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The Annual SPRING SALAD SUPPER
THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2017
6:30 pm in the Atrium
Sponsored by St. Mary's Visitation Christian Women

Our speaker will be Judy Hehr on "A Slave in her Kingdom, to a Servant in His."
From financial ruin and drug addiction to healthy wife and mother, Judy is a spiritual motivator and inspirational speaker. Using her sense of humor and examples from her personal life struggles, Judy generously shares her gift of making the connection between theology and reality in our daily lives.

**Join us for a fun evening of spring salads, wine and door prizes,
come with your favorite salad to share!**

Seating is limited!

RSVP early by sending your payment of \$12/person to the parish office.

We are happy to reserve a table of 8 for you, just indicate all names in your party along with your payment.

Please make checks payable to St. Mary's Christian Women.

Questions? Contact Sue Nowak at 262-617-2331 or snowak1@wi.rr.com.

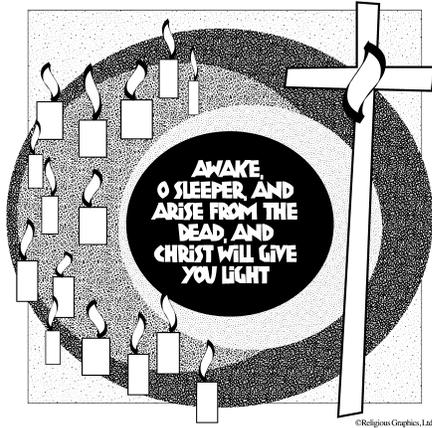
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St. Mary's Visitation Parish
March 26, 2017—Fourth Sunday of Lent



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 27, Lenten Weekday

6:30 am † Mary Jean Royston
Sacrament of the Sick available after Mass

Tuesday, March 28, Lenten Weekday

6:30 am Special Intention
8:00 am † Ken Porter

Wednesday, March 29, Lenten Weekday

6:30 am † Alexia Stilp Dudley

Thursday, March 30, Lenten Weekday

6:30 am † Don Sarnowski

Friday, March 31, Lenten Weekday

6:30 am † William Hoeft
8:00 am † Lois Pittman

Saturday, April 1, Lenten Weekday

8:00 am † Joseph Auer
5:00 pm † Carol Hoffman

Sunday, April 2, Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:30 am † Helen Loiacano
9:00 am † Erwin and Arline Holz
11:00 am Parishioners

Daily Mass Schedule

6:30 am Monday thru Friday
8:00 am Tuesday & Friday, School Days Only

Exceptions

No 6:30am Mass on Thursday, April 13
No 6:30am, 8am Mass and no 7pm Confessions Friday, April 14
No 8am Mass & no Confessions on Saturday, April 15
There is no 8am Mass on Tuesday, April 18
There is no 8am Mass on Friday, April 21

Planned Giving to St. Mary's Visitation

Does your last will and testament reflect your faith?
Contact cpeters@stmaryeg.org to find out more.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of the Sick is available every Monday after the 6:30am Mass. Members of the parish facing surgery or other medical procedures or tests are invited to receive this sacrament prior to their medical procedures.

If you know of someone who is in the hospital, or who would like a visit from the parish staff, please call the parish office and let us know.

PARISH REGISTRATION

St. Mary's is always happy to welcome new members. If you are interested in parish membership, it would be most helpful if you would call to make an appointment to register (262-782-4575). An appointment will guarantee the presence of a staff member to answer your questions and walk through a welcome packet with you.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Children ages 6 and under: Those seeking to have children baptized should be registered, active members of St. Mary's Visitation Parish. Parents who request baptism for a child are expected to complete a preparation class. It is offered bi-monthly. The scheduled classes for this year are:

Saturday, May 6th from 10:30-11:30am in church
Saturday, July 1st from 10:30-11:30am in church

It is generally easier if the preparation is done before the birth of the child. If you have attended a session within the last five years, it is not necessary to retake the class.

To schedule a baptism, please view the baptism dates on the parish website, www.stmaryeg.org/baptism.

