

# Catholic Faith Communities of



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**Very Reverend John W. Girotti, Priest Celebrant**

**Deacon Randy Meidl**

### MISSION STATEMENT

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish, Clarks Mills, and St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Whitelaw, in union with the Roman Catholic Church, inspire all to grow as followers of Jesus Christ through the sacraments, faith education and social outreach to our members and the wider community.

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## THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 19, 2023

### Mass Schedule

#### ST. MARY

Sunday: 9:30 AM (Confessions 8:45-9:15)

#### ST. MICHAEL

Saturday: 4:00 PM (Confessions 3:00-3:30)

Sunday: 11:00 AM (No Mass 4th Sunday of Month)

St. Mary Parish – 775-4365

For Emergency – (920) 246-6841 Dc.RandyJaeckels

Parish Secretary: Casey Braun - 775-4365

Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 11-3

SM/SM School Principal: Jane Schueller-775-4366

Director of Religious Education:

Grades 1-8: Teresa Pederson – 775-4876

Parish Council Chair: Lisa Sherman - 629-0013

St. Michael Parish – 732-3901

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Parish Council Chair: Norb Baumann – 242-7848

**GETTING MARRIED?** Please call the parish office soon after you are engaged to begin the marriage preparation process, which is geared for your married life together, not simply the wedding day. Preparation is to begin at least nine months before the wedding, according to diocesan policy.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION:** Parents are asked to begin preparing for their child's Baptism early. Please contact Deacon Randy Jaeckels for an appointment to facilitate the preparation.

**COMMUNION/VISITS FOR THE HOMEBOUND:** Please contact the parish office to arrange for Communion to be brought to the homebound and for regular visits by Deacon Randy Jaeckels.

**PLEASE USE SCRIP: Available – St. Mary:** At Sunday Mass; in the parish office: Mon.- Fri. 8:00-3:00. For large or special orders call Jean Shimon at 758-2276 by Saturday evening. Order form is available on website.

**St. Michael:** ½ hour until 10 minutes before weekend masses and after mass; in the parish office Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9-noon; or by contacting Colleen at 732-3115. Order form is available on website.

**WORSHIP  
SCHEDULE  
NOVEMBER 18-26**

**Saturday, November 18**  
4:00 PM (SM) Kathryn Braun

**Sunday, November 19**  
9:30 AM (IC) Harold Sheehy & the Living & Deceased of St. Mary's Parish  
11:00 AM (SM) Rosella Siebert, Norman Pilger, & Ray Siebert & the Living & Deceased of St. Michael's Parish (Choir)

**Tuesday, November 21**  
8:15 AM (IC) Geri Leist

**Thursday, November 23**  
8:15 AM (IC) Dietrich & Preston Families

**Saturday, November 25**  
4:00 PM (SM) The Schema, Stueber & Mueller Families & the Living & Deceased of St. Michael's Parish (Choir)  
**Sunday, November 26**  
9:30 AM (IC) Dale Preston & the Living & Deceased of St. Mary's Parish (Choir)  
11:00 AM (SM) **No Mass**

**ICSt. Mary/SM St. Michael**

**MINISTRIES  
NOVEMBER 25-26**

**Proclaimers:**

4:00 PM(SM) Maryls Strother  
9:30 AM(IC) Ray Berres  
11:00 AM(SM) No Mass

**Extraordinary  
Ministers:**

4:00PM(SM) Deacon Randy Meidl  
9:30 AM(IC) Deacon Randy Meidl  
11:00 AM(SM) No Mass

**Servers:**

4:00 PM(SM) Ken Brunner  
9:30 AM(IC) Cassidy & Gloria Welsh  
11:00 AM (SM) No Mass

**November Ushers:**

4:00 PM(SM) Ron & Kathy Braun, Dick Shavlik, Ken Brunner  
9:30 AM(IC) Sue Bodart, Karen Schweitzer-Olson  
11:00 AM (SM) No Mass

**Thanksgiving Day Mass 8:15am at St. Mary's**

**Proclaimer:** Frank Burke

**Eucharistic Minister:** Deacon Randy Jaeckels

**Server:** Ray Berres

**Happy Thanksgiving from SM/SM Staff!** Thanksgiving is our annual reminder we don't need more to be thankful for, we just need to be more thankful for what we have. **St. Mary's & St. Michael's Parish Offices** will be closed on Thursday, November 23 & Friday, November 24. Happy Thanksgiving!

The Knights of Columbus Reedsville Council #5798 are giving away free **Keep Christ in Christmas Signs**. They are available in the back of both Churches.

**St. Mary's 36th Annual Raffle Calendars** are now available in the front of St. Mary's Parish and the back of St. Michael's Parish and the parish offices. The price is \$25 a calendar.

**St. Michael's** will again be collecting gifts for the Manitowoc Health and Rehab Center residents Christmas. A list of items is attached to the grocery bags found at the Church entrances. Bring your donations back to Church in the grocery bag by Sunday, December 3. Let's make the resident's Christmas extra special!

