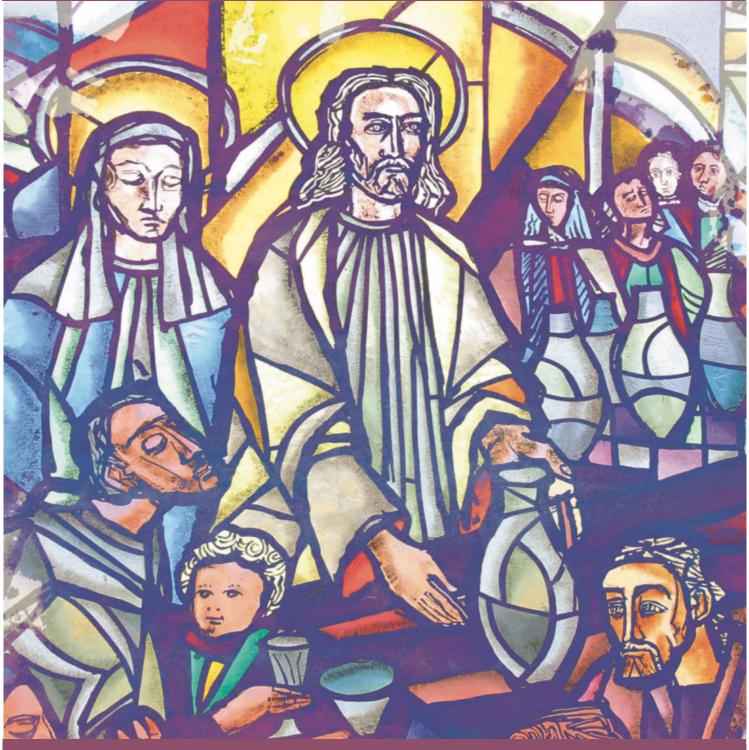


THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 16, 2022



SUNDAY MASS Saturday 5:00 PM (livestream) Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 AM

> 4690 Bald Eagle Avenue White Bear Lake, MN 55110 651-429-7771, option 1 ContactUs@stmarys-wbl.org Visit our website: stmarys-wbl.org

DAILY MASS Tuesday - Friday 8:00 AM SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturday 9:00 AM

St. Mary of the Lake Mission Statement

We are a JOYFUL and WELCOMING Catholic community centered in the Eucharist--forming disciples who KNOW, FOLLOW and go forth to SHARE Jesus Christ.

Know, Follow, Share Jesus

Upcoming Dates:

January 19

- Loaves and Fishes
- Youth Ministry Series Part 1: What Is Youth Ministry?

February 2 and March 16

Red Cross Blood Drive

January 26

Youth Ministry Series Part 2: • Know Your Why (Mission & Vision)

February 9

• Youth Ministry Series Part 3: Vision Brainstorming Session

Catholic Young Adults

We want to hear from the Catholic Young Adults in the Around the Lake area! The Catholic Church defines those in their early 20s through 30s as young adults. We recognize that during these years, there are

many transitions and chapters. Regardless of the chapter you currently are living - whether single or married - with or without children - ATL (Around the Lake) Young Adults was formed to walk in faith with you.

To help us better walk in faith with young adults in the area - including you, we'd love for your feedback! Please also share this survey with other young adults that you know. ATL is sponsored by the Around the Lake parishes of St. Mary of the Lake, St. Jude of the Lake, and St. Pius X. View Survey <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/533JVFN</u>

Small Groups

We look forward to offering a number of small group options during Ordinary Time. Are you interested in joining a small group and wondering what options are available? Go to the website and fill out a small group interest form. There you will select when and how you can meet and what type of group focus interests you. If you have general questions about small groups at St. Mary's, contact Sr. Mary Kerber for information: mkerber@<u>stmarys-wbl.org</u>.

Youth Ministry Series

St. Mary's is hosting a three-part series on youth ministry, and everyone is invited to join. The first two sessions have been moved to an online format via Zoom. The first session is on January 19 from 6:30-7:30 PM and will explain what youth ministry is and the goals of a vibrant Catholic ministry to young people. The second session is on January 26 from 6:30-7:30 PM. It will focus on the mission and vision of youth ministry, with an eye toward how we can create that for St. Mary's. In our final session on February 9 (6:30-7:30 PM), we will take the knowledge we have learned to begin brainstorming the mission, vision, and short-and-long term goals for St. Mary's. All parishioners are invited to join for one or all the sessions, whether you're a teen looking for a supportive faith community, a parent, an adult leader, or anyone else interested in how St. Mary's can help young people encounter Christ. https://tinyurl.com/bdfpprhf

Join Us for Life! - January 22

Please join us for this family-friendly, peaceful event at our Cathedral and State Capitol to pray and show support for the lives of unborn babies. Adults, families with children (especially teens!) are welcome to take our free bus on Saturday, January 22, to the Prayer Service (10:30 AM) at the Cathedral and the March for Life (Noon) at the Capitol. The bus will be at St. Mary's church parking lot at 9:15 AM and return by 2:00 PM. We will also stop at St. Pius X for riders at 9:30 AM. A sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Desk, or call the parish office, 651-429-7771, option 1.

