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January 1, 2023 | Mary, the Holy Mother of God



Mary
kept all these things,
reflecting on them
in her heart.

~ Luke 2:19

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MASS SCHEDULE

-Mondays, Tuesdays,
Thursdays, Fridays: 8:30 am;
-Wednesdays: 6:30 pm;
-Saturdays: 4:30 pm;
-Sundays: 8:30 & 10:30 am

PARISH OFFICE

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*May our Lord bless
you in this New Year
with His peace and
His joy.*



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Mass Intentions

Sat., Dec. 31	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
4:30 pm	Ed & Jean Pilgrim
Sun., Jan. 1	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
8:30 am	For the Parishioners
10:30 am	Jeffrey Gonterman
Mon., Jan. 2	Sts. Basil & Gregory Nazianzen
8:30 am	Robert Voss, Sr.
Tues., Jan. 3	Christmas Weekday
8:30 am	Helen Nagy
Wed., Jan. 4	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
6:30 pm	Special Intention
Thur., Jan. 5	St. John Neumann
8:30 am	Charles Calhoon
Fri., Jan. 6	Christmas Weekday
8:30 am	Jill Lefringhouse
Sat., Jan. 7	Christmas Weekday
4:30 pm	Noah Rogers (L)
Sun., Jan. 8	The Epiphany of the Lord
8:30 am	Ken Dulle
10:30 am	For the Parishioners

Prayer Requests

The sick: Conor Vogel, Keita Salantai, Mary Wagner, Charlie Mattingly, Noah Rogers, Becky Gray, Marguerite Hufker, Maxine Calhoon, Gloria Matthews, Vi Perkhiser, Elli Wiemers, Toni Stanford, Peggy Ruhmann, Bea Albarado, Audrey Wolff, Lisa Curtis, Brooke Randolph Carden, Pam Kaizer, Karen Simpson, Jenniffer Stout, Brittany Witt, Greg Weber, Ken Mauro, Sandi Goodman, Lizzie Malmevik, Pat Friedel, Mary Friedel, Nancy Tiek, Kristin Brunstein, Mark Jordan, Kevin Saul, Deborah Walker, Ron & Renee Harshbarger, Joyce Ventimiglia. **For prayer requests in the bulletin, call the parish office, 377-6519. For prayer requests to the email prayer chain, send to Marie at rejoy128@gmail.com.**



Prayer Group

Next Gathering: January 10, 6:30 pm in church

Attention All Ladies of the Parish

Please join other ladies of our parish for a gathering on **Thursday, January 5**, 6:00 pm, church basement. Please bring a snack. (If this is your first time coming, don't bring anything. We will treat you.) Don't forget to **bring a friend!** If you have any questions, call Linda Zacha, 377-5725.

Please Note

The parish office will be closed Monday, January 2 and will reopen for normal hours, Tuesday, January 3.

SCHOOL NEWS

The Next PSA Family Fun Night is **Friday, January, 13th** in the school gym from 6-7:30 pm. All school families and PSR families are invited to attend.

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to wish all of you a Happy, Safe, and Holy New Year. With a New Year we always start to think about how we did during the previous year—how we grew in our faith—how we grew in our family relations —how we treated other people. Sometimes we can say to ourselves that we did fairly well, and at other times we see that we fell short of the mark. Whichever way we see how we did, we know that we can always do better. Let us dedicate ourselves during this New Year of Grace 2023 that we will always put our best effort forward. May the Blessings of God be with all of you and our parish family!

Fr. Tom

**HAPPY
New Year**

Christmas Poinsettia Memorials

(Additional Memorials)

Bartosiak & Gonterman Families
By Lee & Sharon Gonterman
Berner & Simpson Families
By Ruth Berner & Family
Deceased members of the Forehand, Rolando, Myer and Fengel Families
By Paul Myer Family
Ed & Audrey Friedel
By Steve & Sue Vogel
Georgi Kannall
By Jim Kannall
Cliff Lee
By Robin Friedrich
Frank Visser
By Dorothy Visser
Charlie Votrubá
By Jeannie Votrubá
Leonard & Sylvestra Werner
By Cindy Helmkamp
George Wilson, Jean Garber, Susan Quirk
By Sandra Wilson

Sunday Offerings

Week 25	Dec. 17-18, 2022	Total to Date
Loose	\$440.00	\$11,416.68
Envelopes	\$17,633.86	\$226,404.07
On Line Giving	\$3,293.00	\$80,720.00
Young People	\$0.00	\$61.93
Total	\$21,366.86	\$318,602.68
Operating Budget	\$14,545.47	\$363,636.75
Tithe to Diocese	\$1,384.62	\$34,615.50
Difference	\$5,436.77	(\$79,649.57)

