

# SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2012

## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Jan. 2	6:30am	For Fr. John Blewett TLM	<i>(Most Holy Name of Jesus)</i>
	8:15am	+Kathryn Quinn	
Tues., Jan. 3	6:30am	For Fr. Isaac Mary Relyea TLM	<i>(Feria of Christmastide)</i>
	8:15am	+Ed & Mary Ellen Berning	
Wed., Jan. 4	6:30am	For Dennis Gre TLM	<i>(Feria of Christmastide)</i>
	8:15am	+Jane Marie Budden	
Thurs., Jan. 5	6:30am	For John Kunz TLM	<i>(Feria of Christmastide)</i>
	8:15am	+Emma Berning	
	10:30am	Manor Care Nursing Home	
Fri., Jan. 6	6:30am	For Paul & Joan Kunz TLM	<i>(Epiphany of the Lord)</i>
	8:15am	+Dave & Miriam Runde	
Sat., Jan. 7	8:00am	For Gretchen Crase TLM	<i>(Saturday of our Lady)</i>

St. Mary's  
24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration  
Wednesdays

## WEEKEND LITURGIES

Sat., Jan. 7	4:00pm	+Ardell Craugh	Private Reconciliation every day, <u>one hour</u> before each Mass.
Sun., Jan. 8	9:00am	+Mervin Broihahn, Sr.	
	12:00nn	Hispanic Mass	

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday:** Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God Nm 6:22-27—Gal 4:4-7—Lk 2:16-21—Lk 2:16-21  
**Monday:** Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen 1 Jn 2:22-28—Jn1:19-28  
**Tuesday:** The Most Holy Name of Jesus 1 Jn 2:29; 3:6—Jn 1:29-34  
**Wednesday:** Elizabeth Ann Seton 1 Jn 3:7-10—1:35-42  
**Thursday:** John Neuman, bishop 1 Jn 3:11-21—Jn 1:43-51  
**Friday:** Christmas weekday 1 Jn 5:5-13—Mk 1:7-11  
**Saturday:** Christmas weekday 1 Jn 5:14-21—Jn 2:1-11  
**The Epiphany of the Lord**  
 Is 60:1-6—Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6—Mt 2:1-12

*Wishing you a joyous and  
blessed New Year !!*

**REFLECTION**—Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
 “And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.” - Luke 2:19  
 How lightly Mary held Jesus. She did not clutch Him to her but held Him out for the world to know. She knew that He did not belong to her alone. From the moment of His birth she was called upon to share Him with strangers who flocked to see Him. In the same way, we are also called to hold our blessings lightly, being willing to share what God has given to us with those whom God may lead to us. As this New Year begins, let us look to Mary as a grace-filled model of sharing all that God might ask of us.

### *With Sympathy*

We extend our sympathy to the family of Marshall (Skip) Stone, husband of Fay Stone, who died Sunday, December 25th; and to the family of Evonne Merkes, wife of Peter Merkes, who died Monday, December 26th and to the family of Casey Craugh, grandson of Carl Craugh, who died Tuesday, December 27th. *Eternal rest grant unto them Oh, Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.*

**If you are available Monday, January 9th, please lend a hand to help take down Christmas decorations. Many hands make light work.**



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Saturday, Jan. 7 4:00pm		Sunday, January 8 9:00am
David Drefcinski John Drefcinski Matthew Busch	<b>Altar Servers</b>	Vince Momot Nicholas Kunz Christopher Kunz
	<b>Lector &amp; Leader of Prayer</b>	
Nekole Frommelt John Pluemer		Jessica Clifton Diane Eherenman Connie McCabe
Dan Frommelt	<b>Sacristan</b>	Karla Melssen
Open Ensemble	<b>Music Ministry</b>	Classic Choir
	<b>Greeters</b>	
Tammie VanNatta		Jerry McCabe David & Donna Swanson
Lorraine Flogel	<b>Rosary Leaders</b>	Ed Cullen
Connie Busch	<b>Scrip</b>	Julie Tashner

### **Greeter Schedule**

The Greeter Schedule for February through April is available at the North entrance of the church. Please pick up your copy to avoid having it mailed out. Thank you for your service to St. Mary's Parish.

### **PARISH COOKBOOKS**

are on sale for \$10 each. Cookbooks can be purchased at the parish office during office hours. They make nice gifts.

