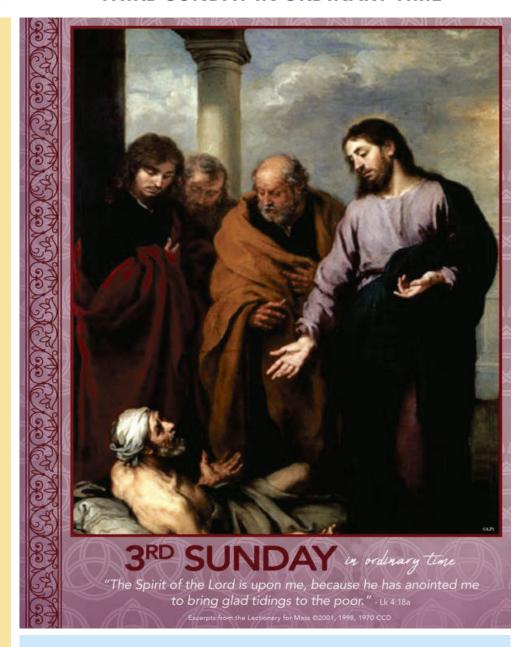
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FACEBOOK

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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			
Saturday	1/22/2022	5:30pm	Harvey Mikolajczak
Sunday	1/23/2022	8:30am	Parishioners of St. Mary by the Lake and St. Matthew Parishes
Next Week			
Saturday	1/29/2022	5:30pm	Lawrence Mikolajczak
Sunday	1/30/2022	8:30am	Parishioners of St. Mary by the Lake and St.

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.



Matthew Parishes

ATTENTION LECTORS, USHERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS!



A schedule to sign up for January 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.

MEAL PROGRAM CONTRIBUTIONS

St. Mary by the Lake hosts the Meal Program four times a year at the Hospitality Center (located at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 614 Main Street). Occasionally, the main dish may be catered or additional food is needed. We have begun collecting funds to help



offset these purchases. If you would like to help, envelopes for your financial contributions to the Meal Program can be found on the table in the vestibule. (Please make checks payable to St. Mary by the Lake.) 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
- Park & 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 Script ure, so you can get the "big picture" of the Bible and underst and 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.

FR. STEVE IS MOVING

Fr. Steve Stradinger is moving effective January 10th. He will be living at Clement Manor, 9339 West Howard Avenue, #109, Greenfield, WI 53228.



WORSHIP & FAITH FORMATION

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Plant Your Works in the Word

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then.

But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate "listening attentively." Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

But are we mindful — truly?

The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We "clock in" with Bible reading instead of "diving in."

We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life.

 Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS **©LPi**

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LIVE THE LITURGY -INSPIRATION FOR THE

People can easily lose a sense of the sacred and transcendent. When we lose a sense of God's special presence, we need to be brought back. Ezra brought people back to the word of God and they realized what they were missing. Jesus proclaims God's word in the synagogue with true conviction and tells those gathered that he is the fulfillment of all that Isaiah taught. Even though people get lost, distracted, discouraged, and often journey down the wrong path, God's timeless law remains. When we allow ourselves to truly hear God's word and act on it, that living word slowly, over time, changes us. It has the power to soften and mold us, creating within us a joyful spirit. We realize the truth in what God speaks and become open to God's love. Gradually and gently God leads us back where we belong. We discover again the sacred character of life and the wonder of God's power. It is no wonder that Luke addresses his remarks to Theophilus. It is a name that means "beloved of God," a name that can be used by anyone who desires friendship with God.

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ARE YOU REGISTERED?



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

COVID UPDATE FROM ARCHDIOCESE

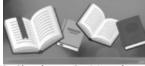
While there has been no outbreak of COVID-19 from Mass attendance, I'd like to encourage people to exercise personal responsibility. Those who feel sick, or who are especially at risk of health complications, should stay home and watch Sunday worship on the many Masses broadcast on TV and livestreamed on social media until they feel comfortable returning to in-person Mass.

... if a person is ill, taking care of someone who is sick, or is at risk of serious illness due to exposure, their Sunday Mass attendance is excused.

Our Sunday worship is a joyful obligation. It is a witness to God as the priority in our lives. By remaining diligent in these ways, we help ensure our parishioners feel safe attending Mass and can continue experiencing the connectedness of our parish communities, which is such a vital part of our lives.

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!

FEATHER A NEST

Feather A Nest is an organization that takes home furnishings from people who are downsizing, cleaning out a loved ones' home, or just want to get rid of unwanted home furnishings. These donated items go towards helping others set up a home for their families at no cost to them. For more information visit http://www.featheranest.org, email Ben Cornell at bcornell@safehavenofracine.org, or call Ben at 262-298-9500.



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