

St. Mary's Church

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JANUARY 2, 2022 EPIPHANY

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Monday–Friday8:15 am–4:00 pm

Bulletin DeadlineMon. at 10:00 am

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### St. Marys Catholic Cemetery

604 Joseph Road

Phone/Fax ..... 781-7275

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### MASS SCHEDULE

LORD'S DAY: .....Saturday.....5:00 pm

Sunday ..... 6:30, 8:30 &10:30 am

Radio Mass .10:30 am (WKBI AM 1400)

WEEKDAYS (Mon.–Sat.):..... 8:30 am

Holy Days ..... 6:30 pm Vigil

8:30 am and 5:30 pm day of

### DAILY ADORATION

Monday-Sunday .....9am-8pm

Except during Mass times

### DEVOTIONS

Prayer Hour(Tues.)..2:00 pm–3:00 pm

Rosary & Stations (silently)..every day

### CONFESSION

Saturdays: 3:30-4:30PM.

And Thursday before 1st Friday from

4:00-5:00PM.



*"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him."*

*~ Matthew 2:1-2*



Convent Bricks will be sold at the Benedictine Gift Shop WHILE SUPPLIES LAST. They are \$10 each. Proceeds benefit the Benedictine Gift Shop.

## THE SACRAMENTS

### BAPTISM

Baptism are held on Sundays following the 10:30AM Mass. Arrangements must be made in advance at the Parish Office by at least one parent. Parents and God-parents must attend a Baptismal Preparation Class prior to the baptism.

### RECONCILIATION

Thursday before 1st Friday 4:00-5:00PM and every Saturday 3:30-4:30PM. *Anytime by appointment, 781-1019.*

### MATRIMONY

Couples should contact the Parish Office. Arrangements should be made at least 6 months in advance. Pre-Cana or Engagement Encounter is required.

### SICK AND HOME BOUND

Please inform the Parish Office if a member of your family is sick and in need of anointing or would like their name placed on our First Friday Communion List.

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

The RCIA process is offered for those interested in joining the Catholic Faith. For more information, please contact Sandy Reider, 781-1216.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact the parish office by calling 781-1019, M-F 8AM-4PM.



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Store Hours:

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### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

#### BAPTISMAL PREP CLASSES

Tues. Jan. 4 6:30-7:30PM Queen of the World 834-4701

Wed. Jan. 19 7:00-8:00PM Holy Rosary/Jburg 965-2819

#### PRE-CANA SESSIONS (Erie locations on request)

Contact your pastor for information.

**"31" DAY VOCATION CALENDAR**



- 1-03 Diane Neubert
- 1-04 Steve, Rose Ann Silveri
- 1-05 Phylis Ryden
- 1-06 Dick Wolfe
- 1-07 Martin Hammer
- 1-08 Lisa Werneth/Dick Wolfe
- 1-09 Mary Benigni

**SANCTUARY CANDLES**

Candles will be burned this week for the following intentions:



- † Mary Jo Zimmett &
- † Randall N. Bauer

To schedule an intention or week, please call the Parish Office; the offering is \$10 per intention per week.

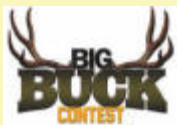
**PRAYER CHAIN**

For needed prayers, please call Charlene @ 335-5098; or Mary Lou @ 781-6953.

Or drop your intention in the prayer box at the side entrance of the church to be prayed during the office staff Tuesday prayer hour from 2-3pm.

**ST. HUBERT'S COMMITTEE — BIG BUCK CONTEST**

Open to **active** parish members only. Prize— a plaque and a gift certificate. Call Matt (781-3588) or Shane (512-1045) to have your buck measured. The deer must be legally harvested during the 2021-22 hunting season.



We've decided to cancel our Epiphany Party that we have each year on the Epiphany at the Red Fern. With COVID still lingering, we'll just wait 1 more year till we get together to celebrate our wonderful volunteers. Know that we appreciate all of you!



