

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2011

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, Jan. 3	6:30am	For Patricia Pryor	Latin Mass
	8:15am	+Jerry Daniels (Anniv.)	
Tuesday, Jan. 4	6:30am	For Caitlin Smith	Latin Mass
	8:15am	+Charles Banwarth	
Wednesday, Jan. 5	6:30am	For Bryce Smith	Latin Mass
	8:15am	For Donna Scullion	
Thursday, Jan. 6	6:30am	+Joe Silerto	Latin Mass
	8:15am	+Jeffrey McPhail	
	10:30am	Manor Care Nursing Home	
Friday, Jan. 7	6:30am	For Ruth A. Pryor	Latin Mass
	8:15am	+Deloras Manemann	
Saturday, Jan. 8	6:30am	For Harris Fisher	
	8:00am	+Mary Ann Smith	
WEEKEND LITURGIES			
Saturday, Jan. 8	4:00pm	+Miriam Runde	
Sunday, Jan. 9	9:00am	+John & Nancy Klaas	
	11:00am	For Rose Vallone	Latin Mass
	12:30pm	Hispanic Mass	

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

The Epiphany of the Lord: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12.
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22; 4:6./Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44.
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:45-52.
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19; 5; 4/Lk 4:14-22a.
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16.
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30
The Baptism of the Lord: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17.

ST. MARY PARISH GIVING

Needed to operate each week \$11,500.00
 December 26, 2010

Weekly Envelopes	\$3,401.00
Weekly Average Electronic Funds	\$1,300.00
Christmas	2,964.00
Offertory	\$1,195.00
School operating Fund (past week)	\$3,835.00
Total contributed since account opened	\$47,572.00
Thank you for your generosity!	

WITH SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family of George Hammes, whose wife, Ann, died Monday, December 27th. Eternal rest grant unto her Oh Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her.

May she rest in peace.

REFLECTION "Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." - Matthew 2:11

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to embrace. Each of us is called to open our gifts before Jesus, offering Him what He needs. We can remember that we are called to share our gifts by keeping one of the Magi from our Nativity set on our desk or dresser as a year-round reminder to bring our gifts to Jesus.

CHRISTMAS DECORATION TAKE DOWN

On Sunday, January 9 we will be taking down our Christmas decorations beginning at 1:30 pm. A crew of at least six individuals is needed. The trees and garland have to be carried up to the bell tower. The crèche wrapped up, wreaths taken down and stored, lights removed from the children's tree, extensions cords wrapped up. If we have enough people we can be done in a couple of hours. Please call the parish office if you can help with this project.

SICK or HOMEBOUND

The people who are homebound, sick, or in the hospital are visited on Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays. If you know of anyone who would like a visit at home or in the hospital, please call Lorraine at the parish office 348-9735 to let the priests know.

Would you like to be a Greeter?

Greeters are needed for the Saturday 4:00 Mass and the Sunday 9:00 Mass. Offering hospitality to those who arrive at Mass is so important. Greeting is something that you and your family can do to welcome parishioners and visitors to St. Mary's. If interested in joining our Greeter Ministry, please call Jerry & Connie McCabe, 348-8336. Training is provided.

PRAYER LINE Anyone requesting prayer may call 348-6041. If no answer call 778-5949. Please call in the morning between 8am & 9am.

Private Reconciliation is celebrated one half hour before each Mass at St. Mary and St. Augustine.

Saturday, January 8 4:00pm	Sunday, January 9 9:00am
Altar Servers	
Matthew Busch	Matthew Schaefer Noah Tashner
Lectors & Leader of Prayer	
Nekole Frommelt John Pluemer	Barb LeGrand Connie McCabe Sue Momot
Sacristan	
Bob Busch	Connie McCabe
Music Ministry	
Deb & Classic Choir	Open Ensemble
Greeters	
Barney McDermott	Howard & Cathy Brooks Jack Fogel Jerry McCabe
SCRIP	
Linda Murphy	Julie Tashner

