



Please join us!

St. Mary's Visitation Parish School OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 29, 2012
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

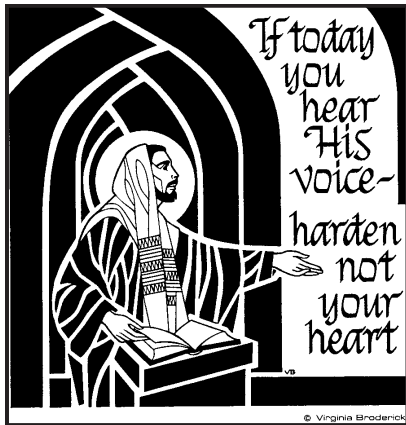
See what St. Mary's has to offer your family in grades K3-8

- Learn About Our New K3 Program
- Tour the School, Meet Our Teachers
- Join Us for a Pancake Breakfast from 8-11 a.m.

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*St. Mary's Visitation Parish
January 29, 2012 ~ Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 30, Weekday

6:30 am † Ed Bartz

Sacrament of the Sick available after Mass

Tuesday, January 31, Saint John Bosco, Priest

6:30 am † Catherine Weiss

8:00 am † Betty Lahart

Wednesday, February 1, Weekday

6:30 am † Gloria Mandella

Thursday, February 2, The Presentation of the Lord

6:30 am † Mary Beth Pilgreen

Friday, February 3, Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr

6:30 am † Susan and Dan Lansdown

Saturday, February 4, Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday

8:00 am † John McGee (Anniv)

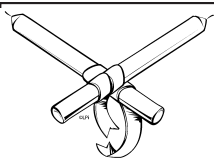
5:00 pm † Roy Heckenbach

Sunday, February 5, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am Parishioners

9:00 am † Howard Heinen

11:00 am † Helen and Joseph Witek



Blessing of Throats

The traditional St. Blaise Blessing of the Throats will be imposed during the 6:30am Mass on Friday, February 3rd.

Daily Mass Schedule:

6:30am Monday thru Friday

8:00am Tuesdays & Fridays, school days only

8:00am Saturday

Exceptions:

There is no 8:00am Mass on Fridays, Feb. 3rd & 24th.

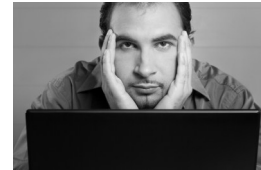
There is no 8:00am Mass on Tuesday, Feb. 21st.

Stewardship Giving Thru Week 30

Collections last week:	\$ 26,265
Actual Collections to Date:	784,724
Budgeted Collections to Date:	829,502
Difference	(44,778)

Can't Stand it Anymore?... Are You Waiting to Hear From Us?

St. Mary's Visitation is initiating a campaign to collect and update parishioner email addresses. Email will be used solely for communicating parish information; ie, snow closings, bulletin announcements, etc. Email update cards will be located on the kiosk in the Atrium or in the Parish Office. Completed cards can be dropped off at the Parish Office or in the collection baskets. We will also have a table set up after all Masses the weekend of February 18th & 19th where you can update your email address for us.



**IN CHRIST
WE
LIVE
FOREVER**

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

Tony Analla, father of Debbie Loveridge
Fr. Jonathan James Niehaus
Paul Sperry

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord used to conclude the Christmas/Epiphany season. "Forty days after the birth of a child, Israelite parents presented the newborn at the temple in Jerusalem. Luke says that the parents of Jesus obeyed this law. In doing so, they revealed him as the fulfillment of the law." [Sourcebook 2005, p. 68]

It is Simeon's prophecy that connects the action of presenting the child Jesus to God to the symbol of candles on this feast. In the gospel from Luke, Simeon's words at seeing the infant Jesus are: "Now, Master, you can dismiss your servant in peace; you have fulfilled your word. For my eyes have witnessed your saving deed displayed for all the peoples to see: **A revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of your people Israel.**" Christ is the Light for all people.

In the past, Catholics often had blessed candles in their home - candles to light when someone was sick, when there was a bad storm or a special need. Candles are a reminder of Christ's presence. Candles for use in church are blessed on this day.

