

St. Mary's



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Monday.....8:30-2:00pm
 Tuesday.....9:30-2:00pm
 Wednesday.....8:30-3:00pm
 Thursday.....8:30-2:00pm
 Friday.....Closed
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DAILY MASS (subject to change)

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8:00 am
 Thursday..... 5:30 pm
 Friday..... 8:00 am
 First Saturday of Month..... 8:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Thursday..... 5:00 to 5:20 pm
 First Friday of Month 7:30 to 7:50 am
 Saturday..... 3:30 to 4:30 pm

Sunday Masses:

Saturday..... 5:00 pm
 Sunday..... 8:00 & 10:30 am

Parish Registration: Forms can be printed from our website, picked up from the back of church or stop by the parish office and register in person.

Marriage: Six months to one year in advance to schedule marriages. No weddings during the Lenten Season.

Baptism: Baptisms are celebrated the 1st and 3rd weekends of the month. Baptism class is required for first time parents.

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend (Jan 22) is the Anniversary of Roe vs Wade legalizing abortion in this country. Yes, Roe vs Wade was overturned by the Supreme Court in June of this past year, but it did not change anything in Minnesota and a number of other states! Abortion still goes on in our state. Babies continue to be killed! America is killing it's future! A baby reminds us that there is a future.

Every doctor knows by their medical training that life begins at conception. The Church teaches that life begins at conception! When egg and sperm unite, a baby, a human begins to develop! Remember the Latin word fetus means, "little one." A little human being is starting to develop!

Abortion in Minnesota is permitted through the 9th month. A very sad fact! According to the Endowment for Human Development, www.ehd.org: "By 6 weeks plus 2 days after conception the brain waves of an unborn child can be recorded by EEG (electroencephalogram)." "Beginning at 14 weeks developmental differences between boys and girls begin to appear." (The Endowment for Human Development). We are talking about human beings!

We know that some politicians are pushing to make abortion on demand, a law of the land permanently. They are working on legislation at the state and national levels. Why do we have a work shortage? Because a good number of the baby boomers, the majority of workers in the work force, have retired or in the process of doing so. A good number of young workers in the 20-50 yrs old range died during the pandemic. Because of the pandemic many workers are working from home. Workers are needed in factories and businesses. The birth rate is down from years ago! Family size used to be on an average of 6-12 kids. Now an averages size is 2-3 kids. And, we are killing babies by the thousands every day in this country! Yes, there are many reasons why there is a work shortage and abortion is one of the main reasons! Since abortion was legalized on January 22, 1973, **62 million babies** as of January 22, 2022 have been aborted!

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OUR LADY OF GRACE Adoration News



Our Adoration Chapel opens
Wednesdays after 8:00am Mass, closes
Thursday at 1:00am-4:00am, reopens
Thursday from 4:00am-10:00pm . If case of
bad weather, please check the adoration
extension (ext. 50). If you are interested in
participating, call the Parish office or contact
Renee Johnson,
Gloria Janikula, or Marty Randall.

Eucharistic Adoration 9 PERSONAL DEVOTIONS

1. Ask the Saints for help
2. Read Scripture
3. Meditate
4. Read spiritual works
5. Ask for intercessions
6. Offer a holy hour
7. Write in a prayer journal
8. Pray spontaneously
9. Look and listen



Why do we bless holy and religious articles?

Now, to be "blessed" did not merely mean to be "set apart." It meant to be set apart for something. There is no virtue in simply being different. Israel was holy because it was set apart for the Lord. To be blessed (or to have an object blessed) is to be set apart for a purpose.

Another way to word it: To be blessed is to be set apart for God's purposes. It is not simply to be "removed from use," but to be "elevated to a higher purpose and use." You could also think of the term "consecrated." In this sense, you could see how certain people or things were "consecrated" for a purpose: how Samson and John the Baptist were both consecrated from the womb, or how the altar in the Temple was consecrated for the worship of God.

