

From the Pastor's desk
*Solemnity:
Mary, the Holy Mother
of God
January 1, 2023*



If you ever visit the Basilica of Our Lady Help of Christians in the northern Italian city of Turin, toward the back of the Church you will find a painting depicting a famous dream of the basilica's builder, St. John Bosco. At the center of the painting is a great flagship in the midst of a ferocious battle at sea. The ship is surrounded by a large enemy fleet bombarding it with cannon balls and incendiary bombs and ramming their sharp prows into its side. A man dressed in white stands at the tip of the ship's bow attempting to guide it safely to the shore. Separated by a distance equal to the width of the ship are two tall pillars through which the ship must pass to arrive at the shore. On the top of one of the pillars is an image of Mary with the words "Help of Christians" written below; on the top of the other is a large white communion host, with the words, "Salvation of the Faithful" beneath it. Each time an enemy ship succeeds in creating a gash in the side of the flagship a breeze arriving from the pillars patches up the hole. At one point, according to the text of the dream, the captain in white falls down wounded and dies, and the men in the enemy ships cheer and rejoice. Almost right away, however, the other men on the flagship elect a new captain, also dressed in white, who rises up immediately to continue to guide the ship to safety. The battle continues to rage fiercely, but the new captain succeeds in steering the ship between the two pillars, bringing it into port. As soon as it is anchored to the two columns all of the enemy ships that had fought against it flee away, colliding against each other and breaking to pieces. Suddenly, the waters are still, and a great calm reign over the sea. Contained within this painting are images similar to those which the Church proposes today for our contemplation as we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, which coincides with the World Day of Peace, and comes at the conclusion of the octave of Christmas. St. John Bosco, a man gifted with many prophetic dreams during his life, saw the scene depicted in this painting one night in May of 1862. He understood the flagship as an image of the Church, the captain in white as a symbol of the Holy Father, and the enemy ships as representative of enemies of the Church subjecting her to persecution. The two pillars and the images resting on them represent the protection and help that Jesus and Mary provide the pilgrim Church on earth.

As we enter into a new year, let us rely on the protection of our Blessed Mother, and Jesus in the Eucharist, to guide us on our pilgrim way to heaven.

Mother, Mary, pray for us! *Father Dennis*

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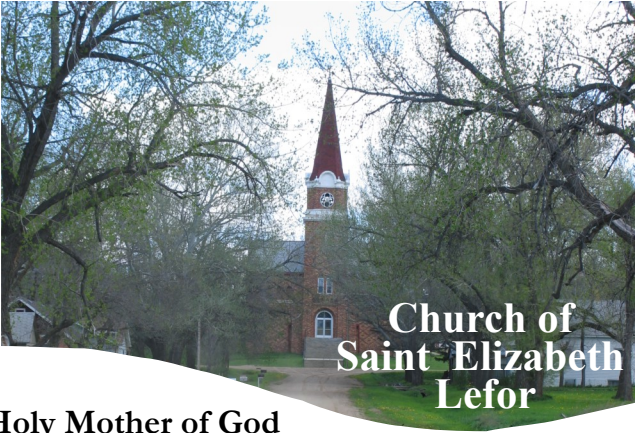
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[The shepherds] made known the message that had been told them about this child.... And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. LUKE 2:17, 19

Scripture Readings

Sunday, January 1st:
Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 67; Galations 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21

Monday, January 2nd:
I John 2:22-28; Psalm 98; John 1:19-28

Tuesday, January 3rd:
I John 2:29-3:6; Psalm 98; John 1:29-34

Wednesday, January 4th:
I John 3:7-10; Psalm 98; John 1:35-42

Thursday, January 5th:
I John 3:11-21; Psalm 100; John 1:43-51

Friday, January 6th:
I John 5:5-13; Psalm 147; Mark 1:7-11


Saturday, January 7th:
I John 5:14-21; Psalm 149; John 2:1-11

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

As we begin this new year, let us ask ourselves.... Do I know how to look at people with the heart? Do I take to heart the people with whom I live?.... Let us ask for the grace to live this year with the desire to take others to heart and to care for them.

HOMILY, VATICAN, JANUARY 1, 2020

Confessions will be offered before each daily Mass and before Saturday Vigil Mass at St. Mary's.