Please contact Jenny Dascoli in the Liturgy & Music office at 262-782-4485 or jdascoli@stmaryeg.org for more information or to register for the baptism class.

Children ages 6-12: Please call the Liturgy & Music Office.

Adults ages 12 and up: Adults who wish to join the Catholic Church and were not baptized can participate in the **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)**. Please call Josh Dieterich, Co-director of Christian Formation - Middle School, Adult and Family Ministry, for more information.

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

The Catholic Church takes preparation for the Sacrament of Matrimony very seriously. Generally at least 6 months should be allowed for this preparation. Engaged couples themselves should call the parish office to schedule an appointment to discuss their plans. Marriage can take place any day of the week, although Saturday is generally preferred by couples. Sunday weddings are possible, but a wedding Mass is not allowed for such occasions.



In your charity and prayers, please remember the souls of those who have recently died and their families.

Maria Guzman, mother of Belinda Russell
Fr. Marvin Lazarski
Fr. Julio Miralbes-Drago
Charles O'Dwyer

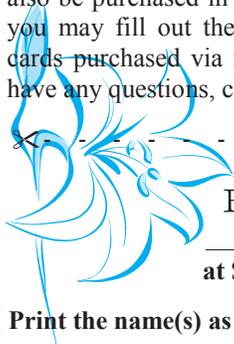
Our parish congratulates you and prays for you as you celebrate your special Anniversary in April

- 25th Anniversary: Lynn and Greg Barlow
- 25th Anniversary: Christina Netzow–Maas and Kevin Maas
- 25th Anniversary: Colleen Toohey and Leroy Simoneau
- 30th Anniversary: Maureen and Robert Patch
- 30th Anniversary: Mary and Joseph Jurken
- 50th Anniversary: Kelly and Richard Niggemann
- 50th Anniversary: Kathleen and Robert Noel

May you know God's love through your love for one another.

Easter Lily Sale

The Environment Committee is taking orders for Easter Lilies after all Masses March 25-26 and April 1-2 in the Atrium. For a \$15 donation, these lilies will be a part of our church sanctuary decorations this Easter. You may designate the lily as a memorial or a simple gift for a loved one, friend or neighbor. Cards may also be purchased in the Parish Office until Monday, April 3, or you may fill out the form below and mail in your order. Gift cards purchased via mail will be sent to you for giving. If you have any questions, call the Parish Office, 262-782-4575.



Easter Lily Gift Card Order Form
I would like to order an Easter Lily at \$15 each in honor of the following people.

Print the name(s) as you would like it to appear in the bulletin.

Total # of Lilies ordered _____ @ \$15.00 ea. = _____
Total # of cards, if needed to be given as gifts _____

Your Name _____

Telephone _____

Please make checks payable to St. Mary's Parish.



Last Year's Blessed Palms
For your convenience, there is a container in the atrium if you need to discard last year's blessed palms.

Lenten Sweatshirt Drive

Let's help Capuchin Community Services keep Milwaukee's homeless warm this winter by collecting sweatshirts for adults and children. New and very gently used sweatshirts will be collected in the Atrium through March 30. Look for the bucket marked **CAPUCHINS** in the Atrium. Thank you for your generosity!



Attention St. Mary's Knitters and Crocheters



Christian Women present a baby blanket to each baby baptized in our parish, and we are in the midst of a baby boom. We have 16 baptisms before May 1st! We have a special knitting project for Lent, our goal is to have 20 baby blankets knit or crocheted during the Lenten season. Can you help us reach our goal? Yarn can be picked up at the parish office during office hours and finished blankets returned there. Any questions please contact Lynne Miller at 262-786-9433.

You Are Invited to Participate in the Foot Washing Rite

Mass of the Lord's Supper ~ Holy Thursday ~ April 13th ~ 7pm

This is an invitation to each of you to consider participating in the foot washing ceremony of Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper. To what am I inviting you? I am inviting you to enter into a ritual experience that will be memorable, life-giving, faith-renewing & deepening.