**MASS INTENTIONS**

| DATE                                 | MASS                                                   | REQUESTED FOR                                                                                                     |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Saturday</b><br><i>January 1</i>  | <b>5:00 PM</b>                                         | <b>EPIPHANY</b><br>† Jack & Joanne Schneider                                                                      |
| <b>Sunday</b><br><i>January 2</i>    | <b>(6:30 AM)*</b><br><b>8:30 AM</b><br><b>10:30 AM</b> | <b>CONVENTUAL MASS</b> <i>Private Intention</i><br>L/D George & Helen Foster Fam.<br>L/D Francis V. Schatz Family |
| <b>Monday</b><br><i>January 3</i>    | <b>8:30 AM</b>                                         | <b>MONDAY AFTER EPIPHANY</b><br>† Alvin Zimmett, & John & Mary Braun                                              |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br><i>January 4</i>   | <b>8:30 AM</b>                                         | <b>ELIZABETH ANN SETON, MARRIED WOMAN, EDUCATOR</b><br>† Neal Brendel                                             |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br><i>January 5</i> | <b>8:30 AM</b>                                         | <b>JOHN NEUMANN, BISHOP, EDUCATOR</b><br>† Edna Reuscher                                                          |
| <b>Thursday</b><br><i>January 6</i>  | <b>8:30 AM</b>                                         | <b>ANDRE BESSETTE, RELIGIOUS</b><br>L/D Frank Bauer Family                                                        |
| <b>Friday</b><br><i>January 7</i>    | <b>8:30AM</b>                                          | <b>RAYMOND OF PENYAFORT, PRIEST</b><br>L/D Anthony & Alice Marcenelle Family                                      |
| <b>Saturday</b><br><i>January 8</i>  | <b>8:30 AM</b>                                         | <b>SATURDAY AFTER EPIPHANY</b><br>L/D Leonard & Irene Schreiber Family                                            |
| <b>Saturday</b><br><i>January 8</i>  | <b>5:00 PM</b>                                         | <b>BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b><br>† Randall Bauer                                                                     |
| <b>Sunday</b><br><i>January 9</i>    | <b>(6:30 AM)*</b><br><b>8:30 AM</b><br><b>10:30 AM</b> | <b>CONVENTUAL MASS</b> <i>Private Intention</i><br>† Alphonse & Sarah Bon<br>† Bette Boschert                     |

\* (The "Conventual Mass" offered at 6:30AM on Sundays is the weekly Mass offered for the intentions of the Benedictine Fathers in St. Marys, and can fulfill our Sunday Mass obligation.)

Welcome Zachary Mason Simbeck, son of Mark & Kate Ehrensberger Simbeck. Zachary received the Sacrament of Baptism on December 19th.



**FORWARD TOGETHER**  
2021 Catholic Services Appeal

100% —  
80% —  
60% —  
40% —  
20% —

PARISH NAME: St. Mary's  
DIOCESAN GOAL: \$ 100,569


We're so close to our goal...can you help?

Total Pledged to Date **\$96,590**  
From **252 Families**


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Please consider donating to the CSA **now**, we are still \$4,000 short of our Diocesan Goal, which we have to pay whether we reach our goal or not. We have until the end of January, consider giving.

**Share your favorite "Sister/Father" Story**  
If you have a happy or memorable story about the Benedictine nuns/fathers or the St. Mary's Church, we would love to share it in our Parishioner Spotlight. Send in your story to the Parish Office at 325 Church St, or email us at [smchurch1@windstream.net](mailto:smchurch1@windstream.net). We're excited to share your memories with the rest of the congregation.



Please call the Parish Office if you or a family member, or even another parishioner that you know, are admitted to the hospital, in town or elsewhere; we'd love to be able to pray for you/ them and send a card. And Father Peter Augustine is more than willing to make hospital visits in St. Marys.



**ECCHS Music Booster Cash Bash!!**  
January 15, 2022 6-10pm  
St. Marys Moose  
\$100 drawing every 5 min, \$200 drawing every 15 min!  
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Contact Simon at 814-788-0203

**THE TIME TO VOLUNTEER IS NOW!!!**

**We are in desperate need of:**  
**Sacristans for 5PM, 8:30AM, and 10:30AM Masses.** New schedules will be done for the New Year and we are short on help. (Sacristans simply come 10 minutes before Mass begins, complete a couple tasks and you're out by 10 minutes after Mass ends.)  
**Lectors for 5PM Mass.** You get a practice book, so you can read the readings before you come in to lector.  
If you would like more information about our ministries and volunteer opportunities, please call the parish office with any questions. 781-1019. (You will **NOT** be scheduled until you feel ready.)



**BEWARE** For everyone's safety, the Former Convent Property is **CLOSED** to ALL foot and vehicle traffic. If you would like to watch, you MUST stay outside the perimeter fencing. It is an official construction site!

