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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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IN MEMORY OF THE DAN FISCHER FAMILY

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**THE LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE
ARTHUR F. DIETRICH FAMILY**

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 10, 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. Randy Jaeckels

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
DECEMBER 9-17**

Saturday, December 9
4:00 PM(SM) Rollie Olm
(Choir)

Sunday, December 10
9:30 AM (IC) Jim Tienor
& the Living & Deceased
of St. Mary's Parish
(Choir)
11:00 AM (SM) Harriet,
Harry & John Strother &
the Living & Deceased of
St. Michael's Parish
(Choir)

Tuesday, December 12
8:15 AM (IC) Greg
Riederer

Thursday, December 14
8:15 AM (SM) Liturgy of
the Word

Saturday, December 16
4:00 PM (SM) Living &
Deceased Members of
the Arthur F. Dietrich
Family

Sunday, December 17
9:30 AM (IC) Mrs. Sandy
Stadler & the Living &
Deceased of St. Mary's
Parish
11:00 AM (SM) Ron Reis
& the Living & Deceased
of St. Michael's Parish
(Choir)

ICSt. Mary/SM St. Michael

**MINISTRIES
DECEMBER 16-17**

Proclaimers:

4:00 PM(SM) Tammy
O'Connor
9:30 AM(IC) Chris
Pritzl
11:00 AM(SM) Eileen
Krcma

Extraordinary

Ministers:

4:00PM(SM) Deacon
Randy Jaeckels
9:30 AM(IC) Deacon
Randy Jaeckels
11:00 AM(SM) Deacon
Randy Jaeckels

Servers:

4:00 PM(SM) Bernard
McCulley
9:30 AM(IC) Jesse &
Lily Jetton
11:00 AM (SM) Greg
Resch

December Ushers:

4:00 PM(SM) Al & Lois
Kiel, Ken Brunner
9:30 AM(IC) Ray
Berres, Bob
Staudinger
11:00 AM (SM) Joe
Resch Family; Jim
Muench

The Knights of Columbus Reedsville Council #5798 are giving away free **Keep Christ in Christmas Magnets**. 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. Mary & St. Michael's Parish: will be accepting \$10 donations for Christmas flowers & decoration for the Christmas season. Please write the name of your loved one(s) and who it was given by on the envelope. Thank you!

St. Mary's Parish: The January-March schedule will be created soon for Proclaimers, servers and ushers. Please call the office or email stmarycm@tds.net if you need any dates off. Thank you!

Christmas Senior Bingo on December 12th starting at 9:00 am at the Whitelaw Village Hall. There will be a pot luck following the bingo, so please bring a dish to pass. There is also a \$5.00 gift exchange, only if you would like to participate.

St. Mary's Parish is collecting unused Christmas card to send to Veterans and to members of our parish for Christmas. Please place in the back of church or drop off at the parish office. Thank you!

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.

St. Michael's Christian Mothers will have their Christmas Party on Thursday, December 14. Mothers bring your spouses or a guest. There will be a potluck at 1pm followed by bingo and games and fun. Mark your calendars and sign-up on the sheets at each Church entrance.

St. Mary's Parish is now offering El Tequila scrip in \$25 increments with a percentage of 14% that gives back to our Church!

St. Mary's Parish: If you have a larger scrip order that is needed by Christmas please get your order in soon. Thank you!

Welcome

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

Bulletins are published online: To access the Church website visit: www.stmarystmichael.com and to access the school website www.school.stmarystmichael.com

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).

Save the Date: Winterfest 2024 will be held on Saturday, February 3 starting at 5:00pm at 7 Lakes Golf & Dining. We hope to see you there!

Retirement Collection: December 9/10: Today, through the Retirement Collection, we are able to Share in the Care of our retired sisters, brothers and religious order priests through the National Retirement Fund for Religious, as well as of the senior priests of our diocese. Envelopes are available in the pews. Please be generous in helping those who have given so much over the years. Thank you!

St. Michael's Quilters are happy to say that they have made and donated 100 quilts this past year. They were distributed to The Salvation Army, The Crossing and Felician Village. Thank you for the many generous donations that enables them to continue this work. They are always accepting clean sheets, blankets, and pieces of material.

