

Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception & St. Joseph Catholic Church

**Third Sunday of Advent
December 11, 2022**

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Masses This Week

Sat. Dec. 10	4:00 p.m.	(St. Joseph) <i>Mark Jacob</i>
	5:45 p.m.	(St. Mary) <i>St. Mary & St. Joseph Parishioners</i>
Sun. Dec. 11	8:30 a.m.	(St. Mary) <i>Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus</i>
	10:30 a.m.	(St. Joseph) <i>Living & Deceased Members of Claude Radermacher and Irma Vils Families</i>
Mon. Dec. 12		<i>No Mass</i>
Tues. Dec. 13	8:30 a.m.	(St. Mary) <i>Kris Houge</i>
Wed. Dec. 14	8:30 a.m.	(St. Mary) <i>Sandy Urban</i>
Thurs. Dec. 15	8:00 a.m.	(St. Joseph) <i>Ray, Jeff & Mark Ogle</i>
Fri. Dec. 16	8:00 a.m.	(St. Joseph) <i>Stan Kruckenberg</i>
Sat. Dec. 17	4:00 p.m.	(St. Joseph) <i>Ray and Agnes Laufenberg Families and Deceased Members</i>
	5:45 p.m.	(St. Mary) <i>Deceased Family of Monte Williams</i>
Sun. Dec. 18	8:30 a.m.	(St. Mary) <i>Judith Hanson</i>
	10:30 a.m.	(St. Joseph) <i>St. Joseph & St. Mary Parishioners</i>

All Masses are in-person

Live-streaming available:

- St. Joseph on Saturday at 4:00 p.m.
- St. Mary on Sunday at 8:30 a.m.



Join us on Facebook to view Mass streaming live (access available from each parish website):

- St. Mary: www.saintmarymilton.org
- St. Joseph: www.stjoeedgerton.org

Pray for the Sick

Please keep these parishioners and family members in your prayers:

Rich Addie
Delores Alm

Dorothy & Ken
Bomkamp

William Burdick
William Butzke

Frank Daniels
Joyce DeMott

Bart DiMattina
Aaron Ellis

Carole Evans
Pat Finucan

Esther Folk
Jane Folk

Elizabeth Frye
Anna Furlano

Jim Furlano
Helen Goerke

Lynette Hammil
Jared Hanson

Duane
Hendricks

Bud Hoff
Nick Hoff

Bill Hupp
Don Hying

Trish Jarzynski
Marion Kaiser



Barb Keefe
Matt Keller

Kathleen Knight
Jeff Kraus

Loren Krueger
Mary Ann

Langer
Lisa Meyers

Lillian Moreno
Mary Kay

Mullen
Bob Murphy

Scot Nelson
Jeffrey Pipitone

Bill Rice
Diana Riesterer

Joe Riesterer
Phil Riesterer

Rob Rosa
Mike Ryder

Rosemary
Schafer

Kathy
Trimberger

Bob Urban
Paul Warren

Ron Yoss

Stewardship: A Way of Life

3rd Sunday of Advent

*“You too must be patient.
Make your hearts firm,
because the coming of the
Lord is at hand.”*

James 5:8

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts He has given us. We are able to better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

WORD OF LIFE: “O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free.”



*USCCB
Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita*

St. Joseph Parish

This Week at St. Joseph

Sun. Dec. 11:

- 9:00 a.m. Family Faith Formation
- 10:30 a.m. Junior Disciples
- 11:30 a.m. Confessions
- 11:30 a.m. Breakfast with Santa

Wed. Dec. 14:

- 3:30 p.m. Faith Formation Gr 1-5
- 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
- 6:30 p.m. Faith Formation Gr 6-9
- 6:00 p.m. Reconciliation Liturgy

Thurs. Dec. 15:

- 6:30 p.m. RCIA

Fri. Dec. 16:

- 6:30 p.m. Waltz Lessons

Sat. Dec. 17:

- 8:00 a.m. Rosary - Cenacles of Life
- 3:00 p.m. Confessions

Sun. Dec. 18 :

- 10:30 a.m. Junior Disciples
- 11:30 a.m. Confessions



Please keep these parishioners and family members in your prayers.

