

St. Mary's Catholic Church



Epiphany of the Lord

January 3, 2021



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MASS INTENTION FOR THIS WEEK

Sun	Jan 3	8:00am	Living and Deceased members of our Parish
Tues	Jan 5	7:30am	For the souls in Purgatory
Wed	Jan 6	7:30am 9:00am	Parishioners in nursing home
Thur	Jan 7	7:30am	Fr. Milton Suess
Fri	Jan 8	7:30am	Seminarians of our Diocese
Sat	Jan 9	4:00pm	John Krupka
Sun	Jan 10	8:00am	Living and Deceased members of our Parish

Parish Receipts for December 27, 2020

Parish Support	\$1725.00
Offertory	\$64.58
Christmas Offertory	\$1145.08
Christmas Flowers	\$40.00
Votive Candles	\$71.00
Unrestricted Donation	\$620.00
Typhoon Disaster Collection	\$466.10
TOTAL DEPOSIT = \$34131.76	

Thank you for your generosity!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Knight of Columbus meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 5th at 6:30pm** in the Parish Hall.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

BULLETIN BY EMAIL OR POSTMAIL

Would you to receive our bulletin or any other notices by email? Email the office at stmarybc.office@gmail.com

If you want information mailed to you please let the office know.

THANK YOU!

NOTICE



reconciliation

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday starting at 3:00 pm.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We're taking a break for a few weeks but when we resume in January we will have in-person classes for Grades 2, at 2:30 P.M. and grades 8, 9, and 10 at 6:30 P.M. on Wednesdays in the parish hall. Grades 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 are home-study so far. Likewise if students and/or parents are uncomfortable with in-person classes they can be done via home-study. Please feel free to contact the parish office if you have any questions or need materials for home-study.



PURCHASING MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to offer the Holy Mass for someone you love, living or deceased, please stop by the parish office and purchase a Mass Intention. The stipend for a Mass Intention is \$10. If you would prefer the intention to be anonymous or private you could simply have it written up as "For a Special Intention." The Holy Mass is the greatest prayer that can be offered and offering a Mass for someone a great act of love toward them. Thank you.

2021 Calendars

The 2021 Catholic Family Appointment Calendars are now available, compliments of Muehl-Boettcher Funeral Home in Seymour. Please feel free to take one for yourself or your family.

2021

SERVER TRAINING

we will have training for Altar Servers In January. This training will be for all current and for any of our youth who would like to be altar servers. Please stay tuned for the date and time.



EPIPHANY

Even though the observance of the Feast of the Epiphany has been moved to the Sunday after January 1st by many diocese in the United States, the traditional date of the Epiphany remains on January 6th. As such, Fr. David will offer a special Traditional Latin Mass for the Epiphany on Wednesday, 6 January at 9:00 A.M. here at St.

Mary's. Anyone who would like to participate in this beautiful and venerable liturgy is welcome to attend. If you still have your personal Latin Mass missal, please feel free to bring it and follow along.



PARISH WEBSITE

We now have an active parish website. Find information about the parish, religious education, Mass schedules, liturgical schedules and so much more. Please note that this is a work in progress. The link is...

stmaryblackcreek.org

Check it out!

What would you like to see on our site?

Let Randy Van Handel know.

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SECRETARY/BOOKKEEPER/DRE POSITION

In case you were not aware, Kay Arndt, who was hired this past summer as our new secretary/bookkeeper/Director of Religious Education (DRE) was recently offered full-time work at St. Clare Parish in Wrightstown and will not be with us much longer. So once again we are seeking an employee for the position of secretary, bookkeeper and Director of Religious Education. Some of the duties include: managing the parish office, being the receptionist, providing administrative duties for the parish; maintaining accounts payable and receivable, doing bank reconciliations, processing financial reports; planning and developing a diocesan approved Catholic curriculum for grades 1-11 for both in-person and home-study classes, ordering necessary books and materials, helping recruit catechists and maintaining LoSEC records, and update information on students in Gabriel software.

Desired applicants should be proficient in computer skills including Microsoft Office Suite, QuickBooks and Gabriel. Since this position also involves being a Director of Religious Education, the applicant must also be a practicing Catholic in good standing of a Catholic parish in the Diocese of Green Bay. This is a three quarter to full-time benefit eligible position working 4-5 days a week depending on the needs of the parish.

Interested persons should please contact Fr. David Greskowiak at:

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 3, 2021

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/ Mt 2:1-12

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 3:22-3

HELP—MINISTERS ARE NEEDED!

We are in need of volunteers for help with ministries here at St. Mary's

ALTAR SERVERS— Assist the presider and assembly at liturgies (Masses) - weekend, weekday, holy days, funerals, etc.

LECTOR— Proclaim the word and universal prayer.

HOSPITALITY— Greets and seats worshippers, shares weekly bulletins. Help with housekeeping after mass.

VIDEO— Help with video camera for mass.

Training will be provided. Interested? Contact the parish office or see Randy Van Handel after mass.

EPIPHANY BLESSING OF THE HOME WITH CHALK

There is an old Catholic custom of blessing homes with chalk over the front door on the Solemnity of the Epiphany. The blessing of a home encourages Catholics to dedicate their life at home to God and to others. We have blessed chalk available at the crib scene along with some napkins to wrap it.

An example of that blessing is given below which you can use in your own home.

All: Make the Sign of the Cross.

Head of Household: *"Peace be to this house and to all who dwell here, in the name of the Lord."*

All: *"Blessed be God forever."*

Take blessed chalk (of any color) and mark over your front door:

20 + C + M + B + 21 saying:

"The three Wise Men,"

C *"Caspar"*

M *"Melchior"*

B *"and Balthasar"*

"followed the star of the Son of God who became human"

20 *"two thousand"*

21 *"and twenty one years ago."*

+ + *"May Christ bless our home"*

+ + *"and remain with us throughout the New Year. Amen."*

(Each name could be written by a different member of the household.)

Head of Household: *"Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord."*

All: *Amen.*

C M B above the door, also stands for *Christus Mansionem Benedicat, which is Latin for "May Christ Bless this House."*

Why do we use chalk to bless our homes at Epiphany?

Chalk, a substance made of common elements of the earth, is used by teachers to instruct students and by children in their games and play. We use chalk in this service as an ordinary substance put to holy use. Further, chalk will not permanently mar the dwelling. As its image fades from view over time, those who participated in its original placement will remember it and the purpose for which it was intended. In doing so, they may rededicate themselves to that purpose. After a year passes and a new Epiphany arrives, they will have the opportunity once again to celebrate the themes of this season and once again to seek God's blessing on their homes and on those who come and go through the home.

The rooms of the house may also be sprinkled with holy water.