Valders Faith's Open Pantry needs the following. We had 20 families (7 new) in November so items are low to none. Any help is greatly appreciated.

Tin foil, kitchen garage bags, baggies, any cleaning supplies, laundry and dish soap, shampoo, shave cream/razors for men and women, body wash, facial tissue, toilet paper, paper towel, canned meals, beef stew, soups, brown beans, green beans, corn, peas, stewed tomatoes (no diced or sauce) Rotel, peaches, pears, applesauce, fruit/ jello/ pudding cups, jello, pudding, cakes/brownie mixes, sugar, powder sugar, brown sugar (dark and light), pie fillings, flour, cookie mixes, boxed desserts, salt, pepper, vanilla, spices, veg oil, mayo/salad dressing, pancake mixes, syrup, bagged noodles, spaghetti, Velveeta cheese blocks, regular size boxes of cereal, instant flavored oatmeal, hamburger helper, Ramen noodles, pickles/olives, Bisquick, Mac n cheese, Maruchan instant lunch varieties, Knorr pasta/rice sides, taco kits, assorted crackers, granola bars (variety), snacks, sweet treats, microwave popcorn, nuts, regular instant coffee, hot cocoa mixes, cookies, Hostess food items.

No diapers at this time! We are open the 3rd Saturday of each month from 9-10:00 AM. Thank you very much for your generous donations to our pantry! - Sandy Halverson

St. Peter the Fisherman: Is hosting a mental health workshop on Wednesday, December 13 at 9:00am-11:00am at the parish hall. There is no cost to attend and all members of all faiths are welcome to attend. Discover the true spirit of the season as we aim to create a supportive community as we navigate the challenges the holidays bring, fostering an open dialogue to break the stigma surrounding mental health. Join us at 3201 Mishicot Road in Two Rivers. Any questions contact Jon LaRoche at 920-793-4531.

This week's winner from **Football CharityMania** is Audrey DiMarco who won \$20. Congratulations! Is Week #14 your time to win?

SCHOOL NOTE

As we get ready for Advent, the older students created the Stations of the Nativity. Everyone is invited to pray The Stations of the Nativity on **Friday, December 15 at 2:15pm**. Students have been enjoying reading buddies with the littles reading with our older students. Our fifth through eighth graders have been enjoying math practice with the Math Hoops game through the NBA program. Our youngest students are learning through play together, stories and building. Mark your calendar to join us for our Christmas program; **Jesus, Our Hope for Christmas on December 14, 2023. There will be a 1:30pm performance (dress rehearsal) and 6:00pm performance.** Follow the St. Mary/St. Michael School, Clarks Mills Facebook page often, to see what our students are doing.

Mrs. Jane Schueller - Principal

RESPECT LIFE

DANE COUNTY JUDGE RULES 1849 ABORTION BAN APPLIES ONLY TO FETICIDE, NOT CONSENSUAL MEDICAL ABORTION: Madison, WI – Today, Dane County Circuit Court Judge Diane Schlipper ruled that the whole of Wisconsin Statute 940.04 applies to feticide, the intentional killing of a preborn child without maternal consent, and not to consensual medical abortion. Judge Schlipper did not issue an injunction blocking the statute's enforcement, as the three district attorneys who are defendants in the case agreed to respect her ruling. Pro-Life Wisconsin Legislative Director Matt Sande made the following comments: "Pro-Life Wisconsin wholly opposes this egregious ruling overturning Wisconsin's abortion ban. To rule that all of s.940.04 has nothing to do with a consensual, medically induced abortion defies the plain wording and meaning of the statute. It is an extraordinary leap in logic. Judge Schlipper misinterpreted a 1994 Wisconsin Supreme Court case to make her erroneous conclusion. The Wisconsin Supreme Court in *State of Wisconsin v. Glendale Black* only interpreted Section 2 of s.940.04 as applicable to feticide, stating Section 2 described no abortive-type medical procedure but rather the killing of an unborn quick child absent the mother's consent, 'quick' meaning the gestational age at which the unborn child moves in utero. In so ruling, the Court tacitly acknowledged that Section 1, Section 5, and Section 6 of s.940.04 do describe a consensual medical abortion. After all, the statute itself is entitled 'Abortion,' it makes an exception for a 'therapeutic abortion' to 'save the life of the mother' that is 'performed by a physician' and '(u)nless an emergency prevents, is performed in a licensed maternity hospital.' It is our hope that this misguided ruling will be promptly appealed." – Pro Life Wisconsin Press Release: CONTACT: Matt Sande, PLW Legislative Director, P:262.352.0890, E:Matt.S@ProLifeWI.org, mailing address: Pro-Life Wisconsin, 15850 W Bluemound Rd Ste 311, Brookfield, WI 53005

