# 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	
Immaculate Conception	Dec. 8
Christmas	Dec. 25
Mass schedules for Holy I	Days are
announced in the bulletin.	•

#### Parish Address

1260 Church Street, Elm Grove, 53122

Phone: 262-782-4575 Website: stmaryeg.org

#### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday-Thursday .....9am-3:30pm Friday......9am-noon

#### SCHOOL ADDRESS

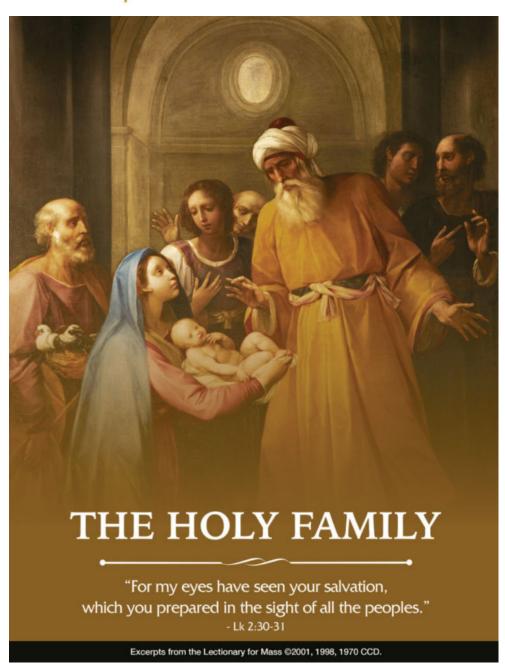
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#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

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.

#### THE PARISH

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#### 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.

#### PICK UP YOUR PARISH CALENDAR

Our 2024 parish calendars, sponsored by Becker Ritter Funeral Home, have arrived! Please pick up your complimentary copy in the Atrium or west vestibule of church, or stop in the Parish Office.

#### 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 Ignati-



us 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.

#### **Parish Financial Information**

	Through 11/30/2023	Through 11/30/2022	Fiscal YTD Budget
Stewardship (Total)	\$565,100	\$581,922	\$613,826
Envelopes	382,247	399,832	579,421
Automated Giving	148,370	148,443	n/a
Loose Checks/Change	34,483	33,647	34,405

Thank you for supporting St. Mary's Visitation Parish!

#### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 1, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

9:00am Parishioners

Tuesday, January 2, Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

6:30am The Intention of Joseph and Nicole LeBlanc

Wednesday, January 3, Christmas Weekday 6:30am The Intention of Jeannine Machi

Thursday, January 4, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

6:30am † Patti Lechtenburg

Friday, January 5, Saint John Neumann, Bishop

6:30am † Poor Souls in Purgatory

8:00am † Gayle Dragotta

Saturday, January 6, Christmas Weekday

8:00am † JoAnn Murphy 4:00pm † Mike Ostopowicz

Sunday, January 7, The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30am Parishioners 9:00am † Adrienne Smith 10:30am † Marge Horne

#### READINGS

Readings for the week of December 31, 2023:

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/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40 Monday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42 Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11

or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see

11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



"Dearest St Joseph... Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things."

> USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life (www.respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph)

#### **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 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:30-11:30am in church Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 31

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

#### Monday, January 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Parish Office and Thrift Shop Closed

9am Mass

#### Tuesday, January 2

6:30am Mass

9am Thrift Shop Open

#### Wednesday, January 3

Thrift Shop Closed

6:30am Mass

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

#### Thursday, January 4

6:30am Mass

9am VIBE, Senior Center 9am Thrift Shop Open

#### Friday, January 5

6:30am Mass

8am School Mass

8:30am Kiwanis, Senior Center

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

#### Saturday, January 6

7am Recovery Meeting, Senior Center

8am Mass

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

4pm Mass

#### Sunday, January 7

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

12pm CF Teen, Attic



We are glad to offer prayers for your intentions and consider it a privilege to pray for you and your needs. Please email your requests to smvprayerrequest@stmaryeg.org.

Confidentiality is always respected.

#### WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

St. Mary's Visitation welcomes the following individuals and families who have recently joined our parish:

April and Kevin Ciriacks
Danielle and Joel Heckenkamp
Jean and Dwight Horner
Sarah and Alex Martin

#### CONGRATULATIONS NEWLY BAPTIZED

The following children were recently baptized at St. Mary's Visitation Parish. We welcome them into our parish community and congratulate their parents:

Lacey Grace Maloney, daughter of Angela and Ryan Josephine Marie Lueck, daughter of Julie Ezra Savio Toby, son of Emily and Bryan Zofia Rose Mauer, daughter of Joanna and Michael Elijah Harold Emerson, son of Amanda and Timothy Marcus Joseph Steven, son of Amanda and Joseph Cecilia Rae Goers, daughter of Katlynn and Mark

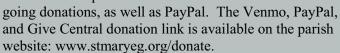
#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Our parish congratulates the following couples who are celebrating a special Anniversary in January. May you know God's love through your love for one another!

