



St. Mary Catholic Faith Community

9520 West Forest Home Avenue
Hales Corners, Wisconsin 53130-1614
Founded 1842 • Our 168th Year

*"Celebrating spiritual growth, centered in Christ, through Word,
Sacrament and Service."*

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Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:00pm
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am

Rite of Reconciliation:

1st Saturday of the month:
11:00am - 11:30am
or by appointment

Parish Office Hours:

8:30am to 4:30pm Monday – Friday
5:30pm to 8:00pm Monday – Thursday (limited services)
8:30am to 12:00 Noon on Saturday (limited services)

Registering to the Parish:

New-to-the-parish families and individuals are welcome and invited to join St. Mary Catholic Faith Community. Young adults should join as members. You may register at the Parish Office (weekdays) or the Communication Center before or after any weekend Liturgy. Registration is required for Baptism, First Reconciliation and First Eucharist Preparation, Confirmation and enrollment in the Religious Education Programs.

Infant Baptism:

Baptisms take place the second and fourth weekends during the liturgies and on the third Sunday at 1:00pm. Please call the Parish Office, 414-425-2174 during the first trimester. If adopting, call when arrangements are certain. Baptism preparation work is required for parents.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry:

The food pantry is open the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month from 3:00pm to 4:30pm or by appointment. To schedule an appointment, contact the Parish Office at 414-425-2174, ext. 210 Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm.

January 17, 2010

LITURGICAL

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 18

8:15 am Mass
† Wendy Kleibor

Tuesday, January 19

8:15 am Communion Service (School Level 1-5)

Wednesday, January 20 — Sts. Fabian & Sebastian

8:15 am Mass
† Evelyn Fraik

Thursday, January 21 — St. Agnes

8:15 am Mass
7:00 pm Holy Hour for Life Vesper Service

Friday, January 22 — St. Vincent

8:15 am Communion Service
† Irene Tersen

Anointing Weekend

Saturday, January 23: 4:00pm

Sunday, January 24: 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am

† Shirley Konicke
† Rosalyn V. Zallar
† Henry Poehler
† Mary Ann Sparacino
† Steven LeGant
† Ray Markowiak (anniv.)

I Promise to be True to You — Did you have a child/grandchild get married in 2009, but not here? If so, drop off a photo of the couple at the Communication Center or Parish Office. We'll include it on our "Weddings 2009" bulletin board during the month of February. Photos are non-returnable. Include: bride's maiden name, groom's name, date, church and city. Photos are due no later than **January 24th**.

Candlelight and Roses Dinner for Newlyweds and Recently Married

Valentine's Day, February 14th at 6:00pm

There is something about the first five years of marriage. The blush of romance lingers and the presence of first love overshadows the reality of day-to-day. Couples learn to give and take, experiment with deferring to one another for the good of their relationship and attempt new ways of collaboration. In reality, it's not always peaches and cream. The first five years really are foundational years for the rest of married life. This year, as part of our Parish Mission, couples married up to five years are invited to a sit down candlelight dinner at St. Mary Parish. The evening will include a talk by Fr. Richard Fragomeni, writer and teacher, who will engage in a dynamic reflection on the sacrament of marriage and the ways we live it out in a climate that often challenges married love. Interested? Feel led to a night of enrichment with your spouse? Please complete the form below and return it to the Communication Center or Parish Office **no later than February 7th**. Thank you.

Candlelight and Roses Valentines Day Dinner

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Or email rappew@stmaryhc.org with the above information.

From Mary's Desk:

Hope

The economic downturn has created myriads of opportunities for the human community to reach out to those without jobs. This past Christmas many families and businesses came forward to adopt a family out of work. Therefore, when the Circle of Love gifts went out finding their way under hundreds of Christmas trees, hope lit up. Here is what one person wrote showing gratitude for what the people of St. Mary's did for her family, "My faith has been tested as of late. I have been struggling financially and spiritually. Last night I felt that Jesus was in my living room with me and my family. Watching us and smiling at me saying, see I am right here. Sometimes it takes the overwhelming generosity of others to show you that there is love and kindness in this world and that God and his Son really do care." Thank you to the many who shared from your abundance and made Christ come alive!

Praying for Life

January marks the anniversary of Roe v. Wade and this year, in most parishes throughout the Archdiocese, there will be a prayer service honoring life from womb to tomb. Please join us on Thursday, January 21st for a special **Holy Hour for Life** Vespers Service at 7:00pm in church. Deacon Bill Goulding will preside and together we can pray for an end to violence toward all.