MASS & ADORATION	
Saturday, December 31st 9:00 AM SM—+Dorothy Kohl by Joe Kohl family 5:00 PM SM—+Anton Krebs by Robert & Cely Stagl	
Sunday, January 1st 8:30 AM SE—+Deceased members of KC #5477 10:30 AM SM—Pro Populo	
Monday, January 2nd 7:30 AM SM—Communion Service	
Tuesday, January 3rd 6:00 PM SM—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6:45 PM SM—Rosary, Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions 7:00 PM SM—+Dorothy Kohl by Joe Kohl family	
Wednesday, January 4th 7:30 AM SM—Living & deceased family of Joseph & Gertrude Schwartzbauer by Mike Brusich 6:00 PM SE—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7:00 PM SE—+Harry & +Dorothy Lefor by John & Marietta Hollinger	
Thursday, January 5th 7:30 AM SM —+Leonard Gartner by Liz Yates	
Friday, January 6th 7:30 AM SM—+Bernie Dukart by Joan & Ivo Schoch 7:00 PM SE—Saint Elizabeth Christian Mothers	
Saturday, January 7th 9:00 AM SM—Saint Mary's School Foundation 5:00 PM SM—Joseph Schwartzbauer family by Patty Flohr	
Sunday, January 8th 8:30 AM SE—+Steve & +Bertha Anton by Duane & Kathy Schwab 10:30 AM SM—Pro Populo	

St. Mary's Liturgical Ministers January 7th & 8th, 2023		
MINISTRY	Saturday 5:00 PM	Sunday 10:30AM
Lector	Diane B.	Jon W.
Mass Server	Schmidt	Levi V/Jameson V
Rosary Leader	Maureen G	Sue S
Gifts	Martina S.	Gregg F.
Collection Report St. Mary's December 24th & 25th, 2022		
Adult		Youth
\$ 5091.00	Envelopes	\$ 0.00
\$ 267.00	Loose Plate	
\$ 5358.00	Total	
\$ 15589.00	Monthly Total	
Saint Elizabeth's Liturgical Ministers January 8, 2023		
Sunday 8:30 AM		
Lector		
Mass Server		
Ushers		
Gift		
Collection Report St. Elizabeth's December 25th, 2022		
Adult		Youth
\$ 1820.00	Envelopes	\$ 2.00
\$ 170.00	Loose Plate	
\$ 1992.00	Total	
\$ 8967.00	Monthly Total	

Knights of Columbus Council #5477		Knights of Columbus Council #9675
Meetings held monthly at the Lefor KC Club. For more information contact Fran at 483-6091		Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday at St. Mary's. For more information contact Mike at 701-290-2493

St. Mary's Mass Intention Update
Beginning January 1st we will accept requests for 1 Mass at a time. When the schedule allows we will reevaluate and update this policy. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your intentions.

Saint Mary's Birthdays & Anniversaries

January 1st: Victor Dvorak, Vivian Kilwein
January 2nd: Patti Juliano
January 5th: Kazen Nelson

Saint Elizabeth Birthdays & Anniversaries

January 3rd: Pamela Praus
January 7th: Dennis Schneider

St. Elizabeth Announcements:

**January Church cleaners are Trish Kaufman, Tori Rohrer and Tina Lefor.*

**Coffee and Rolls will be January 8th following 8:30 am Mass.*

**Poinsettias in honor of living and deceased family members of John Schneider by Nita Iverson*

Stewardship
Today's second reading reminds us that through Christ we have been delivered from the law and become sons and daughters of God. New Year's Day provides a perfect opportunity to ask ourselves the question: Does my life reflect my gratitude for all that my loving Father has given me?
• Stewardship Thought: Do for others with no desire of returned favors. We all should plant some trees we'll never sit under.