We have candle sets available in the parish office. If you wish, please stop by to pick up a set (we ask a nominal donation of \$2.00) and bring it to Mass on February 2 to be blessed. Or if you have a candle from home that you would like to have blessed, please bring it along to the 6:30am Mass on Feb. 2nd.



The Lord, my God
lights up my darkness

Deacon Richard's Reflections

It is with great pleasure and anticipation that I would like to inform you that St. Mary's Parish has secured one of the leading Catholic inspirational speakers and musicians in the country, Steve Angrisano, for our Lenten parish mission. The title for our three day journey is "*Alive Again: Reawakening your Catholic Faith!*" Before re-locating to Dallas Texas, Steve was a musician and youth minister at a Littleton, Colorado parish and had the opportunity to minister to and with the teenagers and families who were devastated by the tragedy at Columbine High School in 1999. Steve brings many real life experiences to his ministry and weaves music, activities, and stories into his presentations as he attempts to help all of us grow in our love for Jesus Christ and His Church.

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for some, or all of the entire three day journey beginning on March 5th through the 7th from 6:30 to 8.00pm in the church atrium. Watch the bulletin for more information in the coming weeks. I hope you can join us as we all work to "reawaken" our faith during the Lenten season.

On a more recreational note, we are planning another exciting parish activity for this summer: our first "Community Golf Outing". The outing is to be held on July 9th, 2012 at the Wisconsin Club Country Club. Please save the date. The day promises to be a fun filled event of golf and evening activities (including social reception for golfers and non golfers, auction, and dinner) you won't want to miss. More details on the event will be coming soon. Currently we are seeking sponsors, volunteers and/or donors. If you are able to help or have questions regarding those opportunities, please contact Bill Martin at 414-581-0049 or wmartin2@wi.rr.com.

You probably noticed from the announcement in our parish bulletin and the wonderful story in the Brookfield Now that St. Mary's is opening a K3 program this coming fall. Mary Tretow, our school principal, and our advancement volunteers, Molly Berens, Nora Mihm, and Joanna McQuide are working very hard to build our student population. This spring we will be graduating 45 8th graders, so it's important for our school's future that we attract new students. For planning and budgeting purposes, I am asking school families to help us by returning school registration forms for next year by the end of this week. so we can plan accordingly.

While speaking of St. Mary's school, dedicated school staff members such as Katie Kannall prepare a weekly communiqué entitled Virtual Backpack which is accessible to all school families. It highlights all of the current school events and those being planned. It's a very vibrant newsletter and one I am certain even non school families would appreciate receiving. We are a parish family....and a large component of that family is our school and the children we educate. Why not tune into what's going on at SMV Parish School. Call Kris Dries at 262-782-7057 and give her your e-mail address. She'll get you on the distribution list for this weekly school news letter. I know you will enjoy reading it as much as I do.

I personally want to thank you all for your very generous response to my most recent appeals. Our Christmas collection exceeded our expectations. We were able to cover the anticipated shortfall due to the weekend timing of the holidays. Our request for "Time & Talent" responses yielded over 65 respondents! That's more than we've had in many years.

We want to thank everyone who participated in the recent blood drive. The response was astounding to the appeal. The Blood Center of Wisconsin informed us that with the donors who gave, 108 patients in need of blood will be served. The response was so great that it overwhelmed the staff that the Blood Center sent, and unfortunately a few walk in donors had to be turned away. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. There will be another opportunity to donate blood, as we are again hosting a blood drive here at St. Mary's on June 4th.

I would also like to thank our wonderful Human Concerns staff, Chris Kinzy and Mary Sue Protz for their hard work on this project and many others. Truly.....when St. Mary's calls, our parishioners are listening.

With all of these good things going in our favor, there is still a lot yet to be done. Our Parish Capital Campaign, *Trust In The Lord*, which began under Fr. Dan's direction came to a close at year's end, yet there are unfulfilled pledges remaining. I urge those who have remaining pledges and are able to fulfill them to do so, and I thank you in advance for that.

