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JANUARY 9, 2022

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday–Thursday 8:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Confessions will be heard on
Saturdays from 3:00 to 3:30 p.m.

before the 4:00 p.m. Mass
and also by appointment.

BAPTISM

For information, please contact the
rectory at 440-359-8205 Monday– Friday
between 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

MARRIAGE

For information, please contact the
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Mass Intentions—Saint Mary

Saturday, January 8th
4:00 p.m. Donna Noble

Sunday, January 9th
9:15 a.m. Michael Seebauer's Birthday

Wednesday, January 12th
7:30 a.m. - Rosary
8:00 a.m. William Gulban

Thursday, January 13th
7:30 a.m. - Rosary
8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners
Novena to the Miraculous Medal

Saturday, January 15th
4:00 p.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners

Sunday, January 16th
9:15 a.m. Leonard & Rita Madej

Mass Intentions—Our Lady of Hope

Monday, January 10th
8:00 a.m. Nathan Seebauer's Birthday

Tuesday, January 11th
8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners

Friday, January 14th
8:00 a.m. Liv. & Dec. Mem. of Andrasak Family

Sunday, January 16th
11:00 a.m. George & Bernice Aspery

ST. MARY LADIES GUILD

The St. Mary Ladies Guild will not hold its January meeting due to the increase in Covid 19 cases. The activity scheduled for this meeting will take place at a later date. This decision was made by the Guild officers. Please stay safe and be considerate of the people around you.

CHRISTMAS GIFT ANGEL

Once again we are giving to parishioners who reside at Light of Hearts Villa. We ask that you give them \$25.00 cash or a VISA gift card. Please return all gifts to the church no later than January 16th. Your gift will make their new year much brighter.

2022 MASS INTENTIONS

There are many Mass intentions available in our 2022 Mass Books. To book intentions for someone who is ill or deceased or has an anniversary, birthday, etc., please call or stop in either parish office during office hours. The cost is \$10 per Mass.

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

There will be a Divine Mercy Holy Hour Sunday January 9th at 2:30 p.m. in St. Monica Church, Garfield Hts. All are welcome!

Please Remember In Your Prayers . . .

Nancy Belsito, Gen Cannella, Pat Christian, JoAnn Conway, Alice Cotter, Deb David, Robin Davis, Bill Deak, Dick Dolan, Jim Goersmeyer, Darillinn Grubbs, Mary Hills, Dolores P. Hovan, Ken Hudak, Helen Husky, Cindy Jerick, Carlotta Jones, Carol Kainec, Matt Kish, Judy Kobus, Kelly Kostilo, Ken Krawczyk, Corey Kurilko, Ryleeann Kurilko, Lucy Lagaza, Cindy Lowe, Wiletta Lynch, Ryan Martin, Richard Moore, Marcy Nero, Delores Nose, Lucille Novak, Virginia Pfeffer, Conner Press, Clara Rizzo, Eileen Salupo, Charles Saraniti, Jonathan Sedor, David Shostek, Anna Marie Slaby, Bill Smith, Gabe Sobina, Madyson Strohl, LueRean Talley, Mary Ann Taylor, Ed Thorsby, Diane Whitelaw, Carl Wilson Jr., Gwen Yates, Patricia Zak,
Special Intention and all those affected by the coronavirus throughout the world

Please get permission from the family before asking us to add someone to the Prayer List.

IT'S TAX TIME ONCE AGAIN

Please send a copy of my 2021 contribution statement for St. Mary to:

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ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **ZIP:** _____

Please fill out and send back to the parish office. If you can include a first class stamp we would appreciate it.

Parish Support
for 1/2/2022

Church Support	\$2034.00
Parish Improvement	<u>\$0692.00</u>
TOTAL	\$2726 00

Christmas—\$120.00; Solemnity of Mary—\$486.00
Donations for the Poor—\$90.00

MASS COUNTS

SM: 4 pm—60; 9:15 am—85	Total—145
OLH: 4 pm—39; 11 am—89	Total—128

Thank you for your continued generosity

FROM FR. ISIDORE MUNISHI

Dear Parishioners.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2022. Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in Jordan. Jesus descended into the River Jordan to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves", He was absolutely sinless and impeccable.

The final line of this Sunday's reading from Matthew's gospel offers perhaps a better clue about the meaning of Jesus's baptism. That line reads: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." There we hear an unmistakable echo from the first reading: "Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased" (Isaiah 42:7). It is Jesus who will be the definitive "covenant of the people" and "light for all nations." He will "open the eyes of the blind" and "bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon those who live in darkness."

As another Christmas fades into the past and we prepare to move on next week to ordinary time, these readings help us to understand more fully the meaning of the incarnation – of why Christ has come. As Pope Francis noted in a recent general audience, the good news of the incarnation is not merely that God has taken on human flesh, but that God has done so in a world "marked by so many things, good and bad, marked by divisions, wickedness, poverty, arrogance and wars." Jesus has come to bring God's mercy to the world.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that "Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons [and daughters] of God; we become members of Christ, incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission" (CCC #1213). Just as Matthew's gospel makes a connection between the Baptism of the Lord and the mission of the suffering servant, we too should make a connection between our own baptism and his ministry of mercy.

Fr. Dennis Mrosso and I are very grateful for the Christmas gifts/donations which were used to purchase furniture for our community house. With your generous help, we have paid 80% of the cost. May Our generous God who has shown us His love and compassion reward you and your families abundantly.

Fr. Isidore Munishi

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Sincere appreciation to everyone who was able to donate to December's food pantry. We collected \$346 and multiple grocery donations. We are thankful to Revere High School student body and St. Victor's Parish in Richfield for sharing their bountiful donations with St. Mary's food pantry. In 2021 there were over \$2,000 in donations along with multiple pounds of food. Thank you to Ginny, Ruth, Pat, Mary Ann and Connie for their donation of time.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." As we give to the poor, we also can hear these same words.



As you help those who are suffering, know in your heart the truth of the words "you are my beloved with whom I am well pleased."

Our Food Pantry is open on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month from 3-4:30 p.m. with outside pick-up only.

FURNITURE COLLECTION

Do you have used furniture in good condition you just don't use? Are you moving or downsizing and need to unload some unneeded pieces? We'll come pick it up and you can help a refugee family start a new life in the process. Catholic Charities helps place many families who have not much more than an empty apartment. If you have Queen & Full sized mattresses, tables & chairs, end tables or other furniture you would be willing to donate, please visit <https://onehopeneo.com/homeless-refugee/>

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION**FREE MONTHLY GRIEF SUPPORT**

Catholic Cemeteries Association provides free monthly grief support groups in two formats: In-Office at 3:00 p.m. at six Cemetery offices and Virtually at 5:00 p.m. We meet the 3rd Sunday of every month; 4th Sunday if the third Sunday falls on a holiday. Meetings are open discussion, surrounding a monthly topic or whatever is on your heart. The **January 16th** topic is "Facing the New Year with Hope and Love". We offer a comfortable, private, and safe environment where you are free to explore your grief. For more information or questions, contact Rhonda at 216-930-4866.

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