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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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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JANUARY 3, 2021

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

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Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8 - 1
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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
JAN 2-10**

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

Tuesday, January 5

8:15 AM (IC) Ed Staudinger & Deceased Children

Wednesday, January 6

7:00 AM (SM) Homebound & in Nursing Homes

Thursday, January 7

8:15 AM (IC) Fr. Leander Nickel

Friday, January 8

7:00 AM (SM) James Rolf

Saturday, January 9

4:00 PM (SM) Margaret & Eddie Welch

5:30 PM (IC) Greg & Jerome Tuschl

Sunday, January 10

8:30 AM (IC) Diane Isselmann & the Living & Deceased of St. Mary's Parish

10:30 AM (SM) Doris (Reed) Jobes & Helen Burd & the Living & Deceased of St. Michael's Parish

IC – St. Mary SM – St. Michael

**MINISTRIES
JANUARY 9-10**

Lectors:

4:00 PM (SM) Bernard McCulley

5:30 PM (IC) Kay Marsicek

8:30 AM (IC) Colleen Riesterer

10:30 AM (SM) Judy Ebert

Extraordinary Ministers:

4:00 PM (SM) N/A

5:30 PM (IC) N/A

8:30 AM (IC) Jerry Roberts

10:30 AM (SM) N/A

Servers:

4:00PM (SM) Syd Stuibler

5:30 PM (IC) Drew Skyberg, Noah

Lemberger

8:30 AM (IC) Cassidy & Gloria Walesh

10:30 AM (SM) Greg Resch

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

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 **as soon as possible**. 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.

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!

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.

St. Mary Parish has openings for weekday mass intentions, candles and bulletin sponsorship. Mass intention and candle sponsorship is \$10.00, bulletin sponsorship is \$15.00. If you are interested, please call the parish office at 775-4365. Thank you!

Baptism: Aiden James Freund, son of Aaron and Becki Jo Freund was baptized at St. Michael's Parish on December 27. May he grow in God's love.

WITH SYMPATHY we remember Doris Sheahan wife of William Sheahan of St. Michael's Parish and Jeffrey Tuschl son of Annette Tuschl of St. Mary's Parish who recently passed away. Please remember Doris and Jeffrey along with their family members in your prayers. May Doris and Jeffrey rest in peace.

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.

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.

Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) is a program to prepare an adult to become a member of the Catholic Faith. If you know someone who is baptized in another religion or who is unbaptized and would like to receive preparation, please call the parish secretary by the end of January. Thank you.

New Year's Resolution: Do you want to be more active in the parish as an usher, Lector, extraordinary minister of communion or server. Please call the parish office to volunteer.

RESPECT LIFE

DO NOT CONFORM YOURSELF TO THIS AGE: St Paul tells us, "Do not conform yourself to this age but ...discern...what is good and pleasing..." Since Roe v. Wade, around 63 million innocent children have lost their God-given right to live. An entire class of persons, children in the womb, have been relegated to the status of "chattel", personal property, who can be disposed of by those more powerful than they. They have no power to resist. They are subject to abuse and destruction by those with more power, namely the power of the State. They have no voice that can be heard except our own. Without doubt, the killing of innocent children in the womb is the pre-eminent moral evil of our age. It is for this reason that we must "not conform" to this grave injustice. As St Paul tells us, we must instead stand on the side of truth and justice and "what is good and pleasing to God". We must recognize what both medical science and natural justice tell us: children in the womb are human persons with an inalienable right to life. Undoubtedly, the most important human rights issue of our age is to protect our "first neighbors" ----children in the womb. The womb is the "first home" of the whole human race and standing up for them is a matter of solidarity with our neighbor and love for the poor. We should not stand by while thousands of children every day are evicted and killed! Our call (as St Paul reminds us) is to replace the current culture of death with a new culture of life and a civilization of love. - Pro-Life Articles

