

MARCH 29, 2020 • FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

# ST. MARY'S VISITATION

Catholic Parish  Elm Grove, WI

## OUR PARISH

### MASSES

#### Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil..... 5:00pm  
Sunday ..... 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00am

#### Daily Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday ..... 6:30am  
Tuesday & Friday ..... 8:00am  
(*school days only*)  
Saturday ..... 8:00am

### RECONCILIATION

Friday ..... 2:00pm-5:00pm  
Saturday ..... 8:30am  
*Please check the weekly bulletin for changes to this schedule. Seasonal Tri-Parish Reconciliation Services are listed in the bulletin.*

### HOLY DAYS

Mary Mother of God..... Jan. 1  
Assumption..... Aug. 15  
All Saints ..... Nov. 1  
Immaculate Conception..... Dec. 8  
Christmas ..... Dec. 25  
*Mass schedules for Holy Days are announced in the bulletin.*

### PARISH ADDRESS

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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Friday ..... 8:30am-noon

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Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life;  
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."  
- Jn 11:25

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### MISSION STATEMENT

*We are a community of believers who strive to be faithful and to teach the truth of the Roman Catholic Church. We see beauty in the sacramental life of the Church, especially in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and in adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. We promote goodness in this world, following the example of our Blessed Mother, our Lady of the Visitation, by serving the needs of others.*

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## POSTINGS FROM FATHER PETER

Dear Parishioners of St. Mary's,

If you are like me, you are probably desperate to see the sun again, though, perhaps, the weather lately has fit many of our moods – kind of cloudy and dreary. Many things have quickly changed in our lives and that also includes how things function at the parish. Similar to what I did last week, I wanted to write to all of you with a few practical things to keep you informed on what is going on “behind the scenes” and what practical steps we are looking at or implementing during this time of trial and then also to include some thoughts on a spiritual side. I am hoping to do this weekly and, in addition, we will be doing a few other things as well over the next few weeks, more of which is included below.

First, I wanted to say “thank you!” to all of those who have been mailing in their weekly contributions to the parish and those who have been giving online. When we opened the mail and saw many envelopes sent through the mail my heart was moved – we do need your contributions at this time, the parish, like everyone, has financial obligations and so your generosity in helping us meet them is much appreciated. We are, under the guidance of the Archdiocese, coming up with a plan to function financially during this time and, in the meanwhile, are working very hard to keep expenses down to the best of our ability.

Secondly, I want to also thank you for your patience as the parish pivots to a different way of doing things – every day seemed to bring new guidance, new timetables, new restrictions, etc., it involved many, many decisions behind the scenes. One of the most frustrating elements was not knowing how long this would be going on for, if it was just a couple of weeks we would move one way, if we are looking at a couple of months, we would go another way. As things become more clear that allows us to plan better for the future and so we are working on doing that now.

As part of that planning process, we'd like to let you know how we plan to communicate with people – please note that the parish website will be the primary method of communication, please check that regularly for details and information. We do have some parishioners' e-mail addresses and so we are also trying to send out e-mails on a regular basis, however, we don't have everyone's e-mail address, so please keep your eye on the website.

Now that we have a sense that things will not be resolved for a number of weeks, we can make some decisions on what to communicate to all of you, both on a practical and spiritual level. Our plans include the weekly online publication of the bulletin, a weekly note from me, the posting of a Lenten video from me (which was previously going out to the school families, but will now be posted for everyone), and we are looking at the possibility of recording a Sunday Mass beginning the Sunday after Easter and posting it online if the suspension of public Masses goes longer than Easter – it would be a simple Mass, but one which would hopefully allow people stay connected to the parish. In the meanwhile, the Cathedral will be broadcasting Holy Week Services from there with the Archbishop – we would encourage those who would like to, to view those, as being united in heart with the Archbishop is a great sign of our unity as Catholics no matter which parish we call home.

