DECEMBER 24, 2023 • FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ST. MARY'S VISITATION

Catholic Parish Elm Grove, WI

OUR PARISH

MASSES

Sunday Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil.......4pm
Sunday......7:30am, 9am, 10:30am

Daily Mass Schedule

RECONCILIATION

Wednesdays 7am
Fridays 2-5pm
Saturday 8:30am

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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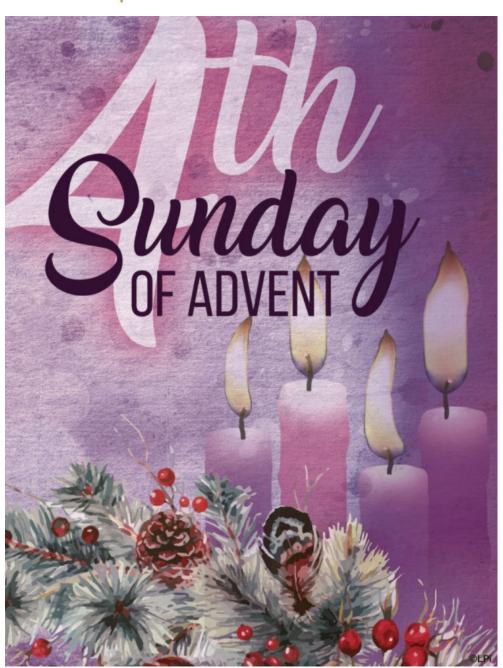
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Visitation Institute Begins January 4

Visitation Institute Bible Encounter (VIBE) is back again, beginning Thursday, January 4 through February 15, from 9:30-11:15am in the Senior Center. We will



study the *Gospel of Mark* using Dr. Scott Hahn's Ignatius Catholic Study Bible resource. Classes will be taught by both Josh Dieterich and Fr. Schumaker. For more information, and/or to register, please contact Josh Dieterich, 262-782-4575, ext. 109 or jdieterich@stmaryeg.org.

END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS

St. Mary's Visitation Parish, school, and other ministries owe their success to the generous donations of its parishioners. We appreciate your contributions throughout the calendar year. Were you aware that historically 16% of all general stewardship donations are received in the month of December? We count on and appreciate being included in your end of year giving again this year, thank you! According to IRS regulations, all contributions must be physically received by the close of business on December 31st or postmarked via U.S. mail by December 31st in order to be considered donations in the 2023 calendar year. St. Mary's Parish Office will be open until noon on Friday, December 29th. Donations received at the New Year's Day Masses on January 1, 2024 will be recorded as 2024 contributions.

2023 Donations From Your IRA

Did you know you can satisfy all, or part, of your annual Required Minimum Distribution from your IRA by making a gift to St. Mary's Visitation? Feel free to contact the Parish Office for an IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution Form.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 25, The Nativity of the Lord

7:30am Parishioners 9:00am Parishioners 10:30am Parishioners

Tuesday, December 26, Saint Stephen, The First Martyr 6:30am † The Holland Family

Wednesday, December 27, Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

6:30am † Jerry Weber

Thursday, December 28, The Holy Innocents, Martyrs 6:30am Intention of Mr. and Mrs. John Wu Family

Friday, December 29, Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

6:30am † Richard Wojtanowski

Saturday, December 30, Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

8:00am † Paul Hundt

11:00am Wedding: Lizzy Elfelt and Thomas Ringel 2:00pm Wedding: Carolyn Cento and Taylor Clark

4:00pm † Bernie Kearney

Sunday, December 31, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

7:30am † Mark Popp

9:00am The Intention of the Wu Family

10:30am † Monica Krause

READINGS

Readings for the week of December 24, 2023

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Monday: *Vigil*: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/ Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 *Night*: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 *Dawn*: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8 Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/Mt 2:13-18 Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35 Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40 Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/



III Lizzy Elfelt and Thomas Ringel III Carolyn Cento and Taylor Clark

REGISTRATION & SACRAMENTS

PARISH REGISTRATION

St. Mary's Visitation is always happy to welcome new members! If you are interested in joining the parish, please visit www.stmaryeg.org/grow-with-us.html and complete our registration form. Please contact nmihm@stmaryeg.org with any questions.

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 are expected to complete a preparation class, preferably before the birth of the child. The class is offered bi-monthly, upcoming classes include:

Saturday, January 6th from 10:30-11:30am in church Saturday, March 2nd from 10:30-11:30am in church

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 Liz Steybe at 262-782-4575 or lsteybe@stmaryeg.org with questions.

Children ages 7-12: Please contact Josh Dieterich, 262-782-4575 or email 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, 262-782-4575 or email 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 visit our website, www.stmaryeg.org/contact-us.html and go to the weddings section to fill out a Marriage Request Form. Contact Liz Steybe for more information, 262-782-4575 or lsteybe@stmaryeg.org.