"A man of prayer is capable of everything."
~St. Vincent de Paul

Please Keep in Your Prayers: Kayla Sticka, Mindy Augare, Pastor Beth Parks, Dennis McDevitt, Keith Witte, Lacy Gutenkunst, Marietta Hollinger, Kent Maershbecker, Belinda Lynch, Doretta Wiegum, Nicole Leck, Rick Schaefer, Anthony German, Kent Candrian, Dan Mollman, Rod Crane, Bob Barnes, Bart Rohan, Derek Benz, Todd Leach, JoAnn Urlacher, Katie Stolz, Andy Prokop, Elven Kaufman, Suzette Printz, Linda Reisenauer, Yvonne Fettig, Kim Kuhn, Bonnie (Krebs) Dick
Assisted Living and Nursing Home Residents: Gene Wert, Ann Wert, Grace Bach, Leona Schiwal, Violet Dobitz, Beverly Held, Theresa Decker, Marilyn Wert, Gilbert Buzalsky, Joe & Aggie Wandler, Charlotte Krebs, Sylvia Koppinger, Leona Gordon, Donnella Koppinger, Willie Emmil, Frances Heick
Keep in your prayers our deceased loved ones: +Anna Roller, +Duane Grundhauser, +Ray Meyer, +Bonnie Benz, +Wayne Pechtl, +Patti Frank, +Mary Han-son, +Fred Heidecker, +Theresa Tarpo, +Anton Krebs, +Josie Steier, +Melanie Fitterer, +Lawrence Urlacher, +Leonard Gartner, +Arlene Schaefer, +Jim Krebs, +Lea Madler

What Do You Hold in Your Heart? On New Year's Eve, some of my friends try to recall a significant event from each year, beginning with the most recent, and work their way back. They tell me that memories from the first couple of years, the most recent, are fairly easy to call to mind, but after that, memories get reduced to births and deaths, marriages and moves to new homes, vacations, and ultimately to not remembering anything significant for some years. It's an interesting conclusion—not remembering anything significant—given the human emotions and energies we pour into trivial disagreements, unre-solved conflicts, and family issues. The Gospel recounts how Mary reflected upon the events of her Son's birth and how she kept them all in her heart. I suspect that many of the events we might recount from that New Year's Eve exercise would end up being some of the moments we hold in our hearts. Most would likely revolve around family, all those people we keep in our hearts. Others might be about job promotions or successes, or memorable recognitions. We justifiably keep these as treasures to remember. As Mary did, we might learn something about ourselves by pondering significant personal faith events. I doubt most of us will recall one for each year, which may say something about how seriously we take our faith lives. Yet those we do recall could be treasures of the past that will bless us in the present.

• FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Dear Padre: I understand that all Catholics, not just priests and religious, are called to holiness. How can laypeople become holy? The five elements of holiness are the same for all the baptized, always in the context of their vocational calling.

Prayer: In the liturgy, we join our sisters and brothers to offer communal worship where we are nourished and formed by word and sacrament. In private prayer, we maintain, clarify, and nourish our relationship with God.

Love of neighbor: We are called to treat others with the acceptance and respect that God has for each per-son. Every person is our neighbor, especially people in need (Matthew 25:40).

Living one's vocational commitment: Being faithful to a spouse in marriage, working for family harmony, staying true to dedicated singleness in the world or in the religious community setting—all are avenues of holiness.

Penance and self-discipline: The Christian life demands self-denial, control, and sacrifice. Christians must deny themselves, take up their cross daily, and follow Jesus (Luke 9:23).

Reaching out in discipleship: Holiness also comes from and finds its noblest expression in a life of service and ministry. Baptism initiates us into the fullness of Christian reality, which ultimately means disciple-ship—sharing our faith and serving others, especially the most needy.

For laypeople, the main arena of holiness is where they live, work, play, and struggle every day. It is there that they must proclaim "the kingdom of God is in our midst," and answer their call to holiness.

• The Redemptorists / DearPadre.org

Faith Formation Upcoming Events: January 4th: Religion re-lease resumes January 18th: Confirma-tion service day, volunteer at the Soup Café in Bis-marck. All day, times TBA.	If you haven't already please help yourself to a copy of "The Wisdom of the Saints - 365 days of inspira-tion." Books are located at the church entrances.
Coloring contest pages may still be turned in at the of-fice, to Kris Ehlis or in the envelope on the bulletin board.	

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Mass Schedule

St. Mary
Tuesday: 7:00 PM
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 7:30 AM
Last Saturday: 9:00 AM (Adoration Chapel)
Saturday: 5:00 PM; Sunday: 10:30 AM

St. Elizabeth
Wednesday: 7:00 PM
First Friday: 7:00 PM
Sunday: 8:30 AM

Eucharistic Adoration
St. Mary—Tuesday: 6:00 PM;
Adoration Chapel at your convenience
St. Elizabeth—Wednesday: 6:00 PM

Marriage: Contact Pastor at least nine months prior to your wedding date.

Baptism: Pre-Baptism preparation session required.

Anointing of the Sick: By request.