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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 &

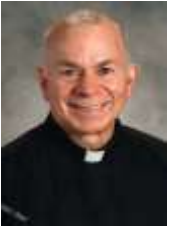
SATURDAY: 3:30-until 5:00pm mass starts

December 6, 2020

Second Sunday of Advent

St. Margaret Mary, pray for us!





From A Grateful Heart will return next week

GOSPEL MEDITATION

2nd Sunday of Advent

People knew over a year in advance that the Pope was coming for a visit to America and the preparations began. Security, space limitations and requirements, protocols, crowd management, itineraries, invitations, regulations, and so much more was necessary to pull this event off effectively. It's not every day that we get a visit from such a prominent dignitary. Thought, effort, meticulous attention to detail and vision all are necessary to make this thing work. After all, he can't just show up in the ordinary and normal daily routines of life and catch people unprepared! Tickets have to be purchased, buses rented, hotel rooms reserved, and travel arrangements made early because it will be impossible to see him if we wait too long!

We do this kind of preparing not only for prominent religious figures but for political dignitaries, notable sports figures, people of fame, and even actors. If an individual intrigues us, we are going to want to do all we have to do to get a "good seat" in the house. Does Jesus Christ captivate this much of our attention? We are asked to prepare the way of the Lord and to do so not with frantic frenzy but patient enthusiasm. We do not have to stand on a street corner making profound announcements about God's coming or become overly zealous in our embrace of the Good News. Our task is quieter, more interior, captivating, and consuming. We are asked to change. We have to conduct our lives with holy devotion.

Is the cost of that ticket too much for you? Don't you want the "best seat" in the house? You don't want to miss Our Lord's arrival when he comes, do you? After all, if he comes while you are going about your daily routines without you even knowing, he may catch you off guard. Or, he may come in disguise looking like a beggar, a prisoner, migrant, refugee, or someone who is lost. Would you be ready to recognize him then? Preparing for the coming of Christ requires a change of mind, heart, and behavior. It is not adequate to simply do the things we always do. We want our lives to speak of the exciting news of Christ's coming and the joy that the Gospel brings. It has to do with our demeanor, values, priorities, choices, and how we structure daily routines. Of course, it involves sacrifice. All anticipations do! Are you excited, captivated, enthusiastic, and sitting on the edge of your seat eager to celebrate his coming among us at Christmas, and waiting for him to come again? If not, why not?

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THIS WEEKEND: second collection for the Society of the Divine Savior Salvatorians.

Please support future priests and brothers with a gift today.

**SERVING YOU
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CHRIST**
Salvatorian Sunday
December 5/6, 2020

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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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:15am & 7:00pm Masses

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



Joseph Cirra

Debbie Hintz— former pastoral minister (1980-88) & teacher at the school on October 23, 2020

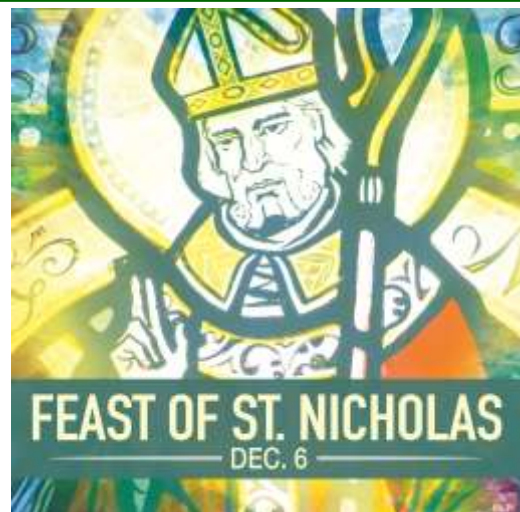
Christmas Giving Program

This year, due to the COVID virus, there will be a change to the Giving Tree program. Instead of asking parishioners to shop for gifts for needy families, we ask that you consider the donation of gift cards instead. They will then be sent to neighborhood and St. Margaret Mary School families so parents can use them to provide holiday food and gifts for family members.

Suggested sources for gift cards include department, drug, book and grocery stores. Cards in any amount are welcome.

Please return gift cards to St. Margaret Mary Parish by placing them in the collection box at the church entrance or to the Parish Office in an envelope marked Christmas Giving Program. Please make sure gift cards are marked with the amount on the card. A gift receipt confirming the amount can usually be obtained when the card is purchased. Include that receipt if you can. Cards should be returned to St. Margaret Mary by **Monday, December 7** so families receive them prior to Christmas.

Your generosity in helping to provide a happy holiday for those who are struggling to provide for their families is very much appreciated.



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



5/6: Second Collection for Society of the Divine Savior
 6: Second Sunday of Advent
 7: SVDP Gift Cards due
 8: Feast of the Immaculate Conception
 11: Christmas Flower Memorial forms due
 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: 2020 Contributions due by 4pm today
 31: New Year's Eve
 January 1: Solemnity of Mary– Parish center closed

Monday, December 7
 8:15am: Communion Service
Tuesday, December 8 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
 8:15am: Matthew Kubis +
 7:00pm: Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Wednesday, December 9
 8:15am: Jim & Tom Fitzpatrick +
Thursday, December 10
 8:15am: Amrei Sander & her family
Friday, December 11
 8:15am: SVDP: the intentions of those we serve
Saturday, December 12
 5pm: intentions of our parish members
Sunday, December 13
 9am: John Flynn +
 11am: Patricia Farrell +
 7:00pm: the intentions of Fr. Pat

Readings of the Week

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/
 2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8
 Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14
 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26
 Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/
 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1]/
 Mt 11:28-30
 Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab
 [8]/Mt 11:11-15
 Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]
 /Mt 11:16-19
 Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
 Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or
 Lk 1:39-47
 Next 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

Shout Out!



Thank you to Neal Bardele, for processing a \$700 rebate to the parish for the church sound system equipment.
 Thank you also to our faithful, dedicated Monday morning money counters. Your help is truly appreciated!!!!



2020 Christmas Decoration Appeal

Your 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. We would like to make a gift to celebrate the lives of the following people. We have enclosed a donation and understand that these funds will be used to purchase flowers and decorations for the church.

Directions: Please enter the name of the loved ones you would like to remember with a donation to this appeal. Please check living or deceased. All gift for the living will be In Honor Of and all gifts for the deceased will be In Memory Of. You may also choose to make a gift In Thanksgiving For Blessings Received.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Person's Name: _____

Living? _____ Deceased? _____

For thanks of blessings received, please check here: _____

GIVEN BY: (Please print clearly)

Name: _____

CASH: _____ CHECK: # _____
 AMOUNT: _____

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11 WILL BE PRINTED IN THE CHRISTMAS BULLETIN. GIFTS RECEIVED AFTER THAT TIME WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED IN A LATER BULLETIN. PLEASE CALL MARY AT THE PARISH CENTER FOR QUESTIONS: 414-461-6073

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