FUNERAL MASSES

The death of a loved one represents a deep loss, and at times, a tragic event. The Church recognizes the need both to remember the soul of the deceased and to assist in healing the human anguish of those who remain behind. At the time of death, the family, directly or through the funeral director, will contact the Parish Office to schedule the day and time of the funeral or Memorial Mass. Once the time has been set, the family will meet with the priest, at which time they will be given the necessary materials to help them plan the funeral liturgy. Contact the Parish Office, 262-782-4575.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

This ministry connects St. Mary's Visitation with parishioners who are unable to celebrate Mass with us due to age, illness or physical limitations. Family members are encouraged to participate. Please contact the Parish Office for more information, 262-782-4575.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

If you know of someone who is in the hospital or is in need of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please contact the Parish Office for more information, 262-782-4575.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, December 24—Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30am Mass 9am Mass

Sunday, December 24—Christmas Vigil 4pm Mass—Children's Choir

5:30pm Mass

Midnight Mass—Caroling Choir begins 11:30pm

Monday, December 25 — The Nativity of the Lord

Parish Office and Thrift Shop Closed

7:30am Mass 9am Mass 10:30am Mass

Tuesday, December 26

Parish Office is Closed 6:30am Mass

9am Thrift Shop Open

Wednesday, December 27

Thrift Shop Closed 6:30am Mass

7am Reconciliation 9am Patriotic Rosary 2:30pm Choir Rehearsals

Thursday, December 28

6:30am Mass

9am Thrift Shop Open

Friday, December 29

6:30am Mass

8:30am Kiwanis, Senior Center

9am Holy Dusters 9am Thrift Shop Open 2pm Reconciliation

Saturday, December 30

7am Recovery Meeting, Senior Center

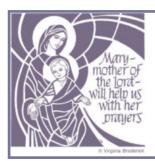
8am Mass

8:45am Reconciliation 9am-1pm Thrift Shop Open

4pm Mass

Sunday, December 31

7:30am Mass 9:00am Mass 10:30am Mass



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

The Solemnity of Mary is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

We will have one Mass on Monday, January 1 at 9am

The Parish Office will be closed.



ADORATION CHAPEL

We need coverage:

- Sundays, 1-2am. Call Colleen Schwarz, 414-795-3153.
- Sundays, 3-4am (add'l. adorer needed). Call Colleen Schwarz, 414-795-3153.
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- Fridays, 3-4am. Call Rita Dragani, 262-796-1162.
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- Saturdays, 4-5am. Call Nancy Frazer, 262-786-0617.

A Blessed, Merry Christmas to all! May you receive the gift of Faith, the blessing of Hope, and the peace of God's Love this Christmas and always. This week is filled with so many important feast days, the most important of course is the feast of the Nativity. On Tuesday, the 26th we celebrate the feast of St. Stephen, the first martyr and patron of deacons. How blessed we are to have two deacons at St. Mary's! Thank God for them. Take time to pray for them and to thank them for their wonderful, faithful service. On the 27th we remember St. John, apostle and evangelist, who authored the fourth Gospel, the Book of Revelation, and the three letters that bear his name. On the 28th we honor the Holy Innocents — the male children who were killed instead of Jesus, by King Herod. Commemorate all these feast days by visiting the St. Mary's Perpetual Adoration Chapel. Give thanks to Jesus for all His blessings, especially those of the past year. Ask Him to guide you through your life, so that you may join Him and all the saints in Heaven for all eternity.



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

Jean Allen Dr. George Ferguson



CHRISTMAS 2023

"And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." Luke 2:12

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It's no accident that when Jesus was born, he was placed in a manger. Think of it – the Son of God, born among us in absolute poverty, and placed in a trough meant for animal food. He became our Bread of Life. "This King of Kings came to us as food, feeding a starving humanity 'with his tender love," Pope Francis once said. How true, and that continues today with the ultimate gift we receive at every Mass – Jesus in the Eucharist.

This Christmas, we are in the second year of the Eucharistic Revival, a special time in our Church when we are called to renew our devotion to the Eucharist. Jesus is truly present, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, and is there to sustain us in all that we do. Come and receive Him at Mass, and never go hungry. Sit with Him in Adoration and find comfort in the love He has for you, today and always.

As we look to resolutions for the new year, I suggest you resolve to make this extra effort to deepen your relationship with Christ. What an amazing opportunity to focus on the Eucharist as the Source and Summit of our faith – for it is through the Eucharist that we are united with Christ and with one another.

May peace and joy be with you and your family this Christmas, and throughout the New Year.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

erome E. Kistecki

Most Reverend Jerome E. Listecki Archbishop of Milwaukee



The Christmas Poinsettias have been donated to our Church during this joyous holiday season in honor or memory of each of the following:



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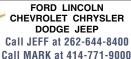
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