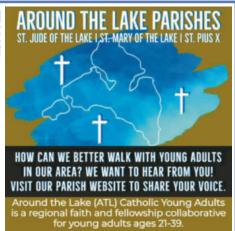
Saint of the Week

Not much is known about the life of St. Sebastian (256-287), except that he was a Roman martyr whose name has been mentioned throughout history since early 350.

We see St. Sebastian many times in art, especially from iconic paintings from Guido Reni, Andrea Mantegna and Hendrick ter Brugghen. Historical scholars now agree that a spiritual story has the beloved saint entering the Roman army because only there could he assist Christian martyrs without arousing suspicion on himself. Eventually he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. Pierced with arrows, he was left for dead, but managed to survive. He recovered from his wounds but still refused to leave.

One day, St. Sebastian took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He confronted the emperor, condemning him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out, and St. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. Today he is the patron saint of athletes.

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****** A Message From Father Talbot ******

Masks at church

In my 12-19-2021, bulletin column, I noted that Archbishop Hebda <u>strongly encouraged</u> parishioners to wear face coverings at Mass. I asked everyone to honor his request, which was already the protocol of St. Mary of the Lake, even if you disagreed with him. Since that column, the number of COVID-19 cases has grown rapidly, mostly due to the highly contagious Omicron variant. Every day seems to bring a new record of positive cases in MN.

I recognize that some people do not agree with wearing a mask or the efficacy of wearing the mask. I am not a doctor, so I rely on the medical community to inform our policy. The experts at the CDC and the MN Department of Health report that proper face coverings protect against all variants of COVID-19 and recommend wearing a mask in public indoor settings. For those who have lost faith in the CDC, the experts at Mayo Clinic have the same recommendation. When asked, "Can face masks help slow the spread of the coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) that causes COVID-19?" The answer was, "Yes. Face masks combined with other preventive measures, such as getting vaccinated, frequent hand-washing and physical distancing, can help slow the spread of the virus." <u>https://</u> <u>www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/coronavirus/in-depth/</u> <u>coronavirus-mask/art-20485449</u>.

<u>Therefore, I once again strongly encourage everyone attending</u> <u>Mass in person to wear a face covering.</u> This is not a mandate, <u>but an appeal to Christian charity.</u>

Please stay home if you have any COVID, flu or cold symptoms, are not feeling well, or have been exposed to someone who has recently tested positive for the virus. The obligation to attend Mass is waived when you are sick or caring for someone who is sick.

Messages of Pope Francis

Pope Francis offered two recent reflections that I encourage you to read.

Homily on Epiphany <u>https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/</u> en/homilies/2022/documents/20220106_omelia-epifania.html

Message for World Mission Sunday <u>https://www.vatican.va/</u> <u>content/francesco/en/messages/missions/documents/20220106-</u> <u>giornata-missionaria.html</u>.

Peace, Fr. Talbot

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St. Mary of the Lake parish office is located at the Parish Life Center at 4690 Bald Eagle Avenue. *All mail must be addressed to this location*.

St. Mary of the Lake Church is located one block north at 4741 Bald Eagle Avenue.

St. Mary of the Lake Cemetery is located at 1625 Stillwater Street. Please call 651-407-0532 for grave sales, burials, and monument and marker installation. For administrative matters, please call the parish office at 651-429-7771 option 1.

PARISH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Dan Evans	Becky Moch
Angie Hill	Jeremiah Mulheron
Gabe Johnson	Cheryl Rossini
Bill LeMire	Anne Simons
Karen Lomoro	Bob Thompson
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ONGOING STEWARDSHIP

Fiscal year July 1, 2021—June 3	30, 2022
Received year-to-date	\$912,173
Anticipated year-to-date	\$879,194
Difference + or (-)	\$32,979
(Through 12/23/21)	

Debt Information

Debt Balance\$	139,657
Monthly Payment,	\$ 9,695

Have you remembered St. Mary's in your will? Continue supporting the good works of your parish beyond your lifetime!



