

Catholic Faith Communities of



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The weekly bulletin can be found on the website

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MISSION STATEMENT

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish, Clarks Mills, and St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Whitelaw, in union with the Roman Catholic Church, inspire all to grow as followers of Jesus Christ through the sacraments, faith education and social outreach to our members and the wider community.

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IN MEMORY OF LEO DIETRICH

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IN MEMORY OF VIC, AGGIE, PATTI & GLEN KONOP

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 13, 2020

Mass Schedule

ST. MARY

Saturday: 5:30 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM (Confessions 7:45-8:15)

Tuesday & Thursday: 8:15 AM

ST. MICHAEL

Saturday: 4:00 PM (Confessions 3:15-3:45)

Sunday: 10:30 AM

Wednesday & Friday: 7:00 AM

Confession also available upon request

St. Mary Parish – 775-4365

For Emergency – (920) 629-9770 – Fr. Dick's cell
Parish Secretary: Casey Braun - 775-4365
Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 11-3
St Mary/St Michael Principal: George Smith 775-4366
Director of Religious Education:
Grades 1-8: Teresa Pederson – 775-4876
Parish Council Chair: Lisa Sherman - 629-0013

St. Michael Parish – 732-3901

For Emergency – (920) 629-9770 – Fr. Dick's cell
Parish Secretary: Sharon Reindl - 732-3901
Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8 - 1
St Mary/St Michael Principal: George Smith 775-4366
Director of Religious Education:
Grades 1-8: Teresa Pederson – 775-4876
Parish Council Chair: Lois Kiel – 973-0290

GETTING MARRIED? Please call the parish office soon after you are engaged to begin the marriage preparation process, which is geared for your married life together, not simply the wedding day. Preparation is to begin at least nine months before the wedding, according to diocesan policy.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: Parents are asked to begin preparing for their child's Baptism early. Please contact Fr. Dick for an appointment to facilitate the preparation.

COMMUNION/VISITS FOR THE HOMEBOUND: Please contact the parish office to arrange for Communion to be brought to the homebound and for regular visits by Fr. Dick.

PLEASE USE SCRIP: Available – St. Mary: At all weekend masses; in the school office: Mon.- Fri. 8:00-3:00. For large or special orders call Jean Shimon at 758-2276 by Saturday evening. Order form is available on website.

St. Michael: ½ hour until 10 minutes before weekend masses and after mass; in the parish office Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9-noon; or by contacting Colleen at 732-3115. Order form is available on website.

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE
DEC 12-20**

Saturday, December 12

4:00 PM (SM) Rita Meidl
Schuh

5:30 PM (IC) Anton & Louise
Braun & Deceased Family
Members

Sunday, December 13

8:30 AM (IC) Harold &
Mabel Bodart; Paul Gehrig &
the Living & Deceased of St.
Mary's Parish

10:30 AM (SM) Leo Dietrich
& the Living & Deceased of
St. Michael's Parish

Tuesday, December 15

8:15 AM (IC) Diana Smith &
Sons & Families; L & D
Members of Paul & Louise
Anderson Families

Wednesday, December 16

7:00 AM (SM) John Dietrich

Thursday, December 17

8:15 AM (IC) Vernon
Lemberger

Friday, December 18

7:00 AM (SM) Gail Braun

Saturday, December 19

4:00 PM (SM) Edmund &
Marie Welch

5:30 PM (IC) Mrs. Sandy
Stadler & the Living &
Deceased of St. Mary's
Parish

Sunday, December 20

8:30 AM (IC) Francis &
Laurina Schumacher

10:30 AM (SM) Peggy
(McCulley) Otto & the Living
& Deceased of St. Michael's
Parish

IC – St. Mary SM – St. Michael

**MINISTRIES
DECEMBER 19-20**

Lectors:

4:00 PM (SM) Eileen
Krcma

5:30 PM (IC) Dominic
Pritzl

8:30 AM (IC) Linda
Luedtke

10:30 AM (SM) Charles
Lemberger

Extraordinary Ministers:

4:00 PM (SM) Deacon
Randy

5:30 PM (IC) Deacon
Randy

8:30 AM (IC) Deacon
Randy

10:30 AM (SM) Deacon
Randy

Servers:

4:00PM (SM) Jim Krcma

5:30 PM (IC) Alex Leist,
Gretchen Zipperer

8:30 AM (IC) Abby
Schultz, Caitlyn Herring

10:30 AM (SM) Aren
Engelbrecht

December Ushers:

4:00 PM (SM) Al & Lois
Kiel, Bob Reindl, Ken
Brunner

5:30 PM (IC) Tom
Wetenkamp

8:30 AM (IC) Sue
Bodart, Karen

Schweitzer-Olson

10:30 AM (SM) Joe
Resch Family; Jim
Muench

St. Mary's/St. Michael's Parishioners: We are selling our 2021 calendars. This has been our major fundraiser for the past 32 years for St. Mary's and it would be greatly appreciated if everyone would either buy or sell some. There are 365 winners for this raffle. Calendars may be purchased after Mass or in the parish offices. Thank you in advance for your help and efforts to make this fundraiser a success!

