

# Catholic Faith Communities of



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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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## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH DECEMBER 27, 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 26-JAN 3**

**Saturday, December 26**

4:00 PM (SM) Evelyn &  
Joseph Haas

5:30 PM (IC) Arlene Kiel &  
the Living & Deceased of St.  
Mary's Parish

**Sunday, December 27**

8:30 AM (IC) Monica  
Pivonka-Schmidt Family  
10:30 AM (SM) Debi Braun &  
the Living & Deceased of St.  
Michael's Parish

**Tuesday, December 29**

8:15 AM (IC) Vernon  
Lemberger

**Wednesday, December 30**

7:00 AM (SM) George E.  
Naidl

**Thursday, December 31**

5:30 PM (IC) Restoration of  
Catholic Western Civilization

**Friday, January 1**

8:30 AM (IC) Special  
Intention

10:30 AM (SM) Walter Meyer

**Saturday, January 2**

4:00 PM (SM) God Children  
of Janice Bauer; Kym, Joe,  
Maria & Nathan

5:30 PM (IC) Fr. Richard  
Heyman

**Sunday, January 3**

8:30 AM (IC) Living &  
Deceased of the John Pritzl  
Family

10:30 AM (SM) Paul Wilson  
& Milton Perron & the L&D  
of St. Michael's

IC – St. Mary SM – St. Michael

**MINISTRIES  
JANUARY 2-3**

**Lectors:**

4:00 PM (SM) Betty  
Lemberger

5:30 PM (IC) Dominic  
Pritzl

8:30 AM (IC) Terry  
Pederson

10:30 AM (SM) Mark  
Herrmann

**Extraordinary Ministers:**

4:00 PM (SM) N/A

5:30 PM (IC) N/A

8:30 AM (IC) Carol  
Waniger

10:30 AM (SM) N/A

**Servers:**

4:00PM (SM) Jim Krcma

5:30 PM (IC) Jesse  
Jetton, Oliver Riederer

8:30 AM (IC) Eli & Ethan  
Staudinger

10:30 AM (SM) Adam  
Ebert

**January Ushers:**

4:00 PM (SM) Jeff  
Vogel, Dick Shavlik &  
Ken Brunner

5:30 PM (IC) Paul  
Tienor, Dan Marsicek

8:30 AM (IC) Ray Berres,  
Richard Pederson

10:30 AM (SM) Jason &  
Shawn Schwoerer;  
Jim Muench

**New Year's Eve Mass:**

**5:30PM Mass – St. Mary's Parish**

Servers: Chris Pritzl

Lector: Lisa Sherman

**New Year's Day Mass:**

**8:30AM Mass – St. Mary's Parish**

Servers: Dan Marsicek

Lector: Kay Marsicek

**10:30AM Mass – St. Michael's Parish**

Servers: Bernard McCulley

Lector: Eileen Krcma

Ushers: Jason & Shawn Schwoerer; Jim Muench

**St. Mary's/St. Michael's Parishioners:** Please have all remaining unsold calendars, ticket stubs and money returned to Ray Berres or the Parish Offices by **Wednesday, December 30**. The offices are both closed on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Thank you in advance for your help and efforts to make this fundraiser a success!

**St. Mary's and St. Michael's Parish:** Thank you to everyone who donated money for Christmas flowers and decorations.

**St. Mary's and St. Michael's Parish Offices:** Will be closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day in addition to New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Each month, the **Reedsville Knights of Columbus Council 5798** selects one parish family that models Christian family values and visibly lives them every day. We proudly announce the recipient for November is the Dan and Kay Marsicek Family. Congratulations to them!

**St Michael's** would like to thank everyone who donated items to the Manitowoc Health and Rehab Center for Christmas. You have certainly given the residents much joy through your generosity. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated!

**Pro-Life Wisconsin:** March for Life Madison on Saturday, January 2 at 11:00am. March on the sidewalks around the State Capital. Pro-Life Wisconsin signs will be available, but you are welcome to bring your own. Any questions please call 262-796-1111 ext. 114.

**St. Mary's Parish and St. Michael's Parish** acknowledge the generous receipt of a check received in the settlement of the George E. Naidl Estate. It is always a pleasant surprise and wonderful gift when someone remembers their parish in their will. God bless him.

*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)

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

**St. Michael's** – The quilting ladies have made extra lap quilts to be given out to anyone you know that could use one. These quilts are free and in the back of church.

**GriefShare Support Group:** Help and encouragement after the death of a loved one. Sessions are offered throughout the year at St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church in Maribel. Call 973-0828 for more info and to register.

