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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 16, 2018
Third Sunday of Advent





From A Grateful Heart

The “O Antiphons” – an Advent tradition:

*“O shepherd of Israel, hearken,
from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth.
Rouse your power, and come to save us.”*
(Psalms 80: 2-3)

I love traditions!
They originate in time from strong believes and carry the fervor into the future bringing all the richness and meaning of that faith or culture. The “O Antiphons” are no exception.

On the Octave before Christmas: Dec. 17- 23 the **“O” Antiphons**, address Christ with seven Messianic titles, based on the prophecies of the coming of a Messiah in the Old Testament. These back to the fourth century, one for each day until Christmas Eve.

They are ancient and recall our Catholic Traditions from Monastery life.

- (December 17) **O Wisdom** (Ecc 24: 5),
“Come, and teach us the way of prudence.” (Isa 40: 14).
(December 18) **O Adonai** or *O Lord and Ruler* (Exod 6: 13)
(December 19) **O Root of Jesse** (*Jesse was the father of King David*),
... ”to you all nations shall have recourse.” (Isa 52: 15)
(December 20) **O Key of David** (Apoc 3: 7), “you open what no man closes
and you close what no man opens.” (Isa 22: 22)
(December 21) **O Rising Dawn** (Zac 6: 12)
(December 22) **O King of the Gentiles** (Hag 2: 8)
(December 23) **O Emmanuel** (Isa 7: 14; 8: 8), “our King and Lawgiver”

Note that the first letter (in Latin) of each Antiphon forms our hope—In the Latin words of the Messiah, **“Tomorrow, I come!”**

Emanuel, **R**ex, **O**riens, **C**lavis, **R**adix, **A**donai, **S**apientia.

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Therefore, the Lord Jesus, whose coming we have prepared for in Advent and whom we have addressed with these seven Messianic titles, now speaks to us, “Tomorrow, I will come.” In using these in our Liturgy, the Church recalls the human need for a Redeemer. So the “O Antiphons” heighten our Advent preparation, but bring it to a joyful conclusion in the week before Christmas.

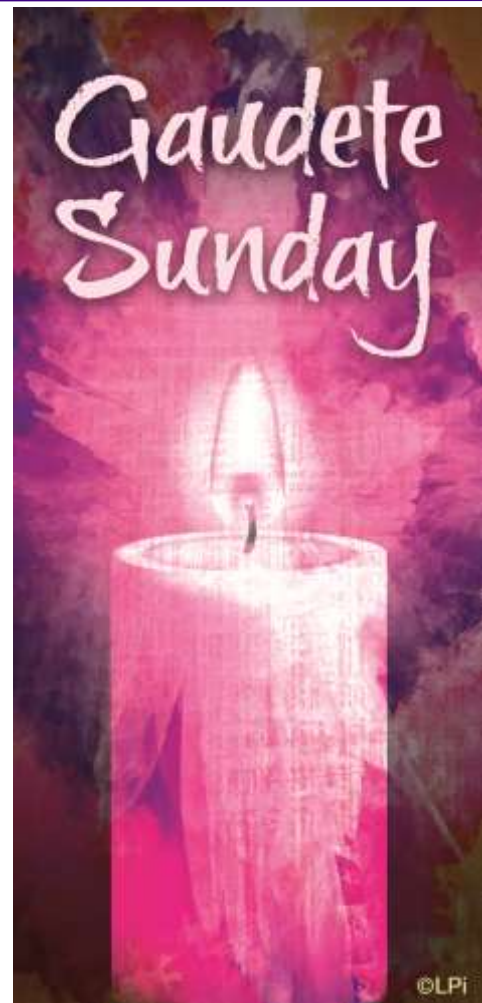
Since our Catholic Faith goes all the way back to the Apostles – there are many beautiful traditions of praising God that give our life today a rich heritage of faith.

EXPLORE your Faith, when you can– it is rich and wonderful!

Merry Christmas to you! Let us work for Peace on Earth for everyone!

Let us think 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



MASST+ INTENTIONS

Monday, December 17

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

Tuesday, December 18

8:15am: Lawrence Ehorn +

Wednesday, December 19

8:15am: Alice Brayall +

10:00 am: For our school

7pm: Lois Callan +

Thursday, December 20

8:15am: Mary Ann Jusiel +

Friday, December 21

8:15am: Sherry Bosserman +

Saturday, December 22

5:00pm: Genevieve Nycz +

Sunday, December 23

9:00am: Sherry Bosserman +

11:00am: Carol Ottman +

7:00pm: Parishioners of St. Margaret Mary +



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.

Readings of the Week

December 16, 2018

Sunday:	Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
Monday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17
Tuesday:	Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
Wednesday:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25
Thursday:	Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38
Friday:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33: 2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/ Lk 1:39-45
Saturday:	1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56
Next Sunday:	Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45



The Parish Center will be closed the following days:

Monday, December 24

Tuesday, December 25

Monday, December 31

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

DEVOTIONS

MONDAY-FRIDAY: Rosary 7:30AM

MONDAY -FRIDAY: Rosary with Adoration 3:00PM

TUESDAY - Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions After 8:15 AM Mass

FRIDAY - Litany of the Sacred Heart after 8:15AM Mass
Way of the Cross with Adoration 3:00PM



Calendar of **EVENTS**



15/16: Hospitality after all weekend Masses
 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
 If you have any questions, please call Mary Blinkhorn at 461-6073.

2018 Christmas Decoration Appeal

You are invited to support the Christmas Decoration Appeal. You may honor family and friends, both living and deceased, and provide for a beautiful worship environment. You will find a form to fill out inserted in the bulletin, in the narthex area, or by stopping by the parish center. Forms completed and submitted by **TOMORROW, December 17** will be included in the Christmas booklet. Please call Mary if you have questions, 461-6073.

Please 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**.

Faith FORMATION

Join Sister Judene Studer for the next session and discussion in the **Blessed Mother video series**. It will be held at Blessed Savior Church, on 85th and Villard, on Wednesday night, January 9 from 6PM-7:15PM.

Would you like to grow closer to Jesus and learn more about the Bible? Join Mr. Joe Ratke for our next dual parish **Bible study** semester course focusing on the Gospel of Luke, beginning Thursday night, January 10 from 6:30PM-8PM at the Blessed Savior Parish Office living room on 86th and Villard. For more information, contact Faith Formation Director Dave Liccione.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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.

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) or contact the parish office.

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

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

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.

AED's: An **automated external defibrillator (AED)** is a portable electronic device that automatically diagnoses the life-threatening **cardiac arrhythmias** of **ventricular fibrillation** and **pulseless ventricular tachycardia**, and is able to treat them through **defibrillation**, the application of electricity which stops the arrhythmia, allowing the heart to reestablish an effective rhythm. We need to update the models on campus. We are seeking funds for 3: in the gym, church and school. Approximately \$1200 a piece.



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

DAILY

ADVENT CHALLENGE

Light a candle,
 preferably on your
 Advent wreath if you
 have one, and reflect
 on what it means to
 have the light of Christ
 inside of you.



***Thank you to Norm & Rosie Klein for the
 donation of oil candles now on the altar in
 memory of their son, Danny, who passed
 away in 2014.***