Total Envelopes Received: 138
Building Maintenance Fund Donations: \$0.00
Other Charitable Donations: \$610.00

January 1, 2023

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Liturgical Roles

4:30 pm	Jan. 7
Rosary	Teresa Toner
Lector	Teresa Toner
E. Ministers	Bob Sulsberger, Tim Zacha
Ushers	Dee Oller, Stacy Dooling
Servers	Joe & Cathy Gulash
Music	2 Volunteers Needed
8:30 am	Jan. 8
Rosary	Marie DeClue
Lector	Ann Payne
E. Ministers	Marie DeClue, Brenda Zacha
Ushers	Susan Smith, Carol Beste
Servers	Jim & Judy Griffith
Music	2 Volunteers Needed
10:30 am	Jan. 8
Lector	Alyssa Smith
E. Ministers	Sheila Smith, Brad Fulk
Ushers	Kathy Wilson, Diane Waldo
Servers	Tim & Tammy Sasek
Music	2 Volunteers Needed
	Praise Team

SCRIP Sellers

January 7-8

4:30	Bea Albarado
8:30	Terri Zykan
10:30	Sharon Gonterman



AUCTION NEWS

OLQP Auction tickets are now on sale in the school and parish offices. Get ready for a 80's & 90's , Glam & Grunge night out of fun . Tickets are \$35 each or \$280 for a table of 8. This year we have 1 VIP table available to purchase. It costs \$500 and includes wristbands that get you a fast pass to the buffet line and bar, special snacks, and dessert at your table. Email cwoodiel@olqpbethalto.org to reserve the VIP table.

World Marriage Day – Save the Date!

On Sunday, February 12, 2023, at 2:30 pm., Auxiliary Bishop Mark S. Rivituso will celebrate a Mass for World Marriage Day at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, 4431 Lindell Blvd. St. Louis, MO. A reception will follow in Bolland Hall. All married couples are invited to attend and celebrate the gift of marriage. World Marriage Day honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family – the basic unit of society. It emphasizes the faithfulness, sacrifice and joy of daily married life. World Marriage Day started in Baton Rouge, LA in 1981 and was later adopted by Worldwide Marriage Encounter who now is sponsoring this event on February 12th.

A Meditation on the Readings

The following reflection is courtesy of Don Schwager@ 2022. Don's website is located at: dailyscripture.net

What's the significance of a name? For the Jewish people the giving of a name had great importance. When a name was given it represented what that person should be in the future. An unknown name meant that someone could not be completely known. To not acknowledge someone's name meant both denial of the person, destruction of their personality, and change in their destiny. A person's name expressed the reality of his or her being at its deepest level. A Jewish male child was named at the time of circumcision, eight days after birth. This rite was instituted by God as an outward sign to single out those who belonged to the chosen people (Genesis 17:10-12). It was a sign of the covenant that God made with Abraham and his posterity.

Jesus - the eternal Son of God who was born of a woman to become our Savior In fulfilment of this precept, Mary's newborn child is given the name Jesus on the eighth day according to the Jewish custom. Joseph and Mary gave the name Jesus because that is the name given by God's messenger before Jesus was conceived in Mary's womb (Luke 1:31, Matthew 1:21). This name signifies Jesus' identity and his mission. The literal Hebrew means the Lord saves. Since God alone can forgive sins and free us from death, it is God who, in Jesus his eternal Son became a man to offer up his life as the atoning sacrifice to save his people from their sins (Matthew 1:21). The son that Mary bore is both God and man - the "Word who was God" (John 1:1) and who "became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14). That is why Mary is not only called the mother of the Christ (the Greek word for Messiah in Hebrew) but also the mother of God or Theotokos in Greek which literally means "God bearer."

Jesus - the name above every other name In the birth and naming of this child we see the wondrous design and plan of God in giving us a Savior who would bring us grace (the gift of God's favor), mercy, and freedom from the power of sin and the fear of death. The name Jesus signifies that the very name of God is present in the person of his Son who became man for our salvation. Peter the Apostle exclaimed that there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved (Acts 2:12). In the name of Jesus demons flee, cripples walk, the blind see, the deaf hear, and the dead are raised. His name is exalted far above every other name (Philippians 2:9-11).

The name Jesus is at the heart of all Christian prayer. It is through and in Jesus that we pray to the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit. Many Christians have died with one word on their lips, the name of Jesus. Do you exalt the name of Jesus and pray with confidence in his name?

"Lord Jesus Christ, I exalt your name above every other name. For in you I have pardon, mercy, grace and victory over sin and death. You humbled yourself for my sake and for the sake of all sinners by sharing in our humanity and by dying on the cross. Help me to always praise your holy name and to live for your greater glory."



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