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DAILY MASS (subject to change)

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8:00 am

Thursday 5:30 pm

Friday 8:00 am

First Saturday of Month 8:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Thursday 5:00 to 5:20 pm

First Friday of Month 7:30 to 7:50 am

Saturday 3:30 to 4:30 pm

Sunday Masses:

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 am

Parish Registration: Forms can be printed from our website, picked up from the back of church or stop by the parish office and register in person.

Marriage: Six months to one year in advance to schedule marriages. No weddings during the Lenten Season.

Baptism: Baptisms are celebrated the 1st and 3rd weekends of the month. Baptism class is required for first time parents.

Dear Parishioners;

In the Gospel this weekend we hear about the Visitation, the 2nd Joyful Mystery. The Blessed Mother goes to visit her cousin Elizabeth who was pregnant with John the Baptist. The Blessed Mother went to help Elizabeth with the housework so that she could rest as she prepared for the birth of John the Baptist. This has become a lost tradition, which was a beautiful and loving tradition. Elizabeth appreciated the Blessed Mother's visit. And when the Blessed Mother arrived, Elizabeth knew by the power of the Holy Spirit that it was not just her cousin visiting her, but that it was the Mother of the Lord visiting her!

The Visitation reminds us that we should take time to visit our family members, relatives, friends, and neighbors. Just like we appreciate when someone takes time and makes the effort to visit us, so too we should take time and make the effort to visit others. When we are in the neighborhood, we should take time to visit loved ones and friends. Even a short visit is better than no visit! We do not want to have regrets at a funeral that we should have visited someone more. In the neighborhood in which we live, we should take 5 or 10 minutes to visit with a neighbor when we are outside. Through visits we can get to know them. For some people those visits have led to the neighbors becoming friends, even good friends! And in this day and age we know that a number of people do not know who their neighbors are because of the lack of visits!

When we visit another human being we encounter the Lord. We know the Lord said that if we welcome someone we welcome Him! And we always want to welcome the Lord!

When we visit someone we get to know them and we begin to connect with them. We grow in love and care for them. We learn that others have some of the same dreams, goals, and aspirations as we do.

Let us renew our efforts to visit others like the Blessed Mother visited Elizabeth. And let us always appreciate it when others visit us; even when it is inconvenient, remembering they care about us that they took the time to visit.

Father Ken O'Hotto
 Your Pastor and Spiritual Father





OUR LADY OF GRACE Adoration News

The Holy Eucharist

The word “Eucharist” means Thanksgiving”. In the Holy Eucharist, under the appearance of bread and wine, the Lord Christ is contained, offered, and received. The whole of Christ is substantially present in the Holy Eucharist. We use the words “really truly, and substantially” to describe Christ’s presence in the Holy Eucharist to distinguish Our Lord’s teachings from that of mere men who falsely teach that the Holy Eucharist is only a sign or figure of Christ, or that he is present only by His power. *Catholics Know the Answer Facebook page.*

Adoration Weekly Hours

Opens Wednesdays after 8:00am Mass and closes Thursday 1:00am and reopens Thursday at 4:00am and closes Thursday at 10:00pm. If case of bad weather, please check the adoration extension (ext. 50). If you are interested in participating, call the Parish office or contact Renee Johnson, Gloria Janikula, or Marty Randall.

Pope’s Intentions For The Month: December

Intention for evangelization—Catechists
Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.



St.Mary’s “Giving Tree”

Please contact the parish office, ext. 21 if you know of anyone needing assistance.

Calls are confidential!

Thank you to all who donated cash and gift cards. Several families within our community will enjoy a special Christmas because of your generosity! God Bless You!



We welcome Lawrence and Suzanne Martin to our St. Mary’s Parish Family. The Martin’s reside in Howard Lake.



Thank you to all who responded to the Stewardship Time and Talent Needs. Members of the parish will be contacting you soon to follow up as we prepare the 2022 ministry schedule. Let us remember that we are serving God and our parish by sharing our time and talent. Also thank you to those who returned your financial commitment for 2022!



We welcome Kyle and Staci Folven and their family to our parish family. They will be joining circle 2. They recently moved to the Howard Lake area.

