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**SACRAMENTS**

**BAPTISM:** Please contact the parish center to arrange.  
**MARRIAGE:** Preparation sessions with a pastoral staff member begin no later than six months prior to the wedding date.  
**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** The Sacrament of Healing & Strength is for persons who are seriously or chronically ill, or facing major surgery. Please ask Father after Mass if you are interested.  
**RCIA:** If you are interested in becoming Catholic and the RCIA process, contact Faith Formation Director Dave Liccione at 414-573-9292.  
**RECONCILIATION:** Wed. 12-1pm & 6-7pm & Sat.: 4- 4:45pm

**ADORATION CHAPEL:** Open from 6am-12am. Please call the parish center for the key pad code.

St. Margaret Mary Parish is committed to developing and sustaining an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ and proclaiming the reign of God.

**Weekday Masses:**  
**Monday- Friday: 8:15am**  
**Wednesday: 10am**  
**(only during the school year) & 7:00pm**

**Weekend Masses**  
**Saturday: 5:00pm**  
**Sunday: 9 & 11am & 7pm**

**December 2, 2018**  
**First Sunday of Advent**





### *From A Grateful Heart*

“Finally, brothers and sisters, we earnestly ask and exhort you in the Lord Jesus that, as you received from us how you should conduct yourselves to please God and as you are conducting yourselves you do so even more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.” (1 Thess. 4:1-2)

### **JESUS WAS PREACHED WRONGLY AT FIRST**

The Church begins its year with a period of waiting and preparing for Christ’s coming of Salvation.

We call it: ADVENT.

Advent is a time not just to wait and anticipate the reason God sent his Son in the flesh. We also have time to straighten out some of the wrong understandings of just who Jesus is. Because if we are to celebrate the Birth of Christ, it might help us see why if we understood who Jesus is and why he comes. The early Church too, struggled to teach these truths about Christ’s message and His nature.

The fact that Jesus is both human and divine was defined as an act of faith at the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD. But, as St. Paul’s letter to the Thessalonians shows, it wasn’t easy getting Jesus’ message right when his very nature was not understood and then questioned to blur the teachings along with it.

Some of early heresies in conflict with the teaching of St. Paul and the whole early Church were:

Docetism held that Jesus’ humanity was merely an illusion and was actually a spirit – God.

Arianism held that Jesus, while not merely mortal, was not eternally divine. Jesus was magical!

Zoroastrianism /dualism, maintaining that reality was composed of two opposing parts: all physical matter was seen as evil (even the body), and all spiritual reality was seen as the good.

Gnosticism is based on the belief that truth was a hidden knowledge of the holy/spiritual people and the purpose of life was to escape the corruption of life to follow Jesus to the reality of heaven

Donatism, held that if the priest or person did not maintain sinless after being Baptized into the faith, they were excommunicated and need to be re-baptized. And if that person was a priest, the sacrament he administered were not effective or valid.

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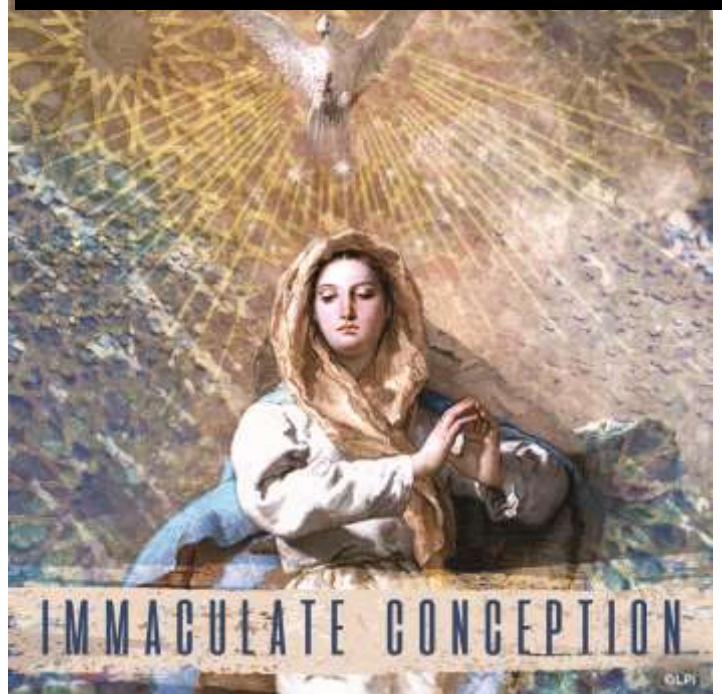
Today you can even see that these misunderstandings are still around like wolves in sheep’s clothing. For instance, Donatists would say the Pope is invalid if he changes the Mass. The Mass is not an article of faith. The Mass is how we worship the faith we share as taught by Christ and his Church. *St. Augustine* made it clear that the sacraments are valid if the priest is validly ordained since it is the Holy Spirit that confers Baptism, confects the Eucharist, and absolves sins and so forth.

