

Epiphany of The Lord



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January 5, 2020

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THIS WEEK AT ST MARY

Monday, January 6

3:30 PM Catechesis of the Good Shepherd/L2
6:30 PM THEO/Community Room
6:30 PM Bell Choir Practice/Choir Loft
6:30 PM Matthew 25/Large Conference Room
8:00 PM Al-Anon/L6

Tuesday, January 7

8:30 AM Mass/Chapel
1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Group @ St. Joseph, Rm. L9
2:00 PM Rosary/Perpetual Help Devotions/Chapel
6:00 PM Book Club/L4
6:30 PM Pastoral Leadership Council/Community Rm.

Wednesday, January 8

8:00 AM CIA-FMO/L7
11:30 PM Communications Task Force/Office
12:05 PM Mass/Church
1:00 PM Strength & Stretch Class/St. Anne Room

Thursday, January 9

12:05 PM Mass/Church
7:00 PM Gamblers Anonymous/L6

Friday, January 10

8:30 AM Mass/Chapel

Saturday, January 11

9:00 AM Confessions
4:30 PM Mass/Church

Sunday, January 12

8:00 AM & 9:45 AM Mass/Church
Coffee & Donuts after both Masses/Community Room
9:45 AM Sunday Children's Programming/L2

IPRF NEWS

No classes on January 8. See you on January 15!

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Mon., January 6 12:05 PM Mass at St. Joseph
Tue., January 7 8:30 AM Janice Mercier
Wed., January 8 12:05 PM Mary Jury
Thur., January 9 12:05 PM A Special Intention
Fri., January 10 8:30 AM Parishioners of St. Mary
Sat., January 11 4:30 PM Concepcion Hernandez
Sun., January 12 8:00 AM Harold & Audrey Deprez
9:45 AM Ann Cooper

IN LOVING MEMORY



Please pray for the families of Tom Geerdts and Sarah Paalman. May fond memories comfort you at this time. If you have lost a loved one and would like him or her to be remembered in the bulletin, call the parish office at 739-5119.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Weekend—\$5,451.00
Office—\$18,903.00 Chidren's—\$22.25

PRAYER NEEDS

Contact Luanne Witthuhn (dlaawi@gmail.com) or Ann Walkowski (920-428-0969) if you have a prayer need. Please remember the requests in our prayer baskets.

WELCOME THE NEWEST MEMBER OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

• PASUALINE JULIENNE MWANDA

daughter of Alexis Masikini and Marie Anne Bulonza
Baptized December 29, 2019

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Monday, January 13 / 7pm / Xavier Fine Arts Theatre
CIA-Faith Mission Operatives presents "Your Church Has Too Many Rules" and Other Objections Catholics Need to Confront with radio host and author Jon Leonetti. Recommended by Matthew Kelly! No cost to attend.

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SHAMROCK SHENANIGANS III

St. Mary Parish parishioners: in the Marian Way, there is an envelope with your name that has your raffle tickets to support the St. Mary Parish Shamrock Shenanigans III fundraiser. Purchase the tickets yourself or sell them to family and friends. Extra tickets are available in the Marian Way.

Save the date! Shamrock Shenanigans III is scheduled for March 13, 2020 at Waverly Beach in Menasha. Invite your adult family and friends for a night of fun, food, games, music, silent auctions and bucket raffles.

BELLS OF ST. MARY OPEN HOUSE

The Bells of St. Mary Handbell Choir is looking for people interested in ministering through music. If you'd like to learn more about the handbell choir, come to our Spring Open House, Monday, January 6, from 5:30-6:30pm in the choir loft. You can also contact Martha Paalman (mpaalman@stmaryparish.org or 920-420-6481) or visit our facebook page (www.facebook.com/bellsofstmary).

STAY CONNECTED WITH FLOCKNOTE

To receive event updates, weekly news, student service hour opportunities, emergency cancellations, and more from St. Mary, text **stmaryapple** to **84576**. You'll be able to create an account and manage your preferences.