Dead Sea Scrolls and the Bible

The Milwaukee Museum's exhibit, *Dead Sea Scrolls and the Bible: Ancient Artifacts, Timeless Treasures* will open on January 22nd. This exhibit brings together archaeological objects and manuscripts to tell a story 2,000 years in the making. Witness actual Dead Sea Scrolls and other early biblical artifacts to learn how transmission of these early writings has shaped the beliefs of Judaism and Christianity and influenced aspects of Islam. The largest temporary exhibit ever produced by the Milwaukee Public Museum, *Dead Sea Scrolls and the Bible* explores the archaeological history of the Holy Land during the period the scrolls were written, from the 3rd century BCE (BC) through the first century CE (AD). The exhibit also tracks the discovery of the first scrolls and subsequent realization of their extraordinary significance. You won't want to miss this extraordinary exhibit. If you are interested, please call 414-223-4676 or go to www.mpm.edu/dead-sea-scrolls to order your tickets online. This exhibit of the ancient east and the time of Christ will be certain to help us grow in our understanding of the faith.

Blessings,
Mary K. Matestic

Readings for the Week of January 17, 2010

Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3,7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11
Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9,16-17, 21-23; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37,40-51; Ps 144:1b,2,9-10; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3,9-13; Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4,6,11; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3,5-7; Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10,15; 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

LITURGICAL

Surprises — Life is full of surprises, some pleasant, some not. The scriptures are filled with stories of God's surprises cropping up when they are least expected: younger children obtaining the inheritance; the lowliest being seated highest up; an itinerant preacher, killed like a criminal, exalted to eternal, heavenly glory.

Anybody who has planned a wedding or similar event knows that they are filled with opportunities for surprises. For the bridegroom in today's Gospel story, who has no direct contact with Jesus, the pleasant surprise came because somebody else paid attention and had faith in Jesus.

We may think that the point of today's familiar story of the wedding at Cana is that when we have faith in Jesus, our lives will be pleasantly changed. A Christian, however, needs to have a broader perspective and realize that to have faith in Christ means that somebody's life, not necessarily our own, will be surprised for the better. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

Saving the Best for Last — The steward at the wedding knew how things were done. You serve the good wine while people are sober enough to care about vintages. And as the celebration goes on, wedding parties could last for days back then, you gradually serve up some all-but-undrinkable beverages. Who would notice on the third day what they were drinking?

He is the first one in John's gospel to greet the paradox of the kingdom: The last will be first, the first last and the choice wine comes up when you least expect it. You know not the day or the hour for anything, so be alert at all times and do not be surprised by the surprises. The steward, more interested in serving the guests than pondering this event, hurries off to do his job. But the disciples come to have faith in Jesus after this display of authority over the elements of water and wine. We too find our faith strengthened in the water and the wine. We know the choice wine is saved for the last meal, the only one we need in the kingdom. *God's Word is Alive* by Alice Camille, ACTA Publications 5559 W. Howard Street Skokie, IL 60077, www.actapublications.com

Questions for Next Week — How have you experienced the changes in the sacrament of forgiveness? Is this a sacrament you celebrate, fear or avoid? Imagine that this year has been declared a year of jubilee and you can begin again, fresh and free. How will this freedom change your life?

Action Response — Jesus has consecrated all of time as an eternal season of jubilee in which the debt of sin is canceled and we are free. Celebrate your freedom in the sacrament of reconciliation. Forgive those who have trespassed against you. Ask for forgiveness from those you have wronged. Be free. A great opportunity to embrace forgiveness is to repeat over and over and over again, I forgive that person who has wronged me (Compliments of "The Shack"). *God's Word is Alive* by Alice Camille, ACTA Publications 5559 W. Howard Street Skokie, IL 60077, www.actapublications.com

In Loving Memory

May the Risen Lord grant eternal rest and peace to **George Jarecki**, father of Shelley (James) Thom.

The Catholic Faith Community of St. Mary extends our condolences to his family and friends. May they find comfort in God's love and promise.



In Preparation for Next Week:

January 24, 2010 — Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading — Ezra read from the book of the law of God to the assembled people. They understood and accepted the law (Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10).

Psalm — Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life (Psalm 19).

Second Reading — As the body with its many parts is still one body, so it is with Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12-30).

