

St. Mary's Catholic Church



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 31, 2021



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MASS INTENTION FOR THIS WEEK

Sun	Jan 31	8:00am	Living and Deceased members of our Parish
Tues	Feb 2	7:30am	Fr. Harold Berryman
Wed	Feb 3	7:30am	Justin Brockman
Thur	Feb 4	7:30am	Frank Maedke
Fri	Feb 5	7:30am	Peace in our world First Friday Adoration
Sat	Feb 6	4:00pm	Sharon Van Handel
Sun	Feb 7	8:00am	Living and Deceased members of our Parish

Parish Receipts for January 24, 2021

Parish Support	\$1465.00
Offertory	\$101.00
Soup Sales	\$205.00
Votive Candles	\$64.00
Mass Stipends	\$40.00
TOTAL DEPOSIT = \$1875.00	

Weekly Budgeted Amount —\$2015.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass is now on our website!

We now have our weekend mass on our website! It is posted at by 10:00 am each Sunday. Please check it out! Also the bulletin will be on under the menu—Bulletin. Our website is:

stmaryblackcreek.org

Soup is on this weekend!

Soup sales will be held after the masses this weekend. Volunteers who can make soup for our next sales can call Nancy Meulemans at 525-4054

- German Hamburger soup
- Pea and Ham
- Chili
- Black Bean



Thank you for your support!

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.

NOTICE

THANK YOU!

reconciliation

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

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes for Grade 2, at 2:30 P.M. and Grades 8, 9, and 10 at 6:30 P.M. will be held this **Wednesday, 3 February** in the parish hall.

Grades 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 are still home-study so far. Likewise, if students and/or parents are uncomfortable with in-person classes they can be done via home-study.

We also have a schedule of classes/religious education activities for January—April. Some of the activities are tentative because of the ongoing COVID situation but we will try to keep everyone informed.

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.

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD CANDLEMAS DAY

This Tuesday, 2 February, is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas Day. It is a tradition on that day to bless candles for use both in the church and at home. We will have Mass at the regular time of 7:30 A.M. There will also be a special Mass at St. Lawrence Church in Navarino at 9:30 A.M. We will have blessed candles for home use for \$5.00 a box. There are two candles in each box. You may also bring any candles you would like to have blessed for use in your home. If you cannot be present for Mass but would like to have candles blessed please leave them on one of the tables in the breezeway of the church before the start of Mass on Tuesday morning. Please attach your name and phone number to the candle(s). You can then pick them up later on.



BAPTISMAL GODPARENTS

A challenge some families in our parish have is finding people to be baptismal godparents for their children. The requirements for godparents are:

- ✠ Be at least 16 years old
- ✠ Have received the sacraments of Baptism (or Reception into the Church), Confession, First Communion and Confirmation in the Catholic Church.
- ✠ If they are married, the marriage should be recognized by the Church.
- ✠ Actively practice their faith by attending Mass regularly and receiving the sacraments

If you meet these requirements and would like to be a godparent for a child, please contact the office or Fr. David. Your desire to be god parent would be very much appreciated.

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BISHOP'S APPEAL—WE RISE AGAIN

Next weekend will be the kick-off for the 2021 Bishop's Appeal. This theme for this appeal is "*We Rise Again.*" The Bishop's Appeal is a stewardship opportunity for each of us to reach out to thousands of people in search of Jesus' love. Each gift given supports the ministries of the Diocese of Green Bay which serve our parishes, Catholic schools and communities. Your gift truly helps bring the heart and hands of Christ to our children, young adults, families and neighbors here in northeastern Wisconsin.

The goal for St. Mary's Parish is \$13,236.00.

Last year we met and even exceeded our goal and with everyone's help we can do it again! We will provide more information next week. In the meantime, please check out the materials at the entrance of the church. God bless you all and let's show everyone what St. Mary's Parish can do again!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JAN 31, 2021

- ✠ **Sunday:** Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
- ✠ **Monday:** Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24 [25]/Mk 5:1-20
- ✠ **Tuesday:** Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/ Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
- ✠ **Wednesday:** Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a [cf. 17]/ Mk 6:1-6
- ✠ **Thursday:** Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 [cf. 10]/ Mk 6:7-13
- ✠ **Friday:** Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc [1a]/Mk 6:14-29
- ✠ **Saturday:** Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mk 6:30-34

Readings



Information on the Moral Permissibility of COVID-19 Vaccines

As many of us know vaccines have now been developed to help fight coronavirus and some people may be wondering about the morality of receiving the vaccine because of its connection with stem cell lines from aborted fetuses. Here is some information from the USCCB dated January 2021:

Is it true that there is a connection between some vaccines and abortion?

Yes. Several decades ago, tissue harvested from the bodies of aborted babies was used to create certain cell lines for research purposes. The cells in these lines are, in effect, the descendants of those cells that were originally harvested. They have been made to replicate themselves and some cell lines can be reproduced indefinitely. These abortion-derived cell lines are used as a “factory” to manufacture certain vaccines (e.g. rubella, chickenpox, some of the COVID-19 vaccines, etc.). The cells themselves, however, are not present in the vaccines that patients receive.

Do COVID-19 vaccines use abortion-derived cell lines?

As of the date of this writing, hundreds of vaccines for COVID-19 are in development worldwide, and more than a dozen are in the final stages of testing. Some don't use abortion-derived cell lines at all, some have used such cell lines to test the vaccine's efficacy, and some are using such cell lines in the development and/or the production phases. There are currently two vaccines (Pfizer and Moderna) being distributed for use in the United States, and there are others that are likely to be made available in the coming months (e.g., AstraZeneca, Janssen, etc.) Neither Pfizer nor Moderna used an abortion-derived cell line in the development or production of the vaccine. However, such a cell line was used to test the efficacy of both vaccines. Thus, while neither vaccine is completely free from any use of abortion-derived cell lines, in these two cases the use is very remote from the initial evil of the abortion. The AstraZeneca and Janssen vaccines raise additional moral concerns because an abortion-derived cell line is used not only for testing, but also in development and production.

Is it morally acceptable to receive a COVID-19 vaccine that uses abortion-derived cell lines?

Given that the COVID-19 virus can involve serious health risks, it can be morally acceptable to receive a vaccine that uses abortion-derived cell lines if there are no other available vaccines comparable in safety and efficacy with no connection to abortion. If it is possible to choose among a number of equally safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines, the vaccine with the least connection to abortion-derived cell lines should be chosen. If a vaccine with no connection to abortion-derived cell lines is not readily available, vaccines that used such cell lines only for testing would be preferable to those that use such cell lines for ongoing production. Such choices may not be possible, however, especially in the early stages of vaccine distribution. In that case, one may receive any of the clinically recommended vaccines in good conscience with the assurance that reception of such vaccines does not involve immoral cooperation in abortion.

What can those who uphold the sanctity of life do to protest against the use of abortion-derived cell lines and advocate for ethical vaccines?

First, inform yourself and others about how some vaccines are connected to abortion through the use of abortion-derived cell lines, and about which vaccines use such cell lines. Second, inform your doctor about this connection and ask him or her to provide ethical vaccines, when possible. Third, urge pharmaceutical companies and medical researchers to discontinue using abortion-derived cell lines, and thank them when they do.

Where can I find more information on this topic?

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (www.usccb.org/prolife/biomedical-research)

National Catholic Bioethics Center (www.ncbcenter.org)

Charlotte Lozier Institute (www.lozierinstitute.org/category/genetics)