ST. MARY
December 3, 2023

Support	\$2,854.00
Offertory	243.00
Online Giving	455.00
Bulletin Sponsor	15.00
Chicken Dinner	400.00
Christmas Flowers	40.00
Meditation Books	<u>182.55</u>
	\$4,189.55

Weekly Avg needed \$4,680.00
(490.45)

Scrip Sales	\$6,140.00
Profit	343.50

ST. MICHAEL
December 3, 2023

Support	\$2,837.00
Offertory	461.50
Candles	52.00
Bulletin Sponsor	15.00
Candle Sponsor	20.00
Mass Stipends	40.00
Christmas Flowers	170.00
Donation	100.00
Purgatorial Society	86.00
Daycare Utilities	<u>1,197.55</u>
	\$4,979.05

Weekly Avg needed \$4,300.00
679.05

Scrip Sales	\$11,639.00
Profit	433.68

**WEEKLY
STEWARDSHIP**

**THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
SUPPORT**

Then the glory of
the Lord shall be
revealed, and all
people shall see it
together; for the
mouth of the Lord
has spoken.
Isaiah 40:5

From the Grapevine by Deacon Randy J

The prophet Isaiah writes that a voice cries out to "prepare the way of the Lord!". In his gospel, Mark opens his writings by referencing this important message from Isaiah.

As we look back into the Old Testament, we can find many examples of how the people of God were preparing the way of the Lord. Abraham spent many years finding a place for his family to settle down with God and grow their faith. Noah worked with his family through the flood to re-establish a way to the Lord after so many people rejected God. Moses spent decades preparing the Israelites to get to the promised land. Prophets like Isaiah and Jeremiah wrote of what the Lord's coming would look like.

But the final messenger to proclaim the need for preparation was John the Baptist. It was John the Baptist who worked to clear the final path for the entry of a Savior into the world by asking the people to repent of their sinfulness.

And now, centuries later, we are being asked to prepare a way to our hearts for the coming of the Savior into our lives. What are we doing, or what will we do to prepare the way of the Lord? How will we eliminate those hills and valleys to make straight the path for his coming, now and for all eternity?

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

Monday, December 11

Choir Practice 6:30pm at St. Mary's
Eucharistic Adoration 11:00am-Noon
at St. Mary's

Wednesday, December 13

Holy Hour 2:00pm at St. Michael's
Choir Practice 5:30pm at St.
Michael's
Religious Education begins at
6:15pm for Elementary Students at
SM/SM School; 6:30pm for
H.S. Students at St. Michael's
Church Basement

Thursday, December 14

Eucharistic Adoration 3:30-4:30pm
at St. Michael's

Saturday, December 16

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

Sunday, December 17

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

Monday, December 18

Eucharistic Adoration 6:00-7:00pm
at St. Michael's
Choir Practice 6:30pm at St. Mary's

Church Cleaning Families -December 16/17

St. Mary: Amy Gehrig, Craig & Dana Griepentrog,
Diane Griepentrog

St. Michael: Joe & Kay Holschbach,
Jack & Tina Johanek

Scrip Sellers-St. Michael: Saturday, December 16;
Colleen Meidl. Sunday, December 17; Sue Resch.

**ST. MARY CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS: WEEK #49 -
12/03/23-12/09/23:**

\$50 WINNERS: Bonnie Brennan, Manitowoc & Jessie Corbett,
Lacombe, LA.

\$25 WINNERS: Fr. Klingeisen, Manitowoc; Rosie Biese, Kiel;
and Erica Gretz, Libertyville, IL.

\$125 WINNER Fr. Girotti B-Day: Michael Schuessler, Green
Bay.

\$125 WINNER Immaculate Conception: Cindy Kocourek,
Whitelaw.