

MAY 24, 2020 • THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday .. 8:30am-4:00pm
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ST. MARY'S THRIFT SHOP

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7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you." - Jn 17:1

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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

This weekend the nation celebrates Memorial Day – the unofficial start to summer, but more so a day to honor those who gave, as President Abraham Lincoln once said, “the last full measure of devotion” for the sake of our country. It is one of the spiritual works of mercy to pray for the dead – may we pray for those who have died in service to our country over the course of this weekend.

This weekend also sees the last weekend prior to the resumption of public Masses in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and at St. Mary’s. The Archdiocese has issued guidance and is using a three-phase approach to the resumption of parish life, we are beginning the first phase of this, and so guidelines should have reached you in the mail with the quarterly statements, or you will be receiving them in the mail in the next day or so. I would ask that you please read them through carefully and do your best to follow them. Of course all of this is a bit of an experiment, no one has been through something like this, and so we will proceed to the best of our abilities and make any changes (if necessary) along the way. Starting once again will require patience on the part of all of us, as well as a spirit of selflessness in a willingness to make changes to our routines for the sake of the entire parish.

As I wrote in my bulletin column last weekend, we rejoice in the fact that one of our parish sons was ordained to the priesthood last weekend, Fr. Patrick Magnor! Also ordained was Fr. Justin Weber, who has served the past few summers as a seminarian intern at the parish and will be returning to us in a few weeks to serve here as a priest until mid-September. You’ll start to see Fr. Weber at Masses in the middle of June, and while circumstances will not allow us to welcome him back in a way we would like to, we can still be very grateful and joyful that he is with us.

A few other things to note, the first is that the parish offices, given the guidance of the Archdiocese, will continue to be closed for the time being, the parish staff is working primarily from home and checking messages from there, thanks again for your patience with this ongoing reality, parish offices can begin to open again under Phase Two of the Archdiocesan plan, we’ll let you know when we get there. We are currently planning a way for First Communion and Confirmation to be celebrated, we are working within the Archdiocesan Guidelines and parents will have more information in the next week or so. We have also been discussing the placement of Perpetual Adoration once public Masses begin, as we will be using the Atrium for extended seating for Masses. We’ve decided that, beginning at some point this coming week, Perpetual Adoration will be moved to the Parish Library. The decision to move it there, rather than to the Chapel itself, is because of the windows in the Parish Library which will allow people to adore the Blessed Sacrament from outside if there is no room in the Library itself, as we will probably have to go back to a stricter limit on people given the size of the Library. However, in light of this, we’ll be opening the church more often for private prayer that first week of June, with the church being open from 9:00 – 3:00 Mondays – Thursdays, 9:00 – 12:00 on Fridays, and on Saturdays from 9:00 through the evening Mass. As has been mentioned before, please keep your eye on the parish website for up-to-date information. Everything is a bit of a puzzle that needs to be

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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.

Sunday, May 24, The Ascension of the Lord

7:30am Parishioners
9:00am Parishioners
11:00am Parishioners

Monday, May 25, Easter Weekday

8:00am † Cathy Steele

Tuesday, May 26, Saint Philip Neri, Priest

6:30am † Jack Burns
8:00am † Cecelia McEwen

Wednesday, May 27, Easter Weekday

6:30am † Bill Villafuerte

Thursday, May 28, Easter Weekday

6:30am † Brenda and Art Cone

Friday, May 29, Easter Weekday

6:30am † Audrey Dropp
8:00am Students of St. Mary's Visitation

Saturday, May 30, Easter Weekday

8:00am † Deceased family/friends of Norm & Helen Yerke
5:00pm † Harold Berghauer

Sunday, May 31, Pentecost Sunday

7:30am Parishioners
9:00am The Intention of John Fischer
11:00am † Charlotte Foryan

READINGS

Readings for the Week of May 24, 2020

Sunday: *Ascension*: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: *Morning*: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [cf. 7b]/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

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 11th 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 at 262-782-4485 or 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.

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.

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.

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.



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

Rev. Michael Patrick Dineen

Postings from Fr. Peter, continued

taken apart and put together again as guidance changes, so we are doing our best to keep the website up-to-date as best as we can so you know what the puzzle looks like!

I also want to take a minute to thank the parish gardeners who were out in force over the past couple of weekends preparing and planting the gardens – we have a beautiful campus and it's wonderful to see so many people pitching in to help keep it so! Finally, it's nice to be able to say, for the first time in a couple of months, that I look forward to seeing you, even if at a distance, at Mass next Sunday!



