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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**

**January 3, 2021**

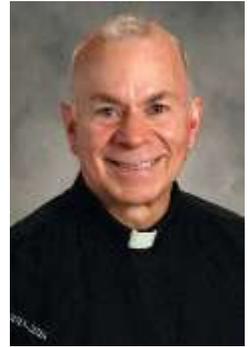
**Epiphany of the Lord**

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



*From A Grateful Heart .....*

*“Upon you the LORD shines,  
and over you appears his glory.  
Nations shall walk by your light,  
and kings by your shining radiance.  
Raise your eyes and look about;  
they all gather and come to you:  
your sons come from afar,  
and your daughters in the arms of their nurses.”  
(Isaiah 60:2b-4)*



### The Mystery of Little Christmas & Gift Giving

Epiphany is the Feast of Jesus receiving world recognition. Yes, the travelers (Three Wise Men) come from different part of the ancient world to symbolize the announcement of Christ’s coming into the world; God Made Flesh, who dwells among us! Today on every TV channel there may have been an interruption to the current program to bring you a “Special Announcement”!

“God has come to Earth as a human baby, Born in Bethlehem of Judea in the Roman Colony of Israel near Jerusalem. A Child destined to save all mankind from death to sin. He is an Eternal son who is both God and Man never to change. “Glory to God in the Highest”, as the Angel choirs sing from on high! Let us bring many gifts to celebrate the long awaited King of Kings – Jesus the Promised Christ.”

Can you imagine how people all over the world would react to this news? Of course, the Jewish people had the prophecies of this event for centuries. The rest of the world would have been searching for the same promise of a Divine Messiah, though they might not have realized the form of the promises fulfillment – a baby born in Bethlehem. So, they might bring gifts!

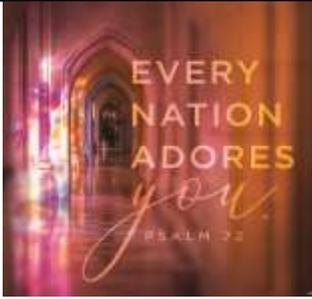
(Peter Bergman writes in the Harvard Business Review, 12/15/2010) Gift giving is complex. Underlying that custom is an important purpose: appreciation. We give people gifts to show them that we are grateful for them and value the role they play in our lives. But here is the common misconception: the bigger, more valuable the gift, the more it expresses our appreciation. I know people who’ve received huge stock grants who feel severely underappreciated. Because gifts don’t express appreciation, people do. And when people don’t express it, neither do their gifts.

I disagree. One Christmas, when I was 10, I remember that once all the gifts were opened and we were all gathered in the living room around the tree, I had hoped to feel that long awaited joy of the promise of Christmas cheer. And, ...it wasn’t there! All I could feel was the aura of greed and celebration. I wanted holy joy! That same joy I felt at a Christmas Midnight Mass. The choir, the special procession of us altar boys and the smells of incense and holly. I left the living room and cried. Dad came to me and asked: “Didn’t you get what you wanted?” I could get him to understand my desire for a joy in each other. The feeling I looked for you might call: “Christmas Love”.

The gift I wish for you is: that the Love of God, with your family and friends may envelop you with love and joy of this Christmas’ magical event!

*Merry Little Christmas and A Happy New Year!*  
*Fr. Patrick Nelson, SDS*





## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

**January 3, 2021**  
**The Epiphany of the Lord**

“Where is that thing?” mumbled Bob as he searched frantically on his dimly lit desk for the current electric bill. “I know I put it right on top of these papers this morning!” Growing in frustration and bordering on anger, he flies stuff around, moves books and opines why simple tasks need to be so hard. Enter his wife, who calmly says, “Maybe it would help if you put the light on, dear.” The desk light goes on and lo and behold, there is the electric bill right where Bob left it earlier. All it took was a little light!

We stubbornly refuse to turn on the lights! Either we are distracted, determined, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Or perhaps, we fail to do the obvious. We would rather live our lives with the dimmest of lights or even in total darkness. Why are we afraid to do something so that we can actually see? It might help us to find quicker and better answers to problems, the meaning of life, relationships, happiness, and what is ultimate truth. Yet, we stumble along, moving things from one side to the other, getting angry, feeling cheated, being unsettled, resigning ourselves to the agony of defeat once again.

