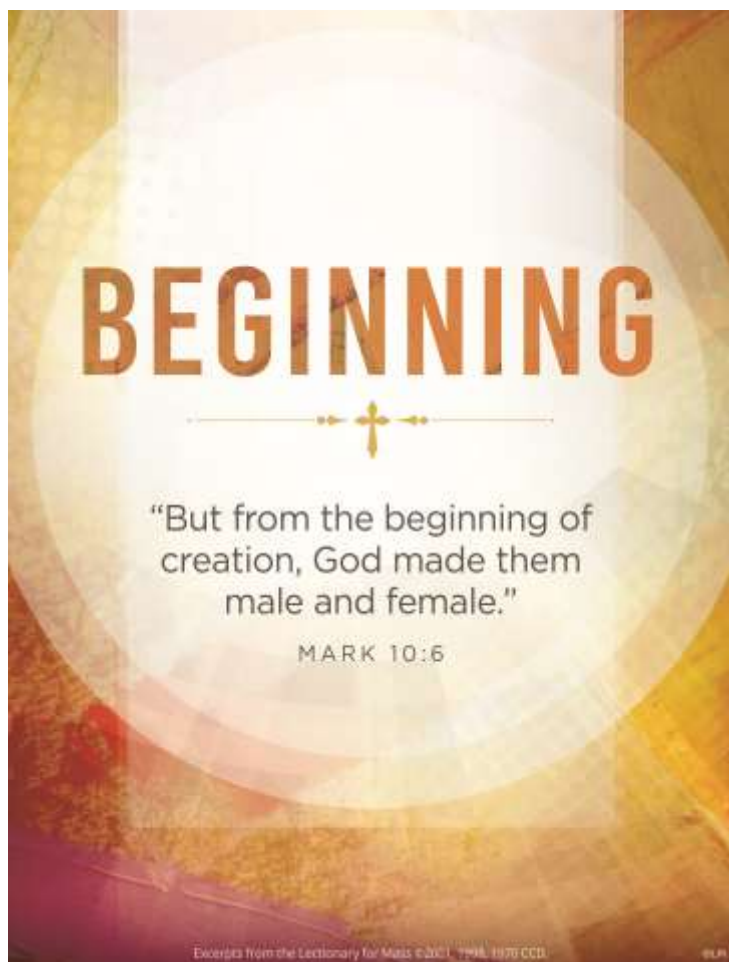


# St. Margaret Mary Catholic Parish

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Liturgical Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday: 9:00 and 11:00 a.m., and 7:00 p.m. Masses

Monday: 8:15 a.m. Communion Service

Tuesday-Friday: 8:15 a.m. Mass

### Rite of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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### School

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### Parish Center Hours

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## PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Welcome! We invite you to join our parish. Adults (18+) should join as members on their own, even if their parents are already members. Please complete and return a *New Member Registration* form. The form is available on our website, in the Church, and in the Parish Center. Registration is required for Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation, Marriage, and enrollment in Catholic Formation (religious education) programs.

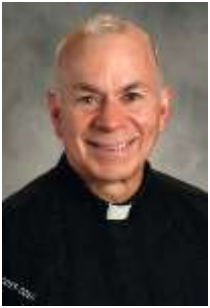
October 3, 2021 • Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

## From A Grateful Heart

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*Then God said: "It is not good for the man to be alone.  
 I will make a suitable partner for him." Genesis 2:18*

*God created mankind in his image; in the image of God, he created them;  
 male and female he created them. Genesis 1:27*

### A SUITABLE PARTNER



Jesus talks in the Gospel this weekend about creating humanity in His image and likeness, and created male and female images to be "suitable partners" for each other.

This weekend is not a good time to be a priest who has to figure out a homily that will teach the Gospel message to be lived in our times. The Church defines

the duties of the priest and the actions taken at Mass in the GIRM (General Instructions of the Roman Missal). This is technically called Liturgical Law of the Church. Each instruction has a number to define its place in Church Law.

*#65) The Homily is part of the Liturgy and is necessary for the nurturing Christian life. It should be an explanation of Sacred Scripture and take into account both the mystery being celebrated and the particular needs of the listeners in the congregation.*

*#66) On Sundays and Holy days of Obligation there is to be a Homily at every Mass that is celebrated with the people attending, and it may not be omitted without a grave reason.*

Since a priest can't skip the homily without a very good reason, we need to talk about MARRIAGE; not unions or living together or partnering up. Marriage!

