

Welcome to the Stillwater Catholic Parishes

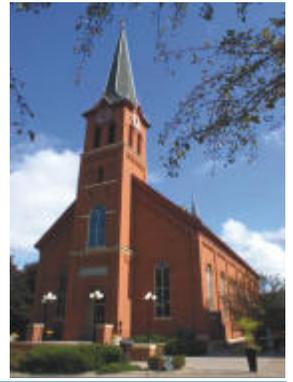


Church of St. Michael

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St. Mary's Church

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St. Croix Catholic School
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The Baptism of the Lord January 10, 2021



Churches of St. Mary & St. Michael

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Matthew 3:16-17: After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

Processional Hymn 556: 1. To Jordan Jesus humbly came, His gospel mission to proclaim; On earth, in heav'n, God's will was done By God's beloved only Son.

2. John plunged him in that wat'ry grave; Christ rose to teach and heal and save, To show us how to die to sin And share eternal life with him.

Sprinkling Rite Hymn: 1. Crystal waters of salvation, Glist'ning o'er creation's face, Waters flowing o'er the Savior, Temple of baptismal grace. Alleluia, sons and daughters, Child of God dwells in this place.

2. Glory to life's river flowing, Font of love's eternal tide. Glory to the graces pouring, Blood and water from his side. Glory to the Spirit dwelling, Blessed light within abides.

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7: Thus says the LORD: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the nations, not crying out, not shouting, not making his voice heard in the street. a bruised reed he shall not break, and a smoldering wick he shall not quench, until he establishes justice on the earth; the coastlands will wait for his teaching. I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice, I have grasped you by the hand; I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness.

Psalms Response 29: 1-4, 9-10: *Response:* The Lord will bless his people with peace. *Verses:* Give to the LORD, you sons of God, give to the LORD glory and praise, Give to the LORD the glory due his name; adore the LORD in holy attire. / The voice of the LORD is over the waters, the LORD, over vast waters. The voice of the LORD is mighty; the voice of the LORD is majestic. / The God of glory thunders, and in his temple all say, "Glory!" The LORD is enthroned above the flood; the LORD is enthroned as king forever.

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38: Peter proceeded to speak to those gathered in the house of Cornelius, saying: "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. You know the word that he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."

Gospel Acclamation: The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, listen to him.

Gospel: Mark 1:7-11: This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Preparation: Hymn 552: 1. What child is this, who laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet While shepherds watch are keeping?

2. Why lies he here in such mean estate Where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian, fear; for sinners here The silent Word is pleading.
Refrain

Sanctus: #377B: Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Domine Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis. Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

Eucharistic Acclamation: We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection until you come again.

Amen

Agnus Dei: #384B: Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.

Communion Antiphon: John 1:32, 34: Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

Spiritual Communion Prayer: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Communion: Hymn 529: 1. Of the Father's love begotten Ere the worlds began to be, He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending he Of the things that are, that have been, And that future years shall see, Evermore and evermore!

2. O that birth forever blessed, When the Virgin, full of grace, Overshadowed by the Spirit, Bore the Savior of our race; And the babe, the world's redeemer, First revealed his sacred face, Evermore and evermore!

Latin: Corde natus ex Parentis Ante mundi exordium, Alpha et Omega vocatus, Ipse fons et clausula Omnium quae sunt, fuerunt, Quaeque post futura sunt. Saeculorum saeculis.

Hymn 525: 1. God rest you merry, gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay; Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day To save us all from Satan's pow'r When we were gone astray.

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy!

2. In Bethlehem in Judah This blessèd babe was born, And laid within a manger Upon this blessèd morn, For which his mother Mary Did nothing take in scorn.

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy!

Recessional Hymn 518: 1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king; Let ev'ry heart prepare him room And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

2. Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let us our songs employ; While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

Bi-Parish & Archdiocesan News & Events

Totus Tuus Team Members – Is God calling YOU to serve?

Bring the good news to the next generation; share the faith, build friendship, answer the call and become a 2021 Totus Tuus Summer Missionary in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis!

The Archdiocese is in need of men and women ages 18-26 committed to their Catholic faith who feel called to share it in local parishes with youth (grades 1-12). This is a 2-month commitment: May 29 – July 28 (including one week of training and a one-week break for the 4th of July holiday). Missionaries will receive \$2,520 for their service.

To apply visit www.archspm.org/totustuus or contact Nancy Schulte Palacheck at 651-291-4489 or schulten@archspm.org for additional information. Apply by Friday, February 1, 2021.

New Year of News from The Catholic Spirit – for free!