St. Mary’s Sacrament of Reconciliation (Individual Confessions)

Wednesday, December 22

3:30pm – 4:30pm

Thursday, December 23

4:20pm – 5:20pm

7:00pm – 8pm

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Friday, December 24

4pm Children’s Mass

7pm Mass

**December 25 8am & 10:30 am Masses
(Note: No confessions and no mass at 5pm
on Saturday, December 25th.)**



NEW YEAR’S MASS SCHEDULE

**Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
(Not a Holy Day of obligation this year)**

Friday, December 31: 5pm Mass

Saturday, January 1: 9am Mass

**(Note: No confessions and no mass at 5pm
on Saturday, January 1st.)**



Knights of Columbus

January 8th 6:30 Bingo (KC Hall)
January 9th 9:15am General Meeting



I would like to invite all kids in grades 6-12th to join our January youth meeting on January 15th from 6-8pm.

Our activity for the night is to make cinnamon rolls to sell after the masses on Sunday to raise money for Pro Life.

Tentative future meetings are Feb. 19th, March 5th, April 2nd & May 7th.



Christmas, my child, is love in action....When you love someone, you give to them, as God gives to us. The greatest gift He ever gave was the person of His Son, sent to us in human form so that we might know what God the Father is really like! Every time we love, every time we give, it's Christmas.
Dale Evans Rogers

Christmas/New Year's Masses

Sign up sheets are available on the table in back of Church for both Christmas masses and New Year's Masses. Please consider volunteering at the masses you plan to attend. Thank you!

There will be choir practice every Sunday from 9-10am between Masses (no practice on Dec. 26th)



Howard Lake Meals on Wheels

December 23 Darlene Mader
December 30 Jim Gallagher
January 6 Steve & Judy Gagnon

Thank you to those of you who volunteered to be a regular or a substitute driver in 2022. The response was overwhelming. God bless each of you! Watch for the 2022 schedule in the mail soon!



2022 Mass Intentions are now being scheduled. Please call the parish office at ext. 21. Due to the large number of requests we receive, we must limit the number of masses scheduled to 5 per year per family. The stipend per mass is \$7. Thank you!

LOVE, INC. is seeking a representative or two from St. Mary's to serve on the board of directors. Minimal time commitment! If interested or for more information, please contact the parish office at ext. 21.

December 2021 Ministry Schedule

November	5:00 pm	8:00 am	10:30 am
Cross Bearer	Dan O'Brien	Chris Hanson	Volunteer
Altar Server	Evelyn O'Brien Genna O'Brien Gary O'Brien	Christine Hanson Nick Hanson Josh Hanson	Volunteers needed
Reader	Yvonne O'Brien	Hayley Hanson	Volunteer
Communion Ministry	Yvonne O'Brien Dan O'Brien	Hayley Hanson Darlene Mader	Volunteer Stacy Thomas
Usher	Dick LaFave Jim Franske Cathy Riebel Ray Fern	Bob Marketon Les Bartos Jeff Granrud Volunteer	Tim Lepage Dave Perry Volunteer Volunteer

WORD AND SACRAMENT

Readings for the week of December 19, 2021

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45
 Monday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38
 Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56
 Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66
 Friday: *Morning*: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79
 Saturday: *Vigil*: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 *Night*: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 *Dawn*: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 *Day*: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
 Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52



Scripture Verse of the Week

And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.” - Lk 1:43

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Mass Times/Mass Intention Fourth Week of Advent

Monday, December 20

8:00 a.m. Mass.....†Marge Moy

Tuesday, December 21

8:00 a.m. Mass.....†Alex Marketon

Wednesday, December 22

8:00 a.m. Mass.....John & Paul Scheveck

Thursday, December 23

4:20-5:20 p.m. 7:00-8:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:30 Mass.....†Gerald (Jerry) Smith

Friday, December 24 Christmas Eve

NO 8:00 a.m. Mass

4:00 p.m.....All children of the world

7:00 p.m.....Pastor Intention

Saturday, December 25 Christmas Day

8:00 a.m.....St. Mary's

10:30 a.m.....Pastor Intention

NO Confessions and No 5:00pm Mass today

Masses for The Most Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Sunday, December 26

8:00 a.m. Mass.....St. Mary's

10:30 a.m. Mass.....Daniel, Ray & Gayle Posusta

DECEMBER CALENDAR

Sunday, December 19

9:15am Confirmation Class

Tuesday, December 21

1:00pm Senior Cards

6:00pm Finance Meeting

Wednesday, December 22

1:00pm Bible Study

Friday, December 24 Christmas Eve

3:30pm Singing of Christmas Carols

4:00pm Children's Mass - Children's Choir

7:00pm Mass - Jessica - with her mother Alison

Saturday, December 25 Christmas Day

8am & 10:30am Mass - St. Mary's Choir

Monday, December 27

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, December 29

1:00pm Bible Study



Pre Synod Meeting

Fr. O'Hotto is calling a meeting of all Small Group Synod Members and St. Mary's Deanery Representatives and St. Mary's Ambassador Team on Sunday, January 9th at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

Father and the Deanery Team want to hear the feedback of the Small Group Synod Members regarding the three themes for our parish and the Archdiocese in preparation for the Deanery Meeting on February 5th which Father and the Deanery Rep's will be attending.