St. Mary's and St. Michael's Parish: Will start accepting donations for our upcoming Christmas flowers and decorations. We are asking \$10 toward a Poinsettia.

St. Mary's and St. Michael's Parish: During Advent starting Sunday, November 29 through Sunday, December 20 Father will be available for hearing confessions on Sunday mornings from 7:45-8:15am at St. Mary's Parish. And on Saturday afternoons from 3:00-3:45pm at St. Michael's Parish.

The Haven of Manitowoc County would like to thank the **Marian Council** for their generous donation of \$200 for their needs. It is much appreciated!

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Mass Times: Due to Covid-19 we will not be having a Children's Mass this year. Please consider coming to a different Mass other than the 4:00pm Mass (typically the most attended) so we can spread out the attendance.

Thank you for your understanding.

Christmas Eve: 4:00pm (St. Mary's) and 8:00pm (St. Michael's)

Christmas Day: 8:30am (St. Mary's) and 10:30am (St. Michael's)

St. Mary's Parish: Will be working on the ministry schedule for the upcoming months of January-March. If there are any days you would like to request off please call the office at 7754365 or email stmarycm@tds.net by Friday, December 18. Thank you.

Braun Acres is once again offering \$5 back to St. Michael's for each Christmas tree that is sold. Braun Acres scrip is available and tree certificates must be presented at that time of purchase. Certificates are available at the scrip window at the back of church and in the parish office at St. Michael's. Last year, the church received a check for \$40 for tree sales. They are open starting Saturday, November 21 from 9am-3pm and Sundays 10am-3pm until December 20. They also have wreaths, planters and greens available for sale.

Welcome Back

As we return to church, the following safety guidelines are in place. If you are experiencing any of the following, please stay home or return home and take care of yourself: Cough, Fever, Shortness of Breath, Sore Throat, Loss of Taste or Smell, Have been in contact with anyone diagnosed with or suspected to have COVID-19 in the past 14 days (without proper use of personal protective equipment)

Bulletins are published online. To access the Church website visit: www.stmarystmichael.com and to access the school website www.school.stmarystmichael.com

*If you have bookmarked the website, you may have to re-add the website again.

Today, through the **Retirement Collection**, we are able to Share in the Care of our retired sisters, brothers and religious order priests through the National Retirement Fund for Religious, as well as of the senior priests of our own diocese. Envelopes are available to make your contribution (please specify where). Please be generous in helping those who have given so much over the years.

SPIRITUS is seeking Catholic young adults, 21-29 years of age, to join the SPIRITUS missionary team this August. SPIRITUS ignites the faith in thousands of young Catholics through retreats and parish youth ministry each year! Missionaries live in community and travel to parishes and schools throughout Wisconsin; they receive training, formation, spiritual direction, lodging, food, a monthly allowance, health insurance and a \$2,000 stipend upon completion of the 9-month program. It is a unique opportunity to serve our Lord and help young Catholics grow in faith. Visit www.spiritusministries.org/beamissionary, contact Rachel at recruiter@spiritusministries.org, or (920) 722-8918 x113 for more information.

Food for the Poor will be collected weekends and delivered to Faith Lutheran Pantry every Monday. This will be an ongoing mission. There are around 200 families that are in need of food in our area. Thank you and God Bless.

InCourage: We know it has been a difficult year for all, but we are reaching out for your financial support as we navigate through this together. Your donation will assist us in providing the services and shelter our clients need. To donate checks may be mailed to InCourage, 300 E. Reed Ave. in Manitowoc, 54220. Or via credit card at www.incouragewi.org Thank you.

RESPECT LIFE

No Common Ground on Abortion Question We all have laws we must follow - even minors have specific laws. Minors need parental consent to have their ears pierced. Minors need parental consent before care givers can give them an aspirin or their prescribed medicine. Minors need parental consent to go into the military. Minors need parental consent to marry. Why then, is Planned Parenthood so against parental consent before they perform abortions on minor girls? I will tell you why – they will lose money! Planned Parenthood is big business. Good parents would never allow their daughter to have an abortion if they were aware of her situation! There is one law some people seem to have forgotten. It is one of God's Ten Commandments: 'Thou

shalt not kill.' His laws were given to us all for all time. His laws remain unchanged, not subject to our whims or convenience. They supersede all earthly laws. God is our ultimate judge. There is no common ground here. You are either pro-life or pro-death. A baby is a gift from God to be loved and cherished - not to be thrown back in His Face. A baby has a right to life and a right to expect that we, our judges and our laws, will protect them. - *Ruth Weber, Davenport Iowa*

SCHOOL NOTE

Currently in Guidance, being that it is the Christmas season, the younger students have been talking about giving and sharing. We read the book "Stone Soup" by Marcia Brown. It's a story of 3 hungry soldiers going into a town and the town's people being afraid the soldiers would steal it, hid all their food. The soldiers being wise, told the town's people that since the people didn't have any food the soldiers would make stone soup and share it with everyone. While the soup was being made the town's people started bring out food they hidden to add to the soup to be shared. Sharing: What talent have you been too afraid to share. Is this the Christmas you bring it out and share it with your community?
Mrs. Sandy Gruenke – Health & GuidanceTeacher

This week's winners from **Football Charity Mania** are Sara Jetton and Jenny Riederer who each won \$25. Congratulations! Is Week #14 your time to win?