Be in-the-know with news from your Catholic community and the Church around the world. Get *The Catholic Spirit*, the newspaper publication of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, in your home. Free subscriptions for parishioners are available via each parish. Contact your parish office to be added to the mailing list. Or purchase an annual subscription for yourself or a friend at TheCatholicSpirit.com.



Knight Notes

On May 26, 2020, Pope Francis approved a decree recognizing a miracle attributed to the intercession of Father McGivney and opening the way for his beatification. On October 31, 2020, the Mass for Beatification was celebrated in the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Hartford, Connecticut. Fr. McGivney is the third priest born in the United States to be raised to this honor. Our Blessed Solanus Casey is also one of the three - beatified on November 18, 2017. Vivat Jesus!

March for Life Youth & Family Conference: Friday, January 22

High school and college students are invited to this day of prayer, inspiration, pro-life education and advocacy for the pre-born. Families are welcome and may register as a group at archspm.org/marchforlife. Cost is \$10 per person; please bring your own bagged lunch. Watch for more details to come!



Prayer Service for Life: Friday, January 22

Please join us at the Cathedral of Saint Paul at 10:30 a.m. for this prayer service to commemorate the millions of lives lost to abortion and the many women and men wounded by abortion's aftermath. Limited seating will be available, and COVID-19 protocols will be followed. The prayer service will also be livestreamed on the Cathedral's Facebook page at facebook.com/cathedralsaintpaul.

Archdiocesan Synod: Faith and Culture Series: January 20 – February 9

Inspired by the thousands of participants at the Prayer and Listening Events, this series connects their stories to the story of the Church. Four sessions will be held from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Each virtual event includes a talk, testimonials, and a live panel discussion. Registration is required to participate live. Find topics, dates and registration at archspm.org/synod.

Bethany House Summer Program Currently Accepting Applications: June 12 – August 7, 2021

Bethany House is a place, set apart, with an environment of support and encouragement for Catholic women as they intentionally discern consecrated life. The women live in community, pray together, have meals together, host Religious Sisters and participate in a discernment book study during the program. For more information and to request an application, see 10000vocations.org

The Baptism of Our Lord: Sunday, January 12

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Mt 28:19).

I would like to reflect with you on the word of God we have just heard. The Gospel according to Mark, like the other synoptics, recounts Jesus’ Baptism in the River Jordan. The liturgy of Epiphany recalls this event in a triptych that includes the adoration of the Magi from the East and the wedding at Cana. Each of these three moments in the life of Jesus of Nazareth is a particular revelation of his divine sonship. The Eastern Churches give particular emphasis to today’s feast, calling it in short, “Jordan”. They consider it a moment in the manifestation of Christ closely connected with Christmas. Indeed, more than his birth in Bethlehem, the Eastern liturgy highlights the revelation of Jesus as Son of God, which took place with extraordinary intensity precisely during his Baptism in the Jordan.

What John the Baptist was conferring on the banks of the Jordan was a baptism of repentance for conversion and the forgiveness of sins. But he announced: “After me comes one who is mightier than I.... I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mk 1:7-8). He proclaimed this to a multitude of penitents who flocked to him confessing their sins, repenting and preparing to correct their lives.

The Baptism given by Jesus, which the Church, faithful to his command, does not cease to administer, is quite different. This Baptism frees man from original sin and forgives his sins, saves him from slavery to evil and is a sign of his rebirth in the Holy Spirit; it imparts to him a new life, which is participation in the life of God the Father, given to us by his Only-Begotten Son who became man, died and rose again.

As Jesus comes out of the water, the Holy Spirit descends upon him like a dove, the heavens open and the Father’s voice is heard from on high: “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased” (Mk 1:11). Thus the event of Christ’s Baptism is not only a revelation of his divine sonship, but at the same time a revelation of the whole Blessed Trinity. The Father — the voice from on high — reveals in Jesus the Only-Begotten Son consubstantial with him, and all this comes about by virtue of the Holy Spirit who, in the form of a dove, descends on Christ, the Lord’s Anointed.

In the Acts of the Apostles, we read of the Baptism administered by the Apostle Peter to the centurion Cornelius and his family. Thus Peter carries out the risen Christ’s command to his disciples: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Mt 28:19). Baptism by water and the Holy Spirit is the first and basic sacrament of the Church, the sacrament of new life in Christ.

