Mission Statement

United in faith, we live as a prayerful people under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, called to share our gifts through Christian stewardship in our church and world communities. The visible sign of our lifelong commitment is our dedication to worship, education, and service in the Roman Catholic Tradition.
Blessed Is He Who Comes In the Name Of The Lord

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 30, Monday of Holy Week
6:30 am † Harry and Mary Minarik
Sacrament of the Sick available after Mass

Tuesday, March 31, Tuesday of Holy Week
6:30 am † John H. Steigerwald
8:00 am † Frank Formolo

Wednesday, April 1, Wednesday of Holy Week
6:30 am † Patricia Herold (Anniv)

Thursday, April 2, Holy Thursday
10:00 am Living Stations of The Cross
7:00 pm Liturgy of the Lord’s Supper
10:00 pm Night Prayer

Friday, April 3, Friday of The Passion of The Lord
12:30 pm The Lord’s Passion
7:00 pm Tenebrae Service

Saturday, April 4, Holy Saturday
9:30 am Blessing of Easter Food
8:00 pm Easter Vigil Liturgy

Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of The Lord
7:30 am Parishioners
9:00 am Parishioners
11:00 am Parishioners

Weekday Mass Schedule
6:30 am Monday thru Friday
8:00 am Tuesday & Fridays, school days only
8:00 am Saturday

Exceptions:
There is no 6:30am Mass on Thursday, April 2nd
There is no 6:30am Mass on Friday, April 3rd
There is no 8am Mass on Friday, April 3rd.
There is no 8am Mass on Saturday, April 4th
There is no 8am Mass on Tuesday, April 7th
There is no 8am Mass on Friday, April 10th

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.

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.

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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 2nd until 8:30am Tuesday morning, April 7th.

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 4th at 9:30am.
This Palm Sunday begins Holy Week. We are probably all familiar with the various rituals which make up the liturgies of this week. Many of these rituals stretch back to the very early life of the Church. Of all the liturgical rituals, perhaps the one that best sums up the Church’s prayer this week is the Adoration of the Cross on Good Friday. During the Good Friday service, the Cross to be used for veneration is processed into church and an antiphon is sung: "Behold the wood of the Cross, on which hung the salvation of the world. Come, let us adore." The moving liturgies of Holy Week focus on the salvation which was won for us, by Our Savior Jesus Christ, who hung on the wood of the cross.

As could be expected, this central theme of Christianity – salvation – plays out throughout Saint Paul’s letters. Almost every one of his letters makes some reference to the mystery and gift of salvation. What, then, does Saint Paul say about salvation? What is his understanding of it? First of all, Saint Paul sees salvation as being a gift which is given to us from a loving God, “God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8). Christ intends this gift of salvation for all who are willing to accept it, “he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them” (2 Corinthians 5:15).

We accept this gift of salvation in Jesus Christ through baptism. Baptism is the gateway for all the sacraments, removes original sin, gives us sanctifying grace and initiates us into the Church and makes us sons and daughters of God. Baptism is also a participation in Christ’s own death and resurrection, “we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead...we too might walk in newness of life” (Romans 6:4). In baptism we are given a share in the salvific act of Christ’s death and resurrection.

Baptism is, however, not the end of the journey to salvation, but the beginning. Over the course of our lives we strive to live out our baptismal promises through faith. Saint Paul says that this life of faith, which begins in baptism, is what guides us into salvation and we are “justified by faith in Christ” (Galatians 2:16). It is something that we need to strive for over the years, heeding Saint Paul’s call to “work out your salvation in fear and trembling” (Philippians 2:12).

Saint Paul sums up the path to salvation in his Letter to the Romans, “if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved” (Romans 10:9). Over these next few days of Holy Week, we will be doing just that, confessing with the lips of the Church that we believe that Jesus is Lord and that He has been raised from the dead. We will, through the liturgical actions of the Church, give thanks to God for the gift of our salvation and for Christ who is our “righteousness and sanctification and redemption” (1 Corinthians 1:30).