One of our parish sons, Fr. Patrick Magnor (second from left), was ordained to the priesthood last weekend, along with Fr. Justin Weber (lower left) who has served the past few summers as a seminarian intern at the parish and will be returning to St. Mary's in a few weeks to serve as a priest until mid-September. (Photo courtesy of St. Francis de Sales Seminary)



Prayer for Memorial Day



God of power and mercy,
you destroy war and put down earthly pride.
Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears,
that we may all deserve to be called your sons
and daughters.
Keep in your mercy those men and women
who have died in the cause of freedom
and bring them safely
into your kingdom of justice and peace.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
R/. Amen

—from *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers*

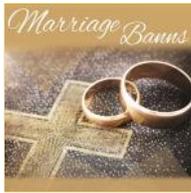
THRIFT SHOP DONATIONS

St. Mary's Thrift Shop began accepting donations again on weekends only. The drop off area is accessible by entering the Church parking lot and proceeding straight ahead to the turnaround area at the far east end, where you will see the Thrift Shop donation door. The drop off area will then be closed again Monday-Thursday to process donations, opening the following weekend. **Please do not leave any items outside if the donation area is full.** The Thrift Shop will reopen on June 1.



ST. BEN'S COMMUNITY MEAL PROGRAM

Thank you to the St. Mary's parish families who contributed a total of \$2,000 to the St. Ben's Community Meal program in April when we were unable to prepare and serve our typical meal. Unfortunately, we will not be able to prepare and serve our typical meal again on June 2nd. The best way for St. Mary's to support St. Ben's mission at this time is with a monetary donation. Checks can be mailed to: Capuchin Community Services PO Box 05830, Milwaukee, WI 53205-0830. Online donations can be made by going online to: www.capuchincommunityservices.org/ways-to-help/donations. We hope to be able to serve on August 4th. You can sign-up to provide food and/or serve through SignUpGenius: www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c44afaf23a5fc1-2020.



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PUBLIC MASSES BEGIN MAY 30-31

We are working to get things ready at St. Mary’s for the return to public Masses next weekend. All parishioners should have received information in the mail this week along with quarterly statements, which outlined how public Masses will be resumed at St. Mary’s. This information along with all the directives from the Archdiocese, is also available on our website, visit www.stmaryeg.org.

ADORATION CHAPEL

The Adoration Chapel is still currently in the Atrium. No more than 10 people will be allowed in the Adoration Chapel at a 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.



As we celebrate the feast of the Ascension this weekend, let your prayers and adoration ascend to Jesus in the St. Mary’s Perpetual Adoration Chapel. What a privilege it is to have Him there in the Blessed Sacrament 24/7! Thank Him for being with us, and visit Him often to offer your prayers — may they rise up like incense before Him. Up to 10 people are now allowed in the Chapel at any one time. Show Him your love and you will experience the power of His love and peace. Jesus said to St. Faustina, **“Tell me all, My child, hide nothing from Me, because My loving Heart, the Heart of your Best friend is listening to you.”** He will listen to all who take time to visit and talk with Him. Share with Him your cares and concerns as we experience these trying times. May He help us navigate through this pandemic and become stronger and more faithful to Him because of it.

We Need Coverage:

- Sundays: 7-8am, Call Colleen Schwarz, 414-795-3153.
9-10am, 2nd, 3rd, 4th weeks, 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.

ADULT & FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

THE UPPER ROOM: A VIRTUAL WISCONSIN CATHOLIC YOUTH RALLY

The Virtual WCYR 2020, “The Upper Room” debuted on May 20, in preparation for Pentecost. We hope this end of the year virtual retreat will be a blessing for all teens, but especially for Catholic middle school students, teachers, catechists and all those who planned to be at the Wisconsin Catholic Youth Rally back in March.

The retreat was designed to allow participants to watch and pray at their own pace. There are four segments and we hope that you can use this in the virtual classroom and at home to be filled with the Holy Spirit! While the videos will first be available on 5/20, they can be accessed at any point after for classes and groups to use as a retreat at their own pace. Visit the Wisconsin Catholic Youth Rally website, www.wicatholicyr.org to participate.

VISITATION INSTITUTE IS ONLINE

Visitation Institute has gone 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 kicked off 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.



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.

