

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 10, 2021** The Baptism of the Lord St. Margaret Mary, pray for us!

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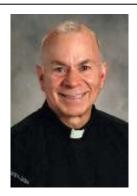
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From A Grateful Heart

"I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice, I have grasped you by the hand;
I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness."

(Isaiah 42:6-7)



The Servant of the Lord is the People of God

Epiphany has announced the appearance of God in the flesh who dwells among the people he calls. God has appeared in our Flesh! God has promised to Salvation! God has called us to Salvation!

The Old Testament calls for a salvation for the people of Israel. That people (the Jews) are the "first" to hear the Word of God, as the Vatican II documents proclaimed.

"...God Himself spoke to them through the mouth of the prophets, Israel daily gained a deeper and clearer understanding of His ways and made them more widely known among the nations. The plan of salvation foretold by the sacred authors, recounted and explained by them, is found as the true word of God in the books of the Old Testament: these books, therefore, written under divine inspiration, remain permanently valuable. "For all that was written for our instruction, so that by stead-fastness and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope" (Dei Verbum §14)

The message of Christ's mission on earth was first to announce God's love for mankind and then to give us a path for fulfillment of that redemption (to unite all creation to Himself). This passage above, from the 42nd chapter of Isaiah, comes from the second part of Isaiah that announces a "saving servant" who will suffer to free us from sin. That is the love of God. Freedom to love and be loved. "That you may love one another" (John 15:12). Love is why Jesus came!

This message then calls those who follow Christ to spread the message, The Good News, of God's love. First, by prayer! This is where God "grasps us by the hand". Next, by unity! This is where God has "Formed us as a nation in His Covenant of Salvation." Then, by freedom! Then, as the people of God we draw others to Him by Love which frees, is just and provides a path of mercy to free people from the "darkness of sin".

All of this is the call of God, through Jesus Christ, The Word made Flesh. The call to His SERVANT; His DISCIPLES. And a good disciple of God is also a servant of his words to us.

So, let us take a lesson from Isaiah to be servants of the one who comes to serve the "least among us" as the Savior of All Of Us.

My you have a Happy New Year! Fr. Patrick Nelson, SDS



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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE The Baptism of the Lord

We need history. We need it in order to understand ourselves, personally and collectively. The pieces of our histories may not have always been the most positive, honest, exemplary, dignified, proud and best moments of our lives, but they are ours. We have to acknowledge, remember, accept, and often heal them. We cannot forget them or pretend that they never existed. As horrible as the atrocities of events like Auschwitz, brutal injustices committed throughout the human journey, or personal painful experiences in our own stories, we need to remember. These times when humanity in general or people in particular have lost their way are times that need to be reconciled and redeemed.

If we lose the memories, we will make the same mistakes again. The human soul needs a strong sense of affirmation, direction, and clear purpose. Without these essentials, we will easily run amuck and repeat the sins of our past. God's voice throughout history has spoken precisely about this! We are reminded through the voices and example of many prophets and witnesses not to make the same mistakes again, come back to center, discover the purpose given to us by God, maintain a sense of proper direction, seek healing for wounds and be reconciled to our Creator.

Baptism is so incredibly important for the salvation of humankind, not only eternally but here and now. Our existence depends upon it. It gives us the affirmation we need from God by gifting us with the same intimate relationship Jesus had with the Father. We are blessed with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Baptism calls us to remember, accept, and deal with the sins and inequities of our past regardless of how hurtful and serious. We consciously choose to turn away from them and put on the new life of Christ. To do this well, we must look hard and long at our sins and failings, listen to what they are saying and learn from them. If we ignore the past, collectively or personally, or pretend that it never happened, we will never grow. We will surely die.

People need to hear the message, lived and spoken, delivered by the baptized members of the Body of Christ. It is an essential message of hope that is layered with visions of justice, peace, reconciliation, redemption, blessing, and healing. It is a message that helps us remember what has gone before, the graces and the sins, and bring ourselves by God's help where we need to be. We are called to do much more than sit home behind our closed doors. We have a message to deliver. Are we ready to do so?



Monday, January 11 8:15am: Communion Service

Tuesday, January 12 8:15am: Sr. Michael Marie Laux, SSND +

Wednesday, January 13

8:15am: Sr. Mary Elva Wiesner, SSND +

Thursday, January 14

8:15am: Sr. Dorothy MacIntyre, SSND + Friday, January 15

8;15am: Sr. Alexi Portz, SSND +

Saturday, January 16

5:00pm: Audrey Holzbauer, SSND + Sunday, January 17

9:00am: Sr. Rose Geese, SSND + 11:00am: the intentions of our parish members 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.





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

Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9

[cf. 7c]/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/

Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/

Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11

[8]/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8

[cf. 7b]/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15

[cf. Jn 6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

[8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42



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!

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10: The Baptism of the Lord18: Martin Luther King Day

22: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Chil-

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Kathryn Erich

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://stmmpmilwaukee.weshareonline.org/
- 2. Click on the collection you wish to donate to.
- 3. Click Recurring Donation, enter you 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.

Day of Prayer for the LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

Respect Life Mass - January 22

January is Respect Life month to continue building a culture that cherishes and protects every human life. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal, no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children." The Archdiocese of Milwaukee will host 10 Masses across the archdiocese. www.archmil.org/RespectLife

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 WVTV, 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.

St. Vincent de Paul Society of Milwaukee

St. Vincent de Paul Society of Milwaukee remains a pillar of strength for Milwaukee neighbors in need during this uncertain time. Now, more than ever, the Society relies on support from community partners and friends to ensure services remain strong. They truly are the hands and feet of Christ as they make calls to neighbors in need and offer assistance to alleviate some of the hardship to obtain basic necessities. Ask how you can help them, offer your prayers and find out more about how your SVDP conferences are making a difference in your local community.

For further information or to volunteer to help with this important ministry, contact Meredith Bishop mjbisho@aol.com.



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.

<u>Confirmation</u>: 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

<u>Confessions:</u> See the Parish Schedule on Wed. & Sat. or call Fr. Patrick directly, 414-581-2397.

<u>CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE:</u> 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