(This is a part of a series on St. Paul that will appear in the bulletin over the course of this year.)
Readings for the Week of March 29th:

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/
Mk 14:1--15:47 or 15:1-39


Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday:
- Chrism Mass:
  - Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21
- Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:
  - Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15


Saturday:
- Vigil:
- Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/
  - Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35

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

25th Anniversary: Alan and Jill Botka
30th Anniversary: Paul and Liz Pesci
65th Anniversary: Frank and Evelyn Andritsch

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

ADULT FORMATION NOTES

ARISE MISSION Is Coming!
Set aside your calendar for April 14th, 15th & 18th! ARISE is coming to St. Mary's Visitation to present a three-day parish mission. On Tuesday, April 14th & Wednesday, April 15th from 7-8:30pm, ARISE will host inspirational talks on "He Who Loved Us First" and "Being Fully Alive in Christ." Saturday, April 18th from 7pm-9pm will be a powerful evening of Eucharistic Adoration, accompanied by uplifting music, with the sacrament of Reconciliation available for all in attendance. The ARISE Parish Mission Week is open to all ages and backgrounds. For more information, please visit arisemissions.org.

For more information, contact Josh Dieterich at the parish office, 262-782-4575 or jdieterich@stmaryeg.org.

New Parish Nurse
Our new Parish Nurse will be serving our parish community on a continuous basis, offering a wellness clinic twice monthly. Our nurse is sponsored by St. Camillus Home Health Services and her services are complimentary to SMV parishioners.

Through education, counseling, visits, health screenings, referrals and advocacy, the Parish Nurse will assist parishioners in leading a healthier lifestyle. Some of the services provided include:
- Health Screenings (ie. blood pressure checks), Health Education,
- Medication Management, Community Resource Coordination,
- Flu Clinics and Health Related Presentations.

Our Parish Nurse will be available on the following dates, from 8:30 – 10am in her office on the south end of the west vestibule:

- March 31
- April 16 and 28
- May 14 and 26
- June 11 and 23
- July 7 and 21
- August 4 and 18

The Pope’s Prayer Intentions for April 2015

Creation ~
That people may learn to respect creation and care for it as a gift of God.

Persecuted Christians ~
That persecuted Christians may feel the consoling presence of the Risen Lord & the solidarity of all the Church.
St. Mary’s Thrift Shop
262-784-6644
Experience the Difference between Goodwill and God’s will!

Please Note Our Holiday Hours
Holy Thursday, 4/2  9am-6pm
Good Friday, 4/3   9am-Noon
Holy Saturday, 4/4  9am-Noon
Easter Monday, 4/6  CLOSED

Beautiful Spring & Summer Items & Clothing Have Arrived!

April Feast Day Specials
April 7:  St. John Baptist de la Salle (Patron of Teachers):
         50% off books, school supplies, & school uniforms
April 21: St. Anselm (Doctor of the Church):
         50% off all religious books
April 25: St. Mark the Evangelist:
         50% off all bibles and bible study books.

Adoration Chapel
Lent has given us the chance to think about the great sacrifices Christ has made for us and how He helps us in our journey through life. It is only in being united with Him that we can attain eternal happiness. "If I have everything but Christ I have nothing; if I have nothing but Christ I have everything."  (words of St. Bonaventure)

Today is the beginning of the holiest week of the year. What are you going to do to make it a truly "holy week" for you and your family? Attend the liturgical services that are scheduled. Spend time with Jesus in the St. Mary’s Perpetual Adoration Chapel. What an inspirational, peaceful place to meditate on the sufferings, death and resurrection of Christ. What an awesome place to offer thanks due Him for giving His life for you!

Sign up to spend a designated hour there throughout the year.

