



He has risen!

HAPPY EASTER!

Weekly Update | April 4, 2021

Easter Sunday



Save Your Seat for Easter

We are requiring reservations for in-person Easter morning Masses only. No reservation required for the Easter Vigil. Call the parish office at 739-5119 or visit stmaryparish.org to reserve your seat.

Let's Decorate!

Join us to decorate the church, chapel, and community room for Easter this Saturday at 8:00am. Everyone is welcome to help us get ready to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection

Welcome Back

We are happy to see many of you returning to in-person worship! As the vaccine becomes available to more members of our community, we expect Masses to return to our familiar vibrant celebrations. When you're ready, we can't wait to see you again! For your continued safety, know that we are still sanitizing between services, social distancing, and requiring masks.

St. Joseph Food Program Collection – April 10/11

This time, we're looking for boxed meals such as macaroni & cheese or Hamburger Helper, instant potatoes, rice, or anything that can be used to make a casserole. There will be a collection cart in the Marian Way. Nothing glass, perishable, or past its expiration date please. Thank you for your care and generosity!

Prayer Shawls

The St. Mary/St. Joseph Prayer Shawl Ministry has been busy making and blessing Prayer Shawls for anyone who is ill, in the hospital, having a rough time, or otherwise in need of some warmth and love. Stop in the parish office during business hours or ask an usher at a weekend Mass to pick one up for someone you know - or yourself! *Want to help make prayer shawls? The prayer shawl group meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1pm at St. Joseph in Rooms L12 & L14.*

A Grateful & Blessed Family

Ripples of God's Love - Through Our Hearts - To All Hearts!

St. Mary Parish Support			
March 2021	Budget	Received	Variance
received 3/22- 3/26/2021		8,167	
March- month to date:	68,000	70,282	2,282
7/1/20-3/31/2021			
Fiscal Year To Date :	682,000	631,205	-50,795



Mass Attendance

In an effort to help you determine your safest options, we are providing Mass attendance numbers from the previous week. For reference, our church capacity at 25% is 120.

Monday, 5:30 pm (17)	Saturday, 4:30 pm (104)
Tuesday, 5:30 pm (12)	Sunday, 7:45 am (83)
Wednesday, 12:05 pm (40)	9:45 am (135)
Thursday, 12:05 pm (41)	6:30 pm (33)

In Loving Memory

Please pray for families who have lost a loved one. May fond memories comfort you at this time. If you have lost a loved one and would like them to be remembered in the bulletin, call the parish office at 739-5119.

Prayer Requests

Contact Luanne Witthuhn (dlaawi@gmail.com) or Ann Walkowski (920-428-0969) if you have a prayer need. Please remember the requests in our prayer baskets.

Mass Times

Mon., April 5, 5:30pm
Tue., April 6, 5:30pm
Wed., April 7, 12:05pm
Thur., April 8, 12:05pm
Sat., April 10, 4:30pm
Sun., April 11, 7:45am
9:45am
6:30pm

Intentions

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Parishioners of St. Mary
Gary Malchow Family
Amy & Harry Boardman
Ruth Brantmeier
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Janice Mercier
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UPDATE! COVID-19 Safety Protocols

We are encouraged by the increasing number of people in our community who are able to receive the vaccine! The Diocese of Green Bay has given direction that taking temperatures is now an optional practice for parishes. Based on this directive, we will have discontinued temperature taking. Please continue to monitor your personal health. If you have a temperature, other symptoms, or aren't feeling well, stay home.

Mask wearing, hand sanitizing, and social distancing will continue to be required for Mass and all other parish activities.

Happy Easter!

Please note: the parish office will be closed on Monday, April 5 for the Easter holiday. Have a safe and joyous Easter!

Events Calendar

Monday, April 5

Parish office closed

7:00pm Boy Scouts/St. Anne Room

Tuesday, April 6

1:00pm St. Mary & St. Joseph Prayer Shawl Group @ St. Joseph, L12 &L14

2:00pm Rosary Group/Chapel

6:00pm Quilting Group/St. Anne Room

7:00pm Pastoral Council Meeting/virtual

Wednesday, April 7

12:35pm Holy Hour/Church (following 12:05pm Mass)

Thursday, April 8

4:00pm Beacon Church Search/Church

Friday, April 9

St. Joseph Food Program Collection

Parish office closed

Saturday, April 10

St. Joseph Food Program Collection

9:00am Confessions/Chapel

6:30pm Confirmation Small Groups/Community Room

Sunday, April 11

11:00am RCIA/Community Room

6:00pm Beacon - Middle School/virtual

7:00pm Beacon - High School/virtual

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Marriage

Congratulations! Contact Fr. Bill at least 6 months before your planned wedding date.