Gospel — While attending worship in the Nazarene synagogue, Jesus reads from the prophet Isaiah and declares himself to be the fulfillment of the prophecy (Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21).

Pray For List Update — In order to keep the list current and relevant, we will be "starting over" every 6 months (beginning with the 1/31 bulletin). If you would like your friend or loved one to remain on the list, please call the Parish Office at 425-2174. As in the past, you can add someone new at any time by calling the Parish Office.

Pray For

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| Terry Jarosz | Debbie Sands |
| Tom Bindas | |
| Bonnie Ahner | Cindy Hogman |
| Joseph Anderer, Sr. | Gary Hogman |
| Isaac Anderson | Trish Hughes |
| Dorothy Becker | Margaret Inhoff |
| Dennis Berkley | Ted Jakubowski |
| Dolores Bray | Theresa Jelden |
| Edward Bray | Jenny |
| Bob Brey | Julia |
| Phil Brylow | Russ Kelm |
| Alexis Catalano | Virginia Kleinheinz |
| Diane Coates | Patty Komar |
| Colleen | Lisa Konitzer |
| Helen Craig | Jacob Steven Koslo |
| Mary De Leon | Maureen Kosmatka |
| Elizabeth Delain | Graham Kunisch |
| Terry & Gene Delhoe | Mildred Krumpitsch |
| Evelyn Doligalski | Rosemarie Krzykowski |
| Don and Ellen | Anna Lazzaro |
| Dotty Dooley | Marion Lemke |
| Margaret Doyle | Pat Lindner |
| Dawn Emmerich | Michael Linehan |
| Austin Fiala | CJ Lomas |
| Iamn Fintak | Mary Lownik |
| Robert Fischer | Delphine Lukomski |
| Florence Flynn | Gerdi Machnitzky |
| John Foye | Neishaly Maldonado |
| Joseph Foy | Frank Maniscalco |
| Debby Fricano | Dan Marek |
| Martha Gonzalez | Madison Marx |
| Anne Goode | Delores Mazzara |
| Jessica Gosh | Connie Melenchuk |
| Matt Gosh | Donna Mesich |
| Michael Gould | Roman Moczydlowski |
| Diane Graebner | Leota Neumann |
| Sheri Grant | Lisa Neutgens |
| Tom Grinker | Jane Niehaus |
| Paul Guenther | Frank Niesciur |
| Tiffany Guskey | Geoffrey Niezgoda |
| Ben Harmeyer | Jean O'Connor |
| Francis Havey | Joseph Olson |
| Rita Havey | Jim Penoske |
| Therese Heggeland | Herman Peters |
| Jennie Heitz | Lorraine Piek |
| Karen Hoelsken | Dorothy Pitt |
| Lynn Hoelsken | Virginia Plautz |
| | Betty Poehler |
| | Sharon Polzin |
| | Donald Pricco |
| | Patty Rainer |
| | Colleen Reilly |
| | Tracy Renner |
| | Suzanne Ritty |
| | Allen Rynders |
| | Evelyn Rynders |
| | Charlene Rytman |
| | Helene Scheid |
| | David Schieble |
| | George E. Schrimpf |
| | Ruth Schulte |
| | Jim Sciano |
| | Helen Slowinski |
| | Christie Smith |
| | Colleen Smith |
| | Lottie Smith |
| | Beverly Smrstick |
| | Robert Smrstick |
| | Paul Steiner |
| | Christi Sperka |
| | Diane Stanislawski |
| | Kathy Stelter |
| | Joli Stewart |
| | Joshua Stewart |
| | Leroy Strye |
| | Terri Szalacinski |
| | Mary Thelen |
| | Laurie Urbanski |
| | Ruth Vodnik |
| | Helen Rynders Wall |
| | Richard Waski |
| | Carol Ann Werkowski |
| | Dorothy Westrick |
| | Carol Sciano Wilson |
| | Shirley Winkowski |
| | Lauren Winsor |
| | Cliff Witte |
| | Mary Wood |
| | Debbie Wood |
| | Bette Yogerst |
| | Alice Young |
| | Karen Zastrow |

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 17

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| 8:45am | New Beginnings | Board Room |
| 9:00am | Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) | |
| 9:00am | LLFF Classes, Grades K4-1 | School |
| 9:15am | RCIA | Room 312 |
| 11:00am | Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) | |

