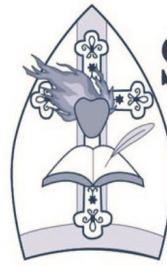




SAINT MARY PARISH

130 West Cedar St., Platteville, WI



SAINT AUGUSTINE University Parish

135 South Hickory St., Platteville, WI

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULES

St. Mary

Saturday: 4:00 PM - English
Sunday: 9 AM - English
12:00 Noon - Spanish

St. Augustine

Sunday: 8:00 AM - Traditional Latin Mass
10:30 AM - English
6:00 PM - English

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WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULES

Monday - Friday: 8:00am
Saturday, 8:00am (TLM)

Monday - Friday: 6:30am (TLM)
Tuesday - Thursday: 5:00pm

CONFESSION

Monday - Friday: 7:00 - 7:50am
Saturday: 7:00 - 7:50am & 3 - 3:50pm
Sunday: 8-8:50am

Monday - Friday: 6:00 - 6:30am
Tuesday - Thursday: 4:15 - 4:55pm
Sunday: 7:15-8am, 5:15 - 6:00pm

ADORATION

Every Thursday: 8:30am - 7:30pm

Monday - Friday: 7am - 5pm

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 3, 2021



SAINT MARY PARISH

Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 3

9:00am † Florence Tashner Pahnke

12:00pm For the People (Spanish)

Monday, January 4

8:00am Meloy & Bainbridge Families

Tuesday January 5

8:00am Jenna Wiker

Wednesday, January 6

8:00am Jackson Wiker

Thursday, January 7

8:00am John Dockery

Friday, January 8

8:00am Sara Doan

Saturday, January 9

8:00am Mike & Tanya Tennesen Family (TLM)

4:00pm † Sharon Heinrich Hanson

Sunday, January 10

9:00am † Nancy Klaas

12:00pm For the People (Spanish)

St. Mary Parish Giving December 27

Weekly Envelopes \$ 3575.00

Offertory \$ 574.00

Weekly Average Electronic Funds \$ 900.00

Sunday Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

With Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of

Rev. Fr. Francis Steffen who died on

December 28, 2020.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

Adoration

Adoration will be back to the normal schedule on January 7.

St. Mary Calendar

Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
8:30 - Noon or by appointment

Wednesday, January 6

Religious Education:

Grades 1-8: 6:30 PM

Confirmation: 7:15 PM

Thursday, January 7

Confession: after 8:00 AM Mass for 30 Minutes

Adoration: Begins after 8:00 AM Mass

Rosary & Benediction: 7:30 PM

Friday, January 8

Boy's Group: 3:30-5:00 PM

Memorial Rose

The red rose by the Mary statue was donated in memory of Johnathan Bahr.

Missing

Confraternity version of the Bible in a black case with the front pocket containing additional material.

If found, leave it in the back pew or drop it off at the church office.

A reward will be given if found & returned. Thank you.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

For information about the RCIA program or about joining the Catholic Church, contact Fr. John Blewett

Lighthouse Catholic Media

Take a look at our latest Books & CD's.

Located at the back of the church.

Readings for the week of January 4-9, 2021

Monday:

1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday:

1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday:

1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday:

1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/
Lk 4:14-22a

Friday:

1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/
Lk 5:12-16

Saturday:

1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/
Jn 3:22-30

Pastoral Articles

Message from Father

Dear Parishioners,

I continue to wish you all a Merry Christmas and add to that a Happy New Year! Happy feast of Mary, Mother of God, as well.

God bless!

Fr. John Blewett

Pastoral Council Column

The Beauty of God

The other day, awaiting Confession, I looked toward the main crucifix to ask for help in seeing my sins. The late fall afternoon sun, coming straight in through the high window to the left of the altar, lit the church in shades of red-orange and yellow, illuminating even the air around it, every reflective surface aglow, repeated in the polished stone below. The crucifix was almost invisible, veiled by light, dissolved by a radiance too bright for mere human eyes.

"How little you know me!" God's beauty, far more magnificent than any colored glass, any sunlit church interior, any polished rock. Of course, I know of it, and get hints from time to time in the stillness of sanctuaries, in the holiness of sacraments, in the movements of nature – but the view is obscured.

In the darkened confessional the priest laughed and said that the beginning of knowledge is to know what you don't know, and so I was on the right track. Great. Seventy years old and just now finding a track!

Speaking of tracks, a recent article in *The Catholic Thing*, entitled *Ford vs. Ferrari* (alluding to the recent G.P. racing movie), made me laugh out loud. R.J. Snell, a convert to Catholicism, makes the observation that some Protestants, while

having a kind of fascination for the Church, "view the Catholic Church (and Catholics) as somewhat out of control." Snell goes on:

The Catholic Church has the cachet of Italian design and the misfortunes of Italian maintenance. To Protestant eyes, the Church can seem like an aged Ferrari, sputtering and backfiring at low speeds, brakes a little iffy, wobbly suspension, while its driver, a shockingly gorgeous woman in a headscarf and oversized sunglasses, who may have had several glasses of prosecco at lunch, careens about the highway. The Ferrari, despite maintenance issues, can do 180 miles per hour.

The Protestant drives a sensible Ford Focus. It's dependable, with good gas mileage and a reasonable price tag.... The Ferrari is slightly vulgar. But as the Italian car passes (around a blind curve), the Ford driver can't but notice how beautiful the woman is, the sleekness of Italian design, and that the Focus does best at 70 miles per hour.