God works through the Church and so it is not the priest who has the power of the sacraments. God alone through Jesus and the coming of the Holy Spirit administer the grace of God. We are wholly dependent on God’s good grace and generous mercy. Some people are Dualists, when they still think that the God of the Old Testament and the new are two different God’s; a Bad God (in the O.T.) and a Good God (in the N.T.). Some people are Gnostic and are unaware that believing in having faith makes you better than others. In this we forget that only God is righteous. We are sinners and rely on His strength in the sacraments to be strong in faith. Let us think about and study our faith during Advent. That will prepare us to know the Joy of Christmas!

May the Heart of The Savior Bless you!  
Fr. Patrick Nelson, SDS

**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception  
Holy Day of Obligation  
Masses for the Solemnity at St. Margaret Mary:  
Friday, December 7: 7pm Vigil Mass  
&  
Saturday, December 8: 8:15am**

**The Saturday, December 8 at 5pm Mass does not count for the Immaculate Conception Obligation.**



# MASST INTENTIONS

**Monday, December 3**

8:15 am: The parishioners of St. Margaret Mary

**Tuesday, December 4**

8:15am: Stella Burke +

**Wednesday, December 5**

8:15am: Rose Blazek +

10:00 am: For our school

7pm: Madyson Marshel +

**Thursday, December 6**

8:15am: Alice Brayall +

**Friday, December 7**

8:15am: Lawrence Ehorn+

7:00pm: Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass

**Saturday, December 8**

8:15am: Feast of the Immaculate Conception

5:00pm: John Engelbart +

**Sunday, December 9**

9:00am: Jill Brent +

11:00am: Blanche Bruder +

7:00pm: Earl Schlaikowski +

## Readings of the Week

**December 2, 2018**

Sunday:	Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/ Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
Monday:	Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/ Lk 1:26-38
Next Sunday:	Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6



St. Margaret Mary Parish is starting a bereavement committee. This group will provide comfort to those who have lost a loved one. If you would like to offer your time and talent please contact Deacon Frank Pemper at 262-385-5696.

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Cantors:** If you have some vocal ability and enjoy singing at Mass, please consider joining St. Margaret Mary's music ministry as a cantor. Please contact Neal Bardele ([nealb@ameritech.net](mailto:nealb@ameritech.net)) or contact the parish office.

**Servers all ages:** boys and girls 4<sup>th</sup> grade and up, high school & adult. **We can also use your talents for: Sacristans, ushers, greeters, lectors, and Eucharistic ministers.**

**Sunday collection counters:** Please consider making a contribution of service to your parish. We one more volunteer to help count money Monday morning at 8:00, you would not be scheduled every week. This is an important way to give of your time and talent. It's easy and it's fun! We need at least two people to join the team. Please call Cynthia Lilley at 414-881-3267 to get more information or to sign up to help count. Training is provided.

**Pastoral Council members:** we need at least 2 more. Your duty is to help discern, plan and carry out our parish goals for now and into the future.

**Hospitality helpers:** to assist with and provide weekend hospitality after the masses, the third weekend of each month.



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**Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Mass Schedule**  
 Monday, Dec. 24: 5pm & 10pm.  
 Tuesday, Dec. 25: 9am & 11am.  
 Holy Mary, Mother of God, Holy Day of Obligation:  
 Monday, Dec. 31: 5pm & Tuesday, Jan. 1: 9am.