We Need Coverage:
Sundays   1-2 am  Call Colleen Schwarz, 414-795-3153
Fridays   5-6 pm  Call Kathy Stapleton, 262-782-2658
Saturdays 2-3 pm  Call Nancy Frazer, 262-786-0617
Saturdays-(alternate weeks)
           7-8 pm  “           ”

The Chapel will be closed from 6:00pm on Holy Thursday, April 2nd until approximately 10:00pm on Holy Saturday.

On April 3rd there will be a Good Friday Tenebrae Service at St. Mary’s Visitation Parish at 7:00pm

The Tenebrae Service is the praying of the Divine Office on Good Friday. The name “Tenebrae” has been given to this service because it’s celebrated in the hours of darkness. The tone of the whole Office is most noticeably mournful: nothing could more emphatically express the grief that weighs down the heart of our holy Mother the Church on Good Friday.

All are invited to ponder the Mystery of the Cross on this sacred night.

The music for this service will be provided by MusicâOramus.
Annual Spring Salad Supper ~ Thursday, April 23 ~ 6:30pm ~ Sponsored by St. Mary’s Christian Women

Executive Director of REDgen, a community action group with a mission to promote a healthy generation of youth & families

Bring your best girlfriends and join us for a fun evening of spring salads, wine and door prizes!

You will need to bring your favorite salad! (pasta, chicken, bean, seafood, Jello, spinach, tossed...) Wine, Soda, & coffee are included

Please return this portion with your reservation & payment; Sorry no walk-ins

Number of persons $10 each = $__________ Please make checks payable to St. Mary’s Christian Women.

Your Name _______________________________ Phone number

SEATING LIMITED, RSVP by April 17! Send payment to: St. Mary's Parish, 1260 Church Street, Elm Grove, WI 53122

We are happy to reserve a table of 8 for you! Please include their names and include payment for everyone to guarantee your reservation.

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St. Ben's Main Meal and Server Volunteers for April 7th

If you are cooking and/or serving, please be at St. Ben's by 4:45pm.

If you are cooking only, please drop off your casserole at St. Mary's parking lot between 4:00 and 4:15. Please be prompt!!! Thank you.

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Think Spring! 🌸

Remember to order your Spring hanging baskets, planters and flats from SMV's teens after all Masses this weekend. Pickup will be on Saturday May 9th and Sunday, May 10th, Mothers' Day, from 7:30-noon!.

Revolution-Teens on Fire for Jesus!

Teens who are hungry for Jesus asked me to gather and read Scripture together. Please join us to read the gospels using Lectio Divina starting April 21st, in the Attic from 7-9pm. For further information, go to lectio-divina.org.

Please Keep our First Communicants in Your Prayers!

They will receive Jesus; body, blood, soul & divinity on May 3rd at 1:30pm. There are 50 shining lights of Jesus Christ receiving Him.

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Students from Spain will be coming to the Milwaukee area this summer. I would love to find them a family to stay with in the Elm Grove, Brookfield, Wauwatosa area but anywhere in the Milwaukee vicinity would be fine. The students are boys and girls 14-18 years old. You do not need to know Spanish since the students are here to practice their English and learn about American culture and family life. They do not need their own room but must have their own bed. If you are going on vacation they can go with you. Host families can consist of a two parent home with or without children or a single parent with at least one child at home. A small stipend is offered to cover the cost of food. This is a wonderful opportunity to “travel without leaving your home.” Please consider being a host family and possibly making a lifetime friendship. Deadline is April 15th.

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Catholic Formation Notes

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Get tips for family life, Marriage and intimacy and raising children from birth through adults in a social, spiritual and mentoring setting.

Where: St. Mary's Visitation Atrium When: 9:10:30am, every first Wednesday of the month through May

Topics vary from month to month and follow the ebb and flow of the liturgical year and how it affects motherhood.

The next topic - Wednesday, April 1st - The Holy Spirit - How to use the gifts of the Holy Spirit to help us with our job as mothers.