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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**

**April 11, 2021**

**Second Sunday of Easter**

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





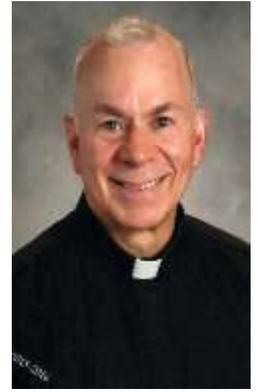
### *From A Grateful Heart .....*

*In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments.*

*For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments.*

*And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world.*

*And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?*  
**(1 John 5: 1-5)**



### **Why does Jesus Give Us Commandments?**

I can relate to those who say that the Catholic Church is full of judgement and rules that ask you to obey and think. Because when I was growing up that is just what I thought. However, I thought of it in a completely different way. For me obedience to God was like obeying my Dad.

Obeying your Dad is easy when you have a Dad like mine. No, he never tried to be my friend. He was my Dad. If I didn't understand something or the world seemed to complicated for me, my Dad was a comfort in that he always had an answer that helped me understand or helped my wait until I had learned enough to figure it out for myself. And for a parent – that is no easy feat! You know what I mean if you every had to raise kids.

Now, I didn't always accept the answers my Dad gave but, I was confident that he was right because he was smart. My Dad was a District Court Judge, a Naval officer in WWII and the son of a Judge. He came from intelligent stock, so I could be confident that he had an understanding of good and bad from those experiences. Yet, I still wanted to gain my own understanding to be confident that I could reason answers for myself.

Being Catholic became natural for me to accept the teaching because they came from Jesus. Since Jesus is God, I reasoned that he understood the world and I could be confident that he would always advise me better than anyone could. I felt the same way about the Catholic Church since history showed me that Jesus started it with Peter and the twelve apostles as the first pastors (or bishops). Even the word "Pastor" comes from an occupation of a leader of sheep to good grazing lands. That kind of leader is more of a servant and protector for the sheep than a boss. My Dad was a leader and a protector like that. He provided for us, took us on vacations, spent quality time with us and tried to make every moment in life a teaching moment. Every time he asked us to be responsible or to complete chores around the house it was done in concert with my brothers and for the benefit of the whole family.

Jesus gives us "Commandments" that are more like "good advice" than harsh demands. No better wisdom could come from anyone else than God. He loves and protects us. Jesus reveals the very nature of God as our "lover". God wants a relationship with us to protect us and to preserve us in his grace for a life in eternity with him. Not one of us is "least" to God. Jesus really desires to have us love him to the point that we can see him in each other – "made In his image and likeness!"

The commands of God are not burdensome – but, are protection and security of purpose! Alleluia!

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

## GOSPEL MEDITATION



What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. “Mercy is the heart of God,” Pope Francis tells us. The image of a heart has been used to point to the very life source of a person as it is the organ that allows life to flow through our veins and sustain us. Mercy is the heart of God. Imagine this dynamic, powerful, compassionate, piercing, embracing, loving, propelling, penetrating, absorbing, and enveloping, transforming presence of God flowing into the very depth of our souls. It is God’s mercy that allows blood to flow through our veins. It is God’s mercy that forms every atom of our being and leads us to what is true. God’s mercy reveals all superficiality and falsehood, and lays bare all distortions, empty promises, weakness, and sin.

“Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope,” Pope Francis continues. God’s all forgiving, compassionate love is with us. When we finally believe and accept that Christ’s resurrected transfigured presence resides with us, we then find within us a strong confidence to accept life’s imperfections and disappointments and move on. Every day is a new adventure in new life. God leaves the past behind and opens doors to the future. It doesn’t matter how many mistakes we made yesterday. All that matters is what we do tomorrow and what we learn along the way. It is so easy to remain tethered and mired in the past, but there is no need to do so. God is all about tomorrow and the work God has yet to do in our lives.

Mercy gives birth to hope. Hope for the greatest of sinners and hope for the worst of disasters. There is nothing God cannot do and nothing God cannot fashion. After all, everything we know and treasure was once nothing, and look what God did with the nothing God had! The resurrected Christ stands before us with nail marks in his wrists and wounds on his body as a testament that not even injustice, suffering and death can trample over and destroy God’s mercy. What have we to fear? Why do we keep ourselves from peace? Our lack of faith prevents us from going forward and fully receiving the holiness God desires to breathe upon us. Breathe in God’s mercy, allow the wind of God’s presence to kiss all of your sins and caress all of your fears. Exhale peace.