One writer says, "We have to 'let' Jesus wash our feet, let Jesus give Himself to us, let Him be our servant." It is indeed humbling to think of this action so personally.

The author continues, "Perhaps I need to 'name' the part of my life, the part of myself, I want to surrender to the Lord to be embraced and loved, washed and healed." Is this a consideration in your life?

Take a moment and reflect on your place in the journey of faith. Is the Spirit speaking to you to enter more deeply into the Paschal Mystery? This may be a most fitting response. If so, please email Jenny in the Liturgy and Music Office (jdascoli@stmaryeg.org) or call her at 262-782-4485.



School Calendar

- Monday:** 6th-8th Grade Reconciliation, 1:30pm+
- Tuesday:** All School Mass, 8am
- Band Practice, 2-6pm, Senior Center
- Wednesday:** Band Practice, 2-6pm, Senior Center
- Thursday:** 2nd-5th Grade Reconciliation, 1:30pm+
- Band Practice, 2-6pm, Senior Center
- Friday:** All School Mass, 8am
- 6th and 7th Grade to Milwaukee Art Museum
 - Chess, 2:45-3:45, Senior Center

Weekday Ministers ~ The Week of March 26

Server	Jim Winkowski
Sacristan	Jack Morien
Lector	Mary Pat Hornak
Eucharistic Ministers	Bill Schoenecker & Arlene Sarnowski

Readings for the Week of March 26, 2017

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-15, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-21, 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

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St. Mary's Thrift Shop

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Spring Has Sprung!
Come check out our beautiful
spring merchandise!

For more information visit our website, stmaryeg.org/thrift-shop.

St. Mary's Seniors

St. Mary's Seniors meet on April 3 in the Senior Center, with Dave Fantle from United Performing Arts Fund speaking on 50 years of UPAF's involvement in the community. We gather at 12:00, cake and coffee at 12:30, program at 1:00. All are invited, call Dawn or Dan, 262-786-3813 for more information.

Parish Calendar

- Sunday (3/26):** Easter Lily Sales After Masses, Atrium
- 9th and 10th Grade Catholic Formation, 4:30-6pm, Atrium
- Monday:** Thrift Shop Open, 9am-4pm
- Choir Rehearsals, 3:15-8pm+
- Tuesday:** Thrift Shop Open; 9am-4pm
- Reconciliation, 12-1pm+
 - RCIA, 6:30-8:15pm, Attic
 - Lolek, 7-9pm, Atrium
- Wednesday:** Good Grief Support Group, 11-12:30am, Atrium Library
- K4-4th Grade Catholic Formation, 4:30pm, Atrium
- Thursday:** Thrift Shop Open, 9am-7pm
- Visitation Institute Spring Book Study, Brant Pitre's *Jesus the Bridegroom*, 9am, Atrium
 - Teen Night, 3:30-8:30pm, Attic
- Friday:** Thrift Shop Open; 9am-4pm
- Kiwanis Golden K of EG. Coffee served until 9:30am mtg; SC (visitors are welcome)
 - Holy Dusters; 10am,+
 - Reconciliation; 2-5pm, +
 - Stations of the Cross, 6:30pm+
 - Reconciliation, 7pm+
- Saturday:** AA Meeting, 7-8am, SC
- Reconciliation; 8:45am,+
 - Thrift Shop Open; 9am-noon
- Sunday (4/2):** Easter Lily Sales after Masses, Atrium

Good Friday Veneration of the Cross

In the Preface for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, we pray:

"Father, You decreed that we should be saved through the wood of the cross. The tree of our defeat became our tree of victory; where life was lost, there life has been restored through Christ our Lord."

The Church's custom of venerating the wood of the cross began at Jerusalem where the true cross was found in the early part of the 4th century. Since then, every generation of the faithful has longed to *"Behold the wood of the cross, on which is hung our salvation."*

The Good Friday liturgy calls for veneration of the cross, not the crucifix; that we focus on the wood, on the "tree" – the instrument of salvation. Christ restored creation by means of the very material which caused its fall. *"The tree of our defeat became our tree of victory."* When we gaze upon the cross, we fix our eyes on the sign of victory over sin and death.