NEW! TECH/LOGISTICS TEAM

We've gotten a lot of positive feedback about some of the technology upgrades we've implemented. This is just the beginning! Do you have professional experience with or an interest in how technology can help us improve the way we connect with our parishioners and community? Work in the audio/visual field? Are you a social media expert? Do you know your way around sound equipment? We want you! Contact St. Mary Business Administrator Theresa Rohm at trohm@stmaryparish.org or 739-5119.

ST. MARY SECURITY TEAM

We're looking for parish members to join the St. Mary Security Team. Ushers and anyone with security, military, medical, or law enforcement experience are encouraged to join. Our team members will help keep our parish safe during Mass and special events. If you have questions or are interested in joining, contact Michael Ste.Marie (920-810-1261 or freecompanion7@gmail.com).



January 5, 2020

IN JOY & SORROW

with Fr. Bill Swichtenberg

If you had to guess how many Christmases I have celebrated with our family of faith here at St Mary Parish, what would you think? If you guessed six Christmases, you would be correct. It is hard to believe how fast the years fly by, especially for those of us who are older. I turned 65 this December.

You and I will have to decide for ourselves if the following is good news or not? Bishop Ricken is hoping that when we priests turn 70, the age when we are eligible for Senior Priest Status, we would be willing to stay on in our parishes for an additional two years, if our health would allow that. As you know, in the Diocese of Green, we are really experiencing the need for more priests. And until we convince more and more young men to listen well to the Lord who may be calling them to priestly ministry, we will be relying more and more on our Senior Priests, our International Priests who are on loan to us from their home dioceses in Uganda, Nigeria, India and the Philippines, and our parish leaders, who may be deacons or religious women, who are ministering in our parishes full-time, with the help of a Senior Priest, to regularly celebrate the weekend Masses and the Sacraments. If my health allows, I am considering ministering here at St Mary until I am 72. What do you think? Imagine Pope Francis and the enormous responsibilities he has leading a 1.2 billion-member Catholic Church and doing this so gracefully at 83 years of age. It is only by the grace of the Holy Spirit that he can do that, which the Holy Father admits to again and again. Come, Holy Spirit!

So, here we are saying "Goodbye" to 2019 and "Hello" to 2020. We are entering yet another new decade. I can still vividly remember all of the hullabaloo that accompanied our welcome of the new century in 2000. And here we are twenty years later!

As we welcome the New Year, I would encourage you to pray the Ignatian Examen. The examen is always a good way to end each day with the Lord but would also be appropriate as we leave 2019. Here are the steps:

1. Become aware of God's presence. Ask the Holy Spirit to

help you review the year with a holy perspective - with wisdom, grace, and faith.

2. Review the year with gratitude. Pay attention to the good gifts from the year ending. Name specifically those that come to memory now, and thank God for them.
3. Pay attention to your emotions. What memories speak most loudly to you? What events, conversations, relationships, or activities bring up the most emotion now, as you remember them? Ask God to help you rest with these emotions, whether they are pleasant or disturbing. Ask for help in understanding why you feel as you do.
4. Choose one feature of your year and pray from it. Perhaps a single event stands out in your memory or it's a pattern of behavior that has come to mind. Pray about this single event or pattern.
5. Look forward to the new year. Imagine what challenges and blessings might await you in the coming year. Think of important relationships, major and minor decisions to be made, skills to learn, habits to build, healing to seek, and good work to accomplish. Bring your hopes and fears to the Lord.

-adapted from an article by Vinita Hampton Wright, "Examen Prayer for the Year"

Let us pray,

In the stillness of my prayer as the New Year begins, open my heart to your blessings, Lord, with the grace to be faithful to prayer every day. In the quiet of my time with you today, let me rest at peace with the year just ended and look with hope to the year ahead. Whatever comes my way this year, help me remember, Lord, that in your love, I can bear all things, believe all things, and endure all things with your grace and in your peace. In this New Year before me, Lord, help me find some time each day to be still, in your presence, and to know that you are my God, that you are near, that you are here, by my side. Amen.

-Father Austin Fleming, The Concord Pastor

Happy New Year!

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