You should also know that our parish staff has been working hard to reduce expenses and to keep our overall budget in check. We are doing well in holding down expenses. The favorable winter weather has certainly helped keep heating and snow removal costs lower than expectations. Still, our income budget shortfall remains over \$40,000. If you are able to improve your donations to our parish through your weekly contributions, we would be most grateful. Whatever you can do is appreciated as we work to reduce the shortfall. For those who have already responded, please know that we very much appreciate and acknowledge your generosity. You have made my role and responsibility as your Parish Director much lighter.

Thank you, and God bless you, Deacon Richard'



Catholicism from Word on Fire Ministries

The first sessions of Catholicism received rave reviews.

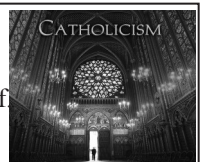
Don't miss the next session of Catholicism on the teachings of Jesus. You have to be there to experience it for yourself!

Our next showing and discussion will be:

Wednesday, Feb. 8th at 6:30 pm in the school - after care room (during Catholic Formation) or

Monday, February 13th from 12 to 2pm in the Senior Center

For more information contact Dave Braun: dbraun@stmaryeg.org or 262.782.4575 x109.



School Calendar

"Encourage one another, and build each other up."

Monday: Catholic Schools Week

- PJ Day

Tuesday: 8am All School Mass with SSND

- Teacher/Student Family Feud; 9:30am, G
- 1/2 Day of School
- Conferences

Wednesday: Mass at SJV; 9:15am

- Buddy Races; 1pm, G
- Sunset Playhouse Club; 2:45pm

Thursday: Crazy Dress Day

- BMX Demonstration; 10:30am
- Special Lunches in Classrooms
- Buddy Dance Party; 1:15pm, G
- Crazy Dress Day parade
- Quiz Bowl; 2:45pm
- Chess Club; 2:45pm

Friday: No School

- Junior High Forensics; 3-9, Glen Hills Middle School

Saturday: Junior High Forensics; 8am, Nature Hill, Oconomowoc



St. Mary's Thrift Shop
262-784-6644

**Backpacks & small duffle bags
needed for the homeless.**

Please label 'Guest House' and we will pass them on.

Readings for the Week of January 29th:

Sunday:	Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
Monday:	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30--19:3/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday:	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Friday:	Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday:	1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday:	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

Parish Calendar

Sunday (1/29): Lost & Found Table in the back entrance to church

- Collect Baby Bottles after all Masses
- Pancake Breakfast; 8-11am, CA
- Open House; 10am-1pm, S
- Life Teen Youth Night; 7pm, Atrium

Monday: Thrift Shop Open; 9am-4pm

- Confirmation Leader Mtg; 7pm, Attic

Tuesday: Thrift Shop Open; 9am-4pm

- Al-Anon Mtg; 7-8pm, SC

Wednesday: Catholic Formation Classes (K5 - Gr. 5); 6:15pm, S

- Edge - Gr. 6-8; 6:15pm, Atrium

Thursday: Thrift Shop Open; 9am-7pm

- Adult Choir Practice; 7-8:30pm,+

Friday: Thrift Shop Open; 9am-4pm

- Kiwanis Golden K of EG. Coffee served until 9:30am mtg. with Rebecca Kleefisch, Lt. Governor of Wisconsin on "Open for Business;" SC (Visitors are Welcome)

- Handbell Choir Practice; 10-11:15am,+

- Holy Dusters; 11am,+

- Reconciliation; 2-5pm,+

Saturday: AA Meeting; 7-8am, SC

- Reconciliation; 8:45-9:15am,+

- Thrift Shop Open; 9am - noon

Sunday (2/5): Youth Ensemble Practice; noon,+

*Our parish congratulates you and prays for you
as you celebrate
your special Anniversary in February.*

25th Anniversary: Jim and Teresa Budish

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

Weekday Ministers ~ The Week of January 29th

Servers	Jim Maciejewski
Sacristan	Kraig Klapperich
Lector	Kathy Stapleton
Eucharistic Minister	Kraig Klapperich & Arlene Sarnowski

Lost & Found Table

A table filled with all of the items that have been left in church over the last several months is now in the west entrance of church. The table will remain in the back entrance until Saturday, February 4th. All unclaimed items will then be donated to the thrift shop.



