November 18, 2018
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

This Week:
Saturday 11/17/18 5:30 pm Emily Maki
Sunday 11/18/18 8:30 am Jerry Gegare

Next Week:
Saturday 11/24/18 5:30 pm Henry Janasiak
Sunday 11/25/18 8:30 am Estelle Pioro

There will be no Thursday Evening Prayer this week.

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Baptisms
A class for both parents is required before the baptism of a child. Call the parish office.

Marriages
Registered, practicing members, call the pastor at least six months in advance to make arrangements.

Reconciliation:
Anytime by appointment

Parish Registration
Forms are available in the vestibule or contact the parish office.

Bulletin Notices
Due Fridays by noon.
POOR BOX:

Contributions to the Poor Box in November will be donated to the Fisher House, located on the grounds of the Milwaukee V.A. Medical Center. Fisher House facilities provide a comforting “home away from home” for military and veterans’ families to be close to a loved one during hospitalization for an illness, disease or injury. All of the monies required to build the house were raised through donations. There is no government funding to cover the cost of upkeep and salaries to keep it running. This is all done by donations. Your help is greatly appreciated. To learn more visit www.fisherhousewi.org.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE:

We have started a new partnership with North Side Food Pantry located in the Ministries at North Pointe (3825 Erie St.). The food pantry runs on Tuesday and Thursday from 2-4 pm. There are no restrictions on food donated. In addition, we are collecting personal care items and paper grocery bags. Collection barrels for food and bags are located in the vestibule.

Special needs are:

- Jelly, Jam, Preserves and Peanut Butter
- Canned meat
- Beef Stew
- Canned Salmon
- Cereal for Kids
- Canned spaghetti (ravioli & Spaghettio’s)
- Bar soap
- Laundry soap
- Dish soap

At this time, the Food Pantry is NOT in need of plastic bags. However, paper grocery bags are still needed.

The Food Bank has what is called a BIRTHDAY BAG. You fill a paper grocery bag with items for the family to be able to celebrate a loved one’s special day, such as cake mix, frosting, candles, small paper plates and napkins. Please mark the bag "BIRTHDAY BAG".

Reminder:

Food Pantry workers are reminded to report to Ministries at North Pointe at 1:30 pm on Tuesday, November 20, to work at the food pantry from 2 - 4 pm.

If you cannot fulfill your scheduled date and time, please secure a substitute!

Remember to dress appropriately for your ministry.
Thank you!

New Ministry Scheduling
January through April, 2019

Please contact the parish office by December 3 with dates that you are not available to serve. Anyone wishing to be added to the list as a Greeter, Reader or Eucharistic Minister, please call the parish office at 639-3616.
Financial Update

Contribution Envelopes $2205.43
Cash Offerings 238.00
Total $2443.43

The operating expense for St. Mary by the Lake is $3,700 weekly. God bless each of you!!

Attention Lectors! Please pick up your 2019 copy of the Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word located in the vestibule.

Thursday Prayer Evenings at St. Mary by the Lake are from 5 pm until 8 pm, as needed. The format is:

5:30pm - 6:00pm - Rosary is prayed by those present.
6:00pm - 6:20pm - The topic of the week's teaching is shared.
6:20pm - 6:30pm - The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy is prayed.
6:30pm - 7:00pm - Shared Prayer service incorporating the Spiritual Communion prayer
7:00pm - 8:00pm - Quiet Reflection - church remains open for silent, soul-refreshing individual prayer.

Thursday Prayer Evening will not be held on Thursday, November 22.

THANKSGIVING EVE LITURGY will take place on Wednesday, November 21 beginning at 6:30 pm. As part of giving thanks for the blessings we have received, attendees are encouraged to take part in the offertory procession, bringing forward gifts of non-perishable food items and monetary donations to benefit the food pantry we support. After this special liturgy be sure to enjoy the refreshments that will be served in the Education Center as we continue to give thanks with our parish neighbors. (There are no classes on this date.)

It’s time once again to purchase a lovely poinsettia plant to grace our church this Christmas season. Pick up an envelope in the vestibule and place it in the collection basket along with your payment of $32. Thirty plants have been ordered and will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. Return envelopes by December 16.

Remember a loved one - living or deceased - with a beautiful plant this Christmas.

Faith Formation News

- **Sunday, November 18:**
  Classes 7-HS 9:30 - 11:00 am

- **Wednesday, November 21:**
  No Classes

- **Wednesday, November 28:**
  Classes K-6 5:30 - 6:45 pm

**Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained** is a vibrant, relevant program to re-evangelize and reinvigorate practicing Catholics. The faith compelling sessions of this bold series guides believers through the breadth and richness of their Catholic faith. Ten weekly sessions will be held in the Parish Education Center beginning Tuesday, October 2, at 1 pm.