The Home & School Association has been busy putting together new display cases for 8th grade graduation pictures. We are missing a few years and wondering if anyone is able to help us out. The years we are missing are 1943, 1952, 1956, 1959 and 1960. There are also a few that have faded badly. We would love new copies if anyone has them. The years for those are 1951, 1976, 1977, 1978 and 1980. If you are able to help please call Nicole Riederer at 901-7700. Thank you!

THINGS TO DO

Faith Lutheran Church: Join us for a socially distanced guided tour through the streets of ancient Bethlehem at the time of Jesus' birth on Sunday, December 13 from 10:15-11:30am and 5:00-7:30pm or Wednesday, December 16 from 5:00-7:30pm. Reflect on the symbols of Advent and their meanings as we prepare for the Christmas season. Walk through the fields and see the animals on your way to the stable where you will be greeted with the joyous reason for the season. Masks required with hand sanitizing available. The event is free and open to the public. Donations are accepted. To ensure social distancing at this event, please call 775-4141 to reserve a timeslot and please keep your size to 10 people or less.

From the Pastor's Desk

This Sunday is the traditional "Gaudete" (Rejoice) Sunday. As St. Paul says in the second reading: "Rejoice always." He then says that we should pray always too. During these final days of Advent take time to reflect and pray that you will develop a meaningful relationship with God the Father's gift to us; His Son Jesus. Perhaps you may also want to participate in the Disciples on the Way holy hour offered this week: December 14, 6:30pm at St. Michael's Parish or December 17, 10:00am at St. Mary's Parish. Prepare the way of the Lord in these remaining days of Advent.

ST. MARY December 6, 2020

Support	\$4,930.00
Offertory	146.95
Online Giving	540.00
Flowers	100.00
Advent Books	2.00
Purgatorial Society	6.00
Christmas Offering	<u>125.00</u>
	\$5,849.95
Weekly Avg needed	\$4,680.00
	(1,169.95)
Scrip Sales	\$6,218.77
Profit	254.06

ST. MICHAEL December 6, 2020

Support	\$4,509.00
Offertory	308.48
Mass Stipends	20.00
Bulletin Sponsor	15.00
Funeral Stipend	50.00
Candles	40.00
Flowers	130.00
Donation	170.00
Purgatorial Society	<u>27.00</u>
	\$5,269.48
Weekly Avg needed	\$4,300.00
	(969.48)
Scrip Sales	\$13,670.00
Profit	586.48

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

*We are all stewards-
managers of the many
gifts God has bestowed
upon us. Our challenge
as Christians is to
make good use of
those gifts.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS ST. MARY & ST. MICHAEL

- Saturday/Sunday, December 12/13**
Retirement Collection
- Saturday, December 12**
Confessions 3:00-3:45pm at St. Michael's;
4:00pm Mass at St. Michael's and 5:30pm
Mass at St. Mary's
- Sunday, December 13**
Confessions 7:45-8:15am at St. Mary's;
8:30am Mass at St. Mary's and 10:30am
Mass at St. Michael's
- Monday, December 14**
Disciples on the Way Holy hour 6:00pm at
St. Michael's
- Thursday, December 17**
Disciples on the Way Holy Hour at 10:00am
at St. Mary's
- Saturday, December 19**
Confessions 3:00-3:45pm at St. Michael's;
4:00pm Mass at St. Michael's and 5:30pm
Mass at St. Mary's
- Sunday, December 20**
Confessions 7:45-8:15am at St. Mary's;
8:30am Mass at St. Mary's and 10:30am
Mass at St. Michael's
- Monday, December 21**
Holy hour 2:00pm at St. Michael's

Church Cleaning Families –December 19/20

St. Mary: Bruce & Colleen Riesterer,
Martin & Cheryl Robles & Brenda Russell
St. Michael: Sara Preston, Barb Preston
& Georgia Rabideau

(Please call the office or Janet Braun at 732-3936 for
phone numbers)

Scrip Sellers-St. Michael: Saturday, December 19;
Colleen Meidl and Sunday, December 20; Sue Resch

**ST. MARY CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS: WEEK #50 –
12/06/20-12/12/20: \$50 WINNERS:** Meredith, Kelsi and Rian
McCulley, South Carolina, and Cameron Scheffler, Valders;
\$25 WINNERS: Katrina Haelfrisch, Brillion; Laurie Miller,
Reedsville; Cora Einertson, Reedsville; Andrew Pritzl, West
Bend and Madisyn Ash, St. Nazianz.