Gracie
Theresa Amundson
Fran Barrett
Lois Bongle
Betty Bosben
John Bovard
Larry Burns

Joan Chesmore
Pat Chiumenti
Donna Dahl
Sue Dahms
Grace Farrington
Judy Fugate
Mya Harwood
Rosie Hatlen
Linda Hatton
Julie Hoff
Marge Hollenberger

Marian Jacob
Christian Kelsey
Robert Koch
John Kocielek
Annanell Krausse
Agnes Manhart
Annette Nagle
Jeanne N.
Marilyn Nielsen
Maureen Plautz
John & Mary Pratt

Jane Raatz
Elliot Rademacher
Bob (Seamons)
Siemienkovicz
Jacinta Tinoco
Serrano
S. Severson
Sonja P.
Pat Spray
Frank Vogl
Darnell Ziegler

Financial Stewardship

Collection from December 4, 2022

Envelopes	3,273.00
Offertory	336.03
On-Line Giving	<u>699.00</u>
Total	4,308.03
Weekly Income Needs	5,150.00

Thank you for your continued financial support of our parish!
If you would like to contribute electronically, please sign up at <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stjoeedgerton>



Baptism: Scheduled after weekend Masses. Baptismal Preparation Class is required. They are offered the first Sunday of March, July, and November after 10:30 a.m. Mass
Marriage: Please contact the priest at least 6 months prior to the wedding date.
Reconciliation: Every Saturday at 3:00 pm before 4:00 pm Mass and the second and third Sunday after 10:30 am Mass.

St. Mary Parish

Financially Speaking

Collection From Last Week (December 4, 2022)

Weekly Income Needs	7,788.00
<i>based on income from budget</i>	
Envelopes	7,065.00
Offertory	121.00
ACH & On-Line Giving	8,712.00

Fiscal Year-To-Date Contributions

YTD Envelopes & ACH	186,920.16
YTD Offertory	3,731.05

Collection from last year (December 5, 2021)

Envelopes	6,522.00
Offertory	36.00
ACH & Online Giving	7,712.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH!

This Week at St. Mary Parish

Sun. Dec. 11:

- 8:15-10:30 a.m. Youth Ministry class
- 8:30 a.m. Seeds
- 5:30-7:30 p.m. Youth Ministry class

Tues. Dec. 13:

- 4:00 p.m. K-6 class
- 4:30 p.m. Christmas Reflection
- 5:00 p.m. Confessions
- 7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus

Wed. Dec. 14:

- 4:00 p.m. K-6 Class
- 4:30 p.m. Christmas Reflection
- 6:00 p.m. Finance

Sun. Dec. 18:

- 9:30 a.m. Decorate church after Mass

Welcome New Parishioner

- Carlos & Melissa Galdamez and their children Diego and Gigi

Special THANK YOU to parishioners Gail & John Nordlof for the donation of altar wine at St. Mary Parish.

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ST. MARY HARVEST FESTIVAL

WRAP-UP: Your Festival Team has gone through the final invoices and receipts and we are excited to report our profit from this years event held October 16:

2022 Income	32,188.64
2022 Expenses	<u>8,065.37</u>
2022 Net Income	24,123.27

Compared to last year:

2021 Income	29,244.66
2021 Expenses	<u>4,278.52</u>
2021 Net Income	24,966.14

We would be remiss not to mention the volunteers who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make this event happen.

LITTLE BLUE BOOKS: Little Blue Books are 6 minute reflections on the first readings for daily Mass during the Advent and Christmas seasons. Books are available in the Gathering Space at St. Mary. Reflections end on January 9.

ROCK HAVEN CHRISTMAS

PRESENTS: A very special thank you to parishioners at St. Mary who purchased gifts for the residents of Rock Haven. A total of 101 gift bags were received—one for each resident at Rock Haven, who will greatly enjoy a very Merry Christmas thanks to you!

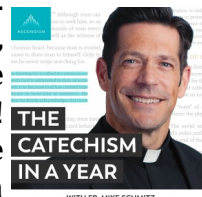


GIFTS MEN'S SHELTER DONATIONS:

Thank you to those St. Mary parishioners who donated items from the GIFTS shelter wish list. GIFTS was very grateful for your generosity!