**The Purgatorial Society:** November is the month set aside to remember the Poor Souls in Purgatory. St. Michael's has had a special Purgatorial Society for 46 years. In recent years, St. Mary's has participated. A \$2.00 donation for each loved one will renew or begin membership. Special Masses are celebrated throughout the year and perpetual vigil candles burn at both parishes in remembrance of loved ones. Membership in the Purgatorial Society is open to everyone, parishioners and non-parishioners. Please put your donation in an envelope and list your intentions; send it or put it in the collection basket. The names are put on a list and kept near the altar for the rest of the year in remembrance.

**St. Michael's Parish Candy/Cookie Sale & Chili Sale:** Saturday, December 2 in the Church basement. Help Needed Friday afternoon, December 1 and throughout the day on Saturday, December 2. Sign-up sheets are at all entrances of the Church or call the office. **Basket Raffles** baskets should be brought to the parish office by November 22. **Chili Sale** we still need 8 cans of tomato soup, 25 big cans of tomato juice and 14 pounds of onions. Also, clean containers with covers that will hold a quart or more (large Cool Whip, Cedar Crest Ice Cream, ice cream pails etc.). We have enough for pints. Drop off in Church basement. Chili ingredients are needed at

*Welcome*

Welcome to our celebration of Mass today. We sincerely hope you feel you are among friends.

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**Bishop Ricken's Sunday Mass:** If unable to make it to Mass due to illness or homebound Sunday Mass is available at 7:30am on channel 5 (WFRV).

**Marriage:** Congratulations to Mary Gilsdorf and Bernard Wotachek who were recently married at St. Michael's Parish. May the good Lord Bless both of them with a beautiful life together.

the parish office by November 27. **Candy/Cookie Sale** Cookies & Candy are to be dropped off in the Church basement by December 1, from 4-7pm. **White Elephant Sale** drop your items off at the rectory during regular office hours. Thank you.

This week's winner from **Football CharityMania** is Pat Shimon who won \$20. Congratulations! Is Week #11 your time to win?

**St. Mary's Giving Tree Updated:** Thank you to everyone who grabbed a card from The Giving Tree!! All gifts must be at church immediately after the 9:30 Mass on **December 3.. DO NOT** wrap any of the gifts. Please secure the card or name and number on each gift when you return it. If you want to help but cannot shop or spend that much please make a contribution to the SCRIP sales person and I will put all the donations together to help a family. PLEASE sign your name on the sheet in the folder by the tree so I know who to call if there is a missing gift. If you have any questions call Linda at 973-3495.

**St. Michael's** would like to update their list for the sick, homebound, and nursing home parish members so we can send them bulletins, cards, and flowers at Christmas. It might be just an address or phone number change, so please call the office with these updates as the HIPPA restrictions do not allow us to call and ask for this information.

**Surviving the Holidays** is a single-session, 2 hour event to help people who have lost a loved one to death and would like some help in navigating the holidays without their loved one. We will: learn how to deal our emotions; tips for surviving social events; what to do with holiday traditions; how to find hope for the future. There is a 40 minute video by counselors and mental health experts with interviews of people who have experienced the loss of a loved one. We'll take some time to discuss the video, though sharing is not required. Each attendee will be given a guide book to take home and implement. Surviving the Holidays will meet **Saturday December 2nd from 9-11 am** at Immanuel Lutheran Church. If you need further information, have any questions or to register please contact Larry Verlinden at 920-323-2297 or verlinden@comcast.net. You can also get more information and register on the GriefShare website griefshare.org. **Please register by November 22nd** so we can make sure we have enough guide books. There will be a charge of \$7 to cover the cost of the guide book.

## THINGS TO DO

**St. Anne's Parish** in Francis Creek is having a drive thru Chili pick-up Saturday, December 2 from 6:00pm-? Sunday, December 3 from 9:00am-? \$7 a quart. Pick up is at the parish hall. Bring your own containers if possible.

## SCHOOL NOTE

Parent - Teacher - Student Conferences were held this past Tuesday and Thursday after school until early evening. This was a great opportunity to collaborate and discuss past successes and difficulties, and set learning goals for the future. It's amazing that we're more than ¼ of the way through the school year already! Time flies when we're busy learning and growing! During this month of November we've been focusing on learning more about saints who modeled lives of virtue, prayer, sacrifice, and joy in the Lord. The older students have prepared great summaries to share with us. Our Religion textbooks also focus on a particular saint at the end of every chapter. We have so many ancestors in faith who demonstrated for us the way to holiness! Thanks be to God! God Bless your week!