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**Archdiocese of Milwaukee  
Annual Mass of Atonement**

The annual Mass of Atonement will be held on April 15, 2021, at 6 p.m. at St. Monica Parish (5681 N. Santa Monica Boulevard, Whitefish Bay). This Mass is one of the ways that the current leadership of the Archdiocese publicly atones for the clergy abuse crisis and scandal. Mass will be available for in-person attendance and will be live-streamed. We invite you to join us in support of the survivors, family members, and communities that have spoken or unspoken stories of survival and pain. If you are unable to attend, we would ask that you please remember all those that suffer from the wounds of abuse in your prayers for peace, healing, and justice. Please visit [www.archmil.org](http://www.archmil.org) for more information.

**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://stmmmpmilwaukee.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.



- 11: Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday
- 18: Third Sunday of Easter/ SVDP second collection
- 18-24: Safe Environment Week
- 25: Fourth Sunday of Easter/ World Day of Prayer for Vocations
- 27: Bereavement Support Group Meeting

## Readings Week of the

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| Sunday:      | Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/<br>1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3    |
| Monday:      | Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/<br>Jn 3:1-8               |
| Tuesday:     | Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/<br>Jn 3:7b-15                   |
| Wednesday:   | Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/<br>Jn 3:16-21              |
| Thursday:    | Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20<br>[7a]/Jn 3:31-36            |
| Friday:      | Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/<br>Jn 6:1-15                |
| Saturday:    | Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/<br>Jn 6:16-21                   |
| Next Sunday: | Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/<br>1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48 |



### Monday, April 12

8:15am: Communion Service

### Tuesday, April 13

8:15am: Intentions of our parishioners

### Wednesday, April 14

8:15am: Intentions of our parishioners

### Thursday, April 15

8:15am: Peter Michael Willihganz +

### Friday, April 16

8:15am: Julius, George, & Rudi Sander +

### Saturday, April 17

5:00pm: Frank Zovi +

### Sunday, April 18

9:00am: Intentions of our parishioners

11:00am: Intentions of our parishioners

7:00pm: Intentions of Fr. Pat



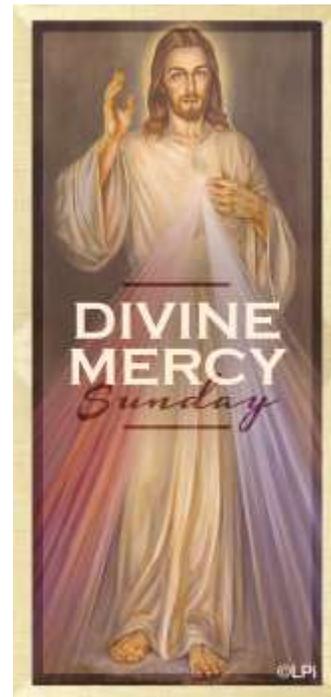
### St. Margaret Mary Parish Bereavement Ministry MONTHLY SUPPORT MEETINGS OF CARE

**Sooner or later, everyone faces the loss of a loved one.** Our "Bereavement Ministry" Team invites you to join us in monthly support meetings of care, support, and understanding for anyone grieving a loss.

We meet on the **4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month**, in the Church Narthex from **6:30-7:30 PM**.

If you have questions or would like to register, please contact: Terry Cheski, phone: (414) 233-9773 or e-mail: [terry.cheski@gmail.com](mailto:terry.cheski@gmail.com)

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**



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!

### 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

**The Year of St. Joseph****Prayer to St. Joseph**

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
 St. Joseph, Spouse of the Virgin Mary.  
 To you God entrusted His Son;  
 In you Mary placed her trust;  
 With you Christ grew as a man.  
 Blessed Joseph, show yourself  
 Also to us as a father,

And guide us to heaven on our path of life,  
 Obtain for us Christ's grace,  
 Mercy and courage – we pray!

And defend us from every evil.

Amen.



### 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.

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We would like to meet you and welcome you to our parish family. Thank you! Fr. Pat Nelson, Pastor