CATECHISM IN A YEAR (with Fr. Mike Schmitz):

For those of us who have enjoyed listening to Fr. Mike and the Bible in a Year, you might also enjoy The Catechism in a Year! Beginning January 1, Fr. Mike will read the entire Catechism in 365 days. Follow along by signing up to download the reading plan at: ascensionpress.com/pages/catechisminayear



Sanctuary Candle at St. Joseph

is burning this week
In Memory of
Roger & Betty Saunders





**Milton Knights of Columbus
FAMILY OF THE MONTH
November
Dennis & Sandy Witek**

Dennis joined the Knight of Columbus in March, 2006 and has been a very active member involved in many programs, including serving as a past Grand Knight. He is currently Trustee of Milton Council 6547. He also serves as KC's program director for Culture of Life, providing aid and support to Pro-Life and to the Janesville Pregnancy Center. He serves as an usher at St. Mary and assists at the cemetery. Please join us in congratulating and thanking Dennis & Sandy for their years of dedicated service.

CRIB FOR LIFE: St. Mary Knights of Columbus are collecting a wish list of items to benefit the Janesville Pregnancy Helpline. A crib will be in the Gathering Space from December 1-15 to collect donations: diapers (any size but esp. 3, 4, 5, 6) wipes, bottles, sippy cups, infant bath towels and wash cloths, infant socks to size 2T, potty training seats, training underwear, diaper cream, baby wash, shampoo, lotion, safety items like drawer latches, outlet covers, etc) board books.

NEW AT ST. JOSEPH – ST. JOSEPH PRESS CHILDREN’S BOOKS! You may have noticed last weekend there are several different children’s books in the pews. We hope your children will like them and look forward to a different book each time your family comes to mass. (And please note: they are to remain in the pews for the next child to enjoy.) To offset the cost of the books and to purchase more, we will be having a Dollar Challenge in January.



EUCHRE TOURNAMENT
Hosted by Knights of Columbus
December 17
St. William Parish Hall
1822 Ravine
Janesville, WI

Entry Fee: \$10
Registration: 5:15 p.m.
Cards: 6:00 p.m.
Door Prizes and 50/50 Raffle



Beverages and sandwiches
available for purchase.

All are welcome, singles or couples

*All net proceeds will go toward council
for local charities*

For more information contact
Tim Walleser * 608-728-2419
OR
Edwin Heflin * 608-563-1301

EDGERTON OUTREACH COLLECTION AT ST. JOSEPH: This weekend, December 10-11, there is a second collection for the Edgerton Community Outreach. They provide a meal for a family of 4 on Christmas Day through the Piggly Wiggly for about \$15. Any amount you can donate is welcomed. Thank you for your generosity and Merry Christmas!

MSGR. KEVIN AKAGHA / ST. MICHAELS, NIGERIA: Thank you St. Joseph parishioners George Stanek, Pat Vogl and Pat Crabtree for presenting the history of our parish relationship with Msgr. Kevin Akagha and St. Michael Catholic Church in Nigeria. Thanks to your generosity, our special collection raised \$5,480 to help with the continued needs of St. Michael. Msgr. Kevin and the parishioners of St. Michael are grateful for our support.

ST. JOSEPH DOLLAR CHALLENGE: A Dollar Challenge is a nominal way of raising some additional funds to be utilized within our parish. How this works is every couple of months, a separate collection will be taken at the end of each weekend Mass. *The most an individual can donate is \$1...hence the name Dollar Challenge.* Donated funds will then be matched by individuals or families willing to do so. The matching sponsors can choose to


be recognized or remain anonymous. We are hoping to collect approximately \$200 from both Masses with matching funds doubling that amount.

The Pastoral Council will determine how these funds are to be used, with the initial Dollar Challenge being used to purchase more of the St. Joseph Press children's books.

If you or your family wish to sponsor matching funds, please contact Doug Crandall at 608-469-3195. You will be placed on a list and notified when your turn comes up. Thank you for your continued support of our parish!

“All that is really worth the doing is what we do for others.”