Monday, January 18

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| 1:00pm | Quilters | Board Room |
| 6:15pm | LLFF Classes, Grades 1-5 | School |
| 6:30pm | Endowment Committee Mtg | Board Room |
| 4:40pm | SVdP Southside Meal Program | Upper Lot |

Tuesday, January 19

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| 6:30pm | *Fr. Chuck's Scripture Study | Room 312 |
| 6:30pm | Haiti Committee Mtg | Board Room |
| 8:00pm | Men's Basketball | Community Centre |

Wednesday, January 20

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| 6:30pm | St. Mary's Singles (+45) Game Night | Rm. 312 |
| 7:00pm | There's an App for That! | |
| | Applying What Jesus Taught | Gathering Space |
| 7:00pm | Engaging Spirituality Session 2 | Board Rm. |

Thursday, January 21

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| 9:00am | Church Cleaning | |
| 6:30pm | Men's Choir Rehearsal | Room 105 |
| 7:00pm | Adult Confirmation | Board Room |
| 7:00pm | Social Concern Ministry | Room 312 |

Friday, January 22

Saturday, January 23

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| 9:00am | Engaged Enrichment Class | Room 312 |
| 10:30am | Market Day Pick Up | Cafeteria |
| 6:00pm | Adult Volleyball | Community Centre |

Sunday, January 24

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|--------|---------------------------|------------|
| 8:00am | New Beginnings | Board Room |
| 9:00am | LLFF Classes, Grades K4-1 | School |
| 7:00pm | High School LLFF Classes | School |

* Approved for 1.0 Scripture, .5 Theology and 1.5 Maintenance Clock Hours at the Basic, Intermediate and Advanced levels.

ST. MARY SINGLES (+45)

Game Night!

Need a winter pick-me-up? Plan on joining us for our first Game Night of the new year on Wednesday, January 20th in Room 312. Join us for fun and friendship. We rollout the games at 6:30pm and ask those whose last names begin with the letters A through L to bring a snack. There will be a free will offering for beverages. As we begin 2010, we would like to extend a helping hand to those in need by donating to the St. Mary Food Pantry. Your donation of one non-perishable food item each month will make a difference in someone's life. See you at Game Night!

ALTAR SERVERS

Servers — *Cross Bearers

Saturday, January 23rd

4:00pm *Katie Freibergs, Courtney Stachowiak, Kristi Freibergs

Sunday, January 24th

7:30am *Lauren Jankowiak, Sarah Bauer, Michael Jankowiak

9:00am *Michael Walker, MacKenzie Wagner, Ana Haning

11:00am *Carolyn Bogart, Kendra Moran, Jacob Bogart

LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION

There's an App for That!! Applying What Jesus Taught



—Join us on Wednesday, January 20th at 7:00pm with Shawnee Daniels-Sykes, SSND, Ph.D. We are extremely blessed to have this sought-after speaker come to St. Mary. Sister

Shawnee earned her PhD in Religious Studies and Theological Ethics in 2006. Her engaging presentation will focus on the ethical issues of raising children in a complex world. Where do a child's values come from? Home? Church? School? Peers? Media? How are we as families, faith community and society investing in the moral education of our youth? What really are family values? Come join in this lively conversation about a topic that matters to all of us. You won't want to miss this. Save the date!

COURTESY ANNOUNCEMENT

Buttons Please!

Liza Pincsak, former St. Mary School student and current freshmen at the University of Minnesota, will be working on a Habitat for Humanity project this Spring. She is collecting old buttons to make jewelry to fund her participation in the project. Please drop off old buttons in the bucket located in the Communication Center.

Parish Council Minutes Online

Did you know that you can view the minutes for Parish Council meetings on our website? Go to www.stmaryhc.org and click on "Meeting Minutes" in the sidebar under "Popular Links."

STEWARDSHIP

Stock Donations

Thank you to those parishioners who donated stock to the parish. We would like to remind you that when donating stock, it is important that you drop us a note informing us of the sale. We have received some stock this year and do not know who to give the credit to. Please help us keep our records accurate so you receive proper credit for your donation.

December 2009 Financial Update

| Fiscal Year | Regular Contributions | Year to Date | Offertory | Year to Date |
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| 2008-09 | \$296,425 | \$1,017,837 | \$20,589 | \$66,981 |
| 2007-08 | \$249,802 | \$ 971,841 | \$17,113 | \$66,294 |

Comparing Year-to-Date 2009 to 2008, combined operations & mortgage contributions are **Up** \$45,996 and the Offertory is **Up** \$687.

