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***PLEASE SEE INSIDE BULLETIN
FOR THE CHRISTMAS MASS
SCHEDULE***

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 20, 2020
Fourth Sunday of Advent

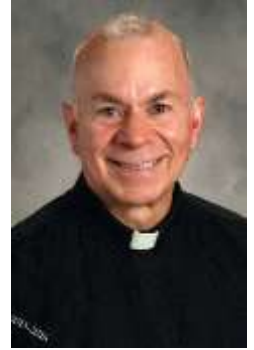
St. Margaret Mary, pray for us!





From A Grateful Heart

*“The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
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.” (Isaiah 1:12)*



Why Should we be Happy in the Birth of Christ?

How many presents will you get for Christmas? How many cards will you get? (I have gotten out of the habit of sending cards. Perhaps I lack discipline but, it just happened.)

It that what Christmas is about? This year Grandparents will be unable to see their grandchildren. Due to concerns of getting the Covid – 19 virus. Others will not be able to travel home for fear of infecting their parents with the virus. What a tragedy!

Isn't there something else?

The passage for Isaiah for this Sunday gives us a clue of why we even have and celebrate this day and the season leading up to it – **THE BIRTH OF A SAVIOR!**

Perhaps, we don't even realize the need for a savior? Let's go back and see what God promises. He will send someone with “The spirit of the Lord, God – Anointed by God! Here is a real person, God, who will use His power over Creation to do many things:

“Gladden the poor” (or those in despair over **life's hardships**)

“Heal the Broken” (meaning: to bring **Hope** where there was none)

“Liberate Captives” (Here God means to release us from the crushing **burden of sinful addictions** – whatever they might be)

“Release of prisoners” – (have you ever felt burdened by the **hatred from someone else**? It is a prison of sorts because you feel the weight of their anger and can't prevent it. Anger and hate can imprison you with no way out.)

“Announce a Year of Favor – A Jubilee Year – (this an ancient practice of letting those in **debtor's prison be forgiven** of debt and released. It only happened every ten years.)

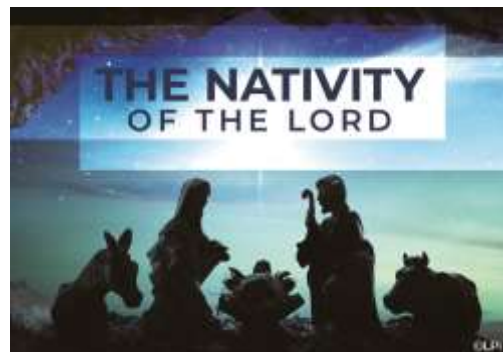
And then, Vindication by God – (**Justice is setting things right**, not getting even! God balances justice with repentance for those who seek Heaven.)

Here Isaiah proclaims the mission of the Messiah to Come. Jesus bring justice, love and peace to those of Good Will. Sometimes we can only see our needs and forget that peace and justice demand a level field of privilege for everyone to meet the tranquility of a just society. Laws are meant to bring equality in societies. Jesus' Law is meant to prolong our peace and restore the order of paradise that he offered to Adam and Eve.

Peace on Earth – Good Will to All!

May Our Risen 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!



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.

DECEMBER

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

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
Monday:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56
Wednesday:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66
Thursday:	<i>Morning:</i> 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79
Friday:	<i>Vigil:</i> Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25. <i>Night:</i> Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14. <i>Dawn:</i> Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20. <i>Day:</i> Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
Saturday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22
Next Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

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



Monday, December 21

8:15am: Communion Service

Tuesday, December 22

8:15am: Lois Callen +

Wednesday, December 23

8:15am: Danny Klein +

Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24

5:00pm: Olivia Licato +

10.00pm: the intentions of the members of our parish

Christmas Day, Friday, December 25

9:00am: the intentions of the members of our parish

11:00: the intentions of the members of our parish

Saturday, December 26

5pm: the intentions of the members of our parish

Sunday, December 27

9am: Living & Deceased members of the Sander family

11am: Shirley Andrews

7:00pm: Patti Farrell +



CHRISTMAS 2020

What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. (John 1:4-5)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When we pray the Nicene Creed we profess, "I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man."

These familiar words echo the prologue of John's Gospel, which is read at Christmas. John proclaims, "What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:4-5) I draw your attention to the Creed and John's Gospel to emphasize the profundity of describing God as Light and Life. Out of the infinite ways to describe Christ, light and life are given to us as preeminent and essential descriptions.

The key to understanding this is the celebration of the Incarnation. The Son of God did not become man to prove a point, become rich, powerful and popular, or punish the wicked. It is all too easy to look at the life of Christ in these terms because of our human tendencies to want to be rich, famous or powerful. In doing so, the Gospels become a biography among many other great people who did great things.

However, that is not why God became man; He became man to save us from the darkness of sin and the punishment of death. When we profess this truth, we allow Christ to reorient our lives. No longer is He just another great person to listen to or admire; He becomes the Light and Life of our lives.

Whatever you have faced this year, from the joyous occasions to suffering and sadness, I pray that you will entrust them to Christ at Christmas. May the Light and Life you receive be the gifts you share with your family and loved ones this year. I trust in God. I trust in His Word. Merry Christmas!

With a heart full of gratitude for your faithfulness, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Jerome E. Listecki

Most Reverend Jerome E. Listecki
Archbishop of Milwaukee



*Wishing you joy, love &
peace at
Christmas!*

*From Fr. Pat, school
and parish staff*



Ms. Kay Allen, our beloved third grade teacher at our day school passed away unexpectedly. Please pray for her soul and her loved ones left behind. Rest in Peace Ms. Allen!

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 a 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.

