



**SAINT MARGARET MARY CATHOLIC  
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**SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE:**

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

**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE**  
**MONDAY COMMUNION SERVICE**

**TUESDAY—FRIDAY MASS**  
**8:15am each day**

**CONFESSION TIMES:**

**WEDNESDAY: 11:30am-1:00pm &**  
**SATURDAY: 3:30-until 5:00pm mass starts**

**December 13, 2020**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**

**St. Margaret Mary, pray for us!**





*“A man named John was sent from God.  
He came for testimony,  
to testify to the light,  
so that all might believe through him.  
He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.  
The true light, which enlightens everyone,  
was coming into the world.*

*He was in the world,  
and the world came to be through him,  
but the world did not know him.  
He came to what was his own,  
but his own people\* did not accept him.” (John 1:6-11)*



### **Why Does John Use The Image of A Light?**

The story of our redemption is told by John as a spiritual encounter with an Earthly Savior sent from God. Yet, John uses the image of this Savior as “appearing to use in a heavenly glow”.

John knows that Jesus is true God and true Man. However if you go back and read the first reading for this third week from Isaiah you can see that the one who was to come was thought to be a savior from Earthly problems and cruelty.

***“... he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor,  
to heal the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives  
and release to the prisoners,  
to announce a year of favor from the LORD  
and a day of vindication by our God.”***

The coming Savior was thought to arrive as a conquering warrior king.

So, in announcing the Good News of the Gospel, John has the job of showing Jesus as a Divine instrument of God. Yet, not just an instrument, Jesus is God! The God of Abraham, Moses and Jacob is not only a human like us – but also the One God.

The Church struggled to understand the full nature of the one God as three persons, a Trinity of one substance. The Council of Nicaea in 325AD defined this article of faith. It took three hundred years and the defeat of The Arian Christians (who believed that Jesus was only human anointed, or chosen by God to be our champion by dying on the cross.) The implications of the Arian teachings made Jesus a created being – not eternal with the Father.

So, John needs to show that Jesus existed before time – as the light that always was there until we saw him as a Savior at the River Jordan with The Baptist.

God is complicated since he is not like us – but is our creator and wants us to return to the perfection in which we were formed. Heaven is where we will return to the nature of everlasting life; body and soul – just as Jesus shows us that it is possible. If we follow Jesus, we will see eternity. If not, Jesus tells us that we will lose eternity. *Light or no light!*

***May Our Coming Savior Bless you!  
Fr. Patrick Nelson, SDS***



### 2020 Year End Contributions

Please remember St. Margaret Mary Parish & School when planning your year-end giving. All contributions of checks or cash must be physically received by **Tuesday, December 29th, 4pm at the parish center** to be considered as 2020 contributions. Thank you & God Bless! If you have any questions, please call Mary Blinkhorn at 461-6073.



### What's HAPPENING?

The **Knights of Columbus** will be selling Keep Christ in Christmas Yard Signs and Car Magnets after the masses.

We will be putting up the **Christmas trees** on December 20th at 12:30 (after the Rosary). Teens and able bodied adults are asked to help.

Questions: Please call Cheryl Vosswinkel 414-444-3552.

## Holiday Worship Schedule

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

Christmas Vigil  
5:00pm Mass  
Mass During the Night  
10:00pm Mass

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day  
9:00am & 11:00am Masses

### SATURDAY/SUNDAY DECEMBER 26 & 27

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph  
5:00pm Mass  
9:00am & 11:00am & 7:00pm Masses

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

8:15am Mass (does not count toward Solemnity of Mary)  
Solemnity of Mary Vigil  
5:00pm Mass

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2021

Solemnity of Mary  
9:00am & 11:00am Masses

### Christmas Giving Program

If you haven't done so already, please return your Giving Tree program gift cards as soon as possible. Your generosity in helping to provide a happy holiday for those who are struggling to provide for their families is very much appreciated.



Please do not come to Mass if you have any illness symptoms or if you have a compromised immune system.

If you can join us at Mass:

Wear a mask.

Do not congregate in the Narthex, near the entrances, and do not enter the Sacristy.

Maintain a 6 foot distance from others not in your household.

Follow seating instructions as directed by the ushers

Follow communion line instructions provided by Fr. Pat and the ushers.

Leave your kneeler down when you leave so that we know which pews were occupied.

Follow the ushers lead in leaving Church to avoid congestion in the aisles and Narthex. Please leave the building and avoid standing near the exits.

### At Home Mass Options

FOX6 News Milwaukee is broadcasting **Sunday Mass LIVE EVERY SUNDAY at 11 a.m.** during this time. Every Sunday is LIVE from The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Milwaukee. Please share with family and friends, and join us!

Sunday Mass **Listen** at 9 a.m., Sunday mornings on 920 AM WOLF.

