

Holy Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, December 31st

7:00 am - Mass, (Roy Kloess †)
4:00 pm - Mass, (People of the Parish)

Sunday, January 1st

Mary, the Mother of God
7:30 am - Low Mass, (Jeff Skalsky †)
9:15 am - Mass, (Special Intention)
10:45 am - Mass, (People of the Parish)

Monday, January 2nd

7:00 am - Mass, (Matthew Schnur)

Tuesday, January 3rd

7:00 am - Mass, (Elizabeth Schnur)

Wednesday, January 4th

7:00 am - Mass, (Philip Schnur)

Thursday, January 5th

7:00 am - Mass, (Ronald Butts †)

Friday, January 6th

7:00 am - Mass, (Special Intention)

The Epiphany (TLM)

6:30 pm - High Mass, (People of the Parish)

Saturday, January 7th

7:00 am - Mass, (Alex West †)
4:00 pm - Mass, (People of the Parish)

Sunday, January 8th

The Holy Family (TLM)
7:30 am - High Mass, (Jeff Skalsky †)

The Epiphany (N.O.)

9:15 am - Mass, (Tod Fredricks †)
10:45 am - Mass, (Herbert Laufenberg †)

SACRAMENTAL NEEDS

MASS INTENTIONS: Contact the St. Mary parish office at catholic@tds.net or 608.798.2111

BAPTISM, MARRIAGE: We welcome you to prepare for and celebrate your baptism or wedding at St. Mary's by calling Father Heilman at 608.798.4644

CONFESSION: Confession is available after Daily Mass or anytime by contacting Father Rick at 608.798.4644

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK: Please call Father Rick directly at 608.798.4644. This sacrament is for the living, and any serious change in health can be reason for receiving this sacrament.

Liturgical Ministers

January 7th and 8th

Saturday - January 7th, 4:00 pm

Sacristan: Dylan Rausch
Reader: Joe Scott
Greeter / Usher: Cheryl Leik

Sunday - January 8th, 9:15 am

Sacristan: Bill Exner
Reader: Joy Exner
Greeter / Usher: Jerry & Jolynn Myers

Sunday - January 8th, 10:45 am

Sacristan: Tom and Laura Severt
Reader: Rob Marsland
Greeter / Usher: Tom and Laura Severt

If you are not able to fulfill your extraordinary minister role, please find a substitute.

PRAY LIKE A CHAMPION!

Check out the cart outside of church to find some new devotionals to bring new faith-building ideas into your life this new year!

WORD AMONG US - Please take home the Word Among Us, with daily reflections and readings to inspire, motivate, and bring hope!

Today's Missal - Today's Missal offers Sunday Readings, and prayers, as well as basic theology, such as guidelines for receiving Eucharist and more!

And don't forget our Parish Library!

Conveniently located in the Narthex, our Parish library is a wealth of knowledge about all things spiritual and Catholic! There are many lovely tomes on the lives of Saints, deepening prayer lives, Daily Devotionals, Homeschooling resources, historical and biographical texts, interesting maps, Apologetics, Bible studies and commentaries, parenting, theology and relationship books by many wonderful authors, and even books about Eucharistic Renewal, a Diocese of Madison theme as we continue into 2023.

SAINTS & FEASTS OF THE WEEK

January 2: Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

January 3: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

January 4: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

January 5: St. John Neumann, Bishop

January 6: St. Andre Bessette, Religious

January 7: St. Raymond of Penafort, Priest

THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

"The Twelve Days of Christmas" was written in England as one of the "catechism songs" to help young Catholics learn the tenets of their faith - a memory aid, when to be caught with anything in *writing* indicating adherence to the Catholic faith could not only get you imprisoned, it could get you killed.

The songs gifts are hidden meanings to the teachings of the faith. The "true love" mentioned in the song doesn't refer to an earthly suitor, it refers to God Himself. The "me" who receives the presents refers to every baptized person. The partridge in a pear tree is Jesus Christ, the Son of God. In the song, Christ is symbolically presented as a mother partridge which feigns injury to decoy predators from her helpless nestlings.

The other symbols mean the following:

2 Turtle Doves = The Old and New Testaments
3 French Hens = Faith, Hope and Charity, the Theological Virtues
4 Calling Birds = the Four Gospels and/or the Four Evangelists
5 Golden Rings = The first Five Books of the Old Testament, the "Pentateuch", which gives the history of man's fall from grace.
6 Geese A-laying = the six days of creation
7 Swans A-swimming = the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, the seven sacraments
8 Maids A-milking = the eight beatitudes
9 Ladies Dancing = the nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit
10 Lords A-leaping = the ten commandments
11 Pipers Piping = the eleven faithful apostles
12 Drummers Drumming = the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostle's Creed

--Fr. Hal Stockert, Fishnet (via EWTN)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JANUARY 5 - VIGIL OF EPIPHANY

On January 5th, Fr. Chad Ripperger will be here at St Mary of Pine Bluff, live and in-person! Everyone is welcome to join us for this amazing evening.

The Rite of Solemn Blessing of Epiphany Water begins at 6pm, with blessed water provided by St Mary's for take-home. This amazing night will continue with Dinner, catered by The Mixing Bowl Bakery, and an Inspirational Talk by Fr. Ripperger.

Can't make January 5th?

Fr. Ripperger will be saying the Latin Mass at 6:30pm at St Mary's, on the Feast of the Epiphany (Friday, January 6th). Fr. Ripperger will also be saying the Latin Mass here at 7:30am on Sunday, January 8, for the Feast of the Holy Family.

See the insert in this week's bulletin for more info.

RETRouvaille WEEKEND

Is your marriage tearing you apart? Does separation and divorce seem inevitable? There is hope. Madison Area Retrouvaille is a ministry for struggling marriages. Couples have rediscovered each other and their marriages through this program. A Retrouvaille event is scheduled January 27-29, in Green Lake, WI. Visit www.helpourmarriage.org for more information and/or for registration.

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mark McDougall	Madeline Scott
Paul Heitzkey	Brian Milligan
Bob Schell	Joe Draves
Stephen Herreid	Cheryl Leik
Daniel Robbins	

Finance Council:

Roland Scott	Dennis Breunig
Bill Herriges	

Next Parish Council Meeting: January 10th at 6:00pm, in the Narthex.