

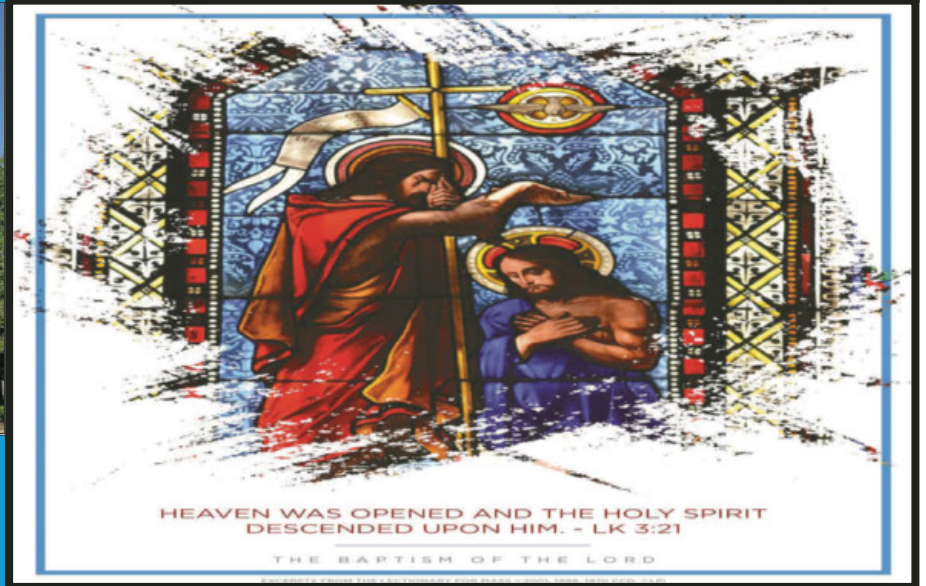
January 9, 2022 • *Feast of the Baptism of the Lord*

THE CHURCH OF SAINT MARY

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MISSION STATEMENT

To share the gifts God has entrusted us by "being Christ to one another" through welcoming, comforting, healing and teaching in loving service of our brothers and sisters, mindful of His unconditional love for all His children.



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BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday 12:00 pm

Archdiocesan Victim Assistance Hotline 651-291-4497

Sunday 1030 am Mass

Entrance: #529, Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

Introit: 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.

Psalm:

Refrain: The Lord will bless his people with peace.

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.

Refrain: The Lord will bless his people with peace.

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

Refrain: The Lord will bless his people with peace.

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.

Refrain: The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Offertory: #878, When Jesus Came to Jordan

Communion Antiphon: Behold the One of Whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

Communion: #490, On Jordan's Bank

Recessional: #743, Love Divine, All Love's Excelling

Mass Schedule:

Weekend:

Saturday 4:30 pm;

Sunday 7:30 am & 10:30 am

Weekdays: Mon. - Fri. 12:00 pm

Holy Days: 12:00 pm & 5:30 pm

Reconciliation:

Mon. - Fri. 11:30 am - 11:50 am

Sat. 3:30 pm - 4:20 pm and by appointment

Baptism & Marriage:

Register online via parish website.

WINTER FUN

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 8th

4:30 pm Bob Meehl†

Sunday, 9th

7:30 am Parishioners

10:30 am John A. Stackpole, III†

Monday, 10th

12:00 pm Xavier & Rose Jeyarajan
and Marina Nicholas†

Tuesday, 11th

12:00 pm Frank Langert†

Wednesday, 12th

12:00 pm Vincent & Josephine Zewers †

Thursday, 13th

12:00 pm Matthew Gerszowski†

Friday, 14th

12:00 pm Bill, Bev, Colleen
and Tommy McDonough†

Next Saturday, 15th

4:30 pm Marcia Lowe†

Next Sunday, 16th

7:30 am Parishioners

10:30 am David Heymans†

† Denotes deceased

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:

Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10
[11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-
25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday:

1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-
19/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday:

1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/
Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday:

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-
8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday:

1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-
25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday:

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-
19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday:

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-
5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17 ©LPI

FROM THE PASTORS

Happy New Year!

Six Months at St. Mary's for Frs. Evans and Hagan

What a joy for Fr. Evans and I to celebrate our first Christmas and New Year here at St. Mary's, Lowertown. With all of the hard work, learning curve, personal adjustments and even occasional bewilderment that comes with moving as pastor to a new parish, we can say unreservedly that it has been a joy to serve you all this past half-year. We look forward with great hope to the next six months as we continue to work for a revitalized St. Mary's while continuing our personal and pastoral "settling in."