**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.

## RESPECT LIFE

**RESOLUTION FOR NEW YEAR:** Jesus was born into a harsh world, where Herod was doing the unthinkable: killing babies. Is there any doubt that our world today needs Jesus to come and dwell among us? As a new year begins, let us resolve to be a more effective and dedicated instrument of Jesus. Let us do more to promote love and peace. Let us do more to help moms turn the unplanned into a loving plan that embraces innocent life. Let us do more to change our culture of death. - Pro-Life Articles

**WORD OF LIFE:** "Like Our Blessed Mother welcomed Jesus, we are called to cherish and protect the gift of human life, at every stage and in every circumstance." - *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Living Out Christmas in the New Year"*

**RESPECT LIFE GROUP – ST. MARY & ST. MICHAEL PARISHES** wishes you a very blessed Christmas!

"Any country that accepts abortion, is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what it wants." ~ *Saint Teresa of Calcutta*

## SCHOOL NOTE

There isn't anything as joyful as seeing and hearing children light up with excitement as Christmas draws closer! The school hallways and classrooms have been filled with reminders that the magic of Christmas is here. For the past several weeks I have been amused when listening to the students share their "Elf on the Shelf" stories, enjoyed looking at their long lists for Santa, and marveled at their understanding of the true meaning of Christmas. **Rejoice! He is born!**

On behalf of the entire St. Mary/St. Michael School staff, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mr. George Smith – Principal  
gsmith@stmarystmichael.com

This week's winners from **Football Charity Mania** are Cissy Bruce, Jason Bergel and Frankie Gruenke who each won \$25. Congratulations! Is Week #16 your time to win?

If you are enjoying playing CharityMania, we are offering the college basketball **HoopsMania** game this spring. **HoopsMania** works the same way-\$14 from each \$20 game card sold goes back to the school as profit. Each game card is randomly assigned eight teams that will play in college basketball's national championship tournament in March. We are guaranteed at least one winner each week of **HoopsMania**. Contact Mrs. Walesh by text 973-9988 or email awalesh@stmarystmichael.com to get your game cards.

**The Home & School Association** has been busy putting together new display cases for 8<sup>th</sup> 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!

## From the Pastor's Desk

I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable celebration of Christmas Eve and Day. Join the church now in celebrating the Christmas season which ends on January 10, 2021 with the feast of the Baptism of Jesus. So continue to greet one another with the words "Merry Christmas." This shows our love for Jesus, God the Father's gift to us.

On behalf of Deacon Randy Meidl and myself, Father Richard Klingeisen, we both thank many of you who have sent a Christmas card and/or gifted us in some way. May God bless you for your kindness.

Finally, January 1 is a holy day of obligation honoring Mary, Mother of God. Given the current concerns for protecting our health, Bishop Ricken has continued to dispense Catholics from attending Mass. He does invite you to watch his televised Sunday Masses or any other Masses that work well in your schedule. Please stay connected to God in this way.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS ST. MARY & ST. MICHAEL

#### Saturday, December 26

Confessions 3:15-3:45pm at St. Michael's

#### Sunday, December 27

Confessions 7:45-8:15am at St. Mary's

#### Monday, December 28

Holy hour 2:00pm at St. Michael's

#### Thursday, December 31

5:30pm New Year's Eve Mass at St. Mary's

#### Friday, January 1

8:30am New Year's Day Mass at St. Mary's

10:30am New Year's Day Mass at St. Michael's

#### Saturday, January 2

Confessions 3:15-3:45pm at St. Michael's

#### Sunday, January 3

Confessions 7:45-8:15am at St. Mary's

#### Monday, January 4

Holy hour 2:00pm at St. Michael's

#### Thursday, January 7

Parish Council Meeting 5:30pm St.

Michael's; 6:30pm Joint at St. Michael's Church basement

### ST. MARY

December 20, 2020

Support	\$3,465.00
Offertory	246.05
Online Giving	330.00
Bulletin Sponsor	15.00
Living Faith Books	10.00
Flowers	140.00
Bishop Apl. Refund	1,053.38
Bank Dividend	59.40
Christmas Offering	<u>1,705.00</u>
	\$7,023.83

Weekly Avg needed \$4,680.00  
2,343.83

Retired Religious \$1,034.00

Scrip Sales \$11,183.00  
Profit 551.82

### ST. MICHAEL

December 20, 2020

Support	\$1,659.00
Offertory	302.30
Online Giving	562.50
Baptism Stipend	10.00
Funeral Stipend	50.00
Flowers	220.00
Candles	54.75
Christmas Offering	370.00
Purgatorial Society	<u>16.00</u>
	\$3,368.05

Weekly Avg needed \$4,300.00  
(931.95)

Retired Religious \$670.15  
Capital Impvt. Fd \$16,598.28

Scrip Sales \$8,330.00  
Profit 340.00

### Church Cleaning Families –January 2/3

St. Mary: Rose Schaefer, Tony & Charlotte Schamburek  
& Lori Scheffler

St. Michael: The Resch Family

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

**Scrip Sellers-St. Michael:** Saturday, January 2;  
Eileen Krcma and Sunday, January 3; Vicki Baumann

**ST. MARY CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS: WEEK #52 –**  
**12/20/20-12/26/20: \$1,000 WINNER: Corey Evenson,**  
**Manitowoc; \$50 WINNERS: Nathan Sprang, Whitelaw and**  
**Deb Fischer, Cato; \$25 WINNERS: Jim Dworak, Reedsville;**  
**Debbie Birkholz, Cato; Richard Erickson, Shakopee, MN and**  
**Curly Lutzke, Manitowoc.**

### WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

*"Happiness lies more in  
giving than in  
receiving." (Acts 20:35)*