I would like to open the church up more frequently for private prayer. We had to make some changes with the Adoration Chapel in order to conform with the Governor's orders and also to prevent more than ten from gathering there at once. Beginning this Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, the church will be open for private prayer every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 9:00-Noon. This is in addition to it being open during the time of confessions, which will continue at Noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays and at 9:00 on Sat-

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## MASS INTENTIONS

For those who have scheduled intentions for loved ones during this time, know that these Masses are being offered by Fr. Peter Berger, Fr. John Gibson and Fr. David Filut, so that the graces of these Masses can continue to help the souls of the faithful departed.

### Monday, March 30, Lenten Weekday

6:30am † Bill Villafuerte

### Tuesday, March 31, Lenten Weekday

6:30am † Lois Pittman

8:00am † Jack Burns

### Wednesday, April 1, Lenten Weekday

6:30am † Archie Burns

### Thursday, April 2, Lenten Weekday

6:30am † Joseph Schwarz

### Friday, April 3, Lenten Weekday

6:30am † Kathleen Cauley-Auter

8:00am † Sean Dempsey

### Saturday, April 4, Lenten Weekday

8:00am † Phyllis Conroy

5:00pm Special Intention of the Hamill Family

### Sunday, April 5, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

7:30am † Noy Pittman

9:00am † Bernice and George Rhode

11:00am Parishioners

## READINGS

Readings for the Week of March 29, 2020

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

For the remainder of Lent, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is being offered on Saturdays at 9am, and Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon. *The Friday Opus Dei confessions have been cancelled until further notice.*

*Please continue to visit our website  
for the latest parish information  
related to the Coronavirus:*

[www.stmaryeg.org/coronavirus-update.html](http://www.stmaryeg.org/coronavirus-update.html)

## REGISTRATION & SACRAMENTS

### PARISH REGISTRATION

St. Mary's Visitation is always happy to welcome new members! If you are interested in joining the parish, please call the Parish Office, 262-782-4575 or email Nora Mihm, nmihm@stmaryeg.org to make an appointment.

### 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 2020 include:

Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10:30-11:30am in church

Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.stmaryeg.org/baptism). Please contact Jenny Dascoli at 262-782-4485 or [jdascoli@stmaryeg.org](mailto:jdascoli@stmaryeg.org) for more information or to register for the baptism class.

Children ages 6-12: Please contact Josh Dieterich, 262-782-4575 or [jdieterich@stmaryeg.org](mailto:jdieterich@stmaryeg.org).

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 contact Josh Dieterich, Director of Catholic Formation, 262-782-4575 or [jdieterich@stmaryeg.org](mailto:jdieterich@stmaryeg.org).

### 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. Contact Kandice Klapperich for more information, 262-782-4575 or [klklapperich@stmaryeg.org](mailto:klklapperich@stmaryeg.org).

### THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of the Sick is available every Monday after the 6:30am Mass. Please stop by the sacristy prior to Mass to let the priest know. Members of the parish facing surgery or other medical procedures or tests are invited to receive this Sacrament prior to their appointment. If you know of someone who is in the hospital or who would like a visit from a Parish staff member, please call the Parish Office.

## Postings from Father Peter, continued

urday morning. We would ask that no more than ten people be in church at the same time and that people not come if they have a fever, a cough, or any symptoms of illness and to maintain space from one another in the church itself.

Finally, I would like to encourage everyone in the parish to start praying the Rosary at Noon on Fridays – this way we can be united in prayer even if we are separated by distance. I would suggest that each decade be given a particular intention – in reparation for our own sins, for the end of this pestilence, for the protection of ourselves and our loved ones, for guidance for our ecclesiastical and civil leaders, and for the repose of the souls of those who have died.