JANUARY 16, 2022 The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 96; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11

DAILY READINGS

Monday, January 17-Martin Luther King, Jr. Day St. Anthony, Abbot 1 Samuel 15:16-23; Psalm 50; Mark 2:18-22 **Tuesday**, January 18 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 89; Mark 2:23-28 Wednesday, January 19 1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Psalm 144; Mark 3:1-6 Thursday, January 20 1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Psalm 56; Mark 3:7-12 Friday, January 21 St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr 1 Samuel 24:3-21; Psalm 57; Mark 3:13-19 Saturday, January 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children 2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Psalm 80; Mark 3:20-21

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 15-21

If you wish to have a Mass offered for a loved one, living or deceased, please call the Parish Office.

W.A. Duffy Family
Rita Domke †
Randy Michael Bacchus III †

Lyle Gatzmeyer †

Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 8:30 AM-4:00 PM

If you would like your weekend call to St. Mary's to go to our answering service, please call our main number 651-429-7771, option 1.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will be handing out information in the Gathering Space next weekend, January 22-23. The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization that was founded 140 years ago. Our council was started here at St. Mary's 66 years ago. There are currently almost 200 members of Our Lady of the Lake Council 4145, but new



members are needed to carry on the work of defense of life, religious liberty and support for family values. Archbishop Hebda recently wrote in an open letter that was in the Catholic Spirit, "I strongly encourage each man in this Archdiocese over the age of 18 to prayerfully consider joining the ranks of this fine organization. My experience suggests that it may be just the boost that you need— and what our Church needs as well!"

***** OUR PARISH COMMUNITY**

A DAY OF FUN!

Plan for a day of skiing and snowboarding at Wild Mountain – February 21, 2022. Middle school and high school youth, attending without



their parents can ride the bus departing the Parish Life Center at 8:30 AM, returning at 6:00 PM. Adults and families with younger children can take advantage of the group lift rates, drive separately, and meet us there. We will have your lift ticket waiting for you. See the St. Mary's website for details and registration form.

A MESSAGE FROM MUSIC MINISTRY

New and Returning Faces

Have you seen some different faces up front leading the music for Mass? Recent to the musician rotation is a combination of former ensemble members, new parishioners, and long-time church members who have decided to take the plunge and share their musical gifts with us.

If you are interested in sharing your time and talent as a cantor or instrumentalist, please contact Jaclyn (jschwartz@stmaryswbl.org). If you would like to wait to get involved when larger groups are safely meeting again, you are also welcomed to reach out so we can be in touch when things move back in that direction.



JOINING THE PARISH

Please stop at the Welcome Desk at church, register online on the St. Mary of the Lake website:



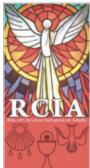
stmarys-wbl.org or email <u>ContactUs@stmarys-wbl.org</u> to learn how to become a member of St. Mary of the Lake parish. Welcome!

USHERS NEEDED

We need more ushers for 5:00 PM, 9:00 AM, and 11:00 AM Masses. If you are interested, talk to Mary Beth Jambor after Mass or contact her at 651-429-7771, option 1 or mbjambor@stmarys-wbl.org. If you do not want to be tied to a schedule, get trained and just help when you come to Mass.



SACRAMENT PREPARATION FOR ADULTS If you have never been baptized, were baptized in the Catholic Church but did not continue, were baptized in another Christian faith and are interested in joining the Catholic Church, grew up Catholic but missed Confirmation or are curious about the Catholic faith, please contact Mary Beth Jambor for RCIA information, 651-429-7771, option 1 or mbjambor@stmarys-wbl.org for more information.



We welcome into the Christian family the following children who were baptized: Gavin Thomas Knutson, son of Maxwell and Julia;



and Isaac Roger Knutson, son of Maxwell and Julia. May the love of Christ surround you in the arms of your family.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Youth going in fourth grade and older, who are fully vaccinated, are invited to serve the parish as altar servers. Training is provided. Contact Mary Beth Jambor mbjambor@stmarys-wbl.org to sign up.



•CALENDAR OF EVENTS•

Please visit stmarys-wbl.org for the latest updates and events.

Sunday, January 16–Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 AM Liturgy of the Word for Children (Chapel) 10:00 AM RCIA (St. Joseph Room) Monday, January 17–Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parish office closed. No school. Tuesday, January 18 No public events. Wednesday, January 19 4:30-5:45 PM Youth Faith Formation (PLC/School) 6:30-7:30 PM What is Youth Ministry? (Zoom) 6:30-7:45 PM Youth Faith Formation (PLC/School) Thursday, January 20 No public events Friday, January 21 No public events Saturday, January 22–Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn 9:00 AM Confessions (Church) 9:15 AM Bus for Prayer Service & March for Life (Church Parking Lot)

PRESIDERS January 15-16

5:00 PM Fr. Bauman 9:00 AM Fr. Bauman 11:00 AM Fr. Johnson





•PASTORAL MINISTRY•

COMPANIONS IN GRIEF

This is a 4-week series offered eight times during the year to provide group information and support for those on the journey of grief. No fee. Sessions are held



on Thursdays, 4:00 to 5:00 PM. Session 1 started on January 6 and will continue January 13, 20, and 27. These meetings will all be on Zoom. Please call Linda Cherek at 651-429-6604 to register. Session 2 will be February 17, 24, March 3, and 10.