## THE LORD BE WITH YOU!



Dear people of St. Mary's,

May God bless YOU as we celebrate **the Epiphany of our Lord!**

AND, just what do we celebrate on this solemn feast day? GOD tells us in His own words, paraphrasing the prophecy of Isaiah 60:1-6, *“the Lord's light shines upon His people, and they then radiate His light to the world around them. . . . and caravans shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the Lord.”*

Then GOD explains through the Gospel of St. Matthew 2:1-12, that what GOD foretold through the prophet Isaiah now happens, when Mary gives birth to GOD's own Son and the magi caravan to see Him, guided by the star in the east, which signaled the birth of the newborn King of Israel. When they arrived they did Him homage and offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense, & myrrh.

So just as GOD showed Himself to His own people [symbolized by the shepherds] who came with their flocks to worship Him on the night of His birth, now GOD shows Himself to the whole world, the non-Jews [symbolized by the magi/wisemen/kings] who came from the far corners of the world [from the East] bearing “kingly” gifts and who did Him homage.

Indeed, GOD has come among us, to bring salvation to ALL people of all times—even to YOU and me. Christ JESUS, the GOD-man is the King and Savior of all. That is what we celebrate today!

Let us pray often for one another and support one another's efforts to be renewed in our commitments to follow Christ more closely in this New Year: ***GOD bring us to be more attentive to the many ways You continue to be revealed to us in Christ—through His words and deeds when we hear the Gospel—and also through His presence in the sacraments [most dramatically in the Holy Eucharist]—and through the many gifts of creation, especially one another.***

*Fr. Peter Augustine, OSB*



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*LifeTeen(9-10)/Youth Minister/  
Confirmation Coordinator*

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**781-1042**

*High School .....Nick Heise  
"Rooted" Youth Ministry Program*

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**

The Middle School Youth Group will meet on the 1st and last Wednesday of the month. **Wednesday, January 5 & 26** at the iCafe/CYMA building from 5:30-7:30PM. Come over and see what youth group is all about. All Middle Schoolers are welcome!

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING**

Andy & Cathy Dornisch 512-0818

**RCIA**

If you want to become a Catholic or you are a Catholic who wants to know more about your Faith, call Sandy Reider, 781-1216. Usual sessions are on Sundays at 1:30PM in the Cafeteria.

## Faith Formation

**(Former Catholic Middle School), 325 Church Street**

**Sun. Jan. 2, 2022** First Grade Sacred Heart session 10:45 – noon at Sacred Heart Parish Center Atrium  
NO Faith Formation for Grades 6-11 – Christmas Break

**Wed. Jan. 5** Elementary Faith Formation (grade 1-5) 6:00pm – 7:30pm

**Sun. Jan. 9, 2022** First Grade Sacred Heart session 10:45 – noon at Sacred Heart Parish Center Atrium  
Confirmation retreat 10:30 – 4:30pm at St. Mary’s Church Parish Center. Will start with Mass at 10:30am Mass at St. Mary’s Church.

Middle School (Grade 6- 8) and Life Teen (grade 9 – 10) 6:00 – 7:30

**Wed. Jan. 12** Elementary Faith Formation (grade 1-5) 6:00pm – 7:30pm

**Sun. Jan. 16** First Grade Sacred Heart session 10:45 – noon at Sacred Heart Parish Center Atrium  
Confirmation – No class

Life Teen retreat 10:30 – 4:30pm at St. Mary’s Church Parish Center. Will start with Mass at 10:30am Mass at St. Mary’s Church.

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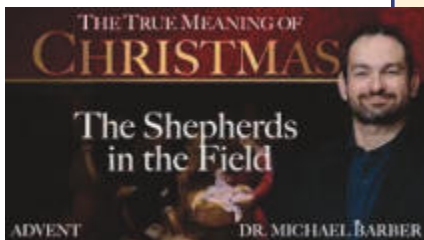
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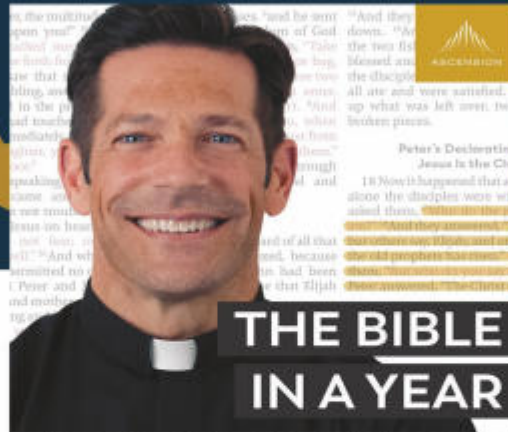
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