Mrs. Jeanne Duenkel 3 & 4 Grade Teacher

## RESPECT LIFE

**Abortion is never only about ONE mother and the preborn in her womb.** Inspired by Dan Miller, I decided to calculate how many people I love would never have existed if either my Grandma Flo or Grandpa Riley had been aborted by her or his mother. They would not have had about **six** children, including my mother and her sister, who, in turn would not have had **six** children, who in turn would not have had **seventeen** children, who in turn would not have had **twenty-three** children! That means had **one** of my great-grandmothers aborted **one** of my grandparents, about **fifty-two** souls, including my own, would not have existed here on earth even if only for a few days or as long as ninety years! Had **one** of my paternal grandparents been aborted, the count of lives lost would be much higher! Sure, the other great-grandparent may have had children with other(s), but the UNIQUE and UNREPEATABLE grandparent, parent, siblings, cousins, children, nieces, nephews, grandchildren, grandnieces, and grandnephews who I have loved throughout my life would never have existed. Dan Miller, CEO of *Pro Life Wisconsin*, has shared his story of his possible non-existence when, long before abortion became legalized in the USA, his grandmother, at that time a scared unwed teenager, was being prepped for an abortion on a doctor's table in Sheboygan, a few counties from her home, when she suddenly decided she could not go through with it. The child she bore was Dan's father! Her family never knew this until she decided to share it with her granddaughter shortly before she died. If you can, take a few minutes and calculate how many people you love would not have been created with their unique DNA, personalities, gifts, and talents, had YOUR grandparent been aborted by YOUR great-grandparent!

**ST. MARY**  
November 12, 2023

Support	\$3,601.00
Offertory	466.00
Online Giving	160.00
Church Structure	20,000.00
Purgatorial Society	8.00
	<b>\$24,235.00</b>

Weekly Avg needed \$4,680.00  
19,555.00

Scrip Sales	\$3,891.73
Profit	142.75

**ST. MICHAEL**  
November 12, 2023

Support	\$2,083.00
Offertory	402.91
Mass Stipends	10.00
Candles	46.25
Confirmation Retreat	40.00
Purgatorial Society	82.00
	<b>\$2,664.16</b>

Weekly Avg needed \$4,300.00  
(1,635.84)

Scrip Sales	\$11,407.00
Profit	368.06

**WEEKLY  
STEWARDSHIP**

**THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR  
SUPPORT**

Blessed are you  
who fear the Lord,  
who walk in his  
ways! For you shall  
eat the fruit of your  
handiwork; blessed  
shall you be, and  
favored.  
Psalm 128:1-2

**From the Grapevine by Deacon Randy J**

As a child growing up and then as a young adult, I had an aversion to taking risks. I was afraid of what someone might think of me for my actions. At times, there was a fear of rejection and failure. I often kept to myself about things in my life. Some people would call me conservative for my actions. I could identify with the third servant in today's gospel.

Truth be told, everything we have has been given to us, including our lives. Some people would disagree with me, preferring to believe that their hard work has led to their successes. However, we must understand that God invests, through his grace, in each of us. How do we use the gifts we have been given? Like the third servant, do we hold on to them or bury them? Or do we embrace our gifts and put them to good use for all society! The graces God gives us are not solely intended for us alone.

As I have matured, I have come to realize that God does not give to us what we cannot handle. While I am still conservative to a degree, I try not to let fear intimidate me. I'm not as afraid of taking risks as I was in the past, understanding that the reward can be very good when I use the graces given to me.

We must be willing to take risks for God. This includes using our gifts to build the kingdom here on earth. We must trust in God. If we do, at the end of our earthly life we will hear God say to us, "Come, share your master's joy!"

**Church Cleaning Families -November 25/26**

St. Mary: Dylan & Cassandra Dietrich,  
Patrick & Debbie Dietrich, Steve & Kelly Dietrich  
St. Michael: Todd & Cheryl Grall;  
Richard & Sandy Hablewitz

**Scrip Sellers-St. Michael:** Saturday, November 25;  
Colleen Meidl. Sunday, November 26; N/A.

**ST. MARY CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS: WEEK #46 –  
11/12/23-11/18/23:**

**\$50 WINNERS:** Joe Barts, Newton & Daniel Schuh,  
Reedsville.

**\$25 WINNERS:** Jeff Lambrecht, Kewaunee; Amanda Torres,  
Whitelaw; Wendy Schroeder, Manitowoc; Jordan & Sandra  
Marsicek, DePere and Karen Schuler, Kiel.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
ST. MARY & ST. MICHAEL**

**Monday, November 20**

Eucharistic Adoration 6:00-7:00pm  
at St. Michael's

**Tuesday, November 21**

Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-2:00pm  
at St. Mary's  
School Board Meeting 6:00pm at  
SM/SM School

**Wednesday, November 22**

Holy Hour 2:00pm at St. Michael's  
No Religious Ed Classes

**Thursday, November 23**

Thanksgiving Day Mass 8:15am at  
St. Mary's

**Saturday, November 25**

Confessions 3:00-3:30pm at St.  
Michael's

**Sunday, November 26**

Confessions 8:45-9:15am at St.  
Mary's

**NO** 11:00am Mass at St. Michael's