The Seventh Annual **Breakfast with Santa** is coming, Saturday, December 1, 9:00 - 11:00 am. Volunteer sign up sheets are in the vestibule. Turn in your reservation by November 25.

The Giving Tree for the Veterans Home in Union Grove is up. The tags on the tree have the names of residents at the Veterans Home and suggested gifts with sizes. Please take a name tag off the tree, purchase a gift for the person, bring the gift back to church wrapped or in a gift bag with the tag attached, no later than December 9. Your generosity at this time of year will bring joy to others less fortunate this Christmas.

Thank you to Cele Slaughter and Andy, Karen & Samantha Veselik who helped with the St. Monica’s Bingo Party on Sunday, November 11. Mark your calendars for the next one, Sunday, January 13. Come and join the fun. Questions? Call Lynn Urban, 262-639-9105

“Thank you” to all who attended the Chili/Family Supper on Saturday, November 10, and offered a good will offering. Your free will offering of $220.00 will be used for youth programming and activities here at St. Mary by the Lake.
When admitted to the hospital, you should do two things.
- First, tell the hospital staff that you are Catholic and want to receive communion.
- Second, have them inform your parish.

“My marriage needs help.”
Are you and your spouse arguing? Stressed? Too busy? Growing complacent? Suffering a crisis in the family? Struggling with addictions or mental health issues? Do you find yourself falling out of love?
The Archdiocese of Milwaukee has given special training to several of our permanent deacons who are married and understand the ongoing work of keeping a marriage healthy. We call them FIRST RESPONDERS in marriage care.
The First Responders are here to help you, your spouse and your marriage in a confidential, caring environment, and at no cost to couples. Contact Deacon Bob, to share your story, assess your current difficulties and formulate an action plan to start you on the path to rebuild your relationship.

St. Matthew - Oak Creek, www.stmattio.org
Email: parish@stmattio.org
9303 S. Chicago Rd.  414-762-4200
Mass Schedule: Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am
T,Th & F 7:45 am
Office Hours:  9 am - 4 pm, M-Th
8 am - Noon, F

Please join Deacon John and Laurie Stodola for Advent prayer services during the four Sundays of Advent. They will take place in the Little Brick Church at 4 pm each of the four Sundays.

Programs at Siena Retreat Center, 5637 Erie St., Racine - call 262-898-2590 for more info or visit www.SienaRetreatCenter.org and click on Retreat Programs.

Advent Day of Solitude, Sunday, Dec. 9, 10:30 am-4:30 pm, Jennifer Grant and Andrea Hug. Through this Advent day of quiet, refresh your spirit by creating your own prayer day and schedule with opportunities for nature walks, reading, contemplative prayer, spiritual direction, and creative expression. Cost: $35, includes $10 non-refundable deposit, noon dinner and spiritual direction appointment, if desired.

Heralds of Advent: An Advent Day of Reflection, Saturday, Dec. 15, 9:00am-3:00pm, Joseph Marco and Fr. Allen Bratkowski. During our time together we will prayerfully reflect on the visits by heavenly messengers that came to Mary, Joseph and the shepherds. They will guide us as we ponder how we too can be heralds of God’s grace and mercy to others. The opportunity to express your creative response using acrylic paints will be included. No prior art experience is required. Cost: $55, includes $10 non-refundable deposit, supplies and noon meal.

St. Paul's Movie Night ~
Showing "I Can Only Imagine", Monday, November 19th at 6:00 pm in Fr. Cox hall. This movie tells the painful true story behind MercyMe's Singer Bart Millard, his complicated relationship with his abusive father, and how he turns his life over to God. Rated PG. Refreshments and popcorn will be served. Hope to see you there

Advent Mini-Retreats: Older People in the Christmas Stories
Please join Fr. Ron Gramza for a series of 3 Advent mini-retreats which will focus on the roles of Zachariah and Elizabeth, Joseph and the Magi, and Simeon and Anna, some of whom might be labeled as 'Senior Citizens'. What do their experiences say to us? How can their experiences help us be prepared for Christmas?

Our Advent mini-retreats will take place on the Thursdays of Advent: Dec. 6th, 13th and 20th in the new meeting room at St. Lucy Parish. We will meet at 9:00 am and the sessions will last for an hour to an hour and a half. Hope you can join us in this preparation for Christmas. Attend one or all!

St. Lucy, 3101 Drexel Ave, Racine, WI
Use South Church Entrance.