“And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.” The light has come into the world in the person of Jesus Christ! We no longer have to fumble in the darkness. We have been gifted with the illumination we need to see our way through things and find what we really are looking for. All these years later, however, so many are still reluctant to accept him. Perhaps they are unconvinced, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Everyone has their own reason for not wanting to turn on the switch.

But there are so many answers to so many of our problems in this humble Child of Nazareth. A simple birth teaches us about God’s tender wedded relationship with humanity. It speaks to the expanse of God’s salvation across the globe, and the incarnate Divine wonders and blessings that are a part of our life moment to moment. It calls us to understand the design of world order God intended as found in the Beatitudes, the sacredness of every human life and all of creation and the meaning of things we struggle with most, like suffering and death. We have a lot of Good News to share, not just with a privileged few but with all the world. All races and creeds can receive God’s healing word. God continues to manifest himself even now! Use the light to find what you are really looking for!

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### Monday, January 4

8:15am: Communion Service

### Tuesday, January 5

8:15am: Bob Hohl +

### Wednesday, January 6

8:15am: Eva & Hanna Sander’s Birthday

### Thursday, January 7

8:15am:

### Friday, January 8

8:15am: Dan Robinson +

### Saturday, January 9

5:00pm: St. Cynthia Norman, SSND +

### Sunday, January 10

9:00am: Sr. Joan Emily Kayla SSND +

11:00am: Sr. Lillian Langreck SSND +

7:00pm: the intentions of our parish members

## 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.

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



## Readings of the Week

Sunday:	Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday:	1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/ Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/ Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/ Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/ Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2- 3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3])/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11



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!



3: The Epiphany of the Lord  
 10: The Baptism of the Lord  
 18: Martin Luther King Day  
 22: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

#### Observances for the week of January 3, 2021

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week  
 Monday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious  
 Tuesday: St. John Neumann, Bishop  
 Wednesday: St. André Bessette, Religious  
 Thursday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest  
 Friday:  
 Saturday:  
 Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord  
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#### Save Time and Donate Online!

**A big THANK YOU to all of those who have dropped off and/or mailed your contributions. We need your support!**

Online Giving is now available for parishioners with **WeShare**, an easy and convenient way to save time and support our parish. This program has been in place for a year now and we would like to see more parishioners join. Donating is simple, safe and completely secure.

With **WeShare**, you can set up a recurring weekly or monthly transaction using your checking, savings or credit card. You can decide how much to give and make changes anytime. Plus, you can leave your checkbook at home on Sundays.

The steps are simple:

1. Go to: <https://stmpmilwaukee.weshareonline.org/>
2. Click on the collection you wish to donate to.
3. Click Recurring Donation, enter your donation amount and frequency.

It's that easy! Your account will be created & you can start giving online. Questions? Please contact the parish center office at 414-461-6073.

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.

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#### ST. VINCENT DEPAUL INTAKE OFFICE

414-462-7837

Please call this number to apply for assistance from our SVDP conference.

#### A Holiday Thank You

Well, you've done it again. Your generosity is showing. The Christmas Giving collection amounted to \$2,200 in gift cards donated by St. Margaret Mary Parish members and given to seven St. Margaret Mary School families and to seven other neighborhood families in need.

You adapted beautifully to the change in program due to safety concerns around the COVID virus. Gift cards were delivered by St. Vincent de Paul members in time for parents to do their own holiday shopping for their families. Thank you so much for your generosity. Fourteen families had a beautiful Christmas and were better able to provide for their members because of your support.

#### 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.

A formal complaint of abuse can be made to the archdiocese by calling the **Victim Assistance Coordinator** at [414-758-2232](tel:414-758-2232).

An alternative way to make a formal report for those not wanting to contact the archdiocese is available to you 24 hours a day/7 days a week through the **Healing Center website** or by calling [414-219-5555](tel:414-219-5555).



## 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