*Lewis Carroll, Author
“Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland”*



**ADVENT
RECONCILIATION LITURGY
at St. Joseph's**

**Wednesday, December 14th
6:00 pm**

TEC RETREAT COMING TO ST. DENNIS MADISON: The start date is Wednesday, December 28 at Noon and ends Friday, December 30 at 3:30 p.m. TEC (Together Encountering Christ) is centered on the Paschal Mystery of Christ. Our Shepherd Bishop Donald Hying has also centered his 'Go Make Disciples' initiative on that same theme. TEC is especially designed to help us grow in our love for Christ and our Holy Catholic Church. It is an amazing experience for the young at heart who are 15 years of age or older. Regardless of your present walk in our Catholic Faith, you will be rejuvenated. This is also a 'shout out' to those of you who have already experienced a TEC retreat and would

like to help out. Fr. Randy Timmerman will be the Spiritual Director. Marnie Harrington is the lay Director and can be reached at mharrington555@yahoo.com or 608-577-7489. Online or paper applications and more information about TEC can be found at www.MadisonDiocese.org/TEC or contacting Marie Lins at the OEC at 608-821-3135.

EDGERTON CARE CENTER TREE at ST. JOSEPH: Thank you to everyone who took a tag from The Edgerton Care Center Christmas tree! A reminder: the Care Center requests the items be placed in gift bags only (no wrapped boxes), attach the tag and **return no later than December 18th.** Thank you so much and Merry Christmas

MEALS ON WHEELS—ST. JOSEPH: Meals on Wheels Delivery December 19 – January 15. It takes about 30-45 minutes to deliver. All meal deliveries are within the city limits of Edgerton. Pick up the meals at Edgerton Care Center at 11:00 a.m. If you can help for 1 day or more, please call Mary Barrett at 608-921-5912. Thank you!

NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE ENVELOPE AT ST. MARY: In the early stages of the capital campaign at St. Mary, the Finance Council discussed adding a contribution envelope in the monthly packet for capital campaign pledge payments. The envelope would serve as a reminder for those who receive monthly envelopes. Although the campaign has been paused, the envelope company that we use requires several months advance notice when adding new envelopes to the monthly packets. Beginning with the January, 2023 monthly packet, there will be an additional envelope

included “Other Capital Expenditures” with a section to check whether your contribution should be used for “General Capital Needs” or transferred to the funds already reserved for the “Capital Campaign”. For those who contribute via ACH, an additional line will be added to the form asking if you would like to include a contribution for either of these. If you have any questions, please contact Vicki at 608-449-6530.

BLESS OUR PRIESTS COLLECTION: Remember the retired priests of our diocese by making a gift to the Bless Our Priests collection. This collection is used to directly support all retired priests welfare including the rising cost of healthcare, long-term care and medical costs. Please return your gift in the envelope available at all Masses this weekend. Your generosity supports retired priests from all 11 counties of our Diocese!

Prayer of the Faithful

For the priests who have faithfully served St. Mary and St. Joseph, especially those who are experiencing peace and joy in their retirement and those that have passed away to eternal rest in the Kingdom of God.

Let us pray to the Lord.

St. Mary, Milton
Knights of Columbus
& Culver's Present

**SCOOPIE
NIGHT!**



Sunday, December 11h
10% of sales from
11:00 am – 2:00 pm
Will be donated to
St. Mary, Milton
Knights of Columbus



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Elementary Christmas Programs this week...

Tuesday & Wednesday 4:30PM @ St. Mary



Family Ministry Nativity & Incarnation



VIEW FROM THE PEW

by Frank Vogl, long-time St. Joseph member

We are Catholic – How Beautiful Thy Dwelling Places

Catholic Churches: Since Vatican II, church buildings have taken new shapes. They are turned out in the rectangular, square and even in the round. The older churches were mostly rectangular. This set the altar on one of the shorter walls. When you entered the church you would then be facing the altar. On the wall above the altar was where the crucifix was hung. Depending on the time of day, beams of light would shine through the stained glass and rest on the cross or the altar itself. Many changes were made after Vatican II. Before Vatican II, our priests said Mass facing the altar, after Vatican II, they now face the congregation. Our churches have been through some changes over the years, but the one thing that will not change is that it is God's home, and He will always welcome us.

End of Year Tax Contributions

The Parish financial books will close on Friday, December 30, 2022. Anyone wishing to make contributions for the **YEAR 2022** must do so **ON OR BEFORE FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2022**. All checks received at the parish after December 30, 2022, will be recorded as contributions for the year 2023.