Valentine's Date Night

February 11: 7-9 pm Join us in the Parish Atrium with Father Nathan Reesman!
Come for dessert and coffee in a kid free night supporting your marriage: Babysitting provided.

"You're Only Together For Life"

Do you think people will be married in Heaven? And what can spouses do to help get each other there in the meantime?

Father Nathan will talk about why a good marriage matters in this life...and in the next.

Please register especially for babysitting and for more information contact Dave Braun: dbraun@stmaryeg.org or 262.782.4575.



Lolek is an area Catholic Young Adults Group ages 18-35 that meets here at St. Mary's

Lolek winter schedule continues with the return of **Vicki Thorn - head of Project Rachel** coming Tuesday, February 14. Vicki will talk about a Virtual world and Virtual relationships. A can't miss talk and speaker!

For more information find us on Facebook keywords: Lolek Young Adults or sign-up for our email for more information: www.lolekyoungadults.com

St. Mary's Seniors

Monday, February 6th is the first meeting of 2012.

Guess what I found in an old desk drawer??

What would you find??

Bring a few things to our meeting, and have some fun!!

We will meet in the senior center...bring a friend!!!

Cake and coffee will be served at 12:30pm, the program begins at 1pm. Questions? Call Dawn or Dan at 262-786-3813.

Adoration Chapel

Jesus told His disciples to pray always without becoming weary. Scripture gives us many examples of people who knew to turn to God, whatever their needs.

Luke 11:9 tells us, "*And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.*"

St. Rose of Viterbo tells us: "*Prayer reveals to souls the vanity of earthly goods and pleasures. It fills them with light, strength, and consolation, and gives them a foretaste of the calm bliss of our heavenly home.*" Take advantage of the peace and quiet of the St. Mary's Perpetual Adoration Chapel to spend time in prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

On Thursday, 2/2 we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the temple. Present yourself to Him in our Chapel not only on that day, but often throughout the year.

Better yet--join the Adoration Program and sign up to spend an hour with Him on a regular basis either weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly



We need Coverage:

- Sundays 3-4 pm (2nd & 4th) Call Nicole Sayas, 262-844-1933
- Tuesdays 8-9 am Call Rita Lorenz, 262-786-0570
- Fridays 1-2 am Call Rita Dragani, 262-796-1162
- 6-7 pm Call Kathy Stapleton, 262-782-2658
- 9-10pm (February thru April) " "
- Saturdays 9-10pm Call Nancy Frazer, 262-786-0617

Christian Women Bunco Night
Wednesday, 2/15 ~ 7pm ~ Senior Center

No experience necessary!!!

\$5.00 entrance fee

Refreshments and Snacks

Prizes!!!

Come with some old friends....Leave with some new ones!



RSVP by February 13th to:

Mary Johnson, 262-923-7039 or mary59@wi.rr.com.

SMV Youth Ministry Upcoming Events and Programs



EDGE Middle School: Wednesday, February 1st from 6:15-7:45pm; SMV Atrium. All 6th-8th grade teens invited to come!

Junior High Valentines Dance:

Friday, February 10th from 7:30-9:30pm at St. Dominic Parish. Cost is \$6. All 7th & 8th grade SMV school or CF teens are invited.

Stop by the parish office to pick up forms or download them off of the parish website.

Chaperones are needed for this dance. Registration is due no later than Monday, February 6th!

LIFE TEEN High School:

TONIGHT! Sunday, January 29th from 7 to 9pm in the Atrium - All High School teens invited to come!

Theme: "FREED!"; Sin and Confession



BOWLING NIGHT: Registration ends Tuesday!!!

If you are in 8th-12th grade and are interested in going bowling on Friday, February 3rd, please get your form and \$10 payment in to Brian Magliocco at the SMV Parish Office by January 31st. Walk-up registrations will not be accepted.