Dear brothers and sisters, in a few moments these children will also receive Baptism and become living members of the Church. They will first be anointed with the oil of catechumens, a sign of Christ’s gentle strength given to them to fight against evil. Then blessed water will be poured on them, a sign of their interior purification through the gift of the Holy Spirit, poured out by Jesus as he was dying on the Cross. They are then immediately given a second and more important anointing with “chrism”, to show that they are consecrated in the image of Jesus, the Father’s Anointed. Then each child’s father receives a candle to be lit from the paschal candle, a symbol of the light of faith which the parents and godparents must continue to safeguard and nourish with the life-giving grace of the Spirit.

Dear parents and godparents, let us entrust these little ones to the Virgin Mary’s motherly intercession. Let us ask her to make them, dressed in their white garments, a sign of their new dignity as children of God, true Christians and courageous witnesses to the Gospel throughout their lives. Amen!

Homily of St. Pope John Paul II (Sunday, January 12, 1997)



Churches of St. Mary & St. Michael

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St. Mary's Church

Parish Office Hours:
Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
651-439-1270
fharris@costm.org
Parish Council Chair, Mary Wicker
(651-430-3223)

Mass Times
Monday - Saturday 7:30 a.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.; 6:00 p.m.

Church of St. Michael

Parish Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
651-439-4400
info@costm.org
Parish Council Chair, Dennis Symalla
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Mass Times
Monday - Friday 5:30 p.m.
Saturday (Anticipatory) 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 7:30 a.m.; 9:15 a.m.; 11:00 a.m.

Online Mass

Follow us on Facebook and join us live online every day for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass:
Monday - Saturday 7:30 a.m. (Facebook)
Sunday 9:15 a.m. (Facebook & YouTube)

***Updated (10/18):** Our 9:15 Sunday Mass will be broadcast on Channel 18 (Valley Access) on:
Wednesdays (5 p.m. and 11 p.m.)
Thursdays (5 a.m. and 11 a.m.)
Saturdays (9 p.m.)
Sundays (Live at 9:15 a.m.)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St. Michael's (Northwest Corner of Church)
Monday - Friday 5:00—5:25 p.m.
Saturday 3:00—4:15 p.m.

St. Mary's (Confessional, Behind Screen)
Saturday 8:00—8:30 a.m.

Chesterton Academy of the Saint Croix Valley Open House: Tuesday, January 12

Come and learn about Chesterton Academy of the Saint Croix Valley as a high school option. CASCV is an affordable and integrated classical high school of the Catholic tradition centered on Jesus Christ: Intellect, Character, and Spirituality.

Open House: Tuesday, January 12 at 6:30 p.m.
Web: www.chestertonscv.org | Phone: 651-504-2638
1835 Northwestern Ave Stillwater, MN 55082

Or schedule a private family tour and curriculum overview by contacting chestertonacademyscv@gmail.com.

Parish Nurse News



Community Connection

An opportunity for people with early memory loss to...
Explore New Places
Engage with Others
Connect to Community

History: Frozen in Time

Even though it is cold, we will stay cozy with tales of the early days of the Historic Stillwater Courthouse. Be ready for mystery objects, going to jail (virtually) and adding a bit of your own history.

4 Weeks: Tuesdays, January 12, 19, 26 & February 2
10- 11 a.m. via Zoom

\$50 for the series; reduced fee available if needed.
Pre-registration is required.

Contact hricks@familymeans.org or call (651) 789-4017
to learn more and register. Please tell us if you need tech
assistance to participate.

This program was supported, in part, by a grant from the Minnesota Board on Aging and additional support from the Brookdale Foundation Group.

Community Partner: Washington County Parks

Stewardship

Additional Christmas Flower Donations:

We thank the following donors for their gifts. May God bless you for your generosity!

St. Michael's

Jay & Diana Smith - *John & Becky Walch*
 Diana Gunderson - *Deceased Members of the Gunderson Family*
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St. Mary's

Caroline Fraser - *Bud Fraser, Mary Adams Family, Louis & Josephine Garavaglia, Albert Fraser Family, Donald Newman, Catherine Newman, David, James, and John Families*
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 Betty Hurley-Schmitz - *The Otto Fehlow Family, Lawrence Hurley Family*

Thank You! From Options for Women

St. Croix Valley

A sincere thank you to all involved with donating these wonderful gifts for our clients. So many happy faces to come! Our staff are pictured to the right with the Christmas presents - ready for our clients! Our deepest gratitude to all who supported this endeavor, from Options for Women St. Croix Valley.



Correction from the Parish Christmas Letter

As an added "blessing" from the CARES Act passed in March, individuals who do not itemize their tax deductions may take a new "above the line" charitable deduction of \$300 per return (whether single or married joint filer), reducing a donor's adjusted gross income (AGI), and thereby decreasing taxable income. (This is a correction from the Christmas letter sent December 15th wherein we mistakenly wrote the amount is \$600 if filed by a married couple). Individuals who do itemize may deduct donations up to 100% of their 2020 AGI, up from the previous limit of 60%. Questions? Please contact your Parish Office.