Thank you for your continued generosity in helping us meet our expenses.

December 2009 Mortgage Update

| November '09 Balance | Monthly Interest | Monthly Principal | December, '09 Balance |
|----------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| \$3,841,629 | \$23,485 | \$12,680 | \$3,828,949 |

BE THE COMPASSION OF CHRIST HANDS & HEARTS TOGETHER

Just5Days: a Catholic Learning Experience Created Just for Current 6th, 7th & 8th Graders

Join us June 21st–25th, as we take a group from St. Mary to Appleton for a 5-day experience of service, hands-on learning activities, prayer and liturgy and community building designed for groups of middle school youth and their adult leaders from Catholic parishes and schools. Middle schoolers love to work on projects, meet people and make a difference with their time. *Just5Days* gives young adolescents an opportunity to be involved in meaningful service while they explore their faith and what it means for their lives.

Just5Days Will Help You Succeed

Daily programming is designed just for middle schoolers – lots of visual learning, hands-on activities, movie clips, small group projects and discussion. Middle schoolers will learn about Catholic social teaching and the importance of justice and they will have fun doing it.

Dynamic prayer services and liturgy engage young participants in full and active participation, making faith more tangible for them.

Skilled program staff guide the week allowing focus on the young people. The program staff includes a Program Director, Site Coordinator and a Prayer and Music Coordinator. All are trained professionals with years of experience in working with youth.

Easy to use materials and resources help parents engage in the preparation process and support their children upon their return.

Each participant receives a *Just5Days* t-shirt and water bottle.

The price of the program is \$300 and includes transportation, lodging and meals during your program week as well as all of your work site supplies. Please note that through underwriting/fundraising efforts no one will be turned away based on their ability to pay. **The Orientation Meeting will be held on Monday January 25th at 5:45pm in the Parish School Cafeteria.** See the St. Mary Website, Red Folder or Youth Ministry Updates for additional information. (*Just5Days* comes to you from the Center for Ministry Development, which has worked with over 25,000 youth and adults providing over 625,000 hours of service since 1993 when CMD pioneered Catholic Service Learning events with the development of Young Neighbors in Action.)

Archdiocesan Respect Life Mass – January 22nd

The Archdiocesan Respect Life Mass will be held on January 22nd at St. John Vianney Parish, 1755 N. Calhoun Rd. in Brookfield. Services will begin at 6:30pm with a Rosary for Life lead by seminarians from St. Francis de Sales Seminary (in honor of the Year of the Priest) followed by Mass at 7:00pm. Archbishop Jerome Listewski will preside. A reception will follow. Come join in fellowship with Catholics from around the Archdiocese as we pray for the protection of the sanctity and dignity of all human life.

Jumpstart to Employment: Resource Packets are available in the Communication Center and Parish Office.

Lumen Christi Employment Network South

Please let people know about the successful employment networking group meeting every Tuesday either here or at St Martin of Tours. Keep those who are looking for employment in your prayers and let them know they are welcome to come and find some support throughout their search. On January 18th the group meets at St. Martin of Tours at 7:30am. Questions? Contact Timothy Pappas at 414-271-1975 or email tpappas@pappasdelaney.com.

If you have any questions concerning the parish outreach activities please contact Pam Lownik at 414-425-2174, ext: 356.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Words to Remember

Each time a person stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring, these ripples to build a current that can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance.

—Robert F Kennedy

The members of the St Vincent de Paul Society are seeing the ripples of hope that the members of St Mary's Parish are sending out. Holz Motors donated a very large amount of food to our pantry. The Sentry Food store in Hales Corners contributed food and someone in the community donated hand knit scarves, hats, mittens and slippers to the Sentry giving tree. Sentry in turn, gave this to us for our distribution. Culver's Restaurant put out boxes in their store marked "For St Mary's Food Pantry" and collected food for us. A Daisy Girl Scout Troop at Hales Corners Elementary School collected food for our pantry. The Catholic Knights Insurance Co. makes a donation to a needy organization every year and this year, they chose The SVdP Society. The St. Mary Girls Basketball Team gave food in honor of their coaches. The current is building because of the ripples of hope that are sent out by all of our faithful members at St Mary's Parish. We need your help to continue our work. We wish you God's love and blessings for 2010.