SPIRITUAL CARE IN THE COMMUNITY

If you or someone you know, has a need for Communion, or the comfort of a prayer shawl, please contact Casey Green cjgreen@stmarys-wbl.org or call the parish office at 651-429-7771 option 1. We are happy to make that connection, whether you live in an apartment, a care center, or your own home.

NOTE TO OUR PARISHIONERS

Assistance may be available for parishioners who need some help during these uncertain times. Email cjgreen@stmarys-wbl.org or call the parish office at 651-429-7771, option 1 and ask for Casey Green. Thank you to parishioners who have made a donation to St. Mary's Emergency Assistance Fund.

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Wednesday January 19: Youth only sessions meet at their regularly scheduled time.

Wednesday January 26: Family

FORMATION Formation night 6:30 – 8:00 PM in Kohler Hall – Fr. Talbot will be visiting!

February dates for youth only sessions are: February 2, 9 & 16.

SUMMER ACADEMY

REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN: Go to the St. Mary of the Lake website or register in person at the church or Parish Life Center.

DATES: June 20-24, 2022

- \Rightarrow 8:30 AM 3:00 PM for incoming grades 1-8.
- ⇒ 8:30 11:30 AM for incoming preschool and Kindergarteners.

\$150 per child, \$350 family maximum.

The academy will have paid teachers and support staff plus at least one lunch and occasional snacks. **Volunteers and licensed teachers are needed.** Please contact Karlene Feidt, kfeidt@stmarys-wbl.org or 651-429-8001x240 if interested.

•SCHOOL NEWS•



FRASSATI CATHOLIC ACADEMY

School Principal: Patrick Gallivan patrick.gallivan@frassatiwbl.org, 651-429-7771 option 2



Schedule a Tour Today! Learn more at www.frassat-wbl.org or call 651-429-7771 option 2. View the 2021 Frassati Annual Report under the "About" tab on the Frassati homepage at <u>https://frassati-wbl.org/</u>.

Now Enrolling Preschool through Grade Eight for the 2022-23 School Year! Frassati Catholic Academy strives to develop the future moral leaders of tomorrow by instilling the Catholic virtues today. We utilize the STREAM philosophy to encourage a growth mindset in our students.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Feeling disconnected? Every married couple deserves the gift of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend! The next virtual weekends in this area will be held Feb. 12-14, 2021 and Feb. 18-28, 2021. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: twincitieswwme.org or contact Brent & Tracy at 612-756-8720 or applications@twincitieswwme.org.



WINE: CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE—CALLED BY NAME

Ladies, WINE: Women In the New Evangelization invites you to the 7th annual WINE: Catholic Women's Conference at Holy Family Catholic in St. Louis Park on Saturday, February 26, with a fun Friday evening option on Feb. 25! The conference, featuring six fabulous women of Minnesota, will be emceed by Alyssa Bormes. Caroline Metzinger will lead praise & worship followed by inspirational talks by Elizabeth Kelly, Kelly Wahlquist, Leah Jacobson and Alicia Donovan. There will be opportunities for confession, adoration, shopping, and prayer teams, along with tons of laughter, a fabulous lunch, more shopping, CHOCOLATE, and door prizes. Cost: \$100 for Friday Social Gathering & Saturday Conference or \$55 for Saturday Conference only if you register by Feb. 1, 2022! Special pricing for religious consecrated women and students. For more information and to register visit WINEconference.org.

SUBSCRIBE TO ST. MARY OF THE LAKE ON YOUTUBE

Subscribe to St. Mary of the Lake-WBL on YouTube for Sunday Mass with Fr. Ralph Talbot. Or, just click on the Mass that is posted on the homepage of our website: www.stmarys-wbl.org.

FIND US ON FACEBOOK

Keep up to date all week long by liking us on Facebook. Find us as "St. Mary of the Lake, White Bear Lake" or use this QR code to find our Facebook site.



The bulletin is available online: https://stmarys-wbl.org/bulletin.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICE DAY

SERVING THOSE IN NER



This past Saturday, middle school youth and a few family members gathered to make prayer tie-blankets.

While meditating on the Christmas Gospel story from Luke, the participants were



reminded that just as Mary wrapped Jesus in swaddling clothes, so will these blankets comfort children who are

lying in a bed that is not their own. Prayers were said over the blankets and for the children who will receive them.

Stay tuned for February's Service Day announcement coming soon!



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