The Catholic Church preaches what Christ did and spoke. It is apparent from Genesis that God created humanity intentionally to image him on earth. God created life by himself and it takes a union of a man and a woman to co-create a new life – as an image and likeness of them (and in turn, like God as well!) This is how we act like God in the union of the forms he has made. That is the essence of Genesis 2:18-24. The very celebration of union of a man and a woman takes into account the Baptism they share and in bringing that union of Christ in each other they bring together Christ in a fuller way as to be made instruments of God in "co-creating. That is bringing children into the world!

As a man and a woman come to the church they seek Matrimony. The word comes from the combination of Latin words "mother" and "condition." To become "mother-making."

So, there is a certain change to people entering Matrimony. The two now change from a man and a woman to a "husband and a "wife." Then, with the birth of children: the man becomes a father and a woman becomes a mother! Their lives change from one state of life to another in the promise to live together as one. Life changes. So, it is no longer a problem of finding a "suitable sexual partner." It is a commitment to a life together and in union with God to raise children to reflect the image and likeness of God AND to know Him through a love of Jesus Christ and his teachings of love.

May our Risen Savior bless you!

Fr. Pat Nelson, SDS



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

Archbishop Fulton Sheen said, “It takes three to make love, not two: you, your spouse, and God.” Apart from the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ, nothing speaks better of God’s incarnate love than marriage. God designed it this way. We place great value on love and rightly so. What we fail to realize, however, is that love, its very presence and place in our lives, is not simply part of the human package deal. Love comes from God. It is one of God’s greatest gifts to human beings. When we begin to realize that our very ability to love is sacred, it changes up how we see the essence of life, and purpose and sanctity of marriage.

God is love. It stands to reason then that if we follow the path of unconditional, self-emptying love we will then stumble upon God. It is precisely this intimate wedding of God with love that gives such eloquence and honor to the love between husband and wife. As a living sign of Christ’s love for the Church and for humanity, husbands and wives speak volumes of God’s unconditional incarnate love for all of his children! The Divine power that brings unity and life to marriage is so strong that once joined, it really cannot be separated.

Admittedly, marriage covenants can be extremely difficult to negotiate and, at times, very painful to experience. God’s perfect divinity always meets our broken and imperfect humanity. God is okay with this setup as he created it this way. Our loving is never as unconditional as God’s and often tainted by our own imperfections, needs, memories, hurts, sinfulness, and weakness. All of this baggage negatively impacts even the most well-intentioned marriages, causing them to be hurtful and empty. We are love works in progress. God can succeed in perfecting our love only if we keep our eyes fixed on him as the source of that love. That’s why marriage is always about three and not just two.

The Divine intimacy at the heart of marriage is what can make them celebrations of great union and happiness. Couples who are still madly in love with each other after many years, still looking at each other with that timeless twinkle in their eyes, best tell the story of God’s oneness with humanity. Honor, celebrate, and support those who have accepted a vocation to marriage. Living in a world that easily pulls relationships apart, may they find hope and inspiration from their faith companions who are on the same journey!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Society of St. Vincent de Paul *Awareness Month: Friendship*

*It is our vocation to set people’s hearts ablaze, to do what the Son of God did, who came to light a fire on earth in order to set it ablaze with His love. -Bl. Frederic Ozanam*

Vincentians are guided by three essential elements:

- SPIRITUALITY
- FRIENDSHIP
- SERVICE

The practice of a faithful life, guided by prayer and devotion to Mass, is the foundation. In the spirit of friendship, Vincentians gather regularly to pray and reflect on the Gospels. Enriched by the Word, they are then inspired to encounter Christ in service to the poor, lonely, needy, disheartened, or ill.

The home visit is the basic, most fundamental activity of a Vincentian ministry. Rather than have people come to us, we make friendly visits to them. Vincentians always visit in pairs as a practice of safety for all. We listen to the person or family and honor confidentiality in getting their perspective on the situation they face. When we are able, we try to meet the immediate need first and then try to help them develop a longer-term plan. One of our most important gifts to leave behind is a feeling that someone cares and that there is hope.

In this time of social distancing, Vincentians have adapted their means of outreach to others. Through phone calls and porch visits or meeting on food pantry sites, Vincentians have been able to provide the compassionate care of Christ in a changing environment. Would you like to learn more about the St. Vincent de Paul conference of our parish? Contact: Marlene Kollmeyer at (414) 628-6791 or the Parish Center.





## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LifeChain Milwaukee**

*Sunday, October 3rd, 2:00-3:30 p.m.*

Join more than 1200 participants from 77 Milwaukee area churches to prayerfully, peacefully and silently implore Our Lord to end the scourge of abortion. Pray with parishioners from Christ King on the north side of Bluemound Rd., from 106th to 108th Street. It is not necessary for you to commit to the entire length of the prayer vigil if you have time constraints. Parking is available on 106th Street just north of Bluemound Rd. The Pro-Life signs will be available at 106th and Bluemound. This is a rain or shine event.

**Rosary Rally**

There will be a Rosary Rally for Our Lady of Fatima on October 16, 2021 at 12 noon at St Margaret Mary Church on the corner of 92<sup>nd</sup> and Capital Drive. Please join us in praying as Our Lady of Fatima has asked for the conversion of our country.



Registration is open for the 14th annual WOMEN OF CHRIST® CONFERENCE will take place on **November 6th** at Washington County Fair Park. This year's theme, *Let Him In*, inspires us to invite Jesus into our hearts.

Come to hear captivating talks from the duo Sisters of Life and Fr. John Burns, Patty Schneier, Fr. Leo Patalinghug, Fr. Nick Baumgardner, and Emcee Anne Auger. Archbishop Jerome Listecki will celebrate the closing Mass at 4:00 p.m. Confession and Adoration will be available. The Vendor Market will be open until 3:00 p.m.

Please Note: Mask wearing and social distancing will not be guaranteed at the conference.

To Register: [womenofchrist.net](http://womenofchrist.net)

Phone: 262-689-9725 E-Mail: [womenofchrist@gmail.com](mailto:womenofchrist@gmail.com)

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Patron Saint Feast Day Festivities**  
**October 16, 2021**

Join us for Mass and stay for the fun. The Pastoral Council is hosting this year's celebration. They are excited to serve and are looking forward to meeting you!



**9:00 a.m.** Memorial Mass for Memorial of Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque

**10:00 a.m. - noon**

- Ice Cream Social
- Games
- Activities
- Fellowship

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**SACRAMENTAL LIFE**

*Please contact the Parish Center at (414) 461-6073 for all sacramental inquiries.*

**Infant Baptism**

Baptisms may be celebrated at all Masses. Preparation work is required for parents.

**Catholic Formation Classes**

*Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation*

Catholic formation classes are available for school-aged children and young adults. Contact us if you are interested in working with our parish to form your children in the faith as they prepare for the Sacraments of Initiation.

**Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)**

Are you an adult who is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? RCIA is a way to learn about the sacraments and understand how to live in Christ's teachings. We walk the path of formation with you!

**The Sacrament of Matrimony**

The Sacrament of Matrimony may be celebrated most Saturdays of the year, with the exception of the seasons of Advent and Lent. The bride or groom must be registered as members of the parish and are expected to be attending Mass regularly. Weddings must be scheduled at least nine months prior to the actual date.

**Ministry to the Sick or Dying**

If you are going to have surgery or if you suddenly take ill and would like the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please call Fr. Patrick at (414) 581-2397. Additionally, we have ministers who can call and pray with you if you are ill or as you recover.



3: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Respect Life Sunday  
 10: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 16: St. Margaret Mary Feast Day Mass & Celebration  
 16/17: SVdP Second Collection  
 17: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 19: Faith & Fiber Fellowship (Prayer Shawl Ministry)  
 21: Knights of Columbus Meeting  
 24: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time / World Mission Sunday  
 26: Morning Mass Social  
 27: Bereavement Support Meeting  
 30/31: Anointing Weekend  
 31: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## READINGS OF THE WEEK

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Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/  
 Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12  
 Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37  
 Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]/Lk 10:38-42  
 Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15]/Lk 11:1-4  
 Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 11:5-13  
 Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9]/Lk 11:15-26  
 Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/Lk 11:27-28  
 Next Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/  
 Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, October 4

8:15 a.m.: Communion Service

### Tuesday, October 5

8:15 a.m.: + Julius, Erika, George, Klaus & Margarete Sander

### Wednesday, October 6

8:15 a.m.: Souls in Purgatory

### Thursday, October 7

8:15am: Souls in Purgatory

### Friday, October 8

8:15 a.m.: + Diane Lotto

### Saturday, October 9

5:00 p.m.: + Carl Holzbauer

### Sunday, October 10

9:00 a.m.: members of our parish

11:00 a.m.: + Sr. Margaret Ann Arnold SSSF

7:00 p.m.: intentions of Fr. Pat

### Official Business for Bequests

The official business name in bequests should read:  
***St. Margaret Mary Congregation***