Baptism

Congratulations! Contact the parish office for information.

Confession

Sat. 9-10am and Tues. 6:15-7:15pm (except for the 1st Tuesday of the month)

St. Mary Parish Office

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Monday – Thursday, 8:30am-4:30pm

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In Joy & Sorrow with guest columnist Emily Jenks

Our human nature has a particular way of connecting dates with memories. Oftentimes we carry these dates as personal timestamps in our heart, only to be shared with the closest of family and friends. We also have those dates we collect as a nation; 9/11 or Pearl Harbor Day. As we round out the middle of March and the end of Lent, I can't help but think of the collective timestamp we all are passing through globally. As I've looked at the days on the calendar this month, I've thought of the last big gathering with big hugs, the last time I celebrated Mass with my church family (I even remember the dress I wore!) and the last time I went to work in "normal" fashion.

Early in the pandemic, I kept a photo journal of my experiences. Of course there are photos to document the empty shelves of food, all the things I baked, and once in a lifetime gas prices. It also helped me reminisce on the surge of love in our neighborhood and community; a box of water marked "free for homeless", notes of encouragement on sidewalks, and a sign in my neighbor's yard proclaiming "Jesus has risen" on Easter morning. We were experiencing an unprecedented time of coming together in the midst of a great darkness.

Reflecting back through my photos and the year, I think about how much we've been through as individuals and collectively since those early days of the pandemic. At times it has been difficult to love our neighbor, let alone a stranger. It can be tempting to think those spontaneous acts of love and unity we witnessed were as once in a lifetime as the gas prices we saw.

One of my favorite parts of our great Easter story are the women at the tomb. They had been with Jesus throughout His ministry, witnessing His great miracles, seeing and hearing His love and compassion. I imagine they worked quietly in the background, tending to the small details in love and compassion and helping His mission to unfold. We know their faithfulness brought them to the cross with Jesus, to His tomb where they wept.

I can imagine they wanted to go back to the "surges" of love seen in the miracles of Jesus or in His words as He taught to the great multitude, but they made the choice to press on to the tomb. Their willingness to follow and tend to Jesus, no matter where he went, even in death, led them to that glorious Easter morning, and seeing Him resurrected and in the flesh once again.

As we enter this Holy Week and Easter, I pray we can emulate the faithfulness of Mary Magdalene and the other women at the tomb, choosing to press on - into the light of the resurrection. That we can be steadfast and faithful in our acts of love to our neighbors, great and small, regardless of circumstance or worldly condition, so we can spread the Easter message and joy to everyone we meet.

-Emily Jenks
Minister of Neighborhood Outreach &
Parish Vitality



Holy Week & Easter

Holy Thursday
April 1 | 7pm
in-person &
livestreamed

PALM SUNDAY

IN-PERSON

March 27
4:30pm

March 28
7:45am
9:45am
6:30pm

LIVESTREAMED

Sunday
9:45am

*Worshipping at home?
Pick up palms at church
on Saturday, March 27.*

GOOD FRIDAY

— April 2, 2021 —

"For this I was born . . ."

in-person 12:15pm & 6:30pm
livestreamed @ 12:15pm



Holy Saturday
April 3 | 8pm
in-person &
livestreamed

EASTER SUNDAY

in-person 7:45am, 9:45am & 11:45am
livestreamed @ 9:45am

*save your seat for in-person Easter
morning Mass @ stmaryparish.org*





WORSHIP AT HOME

Alleluia

Palm Sunday

- watch livestream
- get palms at church beginning Saturday, March 27, or make paper palms at home

Holy Thursday

- watch livestream
- do a simple foot or hand washing ceremony with your family at home

Good Friday

- watch livestream
- fast
- consider fasting from screens between 12 noon & 3pm (the time Jesus hung on the cross)

Holy Saturday

- watch livestream
- put a candle or tealight in your front window

Easter Sunday

- watch livestream
- renew your baptismal promises with water
- decorate your yard - get creative
- CELEBRATE!





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our Easter Flower & Environment fund.*

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In Memory Of

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