FUNDRAISERS

Buy Build-A-Bear Gift Cards Today!



Have your kids been invited to a birthday party? Build-A-Bear gift cards make great gifts! Or how about hosting a birthday party for your child at Build-A-Bear?! Gift cards (SCRIP) are available at the Communication Center or Parish Office. Make a child happy and provide **Free Money** for St. Mary at the same time. Keep carding!

Market Day



January is a great month to place a Market Day® order. Receive a FREE 4-pack of Peanut Butter & Jelly Grahamwiches with a minimum order of \$40.00. It's also a great time to stock up on healthy, tasty items for a great start to the new year! Order online at marketday.com until 11:00pm Wednesday, January 20th. Pickup is 10:30am to 11:30am Saturday, January 23rd in the cafeteria. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help, you can call Terri Agnew at 414-659-0233 or Stacey Mueller at 414-218-5997. (*Grades 8 and 3, please plan to volunteer for phone calls Friday, January 22nd, or to pack orders from 9am to 11am Saturday, January 23rd.*)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITES

Attention All 9:00am & 11:00am Mass Go-ers!

We are currently in need of friendly, helpful volunteers to help out in our Communication Center. The commitment is small, but of great value to your fellow parishioners. You will be scheduled once per month and will open and work in the Communication Center 1/2 hour before and 1/2 hour after your assigned Mass. Responsibilities include registering new parishioners, handing out items left for parishioners, selling various items (Scrip, Entertainment Books, coffee, etc.) and answering general questions regarding the parish. Training is provided. Please contact Shari in the Parish Office at 414-425-2174 for more information regarding this important ministry.

We Need Your Help!

Liturgy is in need of help with the ministries listed below. If you would like to help with any of the following, please check the ministry you are interested in and return the form to the Communication Center or the Parish Office. Or if you prefer, contact Daniel O'Connor at ooconnorda@stmaryhc.org or by phone at 414-425-2174, ext. 340. Thank you.

- Adult Servers for funerals and holy day masses
- Additional assisting Sacristans for the weekend liturgies
- Sound persons for the weekend liturgies
- Members for the Resurrection Choir
- Funeral Hosts for funeral visitations and funerals
- Reception/Hospitality for various occasions
- Wedding Hosts

Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Attention: Dan O'Connor

YOUNG AT HEART

A Huge Thank You!

A huge "Thank You" to Bob Sieber, Jan Gural, Judith Moudry, Jim Franke and Stacy Young. The wonderful actors that starred in our Murder Mystery play at Meyers Restaurant. They worked long hours in rehearsals and did an excellent job to the enjoyment of all who attended. Kudos also, to the other parishioners who volunteered for minor parts. We know that everyone who attended the dinner and play enjoyed it.

Unique Places in Milwaukee Tour

On Thursday, February 11th we will take a motor coach tour of places right here in Milwaukee that you've probably never been to before. We start with an insider's view of the Goodwill Industries Corporate/Training Center to see how they create employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities and older workers. It will include an opportunity to visit their gift shop for bargains. Following this, we will go to Maggianos' for a family style Italian lunch. After lunch, we go to the Charles Allis Art Museum which was formerly the home of the founder of the Allis-Chalmers Corp. The home features original furnishings and an art collection spanning 2000 years of fantastic art objects. Our final stop will be the Islamic Center where we will gain insight about Islam and Muslim beliefs. A question and answer period will be a highlight of this program. The cost is \$68.00 for members and \$71.00 for non-members. Our motor coach will leave the church parking lot at 8:30am and return at approximately 4:30pm. To register, please use the Registration Form found in the October Newsletter. Any questions, please call Jo at 414-422-1123.

CHRISTMAS THANKS!

Thank You! – Thank You! – Thank You!

Special thanks to the more than 35 families who participated in the Christmas Eve Liturgy for Children. The response for shepherds, angels, kings, readers and hospitality help was outstanding. We are especially appreciative of the time and effort spent on the part of parents to adjust schedules for practice and for creating costumes. Thank you for the JOY that this event brings to St. Mary parishioners.

Advent/Christmas Environment 2009

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Even in our winters He is there...a light has shone, a Child is given. Thank you, infant Savior, for allowing our hearts to be in a state of expectancy. When leaving room first and foremost for You, You enter in as You wish, keeping in mind not what we are, but whose we are. Peace, as we begin new chapters within our ministries.

Rita J. Ambrosch