

APRIL 26, 2020 • THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

# 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

Monday-Thursday .. 8:30am-4:00pm  
Friday ..... 8:30am-noon

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## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" - Lk 24:33-34

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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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## A MESSAGE FROM FR. JOHN GIBSON

Easter greetings and blessings to you all!

I had the privilege this past week of making a silent retreat, which I do each year, and is customary for every priest. People often say that silent retreats can be difficult for a number of reasons. Most often they refer to the fact that, when one is silent for an extended period of time, things come to the surface that would not otherwise amidst the noise and distractions of our daily lives. In silence, one is forced to ‘deal with’ what is stewing at the depths of the soul.

While we are not on a silent retreat, per se, each of us is experiencing some degree of retreat from our normal routine. Each of us is having to deal with new challenges that were not present, or at least not noticed, before quarantine. I think it is safe to say that a great many of us have felt, at times, anger and frustration with ourselves or others. Perhaps we have found it difficult to trust in God and His Church amidst the present challenges.

One of our fundamental beliefs as Catholics, and indeed all Christians, is our faith in the redemptive value of the cross. We believe that God can and does allow suffering to have redemptive value—first and foremost in the salvation won for us on the cross by Jesus Christ, but as well for each and every suffering that we experience thereafter. What’s more, we believe that *everything* we receive and experience on a daily basis is permitted by God—it is His will. We do not say that everything is directly willed, but that it is at least permitted by Him for our benefit. We can rightly say that God can use everything we receive and experience on a daily basis for our good—for our sanctification. Yes, even COVID19 and all the difficulties that it presents.

I invite you to pause, as often as you are able, to acknowledge that the Lord is forming your heart even now—even amidst the daily crosses that we experience. Even now, God is sanctifying you through these present times. It may be difficult to accept, at times; it may be something that is only now coming to the surface—that we have neglected to deal with; but His will is perfect and He knows what is needed for your sanctification. God makes straight with crooked paths. At times, He will bestow consolations; other times, He will allow for desolation. In either case, God does so because it sanctifies us, and He alone knows what is needed for our sanctification. Do not miss the ways that God, even now, is forming your heart and soul to grow in faith, hope, and love. Do not miss the ways that He is communicating His love to you in this time of desolation and calling you to Himself.

The Lord is risen! He has defeated sin and death.

With prayers,  
Fr. John

## 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.*

### Sunday, April 26, Third Sunday of Easter

7:30am † Renee Rutkowski  
9:00am Parishioners  
11:00am † Deacon Charles Kustner

### Monday, April 27, Easter Weekday

6:30am † Natalie Fitzpatrick

### Tuesday, April 28, Easter Weekday

6:30am † Donald Strobel  
8:00am † Robert Gehrke

### Wednesday, April 29, St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

6:30am † Mary Jo Kulla

### Thursday, April 30, Easter Weekday

6:30am † Mary Beth Pilgreen

### Friday, May 1, Easter Weekday

6:30am † Joe Schwarz  
8:00am † Mary Andres

### Saturday, May 2, St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00am † Alison Verhaalen  
5:00pm † Don Feyen

### Sunday, May 3, Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:30am Parishioners  
9:00am † Pam Kressin  
11:00am The Intention of Laverne Raetz

## READINGS

*Readings for the Week of April 26, 2020*

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [11a]/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66: 1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59  
*St. Joseph the Worker:* Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf.17b]/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

## 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, 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.

## SUNDAY MASS RECORDING

We want to be sure all parishioners are receiving our weekly E-Bulletin with the link to the Sunday Mass recording, but we need updated email addresses. If you know of someone who is not currently receiving the email, please encourage them to sign up on our website, [www.stmaryeg.org/weekly-bulletin.html](http://www.stmaryeg.org/weekly-bulletin.html).

## CHURCH OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

The church continues to be open for private prayer every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 9am-noon. This is in addition to it being open during the time of confessions, which are Saturdays at 9am, and Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon. We ask that no more than ten people be in church at the same time and that people not come if they have a fever, cough or any symptoms of illness and to maintain space from one another in the church itself.

## ADORATION CHAPEL

*The Adoration Chapel is still currently in the Atrium. 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.*



On Friday, May 1st we celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker, a feast day proclaimed in 1955 by Pope Pius XII. St. Joseph was a skilled carpenter and a model for all working people. We certainly need his assistance more than ever this year! Intercede with him to help the countless men and women who are unemployed or underemployed, and for all those who have been furloughed because of the coronavirus.

***“Lord God, by the labor of men and women, you govern and guide to perfection the work of creation. Hear our prayers and give all people work that enhances their human dignity and draws them closer to each other in the service of their brothers and sisters.”***

*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.  
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).*

## ADULT & FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

### 2020 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS CANCELLED

Thank you to all who signed up to volunteer at SMV's 2020 Vacation Bible School (VBS) this summer and to those who send their children to our parish VBS. Unfortunately, in light of the current circumstances, we have to cancel this year's VBS. We look forward to next summer and hope you can help plan and create the best VBS ever!



### VISITATION INSTITUTE GOES ONLINE

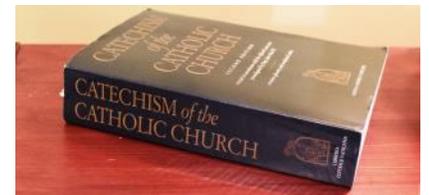
Visitation Institute is going virtual! In light of the excitement about our spring series on the life and thought of St. John Paul II, we are working to make the talks available online through our website. Please consider joining us as we come to a better appreciation of the gift that St. John Paul II was and is to the Church. Check our website at <http://www.stmaryeg.org/visitation-speaker-series.html> in order to participate in this program which will kick off on April 30th with a presentation from Dr. Eric DeMeuse, theologian and headmaster of Chesterton Academy Milwaukee, presenting on “The Theological and Philosophical Roots of St. John Paul II.” For more information, contact Josh Dieterich, [jdieterich@stmaryeg.org](mailto:jdieterich@stmaryeg.org).



### CATECHISM SERIES AVAILABLE ONLINE

St. Mary's Visitation's Catechism Series, which began last fall, is now being offered online.

This spring, the class is studying the second part of the Catechism, which focuses on Liturgy and Sacraments. Each week Josh Dieterich will guide participants through a portion of this section together in study, prayer, and discussion. The link to the recordings can be found on our website: <http://www.stmaryeg.org/catechism-study.html>. For more information, contact Josh Dieterich, [jdieterich@stmaryeg.org](mailto:jdieterich@stmaryeg.org).



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