If you need another form, feel free to download it at www.stmarey.org or pick one up at the parish office.

11th Grade Confirmation Retreat 2012:

Please fill the Confirmation Retreat forms out and return them no later than February 5th. Numerous Adult Chaperones are NEEDED please! If you need more forms, check out the youth ministry page on the SMV website or pick one up in the parish office.

SMV Youth Ministry is on FACEBOOK - Send us a friend request at "SMV Lifeteen".



MEN OF CHRIST
CONFERENCE 2012
Sowing the Seeds of Faith

Looking for a few good men!

The Men of Christ Conference early bird sign up is now!
 Please check the website: www.menofchrist.net for more information.

This conference, held on March 3, will deepen your Catholic faith and equip you to be a man after God's own heart and so much more.
Early registration closes the end of January. Please consider being a parish captain for St. Mary's.
 Please contact Dave Braun - Co-Director of Catholic Formation to register so we can take advantage of a group rate.
dbraun@stmaryeg.org or 262.782.4575 x109.



Misconceptions about Grief

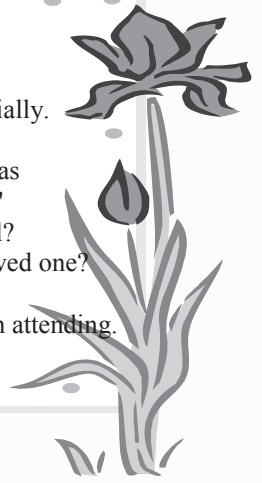
Grief can affect every dimension of our being: spiritually, physically, emotionally, and socially.
 It's a normal and natural reaction to a loss.

Please join us as we learn the common myths surrounding grief and how to dispel them as
 Deacon Tom Binder, certified Grief Counselor presents "*Misconceptions about Grief.*"

Have you recently lost a loved one? Are you dealing with someone who is terminally ill?
 Would you like to learn how to help someone who is experiencing the heartache of losing a loved one?
 Then, this presentation is for you!

Please contact Mary Sue Protz at 262-782-4575 or msprotz@stmaryeg.org if you are interested in attending.

Tuesday, February 21, 2012 ~ 1:00 to 2:30pm ~ St. Mary's Visitation Parish Atrium



Ash Wednesday ~ Morning of Reflection ~ Wednesday, February 22nd

8:00am ~ Church ~ **Mass (All school Mass)**

9:30am ~ Atrium ~ **Reflection with Msgr. Ross Shecterle in the Atrium**
 Msgr. Shecterle will help us prepare our hearts for our Lenten journey.

10:30am ~ Church ~ **Stations of the Cross "With Mary, the Mother of Jesus"**

Coffee/juice, muffins and hot cross buns available prior to the reflection; light soup/salad lunch to follow.
 Cost: covered by Speed Pass or \$8

RSVP to Ellen Mary Raster at ellenmary2@wi.rr.com or 262-797-6553

Sponsored by St. Mary's Visitation Christian Women



St. Ben's Main Meal & Server Volunteers for February 7th

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

Name	Cook	Serve-#	Name	Cook	Serve-#	Name	Cook	Serve-#
A. Azpell	No	Yes-2	M. Batchelor	Yes		S. Belson	Yes	
J. D'Amato	No	Yes-1	M. Dries	Yes		K. Eberle	Yes	
P. Fleming	Yes	Yes-1	M. Hoeft	Yes		J. Hofmeister	Yes	
P. Kannall	Yes		M. Kennedy	Yes		E. Kirkegaard	No	Yes-2
F. Lavin	Yes		J. Machi	Yes	Yes-2	L. Miller	Yes	
J. Morien	Yes	Yes-1	R. Paschke	Yes		P. Payleitner	No	Yes-1
M. Skwierawski	Yes	Yes-3	D. Verhaalen	Yes				

Deliverers: P. Dyer T. Myers K. Stapleton

Deliverers, please pick up your ham and cheese at 800 Terrace Dr. on Saturday, February 4th between 9 and 9:30. Thank you. Jean