WORD OF LIFE: "Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united himself with every human being and desires for us to share eternal life with him... Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, and we reflect his glory in the world." - *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary"*

SCHOOL NOTE

Thank you St. Mary/St. Michael parishioners for always being supportive of our fabulous parochial school. We are truly blessed to have the love and support of you all, which will help us grow in our school and parish family. This Christmas season we look back at how our students, staff, and parents all worked hard to stay in person during this difficult time of Covid-19. We had a few times of virtual, that the teachers worked extremely hard to make sure each child's needs were met. Disinfecting the school many times throughout the day has been the norm in the teachers everyday activities. Thank you and God Bless both our parish and school families.

Mrs. Amanda Walesh – 5th & 6th Grade Teacher

This week's winner from **Football Charity Mania** is Doug Behnke who won \$25. Congratulations! Is Week #17 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 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, 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 came upon an interesting commentary on how we celebrate Christmas that I want to share today. The author stated that a true and lovely way to celebrate Christmas is to follow the example of Anna the prophetess revealed in last Sunday's gospel reading. She prayed and fasted in the temple for many years and was delighted to see Jesus when Joseph and Mary brought him to the temple. Christmas is a time for all of us to delight in the gift of Jesus. By prayer throughout the Christmas season, which ends with the Baptism of the Lord feast, January 10, one will be engaged in a true Christmas.

However, the first letter of St. John describes what is called a fake Christmas. Those who look to happiness with material things, sexual lust and personal satisfaction will experience short periods of happiness only and this distracts from a meaningful relationship with Jesus. Therefore, choose to celebrate Christmas by accepting Jesus in your life. With Jesus one can have lasting happiness. Happy New Year!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS ST. MARY & ST. MICHAEL

- 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
- Saturday, January 9**
Confessions 3:15-3:45pm at St. Michael's
- Sunday, January 10**
Confessions 7:45-8:15am at St. Mary's
- Monday, January 11**
Holy hour 2:00pm at St. Michael's
- Saturday, January 16**
Confessions 3:15-3:45pm at St. Michael's
- Sunday, January 17**
Confessions 7:45-8:15am at St. Mary's
- Monday, January 18**
Holy hour 2:00pm at St. Michael's
- Tuesday, January 19**
School Board Meeting 6:00pm
- Thursday, January 21**
Finance Meeting 6:30pm at St. Michael's

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

"Whatever you do," says St. Paul to the Colossians, "...do it in the name of the Lord Jesus. Give thanks to God the Father through Him." And so it is that we offer our gifts in the Eucharist "through Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit."

ST. MARY

December 27, 2020

Support	\$5,230.00
Offertory	196.25
Online Giving	160.00
Scrip	2,000.00
Living Faith Books	4.00
Flowers	40.00
Donation	100.00
Father's Dioc Salary	803.59
Christmas Offering	<u>1,528.50</u>
	\$10,062.34

Weekly Avg needed \$4,680.00
5,382.34

Retired Religious \$1,034.00

Scrip Sales \$2,759.00
Profit 127.72

ST. MICHAEL

December 27, 2020

Will be in next weekend's
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Weekly Avg needed \$4,300.00

Scrip Sales \$3,300.00
Profit 105.71

Church Cleaning Families –January 9/10

St. Mary: Robert & Laurie Schetter, Carrie Schmatz & Rodney & Brenda Schneider

St. Michael: Marlene Revolinsky, Donna Reznichuk & Suzy Riederer

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

Scrip Sellers-St. Michael: Saturday, January 9; Colleen Meidl and Sunday, January 10; Sue Resch

ST. MARY CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS: WEEK #53 – 12/27/20-12/31/20: \$50 WINNER: Dawn Walters, Manitowoc; **\$25 WINNERS:** Annette Haupt, Manitowoc; Haly Pritzl, Cato; Gary Linzmeier, Manitowoc and John & Cathy Taylor, Valders.