JANUARY 21, 2024 • THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

HOLY DAYS

Mary Mother of God	Jan. 1
Assumption	Aug. 15
All Saints	
Immaculate Conception	Dec. 8
Christmas	Dec. 25
Mass schedules for Holy Days are	
announced in the bulletin.	

Parish Address

1260 Church Street, Elm Grove, 53122

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Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday9am-3:30pm Friday......9am-noon

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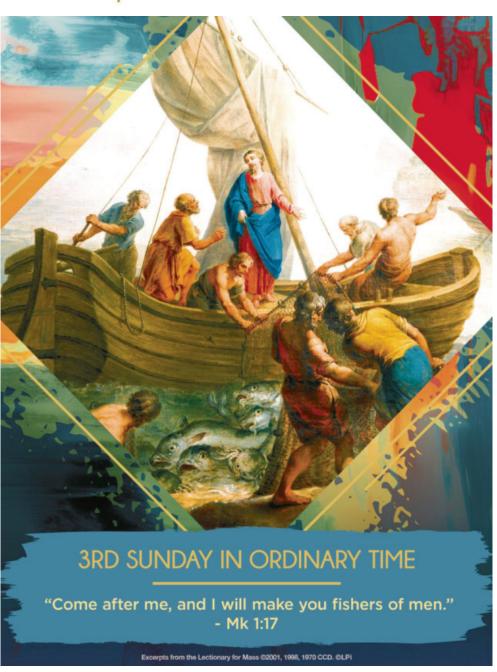
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SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE IS JANUARY 28

All are invited to join us at St. Mary's School for the annual Open House on January 28 from 8:30-11am. Tour the school and meet our teachers, find out what makes St. Mary's Visitation Parish School an Archdiocesan Exemplary School! 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, www.stmaryeg.org/learn-with-us.html or call the school office at 262-782-7057 with any questions or to request enrollment information.

St. Ben's Meal Service February 6

St. Mary's Visitation is scheduled to provide and serve the meal for St. Ben's Community Meal on February 6. Volunteers are needed to make casseroles and provide pudding, desserts, fruit, delivery and serving. Please consider signing up via our Sign Up Genius www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44AFAF23A5FC1-47107632-2024. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Olbrantz, supita01@hotmail.com.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION OF THE UNBORN

St. Mary's will begin a nine-month Spiritual Adoption of the Unborn this weekend. Through prayer we can do great things! Participants simply pledge to pray a short prayer for nine months for the unborn baby they adopt and at the end of nine months celebrate the birth of the baby. Prayer cards will be passed out after Mass. Please take one home with you and join in this effort.

SUPPORT LIFE!

St. Mary's Visitation Parish is participating in a Baby Bottle Campaign for the Women's Support Center of Milwaukee. The Women's Support Center is a Catholic, pro-life pregnancy Center on 21st and Wisconsin Avenue serving approximately 150 women a month.



All services they offer are 100% free. These services include pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, baby supplies, classes in areas of parenting, Natural Family Planning, the harms of birth control and the beauty of chastity and much more. If you picked up a baby bottle last weekend, please fill it with any type of monetary donation (loose change, dollar bills or checks). The checks should be written out to Women's Support Center. The bottles can be returned after Mass either this weekend or next weekend, January 27-28 in the Atrium. Thank you for your life-saving generosity!



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 22, Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

6:30am † Dawn Reinders

Tuesday, January 23, Weekday

6:30am † Phoebe Fleck

8:00am † Dr. George Ferguson

Wednesday, January 24, Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

6:30am † Bill Moriarty

Thursday, January 25, The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle

6:30am † Kathleen Cauley

Friday, January 26, Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops

6:30am The Intention of Elizabeth and Nathan Traugott

8:00am † Max Eyrise

Saturday, January 27, Weekday

8:00am The Intention of Jeromy Toutant

4:00pm † Deceased Members of the SMV Class of 1973

Sunday, January 28, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am † Dr. Ikar Kalogjera 9:00am † Colleen Benson 10:30am Parishioners

READINGS

Readings for the week of January 21, 2024:

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/

Mk 1:14-20

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30 Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35 Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk

16.15-18

Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10/Mk

4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/

Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/1 Cor 7:32

-35/Mk 1:21-28



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.

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, March 2nd from 10:30-11:30am in church Saturday, May 4th 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, January 21

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

12-1:30pm Catholic Formation Teens, Attic 12-1:30pm Confirmation Class, Senior Center

Monday, January 22

6:30am Mass

9am Thrift Shop Open

6:15pm Men's Group, Senior Center

Tuesday, January 23

6:30am Mass 8am School Mass

9am Thrift Shop Open

6:15-7:30pm K5-4th Grade Catholic Formation, School 6:15-7:45pm 5th-8th Grade Catholic Formation, Attic

7pm Women's Bible Study, Atrium

Wednesday, January 24

Thrift Shop Closed

6:30am Mass

7am Reconciliation 9am Patriotic Rosary

9am Christian Women Mom to Mom, Sr. Ctr.

