THE CHURCH OF SAINT MARY Welcoming all since 1 8 6 5

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.



Sunday 1030 am Mass

Readings - RS #1076

Entrance: #695 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Introit: All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Psalm 96- Refrain: Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations. Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all you lands. Sing to the LORD; bless his name.

Refrain:

Announce his salvation, day after day. Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.

Refrain:

Give to the LORD, you families of nations, give to the LORD glory and praise; give to the LORD the glory due his name!

Refrain:

Worship the LORD in holy attire. Tremble before him, all the earth: Say among the nations: The LORD is king. He governs the peoples with equity. **Refrain:**

Alleluia

Offertory: #717 Come My Way, My Truth, My Life **Communion:** #658 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence Recessional: #632 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

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 Register online via parish website.

Reconciliation: Mon. - Fri. 11:30 am - 11:50 am Sat. 3:30 pm - 4:20 pm and by appointment **Baptism & Marriage:**



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BULLETIN DEADLINE Monday 12:00 pm

Archdiocesan Victim Assistance Hotline 651-291-4497



FROM THE PASTORS

MASS INTENTIONS Saturday, 15th 4:30 pm Marcia Lowe† Sunday, 16th 7:30 am Parishioners 10:30 am David Heymans† Monday, 17th 12:00 pm Brenda Stremel+ Tuesday, 18th 12:00 pm Gregory & Erin Joseph† Wednesday, 19th 12:00 pm Gabriela Romot Thursday, 20th 12:00 pm Jane Miller† Friday, 21st 12:00 pm Kris Sobolik† Next Saturday, 22nd 4:30 pm Margaret Medina+ Next Sunday, 23rd 7:30 am Parishioners 10:30 am George Menard† + Denotes deceased

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7 -8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40 -51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21 _{©LPi} The Marriage of Christ and the Church (From a Sermon by Faustus of Riez, Bishop, 5th century)

On the third day there was a wedding. What wedding can this be but the joyful marriage of man's salvation, a marriage celebrated by confessing the Trinity or by faith in the resurrection. That is why the marriage took place "on the third day," a reference to the sacred mysteries which this number symbolizes.

Hence, too, we read elsewhere in the Gospel that the return of the younger son, that is, the conversion of the pagans, is marked by song, and music and wedding garments. *Like a bridegroom coming from his marriage chamber* our God descended to earth in his incarnation, in order to be united to his Church which was to be formed of the pagan nations. To her he gave a pledge and a dowry: a pledge when God was united to man; a dowry when he was sacrificed for man's salvation. The pledge is our present redemption; the dowry, eternal life.

To those who see only with the outward eye, all these events at Cana are strange and wonderful; to those who understand, they are also signs. For, if we look closely, the very water tells us of our rebirth in baptism. One thing is turned into another from within, and in a hidden way a lesser creature is changed into a greater. All this points to the hidden reality of our second birth. There water was suddenly changed; later it will cause a change in man.

By Christ's action in Galilee, then, wine is made, that is, the law withdraws and grace takes its place; the shadows fade and truth becomes present; fleshly realities are coupled with spiritual, and the old covenant with its outward discipline is transformed into the new. For, as the Apostle says: *The old order has passed away; now all is new!* The water in the jars is not less than it was before, but now begins to be what it had not been; so too the law is not destroyed by Christ's coming, but is made better than it was.

When the wine fails, new wine is served: the wine of the old covenant was good, but the wine of the new is better. The old covenant, which Jews follow, is exhausted by its letter; the new covenant, which belongs to us, has the savor of life and is filled with grace.

The good wine, that is, good precepts, refers to the law; thus we read: You shall love your neighbor but hate your enemy. But the Gospel is a better and stronger wine: My command to you is: love your enemies, pray for your persecutors. - Fr. Evans

TRAVELING PRIESTS

As our Priests, Fr. Hagan and Fr. Evans are on their travels let us keep them in our prayers and hope they enjoy their travel time. They will be back from their travels to St. Mary's on January 21st



We offer our prayers and congratulations to Tom and Carol Chudzik on their 50th Wedding Anniversary this week. Please keep them in your prayers.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

There will be a Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday, January 25th, at 5:00pm in the Blessed Monti Community Room.



In observation of Martin Luther King Day the parish office will be closed on Monday, January 17th..

PRAYER SERVICE FOR LIFE

Saturday. January 22nd, at 10:30am there will be a prayer service at the Cathedral of St. Paul that commemorates the millions of lives lost to abortion and the many women and men wounded by abortion aftermath. All are welcome, Saint John Paul II Champions for the Life Awardees will be recognized during the prayer service. This event is sponsored by the Office of Marriage, Family and Life. For more information visit archspm.org/prayer-service-life or call 651-291-4488.

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.



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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS RE Class, January 22nd, 9-10:15 am (Grades K—8th) PCYI 2nd meeting older grades



Mildred Jackson 15th, Renee Kasel 15th, Raecarol Tedesco 15th, Michaela McDonough 15th, Anna Alesso 16th, Antonio Dizon 17th, Jasmine Joseph 17th, Marvin Dizon 17th, Ryan Nguyen 19th and Margaret McDonough 20th.



Margaret Boehm, Savannah Moody, Stephanie Piekarczyk, Irene Stackpole, Parris Veeder and Roger Zabinski.



When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." - 1* 2:3-5

COLLECTION FOR WEEK OF January 4th THRU January 10th Additional Operations Fund: \$143

COLLECTIONS

Envelopes	\$645
Plate	\$2,395
Auto Withdrawal & Online Giving	\$385
Sunday, January 2, 2022	\$3,425



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