Operating Funds: (Weekly collection, EFT payments and gifts used only for operating expenses for Fiscal Year July 1, 2020—June 30, 2021). Please contact your Parish Office if you previously received envelopes and no longer need them since switching to online giving! Thank you for your timely response.

7/1 - 1/3/2021	St. Mary's	St. Michael's
Budgeted Collections	\$231,628	\$918,266
Actual Weekly Collections	\$235,999	\$950,042
Amount Over / (Short)	\$4,371	\$31,777

Respect Life News

January 22: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22nd shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.

On this day, may we join the Church in continued prayer for the legal protection of all unborn children. May we offer penance for all violations against the dignity of human life. In a special way, may we also pray for all women and men who suffer from participation in abortion, that they may find healing, peace, and reconciliation with God.

And may we recommit ourselves to supporting all expectant mothers. May we never fail to set out ... in haste. As the child in Elizabeth's womb leaped for joy, so may our hearts leap with joy at the wonders of new life in every expectant mother.

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops - USCCB



St. Michael's Parish News

Congratulations to Newly Baptized!

We welcome to our parish community the newest members of our Christian family through the Sacrament of Baptism: Langston James DeGroot (son of Seth and Katherine) and Augustus James Eberhardt (son of Joshua and Christine).

Congratulations to Newlyweds!

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Josef and Elizabeth (Pritchard) Stanton who entered the Holy Sacrament of Matrimony last weekend. May God remain the center of their marriage all the days of their lives!

In Sympathy

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Gary Lamers, Harriet Marchetti, Mary Walker (sister-in-law of Mary Lou Regis), and Edward Simonet and for all loved ones who mourn their loss. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

St. Mary's Parish News

Welcome, New Parishioners!

Please help us welcome our newest parish family: Ricardo and Hannah Walden.

Worship and Liturgy

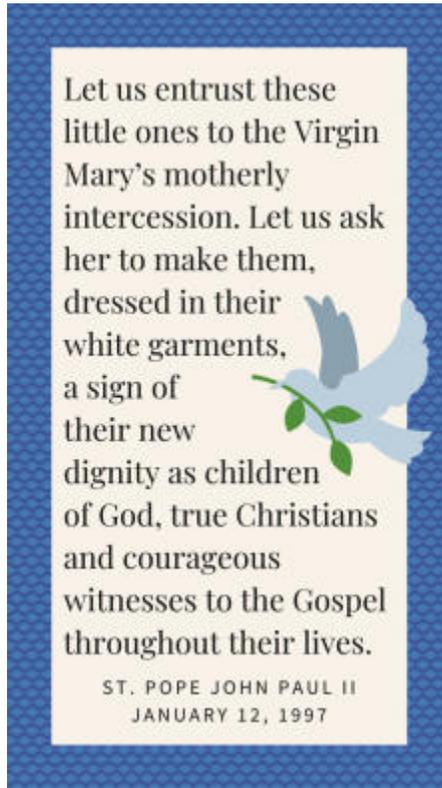
Mass Intentions for the Week of January 11-17

St. Mary's Church

- Mon. 7:30 a.m. † Bruce Beedle
- Tues. 7:30 a.m. † Astrid Brown
- Weds. 7:30 a.m. † Elaine Ruhland
- Thurs. 7:30 a.m. † Florence Albrecht
- Fri. 7:30 a.m. † David Simonet
- Sat. 7:30 a.m. Bill Holland
- Sun. 8:00 a.m. † Mary Rita Peroceschi
- 10:30 a.m. † John P. Curtin
- 6:00 p.m. The People of St. Mary's

Church of St. Michael

- Mon. 5:30 p.m. † Elaine Reinhardt
- Tues. 5:30 p.m. Fr. Izen (Birthday)
- Weds. 5:30 p.m. Sally Rubel
- Thurs. 5:30 p.m. Sophie Winther
- Fri. 5:30 p.m. Frank & Pam Monteiro
- Sat. 4:30 p.m. The People of St. Michael's
- Sun. 7:30 a.m. † JoAnne Schulz
- 9:15 a.m. † James Shay
- 11:00 a.m. † Donald Vizanko



Request A Mass Intention

To have a Mass said for someone, please contact your Parish Office.

24/7 Eucharistic Adoration at St. Michael's

There is urgent need for Adorers to pray in our Adoration Chapel - Please prayerfully consider spending an hour with Our Lord!