When we bring forth an object or a person to be blessed, we are presenting that person or thing to God so that (by the power of the Holy Spirit and the invocation of the name of Jesus), they would be set apart for God's purposes. For example, many people will ask me if I can bless their cross on a chain or a bracelet. When they bring it to me, it is merely jewelry. But after it is blessed, it ceases to be jewelry that is nothing more than an accessory to one's outfit: That object has been set apart for a purpose.

It will still be worn like jewelry, but the purpose for which it is worn has been changed **because the object has been consecrated for a higher purpose.** In the case of the cross around one's neck, the higher use is that it will, from then on, only point to Christ and his saving death and resurrection.

Why do we do this, though? Why bless all of these ordinary objects around us? We do this for the simple reason that we are very much like ancient Israel. **Our tendency is also to want to be just like everyone else. Having all of these reminders around us that have been consecrated to the Lord assists us and reminds us that we too have been consecrated to God.**

Think of part of the Mass on the feast day of St. Blaise, Feb. 3. On that day, faithful people show up and have their throats blessed. The prayer reads like this: "Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." It is a prayer for protection and healing.

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Knights of Columbus

A Catholic, Family, Fraternal Service Organization.

"Jesus came to serve, not to be served."

Matthew 20:28

Upcoming Events:

Winter Social Jan 28th 6:00pm KC Hall

General Meeting Feb 12 9:15am

DATE CHANGE for KC's General meeting April 16th at 9:15 (this replaced the April 9th meeting)

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But consider this: for a thing to be blessed is for that thing to be consecrated for a purpose. All of those who present themselves (and their throats) to be blessed are essentially offering their throats to be set apart for God's purposes.

Article taken from The Catholic Spirit, Written by Fr. Michael Schmitz December 6, 2018

Howard Lake Meals on Wheels

January 26 Darlene Mader

February 2 Steve & Judy Gagnon

February 9 Gloria & Duane Janikula



Thank you for volunteering to deliver a warm meal to those in need. Your service is SO appreciated!

Fr. O'Hotto's Article Continued from Page 1

Abortion has caused many problems in our society, including a lack of respect for the dignity of all human life! Look at all the shootings and violence that goes on every day in this country!

Yes, Saint Mother Teresa was spot on when she said: "Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching it's people how to love, but to use violence to get what they want!" How prophetic!

If you are able, attend the Pro-Life Rally at the Capitol at 2pm on January 22nd. If you can not attend, pray a rosary for the right to life of the unborn on Sunday, January 22nd. Keep praying and keep supporting Pro-Life organizations.

God expects us to protect life and to foster a respect for all human life. We can do that by supporting Pro-Life organizations. No woman should be made to feel that abortion is the solution to a pregnancy, including an untimely pregnancy. Help is available! For a pregnancy support center, call: Pro-Life Across America Hotline...1-800-366-7773. The National Life Center...1-800-848-LOVE or Birthright...1-800-550-4900.

And we can protect life and foster a respect for life by praying.

Father Ken O'Hotto
Your Pastor and Spiritual Father

January 2023 Ministry Schedule

	5:00 pm	8:00 am	10:30 am
Cross Bearer	Cathy Riebel	Volunteer	Patty Lehner
Altar Server	Derek DeWolfe	Larry Mader	Volunteer
Lector	Margaret Jordan	Paula LaVigne	Cathy Gulyas
Communion Ministry	Volunteer Mary Dongoski	Paula LaVigne Carol Wren	Bob Nowak Mary Nowak
Usher	Erick Peterson Cathy Riebel Volunteer Volunteer	Duane Janikula Richard Clark Volunteer Volunteer	Patty Lehner Kathy Hasse Volunteer Volunteer

Please contact the parish office if you are unable to fulfill your ministry for the month. Thank you

DAILY MASS SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for the week of January 22, 2023