In our veneration of the cross on Good Friday, we will be in *"living contact with the one, undivided Church of past centuries; with the ancient Jerusalem Church; and with Calvary itself."* (Patrick Regan, O.S.B.)



On the evening of Holy Thursday Lent comes to an end, and we enter into the “Three Days” that are the center of our year.

TRIDUUM

On These Three Days, the Church is at its best.

In song, scripture, and ritual we proclaim the heart of what we believe and celebrate throughout the year. We gather often - at church, at home - during the Triduum to reflect on the central reality of our faith, the death and resurrection of Jesus. These are the “high holy days” of Christianity.

You are invited to make these Three Days different from all the other days of the year.

Adults in the community are invited to plan ahead so that the entire time from Holy Thursday evening until the Easter Vigil is free of social engagements, free even of work, free of entertainment, free of meals except for the simplest nourishment.

Holy Thursday

- 10:00 am Living Stations of The Cross
- 7:00 pm Liturgy of the Lord’s Supper
- 10:00 pm Night Prayer

Good Friday

- 12:30 pm Good Friday Liturgy - The Lord’s Passion
- 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday

- 9:00am Blessing of Easter Food
- 8:00pm Easter Vigil Liturgy

Easter Sunday Masses 7:30am 9:00am 11:00am

Adoration Chapel

The chapel will be closed from 6:00pm on Holy Thursday until approximately 10:00pm on Holy Saturday.

Parish Office Hours

The parish offices will be closed from noon on Holy Thursday, April 13th until 8:30am Tuesday morning, April 18th.

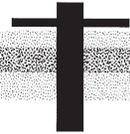
Collections

The Holy Thursday collection will benefit St. Mary’s Visitation Human Concerns Committee. The Good Friday collection benefits the Holy Land. Please be as generous as you can.

Blessing of Easter Food

Blessing of food for your Easter meal will be Saturday, April 15th at 9:00am.

Enter into the
HOLY SEASON
of LENT



Stations of The Cross

Stations of the Cross will be prayed Friday evenings at 6:30pm on 3/31, 4/7 and 4/14

Living Stations of the Cross by school students Holy Thursday, 4/13 at 10am

Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held
Tuesdays—12pm 3/28, 4/4 and 4/11
Fridays—2-5pm & 7pm 3/31, 4/7
Saturdays—8:45-9:15am 4/1, 4/8

Adoration Chapel

As you continue your journey through Lent to Easter, heed the words of Jesus: *“Come to me all you who labor and I will give you rest.”* Entrust your cares to the Lord as you visit Him in the Blessed Sacrament in St. Mary’s Perpetual Adoration Chapel. St. Ambrose exhorts us: *“When we find ourselves in some grave danger, we must not lose courage, but firmly trust in God, for where there is the greatest danger, there is also the greatest help from the One who wants to be called our Help in times of peace and in times of tribulation.”* Always remember as Psalm 103 tells us: *“The Lord is kind and merciful. He pardons all your iniquities, He heals all your ills, He redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion.”* Take advantage of spending time with Him in our Chapel. There are certainly plenty of things going on in the world to talk to Our Lord about! In your prayers please remember those who are preparing to receive Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation at Easter. Please also pray for an increase in the number of participants in the Adoration program. As you can see by the number of vacancies listed below, **we must get more people involved!**



We Need Coverage:

Please note, any and/or all coverage appreciated!