Now for a few spiritual thoughts on everything that is going on:

Prayer and penance – prayer and penance – prayer and penance. This has been the constant refrain of the Church during times of pestilence and disease – we must do them. Add more time for prayer to your routine, fast more frequently, do not give up on your Lenten penances – situations like these are like a fork in the road – we can either become more fearful or more confident, we can either become less faithful or more so, we can either turn away from God or to Him.

This morning I was reading a book from Fulton Sheen, it's called "The Seven Virtues" and he discusses the virtues in light of the Seven Last Words of Christ from the Cross. In one chapter, he discusses the importance of fortitude and patience, both of which are virtues which our time calls for, so I thought I would include what he writes: *"The shock of sorrow comes only to those who think this world is fixed and absolute, that there is nothing beyond. They think everything here below should be perfect. Hence, they ask questions: 'Why should I suffer? What have I done to deserve this?' Maybe you did nothing to deserve it. Certainly, Our Lord did nothing to deserve His Cross. But it came, and through it, He went to His glory. The virtue of cultivated, then, by such souls is what is known as patience. Patience and fortitude are related as the convex and concave sides of a saucer. Fortitude is exercised in the active struggle with dangers and difficulties, while patience is the passive acceptance of what is hard to bear."* These words are applicable to us right now as well – fortitude and patience. He goes on too to discuss the reality of suffering and bearing our sufferings well, *"In the business world, we contract debts and recognize our obligation and duty to acquit them. Why should we think that in the same moral universe we can sin with impunity? If, then, we bear the imprints of the Cross, instead of complaining against God, let us occasionally think of offering them up to God for our own sins, or for the sins of our neighbors."* These are very wise words and help us to understand and interpret things that are unfolding on a supernatural level, because, I believe, God is telling us something right now and asking something of us – He is asking of us (very directly) to what all of Lent has been asking us to do – which is to turn to Him, to strive for holiness and for our hearts to be converted more completely to Him. If we allow this reality to do that, then this trying time will also be a time of grace for us.

Please know that you are in my prayers, every day and numerous times over the course of the day and are remembered in particular at the consecration at the Masses I celebrate.

Live Jesus!  
Fr. Peter



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

Irene "Sandy" Carroll  
Marie Powers, Mother of Patricia Mealins

## ADORATION CHAPEL

Due to the current circumstances ONLY scheduled adorers, during their designated hour, will be allowed in the Adoration Chapel at this time. If you would like to have a scheduled hour, please call Mary at 414-771-8738. Please note that we will need to close the Chapel if this rule is not followed.



In keeping with the recommendations of the CDC regarding keeping a personal distance from others, Perpetual Adoration is currently in St. Mary's Atrium. Please access the Atrium through the usual Adoration Chapel door. The decision to move it to the Atrium, rather than the church, is because the Atrium is more easily secured at night, to prevent Adoration from being moved regularly due to funerals, and in order to keep costs low by not lighting the entire church all day and night. Please leave chairs where they are, as they are set at a distance in keeping with the CDC guidelines.

### We Need Coverage:

- Sundays: 7-8am, Call Colleen Schwarz, 414-795-3153.  
9-10am, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Sundays, Call Colleen Schwarz, 414-795-3153.  
2-3pm, Call Colleen Schwarz, 414-795-3153.
- Mondays 9-10am, Call Mary Rhomberg, 262-786-1974.
- Tuesdays 11am-12pm, Call Nancy Frazer, 262-786-0617.
- Fridays: 7-8am, Call Rita Dragani, 262-796-1162.  
11am-12pm, 2nd and 4th weeks, Call Rita Dragani, 262-796-1162.
- Saturdays: 8-9am, Call Nancy Frazer, 262-786-0617.

You may also sign up online on our website, [stmaryeg.org/perpetual-adoration.html](http://stmaryeg.org/perpetual-adoration.html).

## CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE SURVEY

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee is participating in a parish survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute. Please help by participating in the 10-15 minute survey online through at [www.surveygizmo.com/s3/4099558/DMI/](http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/4099558/DMI/).



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