**Watch** at 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. on WVTM, My24; and at 5:30 a.m. on WITI Fox 6.

**View online** at Heart of the Nation any time Weekday Masses Listen at 12 noon on 100.1FM WSJP-FM or 1640AM WSJP.

**View online** at Daily TV Mass or Relevant Radio website.



We are "LIVESTREAMING" Sunday, 9am Mass on FACEBOOK. You do not need a FACEBOOK account to join us. Simply GOOGLE "FACEBOOK ST. MARGARET MARY PARISH, MILWAUKEE" and join the live session. We can't wait to "see" you there!

# DECEMBER

12: Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe  
 13: Third Sunday of Advent  
 20: Fourth Sunday of Advent  
 24: Christmas Eve– Parish center closed  
 25: Christmas Day– Parish center closed  
 29: Bereavement Support Group in Narthex @ 2pm.  
 29: 2020 Contributions due by 4pm today  
 31: New Year's Eve  
 January 1: Solemnity of Mary– Parish center closed



The Bereavement Ministry will hold a Grief Support Group meeting on Tuesday, December 29 at 2pm in the Narthex area of the church. Please bring your mask, we will maintain social distance. Please call 414-233-9773 to RSVP. Please provide your name and phone number when you RSVP.



Complimentary 2021 calendars sponsored by Krause Funeral Home are on a table in the narthex. Please take one per family.



First Friday of each month after the 8:15am mass.



**Monday, December 14**  
 8:15am: Communion Service  
**Tuesday, December 15**  
 8:15am: Jim & Maureen Haines +  
**Wednesday, December 16**  
 8:15am: Shirley Andrews  
**Thursday, December 17**  
 8:15am: Richard Andrews +  
**Friday, December 18**  
 8:15am: Mariano Umali +  
**Saturday, December 19**  
 5pm: the intentions of the members of our parish  
**Sunday, December 20**  
 9am: the intentions of Fr. Pat  
 11am: Patti Farrell +  
 7:00pm: Ronald Brooks +

### Mass Intentions for 2021

The mass intentions book for 2021 is now open. Come early to choose your dates. Remembering our friends & loved ones at the altar of God is an act of mercy.



Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28  
 Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27  
 Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32  
 Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23  
 Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17  
 Friday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25  
 Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25  
 Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38



We welcome new members to our parish family community:  
 Mauro Calderon Ramirez &  
 Viridiana E. Perez Carrillo & family



Matias Calderon Perez  
 Welcome to our Catholic Community!

## Pray for our Military Members

### Mother of Good Counsel:

- Nelson Xavier Nunez
- Luis Ornelas
- Navy Petty Officer Kyle Walcheske
- Louis Cruz
- Senior Chief Petty Officer
- Kenneth Seefeld
- Captain Christopher Wiesneski
- Sergeant Dwain J. Burke
- Sergeant Major James Cook
- Sergeant Kurt Buckawiecki
- Sergeant Joshua Kohut
- Warrant Officer Bradley Dompke
- Master Gunnery Sergeant David John Winter

### St. Margaret Mary:

- Army Captain James Hedman (KofC 106710, Grand Knight)

## SACRAMENTAL LIFE AT ST. MARGARET MARY

**BAPTISM:** Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as members of Christ. Since the Church is Christ we are grafted to Jesus and his mission, as Church. **Infants** need parental instructions to prepare. To arrange Formation Classes **for those 7 yrs. or older**, please contact the Parish Office, 414-461-6073.

**CONFIRMATION:** Those 16 yrs. old, after **Baptism** complete *Christian Initiation* with a special strength of The Holy Spirit to begin the life of a Catholic. Hence, as true witnesses of Christ, they are more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed. To arrange Formation Classes, please contact the Parish Office, 414-461-6073.

**RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION):** The Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation are explained as we invite you to love The Catholic Faith and understand how to live in Christ's teachings. Classes encourage but, never pressure a participant. We walk the path of formation with you. These classes are for Adults, coming into the Church or Catholic children not in Catholic schools. To arrange Formation Classes, please contact the Parish Office, 414-461-6073.

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK OR DYING:** Call Fr. Patrick at the office or directly, 414-581-2397

**CONFESSIONS:** See the Parish Schedule on Wed. & Sat. or call Fr. Patrick directly, 414-581-2397.

**CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE:** The marital covenant, between a man and a woman establishes them as partners for life and is by its nature intended by God as a good for the spouses and the children of their union. We welcome adults to call for Sacramental Preparation: 414-461-6073.

## Are You A Parish Member?

If you would like to join our parish, *OR*

If you are already attending, but never registered.

PLEASE: Fill out a **New Member Registration Form**

Call Mary in the office at 414-461-6073.

We want to know you are here at St. Margaret Mary, for our parish count and our continuing relation. Thank you!!

– Fr. Pat