Sign-Up to Pray

Please continue using WeAdoreHim.com to schedule your Holy Hours, find subs, and make or renew your commitment. Contact Sam with any questions.

Chapel Coordinator

Samantha Bertrand
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Daily Readings

Monday, January 11 – Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday, January 12 – Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 13 – *St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday, January 14 – Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45

Friday, January 15 – Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday, January 16 – Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17

Sunday, January 17 – *2nd Sunday in*

Ordinary Time: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42



St. Croix Catholic School

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More Than a School

Our families will often comment how St. Croix Catholic is more than just a school. To the Cashman family, SCCS is a “village.”

“My husband and I both grew up attending Catholic schools. When we think back about our experiences growing up in that environment, the number one word that comes to mind is ‘village.’ In times where the societal pressures and stakes to foster a positive environment for our children are at an all-time high, the village that we choose for our children has never been more important.”

SCCS, along with our parishes, is a ‘village’ of people who share the same values and commitment to our children's growth and development. This year, more than ever, we are thankful and impressed with the village of SCCS. The fearlessness and conviction in how our school has stepped up, stayed flexible, and ultimately remained open safely in the craziest of times during a global pandemic, has been remarkable.

They truly believe and live in the mission to raise future ‘saints.’ We believe the best way to do that is in-person, where our children remain immersed in our ‘village’ in which faith, married with facts, will lead us through this unprecedented time.” —Annie Cashman, SCCS Parent



Apply Today!

Initial Admissions Window for 2021-2022 School Year open through Wednesday, January 13, 2021. Visit StCroixCatholic.org > Admissions for more details on the process. Be sure to also contact Denise Faust to schedule a virtual or in-person tour at dfaust@stccs.com or 651-439-5581 (Ext. 232). We'd love to show you around!



Tuition Assistance

Visit the school website to learn more about Tuition Assistance options available to qualifying families:

- Needs-Based Tuition Assistance
- Multiple Child Scholarships
- Alumni Scholarships
- Schulze Early Learning Scholarships

· And New for 2021-2022:

Kindergarten Enrollment Incentive
Thanks to the generosity of Catholic Schools Center of Excellence and its benefactors, a special \$250 credit will be offered to all incoming Kindergartners, including those currently enrolled in our Ark of Angels Preschool program. Don't delay! Our initial application window closes January 13, 2021.



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Faith Formation

Serving the parishes of St. Mary and St. Michael | **Faith Formation Office: 651-351-3175**

In-Person Sessions: Tuesday, Jan. 12—AM and PM, Wednesday, Jan. 13—Aft & Eve, Thursday, Jan. 14—CGS

Rite of Welcome Confirmation Retreat

On December 12, our Confirmation candidates gathered for a preparation retreat for the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Mary's Church. We began by invoking the Holy Spirit to be with us during our morning together, then pondered the Sacraments of Initiation through three Catechesis of the Good Shepherd presentations. We ended with a Pentecost celebration in which the candidates discerned a Gift of the Holy Spirit that they desired and would continue to pray for after being sent forth. Please continue to pray for our Confirmation candidates as they continue their formation process!



Totus Tuus Maria,

Vianney Nguyen

Urgent Need!

During these unprecedented times, **please** consider assisting with the formation of our children to allow us to remain open.

- Wednesday Afternoon 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. at St. Mary's, a one-on-one assistant is needed for 3rd and 4th grade CGS.
- Wednesday Evening from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., an assistant will be needed for 4th and 5th grade to assist for January 13 and 27. They are working on the big Abraham and Moses studies! Contact Danell Rudquist at drudquist@scvff.net or Jenny Ostrom at jostrom@costm.org.

You do not need to be CGS trained to assist in these areas. We will provide any needed training.

Advent Giving Tree Project



Thank you

Thank you, Faith Formation families, for your support this Christmas of the Giving Tree. Especially as we find ourselves a bit uncertain of the future, your generosity of heart was felt in a large way. The children's Christmas card-crafting yielded many beautiful creations. We were so happy to share them with our community!

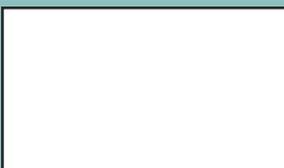


Cor Jesu

Our next Cor Jesu is TODAY—Sunday, January 10 from 7:15 - 8:15 p.m. at St. Mary's Church. Cor Jesu means "Heart of Jesus." It is a time of communal Eucharistic adoration with opportunities to reflect on the Sacred Heart of Jesus through silence, song, and communal devotions. Cor Jesu occurs once a month (2nd or 3rd Sunday) during the academic year following the 6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Mary's. All are welcome!

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