Sunday: Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1,4, 13-14 (1a)/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 708a, 10, 11/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Tit 1:1-5/12/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Mk 4:35-41

Mass Times/Mass Intention 3rd Week of Ordinary Time

Monday, January 23rd *Day of Prayer for the Unborn*
8:00am.....† Alex Marketon

Tuesday, January 24th *St. Francis de Sales*
8:00am.....† Kenny Marketon

Wednesday, January 25th *Conversion of St. Paul*
8:00am† Shirley Marquette

Thursday, January 26th *Sts. Timothy and Titus*
5:00-5:20am.....Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:30pm.....† Irene Rozeske

Friday, January 27th *St. Angela Merici, Virgin*
8:00 am.....† Deceased Members of the
Bloms & Kroft families

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 28th
3:30-4:30pm.....Sacrament of Reconciliation
5:00pm.....† Bob Bleth

Sunday, January 29th
8:00 am.....† Sallie Bellicot
10:30 am..... St. Mary's

MONTHLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 22nd

Confirmation Class 9:05am
March for Life at Capitol
2:00pm

Tuesday, January 24th

Finance Meeting 6:00pm

Wednesday, January 25th

Bible Study 1:00pm
Faith Formation Grades 5-9
6:30pm

Thursday, January 26th

Woman's Book Study 7:00pm

Sunday, January 29th

Confirmation Parent Meeting 9:05am

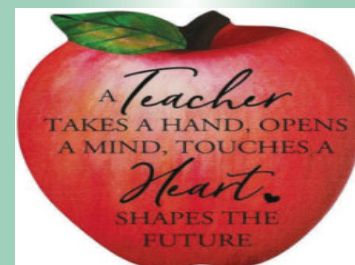
Wednesday, February 1st

Bible Study 1:00pm
Faith Formation Grades K-9 6:30pm (PSL Lessons)



January Prayer Intentions For educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.



Weekly Offering

January 15, 2023 Collection - \$9,039.25
Food Collection..... 12 lbs

January 8, 2023 Collection - \$6,683.02
Food Collection..... 20 lbs

*Average weekly collection needed per budget - \$6,985

Your financial contributions help maintain programs and ministries.

Thank you for your generosity and support of St. Mary's!

PRAYER CORNER

Updated Guidelines for Praying for the Sick

A) Names are placed on the prayer list for three weeks.

B) Names can be listed as often as one wishes, but the request must be renewed each time by calling the office 763-726-7300 ext 32 or email

stmaryswaverly@gmail.com

Remember In Your Prayers

Week One: Collin Pavlenko, Bill Jacobson, Ken Loebertmann, Mary Jacques

Week Two: Gordy Jacobson, Rosemary Jacobson, Suzie O'Connor, Lisa Sopkowiak, Lauren May

Week Three: Paul Dederichs



"A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer."

Pope Saint John Paul II,
Evangelium vitae, 100



Dear St. Mary's Parish Family,

We wanted to thank you very much for the **beautiful** quilt you gifted Gentry as we baptized him and welcomed him into the church. We really appreciate it and are delighted to have him be a part of St. Mary's.

Love,
Cam, Em & Gentry Lehner



PLEASE HELP!!

If you do not use the offertory envelopes that are mailed to you, please contact the parish office at ext. 21 to be removed from this list. Thank you!



Feeling disconnected? Every married couple deserves the gift of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend! The next weekends in this area will be held Feb 10-12, 2023 in Buffalo, MN and May 5-7, 2023 in Buffalo, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: twincitieswwme.org or contact Brent & Tracy at applications@twincitieswwme.org or 612-234-7440.

Marriage 
Encounter

Roe vs. Wade Anniversary

If you can find it in your hearts, please consider donating for a good cause. Please see list of items needed next to the large box in the gathering space during the months of January and February. Those items will help the courageous women choosing life over abortion for their unborn child. All donations will be given to Cornerstone in St. Michael. Please return by February 26th.

