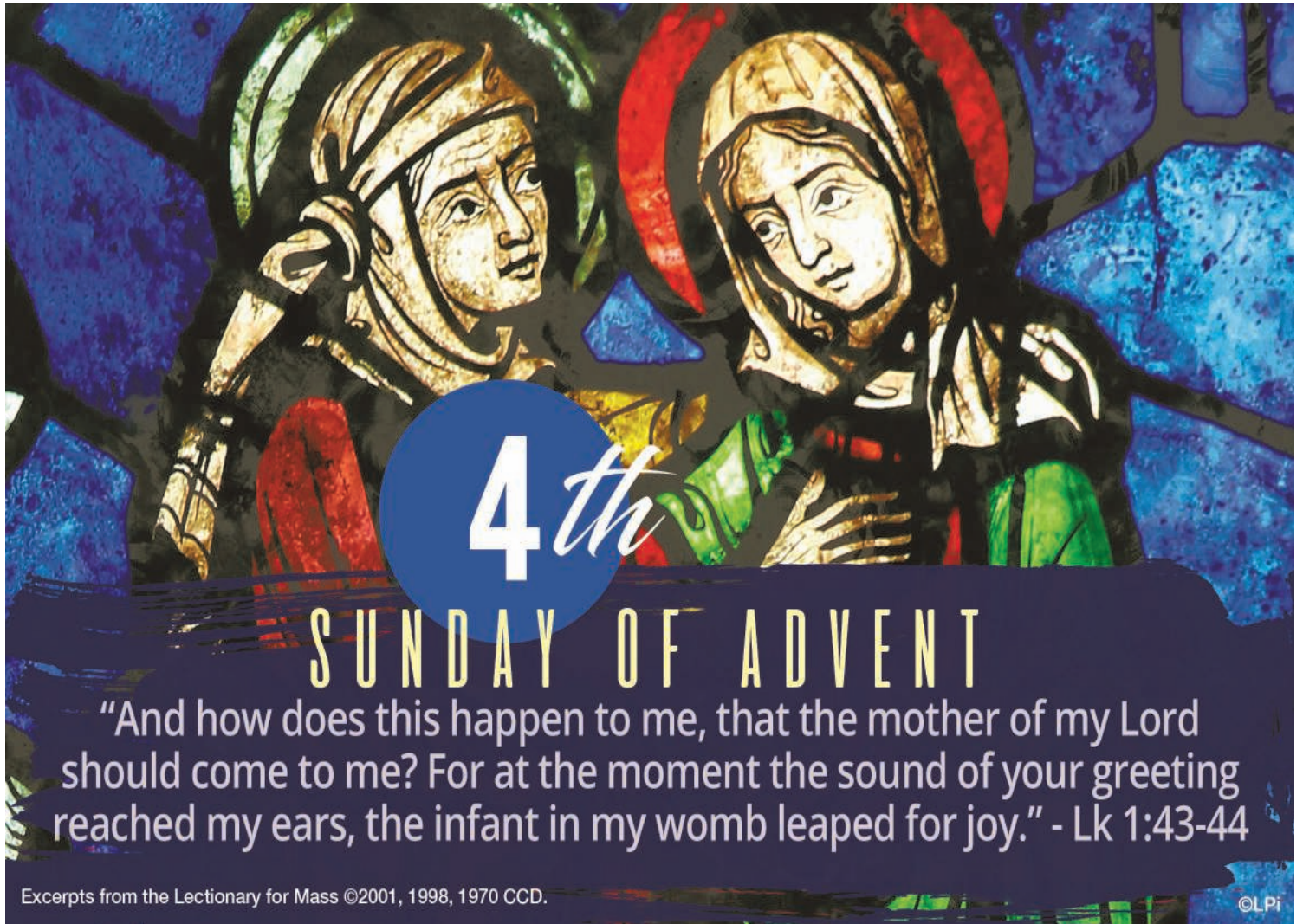


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December 23, 2018



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Masses

Weekdays: Monday thru Thursday—8:30 a.m.
Adoration on Saturday—9:00 a.m.
Saturday—5:00 p.m.
Sunday—8:30 and 10:30 a.m.
Holy Rosary is prayed in the Chapel 30 minutes
before each weekend Mass
Bulletin articles are due by 8:00 a.m. Monday
Reconciliation: Saturday 4:00 p.m. and by
appointment
Weddings by appointment, please notify Pastor
at least four months prior
Baptism every month - Call Parish Office
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Faith, Friends and Fun!

Camp Gray is the Catholic Summer Camp and year-round retreat center of the Diocese of Madison, WI.