# Calendar of **EVENTS**



2: First Sunday of Advent / 7pm Sunday Mass starts  
 1/2: Blood Pressure screenings after all Masses  
 7: 7pm: Vigil Mass Immaculate Conception **Holy Day of Obligation**  
 8: 8:15am Mass Immaculate Conception: **Holy Day of Obligation**  
 8: "God With Us" with Dan Schutte  
 8: Second Sunday of Advent  
 15/16: Hospitality after all weekend Masses  
 SVDP: 2nd collection to support their mission  
 24: Christmas Eve Masses: 5pm & 10pm  
 25: Christmas Day Masses: 9am & 11am  
 24 & 25th: Parish Office closed  
 30: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph  
 31 & Jan. 1: Parish Center closed  
 31: **Holy Day of Obligation:** Mary, the Holy Mother of God: Mass of anticipation 5pm  
 January 1: **Holy Day of Obligation:** Mary, the Holy Mother of God: 9am Mass  
 Jan. 5/6: Sacrament of the Sick after all masses

## Year End Contributions

Please remember St. Margaret Mary Parish & School when planning your year-end giving. According to IRS regulations and the Archdiocese, all contributions of checks or cash must be physically received by **Sunday, December 30th** to be considered as 2018 contributions. If you are not able to attend Mass this weekend or wish to make an extra contribution, please plan to drop your contribution off by **12pm on Friday, December 28**. Thank you & God Bless!  
 Remember, you can also sign up on the ONLINE GIVING, WeShare, by going to this website: [stmmmpmilwaukee.weshareonline.org](http://stmmmpmilwaukee.weshareonline.org)  
 If you have any questions, please call Mary Blinkhorn at 461-6073.



Saint Margaret Mary Parish and School each have their **OWN NEW websites:** [stmmmp.org](http://stmmmp.org) for the parish and [stmmms.org](http://stmmms.org) for the school. The parish website has many new features that the previous website did not possess. You can even access the bulletin online.

AND check out our new online giving program called **WeShare**. This is a simple way to give automatically without writing a check. You can sign up today by accessing either the **WeShare** icon at the bottom of the homepage or by accessing the "GIVE" tab on the website and select **WeShare**.



St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church  
 and the Society of the Divine Savior

presents

"God With Us"  
 with

**DAN SCHUTTE**

Join us for an evening of beautiful music, advent reflection, and fellowship.  
 Bring your family and friends as we celebrate "God With Us."



Saturday,  
 December 8, 2018  
 7:15 PM

No admission fee; a free-will offering  
 will be gratefully received.

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Originally from Milwaukee, Dan has been composing music for worship for more than 30 years, including extensive collaboration with the St. Louis Jesuits. His more recent pieces exhibit an enduring ability to reach into people's hearts and draw them into prayer. He is one of the best-known, most prolific and influential composers of music for the liturgy today.

## Thank You!

Many thanks for supporting our St. Vincent de Paul Chapter by donating to November's second collection.

**Would you like to designate your year end donation to a specific item that our parish community is in need of?**

**Screens in the Church:** One of the current items is purchase of the licensing rights needed to project music hymns on the screens during mass along with repairs. This estimated cost is \$2000.

**Chromebooks** for the middle school students: we are seeking funds for 20 Chromebooks. Please drop your marked envelope in the collection basket or mail to the parish center.



**2018 SVDP  
ADVENT GIVING TREE**

Take a "helping hand" from the tree in the narthex, purchase a "NEW" item and return it (UNWRAPPED) to church by Monday, December 10. All items will be donated to our Saint Vincent de Paul Chapter and distributed to those in need. Please call Mary at the Parish Center if you have questions.



**Charter Member & Senior's  
Christmas Brunch**

**When: Sunday, January 6, 2019**

**Time: Following the 11am Mass**

**Where: Fr. Sampon Hall**

**Who: Charter Members AND/OR  
over the age of 65**

**RSVP: Mary at the parish center  
461-6073**

**By December 31st Please**

**Decorating for Christmas  
Can you help?**

**What: Setting up the Christmas  
trees & banners**

**When: Sunday, December 23  
following the 11am mass**