UPDATE ON FINANCIAL SITUATION OF THE PARISH

A team *composed of members* from the Home & School Association, Parish Council, Finance Council, Fr. Lope and Mr. Hood *are* working together to develop a plan to keep St. Mary School open long term. This team sent a letter to the parish about the School Operating Fund a few weeks ago. Though there has been very good response, the pledges are still slightly short of our goal. The team is working very hard and may ask for your help on a committee. Please help with your time and talent if asked. This team is looking at revenue increases, fund raising ideas, cost control measures and long term recruiting *of students*. Please feel free to call any of the members listed on the Operating School Fund letter with ideas you might have in these areas. *A survey will be sent out to parents looking for input regarding the future of the school*, so please watch for it and respond as quickly as possible. There will be a meeting on **Monday, February 21st at 6:30** for the entire parish to communicate the results of the surveys. The financial status of the parish, and answers about St. Mary School for the school year 2011-2012. The location will be established at a later date. The parishioners involved are Myron Tranel, Jim Rosemeyer, Kelly Shea, Tischa Busch, Dianne Jentz, Sheila Kelley, Chuck Runde, Tim Budden, Julie Wodarz, Gary Pothour, Joe Hood, Father Lope and Lee Eggers.

Catholic Men's Discernment Retreat

The dioceses of Wisconsin are co-sponsoring a Men's Retreat for single men, ages 18-40, at beautiful St. Francis Seminary on the shores of Lake Michigan in the Milwaukee area from **Friday evening, January 7th through Sunday morning, January 9th**. The free retreat will focus on Catholic Identity, Mission, and Discernment. Any interested men should contact Rev. Paul Ugo Arinze at the Diocese of Madison at 608-821-3095 or Paul.Arinze@straphael.org for further details or registration.

Seat of Wisdom Institute is a diocesan program of adult faith formation and catechetical certification in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Madison. Based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church, it serves to draw participants into a deeper communion with Jesus Christ enabling them to be more effective witnesses and teachers of the Gospel. Course Title: Celebrator of the Christian Mystery (Sacraments)*. Instructor: Mrs. Chris Smelzer, Date: January 8th. Times: 9am to 4pm. Location: Bishop O'Connor Catholic Center, Madison.

Course Title: Natural Law & the Church's Teaching on Social Justice. Instructor: Msgr. James Bartylla. Date: January 15. Time: 9am—4pm. Location: Bishop O'Connor Catholic Center, Madison.

Cost: \$10/course (for those able to pay). For a full course schedule, more information, and to register: www.madisondiocese.org/seatofwisdom or 608-821-3160. *Course requires prerequisites for certification.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY MAKE -UP DATE—Monday, March 21.

Olan Mills is providing us with a picture makeup date because of snow storm on the last weekend pictures were taken. Maybe the families that are gone for the winter will have returned by then and they too can participate. If we fill this day they will add on another for us. Photographs will again be taken from 2:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the rectory meeting room. We will let you know when we have the sign up sheet. So keep the date open for your photograph and Linda will let you know when we have the sign-up sheet

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Grades 1-6: Classes resume January 5, for grades 1-6.

This Week at St. Mary's

Monday: Classes resume.

KC meeting, 4th degree, 7pm, Council mtg, 7:30pm.

Wednesday: Rel. Ed (see below).

Friday: Scripture Sharing, 9am.

INTRODUCTORY LATIN CLASS beginning February 8, 2011 from 7:00-8:15 PM in the St. Mary School Library. The course will be taught by Fr. Lope and will run for 10 weeks. High School students through adults are welcome to register at the parish offices. A donation of \$25 to St. Mary Parish will help cover costs. Registration deadline is January 30. Contact Diane Drefcinski at 348-3937 if you have questions .

The next **Knights of Columbus** meeting is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 3. 4th Degree meeting--7pm., Council meeting---7:30pm. All members are encouraged to attend.

Capital Campaign Update	
Total Pledge To Date	\$1,887,351.00
Number of Donors	435
Cash Payments to Date	\$945,177.00

Do You Know?

The Planned Parenthood site in Dubuque will soon be offering abortion to our young women. RU-486 is a chemical cocktail used to cause an abortion, which kills a developing baby and wounds the mother. Next weekend there will be a guest speaker at the Masses who will tell us more about this latest effort to destroy the most vulnerable among us, the unborn, and how you can help stop them.

FOCCUS Facilitators

A facilitator training for existing FOCCUS facilitators is coming to St. Mary on January 19 from 7-9 pm. To attend you can register on line; Go to Diocese of Madison, click ministry tab, marriage prep, on left side panel click on FOCCUS facilitators, scroll down to existing facilitator's in-service training.

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