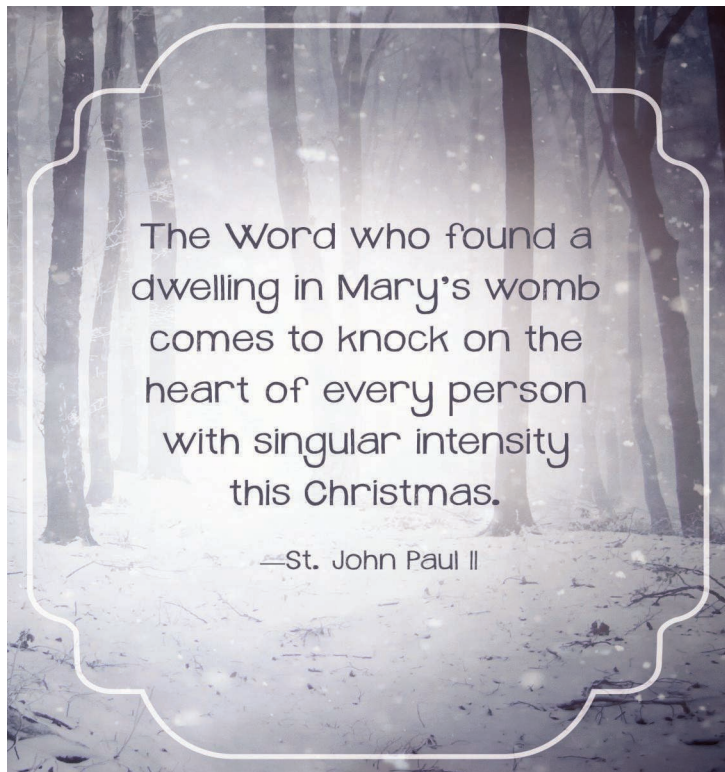
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Family Camp-Looking for a faith-filled adventure for your family? Check out our annual Family Camp! Held each summer over Labor Day Weekend, the 3-day, 2-night stay will rival all other family trips you've been on. Experience the faith, friends and fun of Camp Gray...with the whole family.

Summer Camp-We offer 8 1-week sessions and 2 shorter sessions of Summer Camp for campers in grades 2-12. There are a wide variety of programs from the traditional camp program to wilderness trips off camp. Each program is designed to be developmentally appropriate for the age of the campers.



Learn more about Camp Gray and the various options at campgray.com.



The Word who found a dwelling in Mary's womb comes to knock on the heart of every person with singular intensity this Christmas.

—St. John Paul II

Need a Last-Minute Christmas Gift?

The beautiful Sister Parish Note Cards make a lovely gift. They feature original artwork by parishioner Tammi Benishek. Each of five different pictures depicts the statues in St. Benedict in Ilungu, Tanzania, plus the statue of Mary, Our Mother of Africa in Washington DC. A description is on the back of each card. Your purchase supports St. Benedict Parish, our very poor Sister Parish.



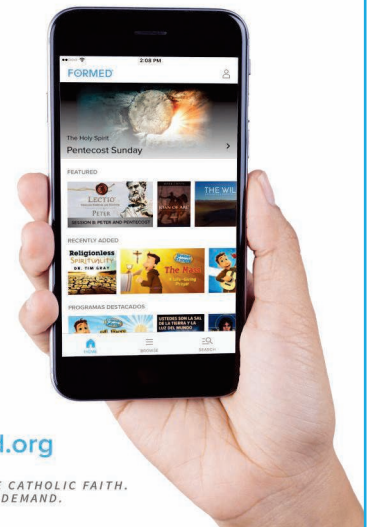
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For the Week of December 24

Christmas Masses

Monday	4:00 p.m.	† Roman Michalski
	6:30 p.m.	Members of the Parish
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	† Fr. Art Koth
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	† Novena of Masses for Mothers
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	† Novena of Masses for Mothers
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	† Betty Mertens
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	† Novena of Masses for Mothers
	10:30 a.m.	† Members of the Parish

Rosary in Chapel 30 minutes before each Mass

Readings of the Week ©LPI

Monday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

Tuesday: *Vigil:* Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Wednesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Friday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Get the News

Each week the *Catholic Herald* gives its readers a Catholic perspective on national and international news with articles from Catholic News Service. The *Catholic Herald* also keeps readers up to date locally with coverage of events happening around the Diocese of Madison.

Learn more about your Catholic faith by reading the *Catholic Herald*. If you do not subscribe but wish to receive the *Catholic Herald* print or new e-Edition in your home, contact your parish office.



Pastor's Blog

As the final Sunday of Advent, our theme this weekend is Mary who was chosen to be Mother of God. We believe that she was born free from sin and was assumed into heaven. While once denied, many segments of Protestant clergy now honor Mary with a special place in God's plan for her in the Incarnation of Christ. Theirs is genuine but a little nuanced compared to our belief as Mother of God.