### **ST. MARY PARISH GIVING**

**Needed to operate each week \$11,500.00**

*December 25, 2011*

Weekly Envelopes.....	\$2,333.00
Christmas.....	\$1,450.50
Weekly Average Electronic Funds	\$1,300.00
Offertory.....	\$1,029.00
School operating Fund (past week)..	\$1,100.00

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**CEW**—The upcoming Southwest Wisconsin CEW (Christian Experience Weekend) weekends will be held at Sinsinawa Mound Center, Sinsinawa, WI. The women's weekend will be **February 17-19, 2012**. The men's weekend will be **February 24-26, 2012**. These weekends begin at 7:00 PM Friday and end on Sunday at approximately 4:30 PM. If you want to do something special for yourself, attend a CEW weekend. Application forms are available in the church entrance. For more information on the women's weekend, call (608) 748-4403 or for the men's weekend, call Lee Eggers 348-4848. Weekends fill up fast. Applications will be taken on a first come, first served basis.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S**

**Monday**—KC meeting, 7:30pm.  
**Tuesday**—Mission Sewing, 8:30am.  
**Wednesday**—Religious Education News (see below).  
**Sunday**—KC Pancake Breakfast 8-11am.



**New inspiring Religious CD's** available in the north entrance. Just \$2.50 each. Buy them to listen to in the van, at work, or at home. Great stocking stuffers too. These CD's are provided by the Adult Faith Committee.

**End of Calendar Year Update and Reminder: Parish Giving** - As the end of the calendar year approaches, we wish to remind you that charitable contributions must be applied to the year in which they are received, except that contributions delivered by mail are acknowledged based on the date/year the letter is postmarked, even if it is received in the following calendar year. If the donor (parishioner) wishes to claim the contribution as a charitable deduction for income tax purposes, then the donor must relinquish control of the funds before it is technically a contribution. Therefore, if the donor has not mailed payment by year-end, no matter what date is on the check, he/she hasn't really given up control. Additionally, the IRS – Internal Revenue Service states that a mailed contribution must be postmarked on or before December 31, which proves that control was given up by the end of the year. A complication for churches this upcoming end of calendar year is that December 31, falls on a Saturday and January 1 falls on a Sunday, resulting in a “split weekend” for tax purposes. This means the collections for those two days should be segregated into the correct calendar year for accurate donor acknowledgement. In conclusion, charitable contributions are deductible in the year made. Thus, donations charged to a credit card before the end of the year count for 2011. This is true even if the credit-card bill isn't paid until next year. Also, charitable contributions by cash and check can be claimed by the taxpayer for 2011, as long as they are mailed and postmarked or relinquished by placement in the collection basket by December 31.

**THANK YOU**

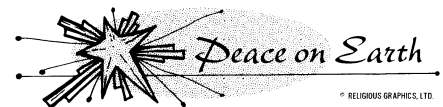
Our first through sixth grade religious education classes collected 70 toiletries that will be distributed to the poor next month. Thanks to all the students and their families for being so generous.

**Knights of Columbus Meeting**  
**January 2, 2012      7:30pm**

**Natural Family Planning Class** at St. Mary's in Bloomington to be held Saturdays, Feb. 4, Mar. 3 and 31 from 10:00am to Noon. To register go to [www.madisondiocese.org/nfp](http://www.madisondiocese.org/nfp) or contact Alison Hetue at (608) 821-3134 or [nfp@straphael.org](mailto:nfp@straphael.org). Additional classes available in Madison.

**THANK YOU**

A special “thank you” to Jamie Weber who donated the beautiful handmade back drop for the Eucharistic Adoration Monstrance.



**FUND RAISER SPONSORED BY QUIZNO'S**

Take your family to lunch at Quizno's on Sundays in January and St. Mary School will receive 10% of your purchase. For each of the four Sundays, January 8, 15, 22 and 29, between the hours of 12:00 and 6:00, for every one who makes a (non-coupon) purchase at Quizno's and says they are doing so on behalf of St. Mary School, Quizno's will donate 10% of the purchase to the school. Our thanks to Jerry Schewe, owner of Platteville Quizno's for his generosity in sponsoring this fund raiser!

**PRAYER LINE** Anyone requesting prayer may call 348-6041. Please call in the morning between 8am & 9am. If there is no answer please leave your prayer.

**The 6:00pm Adoration is open on Wednesdays. Please consider coming to spend an hour with Jesus at this time. The sign-up sheet is in the back of church.**

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This week we recognize:

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

Sunday, Jan. 1—No Confirmation classes at St. Augustine.  
Wednesday, Jan. 4—No classes Grades 1–10.