2:30pm Choir Rehearsals 6:30pm RCIA, Attic

Thursday, January 25

6:30am Mass

9am VIBE, Senior Center 9am Thrift Shop Open

Friday, January 26

6:30am Mass

8am School Mass

8:30am Kiwanis, Senior Center

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

Saturday, January 27

7am Recovery Meeting, Senior Center

8am Mass

8am-6:30pm Confirmation Retreat 8:45am Reconciliation 9am-1pm Thrift Shop Open

4pm Mass

Sunday, January 28

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

ADORATION CHAPEL

Monday, January 22nd has been designated as a Day of Prayer for the legal protection of unborn children. Plan to spend time in prayer in the St. Mary's Perpetual Adoration Chapel in reparation for the countless



abortions which have been performed and to intercede with Jesus for the continued success of the pro-life movement. Jesus said, "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." Demonstrate that the coming of Jesus was not in vain. Plead for respect for all life from the moment of conception to natural death. Pope Benedict XVI said, "Having respect for every human being and for all creation as God's handiwork and having trust in God's overwhelming love are the keys to peace and a better future." Make good use of these keys and the Adoration Chapel!

On January 24th we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis de Sales, the patron of our archdiocesan seminary. In your visits to the Chapel, pray for the seminarians, for all priests and deacons, (especially those serving our parish) and for an increase in vocations to the priesthood. Thank God for those who have answered His call to serve Him and pray that they may continue to serve Him faithfully.

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.

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 on-going donations, as well as



PayPal. The Venmo, PayPal, and Give Central donation link is available on the parish website: www.stmaryeg.org/donate.

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!

SCHOOL NEWS

AUCTION FOR EDUCATION TAILGATE EXTRAVAGANZA

Planning for the annual Auction for Education is underway, and we need your help to make SMV's largest fundraiser of the year our most successful to date!



- Do you own a business? Or do you know someone who does? Do you want to get your name out there as a supporter of St Mary's Visitation? Consider becoming a sponsor of this year's event!
- Would you like to help us buy great auction items to complete auction packages? Consider making a monetary donation!
- Do you want to donate something special or highly sought after? We need tickets to sporting events, concerts, and other special events, week or weekend getaways (at a lake home, cabin, condo – local or otherwise), and other fantastic items and experiences.

Visit the 2024 SMV Auction for Education website at https://one.bidpal.net/smvwisconsin to become a sponsor, make a monetary donation, and donate special and unique auction items. Alternatively, you may email Jess and Abe Pinon at auction@stmaryeg.org.

All donations are tax-deductible. We so appreciate your consideration and generosity! Additional questions or comments? Email Jess & Abe Pinon at auction@stmaryeg.org.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Tuesday, January 23

8am School Mass

Wednesday, January 24 Spirit Wear Day

Friday, January 26 8am School Mass

SCHOOL NEWS

AFTER SCHOOL CARE JOB OPENING

St. Mary's Visitation is seeking someone who enjoys working with and caring for children to join our After School Care program. Responsibilities include supervising, engaging and caring



for students of all ages from 2:30pm until 6:00pm, during full school days only. The position open is for Wednesdays and Fridays — approximately seven hours/week. Applicants must be 16 years of age or older. Anyone 18 or over must have completed the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Training prior to starting the role. Please call the School Office, 262-782-7057 for more information.



All men and women are invited to attend:



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2024

8:00 a.m. - Noon | St. Mary's Visitation Parish Sponsored by SMV Christian Women | \$15/person or \$25/couple

Includes: Mass · Light Breakfast · Reflection by Fr. Philip Schumaker · Stations of the Cross · Soup and Salad Lunch

Register online or via flyer, available in the parish office, by February 9.

ONLINE: givecentral.org/CW_ashwednesday

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join MACCW For The Presentation "Living A Eucharistic Life"

During this year of Eucharistic Revival, the Milwaukee Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (MACCW) is happy to present Fr. James Kubicki, "Living a Eucharistic Life." Fr. Kubicki is a regular contributor to national Catholic media networks and Relevant Radio. Don't miss this opportunity on Tuesday, February 6 at St. Leonard's Parish, W173 S777 Westwood Drive in Muskego. The event begins with a continental breakfast at 8:30am, Fr. Kubicki at 9am, then a brief introduction to MACCW upcoming events and celebration of the Sacrifice of the Mass. Invite family and friends, all are welcome. No charge, a free-will offering will be accepted to cover expenses. RSVP to Diane, dianeoak@gmail.com or call 414-617-0721 with questions or to register.

RETROUVAILLE: A LIFELINE FOR MARRIAGES

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Do you know of a couple that is struggling in their marriage? Retrouvaille has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning the weekend of February 2-4 in Franklin, please call 414-502-7685, email Milwaukee@helpourmariage.org, or visit the website, www.helpourmarriage.org.

MEN'S RETREAT IN OCONOMOWOC

Have you been thinking about trying a weekend church retreat? This year's Lenten retreat, "Following in the Footsteps of our Redeemer," will be held February 16-18 at the Redemptorist Retreat Center in Oconomowoc. Trademarks of this men's retreat include rest, relaxation, prayer, good food, laughter, a beautiful setting on a private lake in an historic mansion, and a spiritually refreshing weekend among fellow Catholics – one that will make a difference for you at work, at home, in strained relationships, and in enjoying greater peace. The suggested offering is \$260 and includes two nights lodging, all meals (no Friday evening meal) and the retreat program. The Redemptorists have always stressed to 'never let finances alone keep you from attending retreat.' Some men pay more than the stipend to help pay for others. For more information call Andy Smith, 262-825-6004, or email redheadcatholic@gmail.com.

CELEBRATION OF CATHOLIC SCOUTING

You are invited to attend the Archdiocese of Milwaukee's Celebration of Catholic Scouting March 2 at Mary Mother of the Church Pastoral Center in Milwaukee. Mass will be at 4pm followed by recognition of scouts who received religious emblems or medals, presentation of adult awards, and supper. The cost is \$8/person, up to \$24 per family. For more information visit: www.archmil.org/scouts.

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