Weekly Offering

Dec. 12, 2021 Collection - \$8672.72

Food Collection..... 43 lbs.

Dec. 5 2021 Collection - \$7433.25

Food Collection..... 66 lbs.

*Average weekly collection needed per budget - \$6,985

Your financial contributions help maintain programs and ministries!

PRAYER CORNER

Remember In Your Prayers

Laura Hoffman, Dorie Miller, Greg Aaron Marquette, Betty Bury, Janice Sykora, Jolene Marketon, Deb Carlson, Kristina M., Joyce Burgess, Anne Fitch, Michael Poirier, Dalton Dooley, Bernadine Hornby, Frank Wood, Everette & Mary Parks (Gratitude), Josh B., Dorothy Novak, Leo Kill, Alan Moy, All Military Personal, Daniel Herbst, Clarence Nalewaya, Pat Demarais, Rita Lindenfesler, Andy F., Ron, Carol, Matt, Steve H., Dave LePage, Mary Marquette, Jan Brown, Al Blacketter, John Jaros, Joe Mottlow, Jim W., Carolyn Nieman, Joe Helmbrecht, Eleanor (Sawatzke) Franke, Piper Mettenberg, Holly Karels, Pat Schaar, George Schaar, Dalton Dooley, Kris Remer, Barb Kaczmarek, Mary Heller, Sandy Cooper, Tommy Peterson, Sharon Hiemeral, Grace Bellicot, Fred P., Jade P., Shelly Hirsch, Bonita Turner, Jean Courteau, Matthew Rau, Greg LePage

Call the Parish Office to request prayers.



Remember in your prayers:

Faith Olivia Dressel (17) who passed away on Nov. 30th. Faith is survived by her parents Gary and Allyson; siblings Emily, Nathan & Clare of our parish along with many other relatives and friends. Faith was a senior in high school at HLWW. Faith's funeral was on Friday, Dec. 10th with interment at St. Mary's cemetery.

Jeff Bloms (64) of Minot, N.D. who passed away on December 4th. Jeff is survived by his wife Gwen, daughter Brekka (Tyler) Hancock, Grandson Ezra and future granddaughter due this spring. Jeff was the brother to Gloria (Duane) Janikula of our parish.

Rest in Peace!

Come to our aid, O Lord

In this Fourth Week of Advent, our final days of preparation before Christmas, we ask Christ to forgive us for our sins and, through His grace, to create us anew when He comes.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter; we are all the work of your hands." As we begin the waiting of advent, let us strive to become the work of his hands by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Feb 11-13, 2022 in Buffalo, MN and May 6-8, 2022 in Buffalo, MN. For more information, call Brent & Tracy Chessen at 612-756-8720 or visit them at twincitieswwme.org.

Advent Penance Services

St. Joseph, Waconia December 19th 4:00pm
See Page 2 for Individual Confession times next week here at St. Mary's



Christmas Sing-a-long December 24 3:30pm

The Youth Choir will be singing a half hour before the 4pm Mass on Christmas Eve.

All are welcome to join us for a sing-a-long of Christmas hymns to celebrate the birthday of Jesus.

For those involved, rehearsals will be at church today (Sunday, Dec. 12th at 9:15), Wednesday, Dec. 15th from 5:30-6:15pm, Sunday, Dec. 19 at 9:15am and Friday, Dec 24 at 3:00. Please plan to attend all rehearsals.



Congratulations to Abbey Weninger and Tristin Fliehe who were joined in Holy Matrimony at St. Mary's on December 12, 2021. May God bless their union.

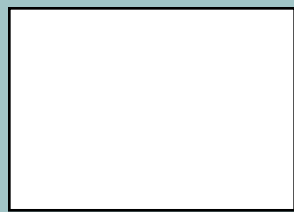


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