Funny, incomplete, but oh so true! The Church is ablaze in the beauty of the inner life of God, burning at times a little too much worldly gas, but in Herself ever alight with divine beauty, unfiltered, direct, aflame with such intensity that we mortals are attracted or repelled – or both at the same time – for how can we face Perfection? How can our sinful nature absorb the full beauty that is God? No wonder, then, that Mary *had* to have been born Immaculate to bear incorporating God within. Or that we shield our eyes by trying to turn a Ferrari into a Ford – or worse, says Snell, into a "Toyota Prius because it's more environmentally responsible and combats climate change that much better."

O Orient, Brightness of the Eternal Light and Sun of Righteousness, come, and lighten them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death (O Antiphon).

(Gregory Merrick is on the Evangelization Committee.
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Catechism of the Catholic Church

This is the time of year when many people consider what resolutions they might commit to for the new year. Instead of the usual (exercise, lose weight, get organized, etc.) perhaps you could select some things that would nourish your soul, enlighten your mind, or help you to grow in holiness. The following suggestions are offered for your consideration:

Participate in Holy Mass more often than just the obligatory Sundays and feast days. The Church encourages the faithful to receive the Eucharist even daily if possible. "The principal fruit of receiving the Eucharist in Holy Communion is an intimate union with Christ Jesus" (CCC 1389 & 1391).

Spend time with our Lord always present in the tabernacle or during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursdays at St. Mary's church.

Spend time daily with Sacred Scripture; the living word of God. The books contained therein, authored by the Holy Spirit, teach the truth without error for the sake of our salvation (CCC 105 - 107). Make a concerted effort to incorporate into your life what Scripture teaches us. It is no accident that some instructions are repeated multiple times throughout Scripture, yet many of us may have yet to put these instructions into practice, such as:

"Do not be anxious about your life" (Matthew 6:25), and again "Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God" (Philippians 4:6).

Did you know that the Golden Rule is biblical? Check out Matthew 7:12 and Luke 6:31. Also along that line: "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Matthew 26:40).

Who among us wouldn't benefit from incorporating more fasting as a spiritual practice? Is it any wonder fasting is mentioned more than 70 times in Scripture?

May you have a healthy, holy new year, filled with many blessings. Remember that with God, all things are possible.

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 3

8:00am † John Kunz TLM)

10:30am Sally Kirchbaum

6:00pm For the People

Monday, January 4

6:30am Harold Thompson (TLM)

Tuesday, January 5

6:30am Bob & Agnes Vorwald (TLM)

Wednesday, January 6

6:30am Fr. Faustino Ruiz (TLM)

Thursday, January 7

6:30am Society of Jesus Christ the Priest
& Consecrated Women (TLM)

Friday, January 8

6:30am Souls in Purgatory (TLM)

Sunday, January 10

8:00am Joseph Del Priore TLM)

10:30am Sally Kirchbaum

6:00pm For the People.

St. Augustine Parish Giving, December 27

Weekly Envelopes \$ 50.00

Offertory \$245.00

Mass Online Suggestions

<https://mass-online.org/daily-holy-mass-live-online>

Bishop Donald Hying

<https://madisondiocese.org>

Money Counters

January 4: Connie Moran & Gina Pitz

Food Pantry

The Second Harvest-Catholic Charities Mobile Food Pantry hosted by St. Mary's Parish will be at St. Mary's School on January 21.

Food distribution begins at 9:30 AM on Bonson St. and Cedar St. All food comes to us preboxed and distribution goes quickly. Only one set of food per household will be given out and placed in the rear end of the vehicle.

Questions can be directed to

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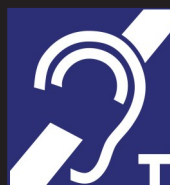
Questions? Email: allen.cindy.lukowitz@wwme.org
Or call: 262-875-8568

Option 1: Tue/Thu

January 12
January 14
January 19
January 21
January 26
January 28
February 2

Option 2: Lent

February 18
February 25
March 4
March 11
March 18
March 25
WEDNESDAY –
March 31



St. Mary's Sanctuary is equipped with a Hearing Loop.

Have your hearing aid T-Coil activated or ask an usher how to use the Loop Listener.

On the Lighter side



Confirmation 2020-2021

St. Mary Confirmandi

Lilly, Emma, Franny, James, Garrison, Carsen



Holy Spirit, strengthen them with your gifts of Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord, and serve as a disciple of Christ.

Grant that they may grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ. Fill them with the joy of your presence. Increase in them the fruit of your Spirit. Help them to experience and trust your dwelling within, so that they can count on your guidance today and every day.

Show us the way to help one another become better disciples of Jesus Christ, sharing your love with our world and with each person we meet.

Come, Holy Spirit! Come!

Prayer Line

Anyone requesting prayer may call **348-6041** between 8am & 9am.

Memorial Rose

Would you like to mark an occasion? For \$12, an arranged rose will be placed near the Blessed Mother statue in the sanctuary at St. Mary's, and your event or memorial will be published in the bulletin.



Envelopes for purchasing a rose are currently at the church entrances. Please make out checks to CCW, and place your envelope in the basket or rectory. The program will run year-round.

2021 Calendars are Here

Thank you KC's for donating the 2021 Calendar! They are available on the back tables of St. Mary's.



Bishop Hying's Video Message

Bishop Donald Hying is recording regular video messages called "A Moment with the Bishop." These short reflections are posted on the Diocesan YouTube channel and at www.saintmaryplatteville.com.

Advertiser of the Week

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Bulletin Deadline

10:00 AM Wednesday

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