- Sundays 1-2 am, Call Colleen Schwarz, 414-795-3153
- Tuesdays 8-9am, month of April only, “ ”
- Wednesdays 1-2 am, Call Joleen Gordon, 262-719-6974
4-5am, “ ”
- Thursdays 2-3 am, 2nd & 4th weeks only, Call Jack Morien, 262-389-5625
5-6 am “ ”
8-9 am, Jan-May “ ”
- Fridays 2-3 am, Call Rita Dragani, 262-796-1162
9-10 am “ ”

Courtesy Announcements

Hope in the Midst of Grief

The loss of a significant person in our lives leaves a big hole – both in our hearts and in the very fabric of our everyday lives. How do you navigate that loss? What are the guideposts? Who are the guides and companions along the way? What light gives courage in darkness? Come and see. St. John Vianney is hosting “Hope in the Midst of Grief,” on Tuesday, May 2, 9, 16 and 23 from 7-8:30pm in the Parish Center. There is no charge to attend, but registration is requested by calling Karen Rice, 262-796-3940 ext. 1105, or e-mail: karenr@stjohnv.org.

A Day Honoring our Blessed Mother

Join the Milwaukee Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women on Saturday, April 29th for a day retreat honoring our Blessed Mother as part of their annual convention. This event will be held at St. John the Evangelist Parish, 8500 W. Coldspring Road in Milwaukee, and is open to all women. The cost is \$30 before April 7, \$35 after April 7 and includes continental breakfast, lunch and all materials. Registration begins at 8:30 am. Saturday morning’s presentation is titled “The Many Ways of Honoring Our Blessed Mother.” The afternoon presentation is “100 Years Since Fatima: The Role of Our Lady Today” both presented by Deacon Henry Reyes. Please make checks payable to MACCW and send to P.O. Box 472, Brookfield, WI 53008-0472. You can register online at www.maccw.com/events or download a registration form. Contact Jean Kelly, jeanakelly@hotmail.com or 262-797-0937 with any questions.

Join Us For New Visitation Institute Sessions

Our **Spring Book Study** began on **March 23rd**. For this semester we are looking at a contemporary work in Catholic Theology, Dr. Brant Pitre's *Jesus the Bridegroom*. Dr. Pitre (*Ph.D., Notre Dame*) is one of the most exciting new Catholic Scripture scholars in the field today and this work will help us better understand the relationship between Christ and His Church and the call of all of us to be the Bride of Christ. The cost is just \$20 which includes the book. Sessions are from 9-10:45am in the Atrium.



Visitation Institute Spring Speakers! The Visitation Institute will feature two special speakers during the Lent and Easter season. On **April 6th** from 6:30-8pm, Archdiocesan Spiritual Consultant and Internationally-known author and retreat master **Fr. Cliff Ermantinger S.T.L., Ph.L.**, will speak on *Spiritual Combat and Spiritual Warfare*. On **May 4th** from 6:30-8pm, nationally-known speaker, sociologist and Alverno College professor **Dr. Stephen Sharkey** will speak on the *Impact of technology and the “Tech Society” in trying to live out the Catholic Faith*. Both sessions will be held in the Atrium. Questions? Contact Josh Dieterich, 262-782-4575 or jdieterich@stmaryeg.org.

Join St. Mary's Visitation Senior Group at the Fireside Dinner Theatre for South Pacific on Thursday, May 11, 2017

One of the most celebrated of all shows, South Pacific is a story of love, heroism, courage, optimism, of America. Some of Broadway's most impressive musical scores feature unforgettable songs including “Some Enchanted Evening,” “I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right out of My Hair,” “There's Nothing Like a Dame,” “I'm in Love with a Wonderful Guy,” and the beautifully haunting “Bali Ha'i.” This is one of the very few musicals to have earned the Pulitzer Prize for Drama. The Fireside Theatre is proud to present this timeless classic in an all new sumptuous production. Dinner includes a delicious Tropical Salad, Freshly Baked Breads, Chicken Kona Kai, Banana Bread Pudding, Coffee, Tea and Milk. *\$90 per person includes motor-coach transportation, dinner and show. RSVP by April 3rd to Eileen Cauley, 262-782-0106 or eecauley@att.net. Checks should be made payable to Jeni Erdman and mailed to: Eileen Cauley, 14130 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Elm Grove 53122. Bus will depart from St. Mary's north parking lot at 8:45 am. Bus will return to St. Mary's north parking lot at 5:45 pm.*

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UNDER THE SEA

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