An excellent way to lower your tax payment is by making an additional contribution to a charity. Contributions to your parish qualify!

Advent Week 3: Rose Advent Candle, JOY

The next and third candle to be lit is the rose candle, which represents Joy. This candle reminds us that Jesus coming is near as we reach the middle point of Advent. The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday, which symbolizes the nearness of Christ's coming.



THE EUCHARIST VIDEO: Fr. David wants each adult member of St. Joseph and St. Mary to watch “The Eucharist,” an 18-minute video on formed.org, so that we all have a common background of Church teaching about the Eucharist. In the search engine, type “The Eucharist” and click on the option which is 18 minutes and 50 seconds. The main presenter is Edward Sri,



and it is from a series called “Symbolon for Teens.” Or scan this QR code:

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Christmas Masses

	St. Mary, Milton	St. Joseph Edgerton
Saturday, December 24 <i>Christmas Eve Mass</i>	4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
Sunday December 25 <i>Christmas Day Mass</i>	8:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.

A Note from Our Pastor ...



- ✦ Rejoice! Today is Gaudete Sunday, using a Latin word meaning “rejoice,” because our salvation is nearer. Sometimes the decorations and vestments are a different color (the Church calls it “rose” color) from the usual purple on this day.
- ✦ Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord! The Advent Reconciliation (Confession) liturgy, for members of both parishes, is at St. Joseph-Edgerton on Wednesday, December 14 at 6:00 p.m.. I hope you can come. There will be five priests to hear confessions. I also hear confessions every week year-round at both churches.
- ✦ I hope you enjoyed the short time of silence at the end of Masses last weekend, during Eucharistic Adoration. Keep in mind that we have 3 hours of silent Adoration every 1st Tuesday night at St. Joseph and every 1st Thursday night at St. Mary.
- ✦ Share your 3-minute faith story--practice makes us ready to share it anytime, anywhere. Participants will gather immediately after Masses January 14-15 in groups of three to speak and listen. It should take ten minutes in total. See suggestions on story preparation below.

Preparing a Three-Minute Faith Story

1. Pray, asking for God's help.
2. Make a list of defining moments in your faith life or relationship with God (high points, low points, influential relationships, felt God's presence or absence, seasons of growth or discovery).
3. Select a few moments that show God's work and love that you would be willing to share with others, and develop them into a story.
4. You may identify some difficult moments that you would not want to share (disappointments, memories of hurt feelings). You may wish to bring those memories to your personal prayer, a trusted friend, or a spiritual advisor.
5. Try to use the name “God” or “Jesus” at least once in your story.
6. Practice and time your story to try to keep it to three minutes.

Fr. David

Readings for Week of December 11-18

Sunday, December 11

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10
Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

Monday, December 12

Zachariah 2:14-17
Psalm: Judith 13:18bcde, 19
Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday, December 13

Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13
Psalm 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23
Matthew 21:28-32

Wednesday, December 14

Isaiah 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25
Psalm 85:9ab, 10, 11-12, 13-14
Luke 7:18b-23

Thursday, December 15

Isaiah 54:1-10
Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12a, 13b
Luke 7:24-30

Friday, December 16

Isaiah 56:1-3a, 6-8
Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 7-8
John 5:33-36

Sunday, December 18

Isaiah 7:10-14
Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-24



FOUR HOLY HABITS

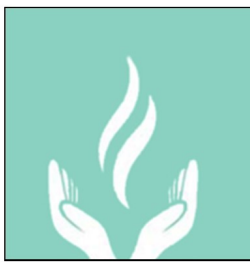
Each of us is called to be holy. Here are four habits that Bishop Hying has identified that will guide you on your path to holiness.

SUNDAY EUCHARIST



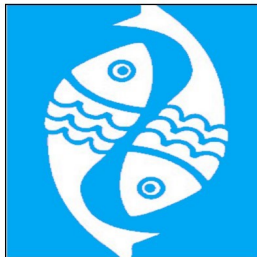
Reclaim the Sunday Eucharist as the center of parish life

PERSONAL PRAYER



Spend at least 15 minutes per day in personal prayer

FAST ON FRIDAY



Fast from meat or spend the day with some type of penance/mortification

CONFESSION



Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation monthly