This is not true with most evangelical Christians who deny special honor to Mary. They likely do not believe that she was a virgin but just another woman who had a very small place in God's plan. They maintain that she receives little attention in the New Testament.

Our Old Testament Reading this weekend speaks of the coming Messiah and His birth at Bethlehem – then a forgotten city – the City of King David. There will come “the time when she who is to give birth has borne, and the rest of his kingdom shall return to the children of Israel.”

Our Gospel reading this weekend has four players: Elizabeth, Mary, Grace Incarnate, and John the Baptist. The relationship of Mary and Elizabeth we once called “cousins.” “Cousin” is a modern term. Elizabeth and Mary might have belonged to the same clan. This is a large group of people who would not necessarily be close relatives though they share a common ancestry. Mary would have traveled to help her kinswoman.

“The infant leaped in her womb . . . and she cried out ‘blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb’.” Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit as “the infant leaped in [her] womb for joy.”

On Monday at sunset we begin to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Throughout Advent we prepared for His coming. We heard the ancient prophets predict His coming. He would redeem Israel. He would establish a kingdom. God would send his only Son to become like us in all things but sin.

In just a few hours we will celebrate the Birth of Jesus. He wasn't born in a royal castle. People, with the exception of some shepherds, did not flock to see Him. He was born just as thousands of babies were born in lowly circumstances. About 30 years later He was to preach that the Kingdom of God was at hand. He was truly God made Man.

-- Fr. Steve

Weekly Schedule ©LPI

Liturgical Ministers December 29-30

MONDAY, December 24

4:00 p.m. Mass
6:30 p.m. Mass

TUESDAY, December 25

Merry Christmas
9:00 a.m. Mass

WEDNESDAY, December 26

8:30 a.m. Mass

THURSDAY, December 27

8:30 a.m. Mass

FRIDAY, December 28

SATURDAY, December 29

8:30 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
5:00 p.m. Mass

SUNDAY, December 30

8:30 a.m. Mass
9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
10:30 a.m. Mass

Upcoming Mass Information

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day)

Monday, December 31, 5 p.m.
Tuesday, January 1, 9 a.m.

Epiphany

Saturday, January 5, 5 p.m.
Sunday, January 6, 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Hurting from Abortion ... Healing is possible

Are you or a loved one carrying the sorrow and regret from abortion? Whether recent or long ago ... God is waiting ... Healing is possible. Upcoming Rachel's Vineyard retreat, March 8 - 10. Confidentiality assured. Contact Mary 608-221-9593, www.madison-diocese.org/rachel.

CTK Book Club

Join the CTK book club and read *The Girl You Left Behind* by JoJo Moyes. Come to the discussion on Monday, January 7 in the St. Joachim room at 6:30 and share your thoughts on the book. Books are currently available and ready to be checked out in the parish office Monday-Thursday from 7:30-4:00.



SATURDAY 5:00 PM MASS

Commentator: Carol Barbieri
Lector: **Volunteer**
Server: Rollie Budnar
EMHC Captain: Tim Benishek
Hospitality: Anita O'Keefe
Jim Hickey
Gift Bearers: Gerber Family
Social: No Social
Scrip: Cindy Weber

SUNDAY 8:30 AM MASS

Commentator: Elaine Krause
Lector: Ariel Webber
Server: Vince Wagner
EMHC Captain: Sandy Bakk
Hospitality: Fred Schwartz
Don Tofte
Bill Ziech
Dave Ziech
Gift Bearers: HellerFamily
Social: No Social
Scrip: Susan Dietzel

SUNDAY 10:30 AM MASS

Commentator: Mike Friedel
Lector: Mike Poquette
Server: Mike Friedel
EMHC Captain: Julie Allington
Hospitality: Bill Mulhearn
Bob O'Donnell
Al Orvis
Gift Bearers: Maldonado Family
Social: No Social
Scrip: Deb Bergen
Nursery: Closed

It's Not Too Late to...Scrip It!

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Christmas Dinner Prayer

Loving God and Father of us all, we joyfully celebrate the birth of your Son, the eternal Word who came to dwell with us and is born this day of the Virgin Mary. May the meal we share on this great feast satisfy us not only with the good food you give us, but also grace us with the fullness of your love, which you bestowed on our human nature when your Son took on our very flesh. May we come to share completely in your divine life through the coming of your Son among us. May his self-giving love be made manifest in our hearts so that the joy of our Christmas feast may extend beyond our family and home to touch the lives of others with the love that makes this day holy and makes us all children of one family in you. Amen.

Merry Christmas

Loving God, Help us remember the birth of Jesus,
that we may share in the song of the angels,
the gladness of the shepherds,
and worship of the wise men.

Amen.

-Robert Louis Stevenson



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