50 years......Fay and Gerald Imig
55 years.....Nancy and Gregory Wilde
60 years....Barbara and Charles Salisbury
Elinore and Roger Williams
64 years....Heidi and Heinz Termuehlen

#### E-GIVING

St. Mary's Visitation offers convenient, easy electronic giving options. Donations made via Venmo are fee-free for the Parish. Additional online giving options include Give Central, which is our credit card portal for one time or ongoing donations, as well as PayPal. The



Recurring donations may be made via direct debit from your checking or savings account and are also fee-free to St. Mary's Visitation. Please complete the form on the SMV website and return it to the Parish Office: www.stmaryeg.org/donate.

Recurring or one-time credit card donations may also be arranged by contacting the Parish Office at 262-782-4575. Thank you for your generosity to St. Mary's Visitation!



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

Marjorie Dawn Matthews

#### **SCHOOL CALENDAR**

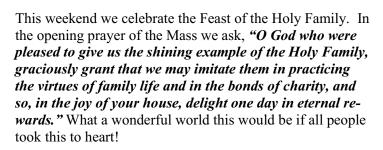
Wednesday, January 3 School Resumes

Friday, January 5
8am School Mass

#### 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.
- Sundays, 5-6am. Call Colleen Schwarz, 414-795-3153.
- Thursdays, 2-3am. Call Mary Schwarz, 414-771-8738.
- Thursdays, 3-4pm. Call Mary Schwarz, 414-771-8738.
- Fridays, 3-4am. Call Rita Dragani, 262-796-1162.
- Fridays, 6-7pm. Call Mary Schwarz, 414-771-8738.
- Saturdays, 4-5am. Call Nancy Frazer, 262-786-0617.



Visit the St. Mary's Perpetual Adoration Chapel and pray for your family and all families of the world, that they may emulate the Holy Family. Give thanks to God for the gift of your family and for the gift of being a member of His family.

There are a number of big feasts in the coming week. On Monday, January 1st we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. On the 3rd we celebrate the Most Holy Name of Jesus — call on Him often! On the 4th we remember St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, who was an advocate for education. Begin the year by commemorating these feasts in visits to the Chapel. Pray for the success of our school and religious education programs and for all teachers and administrators who dedicate their lives to the education of children.

Happy New Year to all! May God shower you with abundant blessings throughout 2024. "The Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you and give you peace."



# 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR ENROLLMENT IS OPEN FOR PARISHIONERS

St. Mary's Visitation School is now accepting enrollments from parish members for children who will be new to the school for the 2024-25 school year. Please visit our website, stmaryeg.org/tours-tuition-and-admissions.html for more information. There you will find a link to meet our teachers and take a virtual tour of our school. All are invited to join us for our Open House on January 28 from 8:30-11am. Contact the school office at 262-782-7057 with any questions or to request enrollment information.

# Auction for Education Tailgate Extravaganza

The auction team is busy planning our tailgate extravaganza! During this holiday season we ask you to think SMV! Did you receive a gift basket with trinkets you will never use? Did you receive a gift card for a place you



don't shop? These are perfect for our auction. No need to break out the checkbook and no item is too small. We all get gifts we will never use...let's put that to use for the kids. For more information visit our auction website, https://one.bidpal.net/smvwisconsin or email us at auction@stmaryeg.org.

#### **COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **DONATE YOUR YARN!**

If you have extra yarn from a project, please donate it to the Milwaukee Chapter of the Christ Child Society. We knit or crochet hundreds of complete baby layette sets that are distributed to seven hospitals and two social service agencies in the greater Milwaukee area that give them to needy mothers. Learn more at www.ChristChildMilwaukee.org or call 414-540-0489.

#### HELP FOR ALL MARRIAGES

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-VI with a long I) is based in the Catholic teaching that marriage is a sacrament. But the program is open to couples of all denominations who want to strengthen their relationships and work toward healing and forgiveness in their marriages. If you or someone you know is feeling hopeless or helpless about marriage, Retrouvaille is a lifeline for relationships in trouble. For confidential information about the program, or to register for a program which begins with the weekend of February 2 -4 in Franklin, please call 414-502-7685, send an email to Milwaukee@HelpOurMarriage.org or visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.org.





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QUESTIONS? Email jpiiretreatmilwaukee@gmail.com

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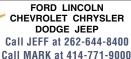
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