We'd like to begin by expressing our profound gratitude to the staff, trustees, volunteers, and Finance and Parish Council members, who have continued with diligence their usual responsibilities throughout this time of transition while being so very helpful to and patient with us as we learn the ins-and-outs of the parish and seek to establish a new mode of life and work while continuing to develop our community life in the **aspiring Oratory of St. Philip Neri**. We are especially thankful to our **Business Administrator, Debby Heymans**, who announced to us about six weeks ago her plans to take retirement after over twenty-seven years of dedicated—even heroic!—service to St. Mary's. Debby will complete her employment at the parish on March 31st. One doesn't simply "replace" someone like Debby, who has been more than just an employee but a beloved friend and support to all at St. Mary's and a true co-worker in this little corner of the Lord's field in Lowertown. Not to mention that over the years she has aggregated such various and disparate tasks into her office that it would take a small army to cover her workload! Fortunately, in **Lighthouse Strategic Services** of Faribault MN (LSS) this is just what we've done. LSS works with numerous Catholic parishes in the Archdiocese, offering economy of scale in their eight-person office to provide top-level accounting, business administration, and other financial services at a most-affordable fee. In addition to adding LSS to our admin roster we will be hiring a new office manager to work the front desk, sacramental records, and day-to-day tasks on-site at the parish. Pray the Lord send us the right person.

Fr. Evans and I, in consultation with the parish councils and trustees, are working in other ways to shore up various additional areas of parish infrastructure which will prepare St. Mary's for a renewed apostolate in the decades to come. Stay tuned for more updates on these plans in the coming weeks.

We would also like to offer our warm appreciation for the music staff: **Mary Ann Zabinski (organist)**, and also **Emma Arachtingi** our new (since September) **Lead Cantor and schola director** for the 1030am Sunday Mass, whose talents were especially on display during Advent and Christmas. We look forward to bringing the St. Mary's Schola back to full strength during Lent and Easter.

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We recognize in addition **Ben Vasko** of **Bright Web Design** for the beautiful new St. Mary's website. Ben and his family (wife Heather, son Louis, daughter Charlotte, and baby Girl Feb '22!) have joined our parish this fall and it's a blessing to add to the St. Mary's family and gain in-house design talent to boot. The basic version of the website went live the first weekend of Advent, and it will be augmented in the coming months with some additional, helpful pages. Give a visit, if you haven't already, to the redesigned www.stmarystpaul.org.

Finally and most of all, we thank you the St. Mary's parishioners from our hearts for your encouragement and prayers these past six months, and we commend you for your faithfulness in attendance and giving, and for the generally cooperative, communal spirit you've shown in the midst of these most trying two years of life in the pandemic. We pray for deliverance from the pestilence, for all who have sickened and passed away during it, and for a renewed energy for worship and service in this coming Year of Our Lord, 2022. Here's to another year of "Pondering the Word with the Heart of Mary." - Fr. Hagan

YEAR END GIVING

Dear Parishioners: 2021 has been a year of many changes, repairs and upgrades to our beloved St. Mary's. Without your prayers, support and generous contributions, these things would not be possible. We are planning on doing more in the coming year and will continue to take care of and keep up with our aging facility. As we approach the end of another year, please consider making a special year end donation making a special year end donation of \$50, \$100 or whatever you can afford to St. Mary's Church in thanksgiving. You may donate online, send a check to the parish office or put your donation in the collection basket. Your support and contributions will make a real, lasting impact on the future of YOUR St. Mary's. We hope and pray that you will continue your commitment to building up St. Mary's in the coming year.

Thank You! Fr Hagan and Fr. Evans

WELCOME BISHOP-ELECT JOSEPH WILLIAMS

The ordination of Fr. Joseph Williams to the Episcopacy will take place Tuesday, January 25th, the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. The ordination will be livestreamed on the Archdiocese of St. Paul/Minneapolis facebook page. Time to be announced. Learn more about Bishop-elect Williams, watch video interviews, and find details on ordination at archspm.org/newbishop. Please join us in praying for our new auxiliary bishop!

PRESENTATION SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Presentation Grade School in Maplewood will have their annual Panther Pride Auction & Benefit, on February 5th. It will be a virtual event so you can attend from your home. Students are currently selling raffle tickets to help support the auction & every purchase of a ticket gives you a chance to win one of 3 great prizes! Tickets are \$10 each and all proceeds go back to the school. 1st prize; Weber smoker, 2nd prize; 1/4 cow; and 3rd prize; \$500 cash! Check out <https://presentationofmaryschool.org/support-us/auction/> to learn more.

Upcoming Events

Parish Council Mtg, Jan. 25th, 5:00pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

RE Class, January 15th, 9-10:15 am
(Grades K-8th)

PCYI meeting middle grades

Parent's sign up day for 1st communion
learning stations



Angie Veesenmeyer 8th, Susan Ryan 8th, Rainie Schmitz 9th, Kathleen Plantenberg 9th, Mary Mooney 9th, Patrick Meyer 9th, Shaun Parsekar 9th, Roger Burroughs 10th, Erin McDonough 10th, Cathy Grunwald 13th, Shana Abernathy 13th, Jill Bueno 13th, Matthew Madrid 13th and Antonia Chenyi 14th.



Margaret Boehm, Savannah Moody, Piekarczyk, Irene Stackpole and Parris Veeder



"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16bc

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COLLECTION FOR WEEK OF

January 4th THRU January 11th
Additional Operations Fund: \$427

Second Collection

New Year's Day: \$290

COLLECTIONS

Envelopes.....	\$1,155
Plate.....	\$566
Auto Withdrawal & Online Giving.	\$1,858
Sunday, January 2, 2022	\$3,579

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