

# 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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## HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH DECEMBER 31, 2023

### Mass Schedule

ST. MARY

ST. MICHAEL

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

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  
For Emergency – (920) 246-6841 – Dc.  
RandyJaeckels  
Parish Secretary: Judy Ebert - 732-3901  
Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday - 8 - 1  
SM/SM School Principal: Jane Schueller-775-4366  
Director of Religious Education:  
Grades 1-8: Teresa Pederson – 775-4876

**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  
DEC 23-JAN 1**

**Saturday, December 30**  
4:00 PM(SM) Chris &  
Rita Linsmeier

**Sunday, December 31**  
9:30 AM (IC) Living &  
Deceased of The John  
Pritzl Family  
11:00 AM (SM) Living &  
Deceased Members of  
the Reedsville Knights of  
Columbus (Choir)

**Monday, January 1**  
11:00 AM (SM) Jill  
McCulley, John & Grace  
Schamburek

**Tuesday, January 2**  
8:15 AM (IC) Delores  
Brickner

**Thursday, January 4**  
8:15 AM (SM) Liturgy of  
the Word

**Saturday, January 6**  
4:00 PM (SM) Mike &  
Ludene McCulley, Ben &  
Beatrice McCulley (Choir)

**Sunday, January 7**  
9:30 AM (IC) Greg  
Riederer & the Living &  
Deceased of St. Mary's  
Parish  
11:00 AM (SM) John  
Dietrich (6 Yr. Ann.) & the  
Living & Deceased of St.  
Michael's Parish

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

**MINISTRIES  
JANUARY 6-7**

**Proclaimers:**  
4:00 PM(SM) Bonnie  
Vogel  
9:30 AM(IC) Terry  
Pederson  
11:00 AM(SM) Jane  
Lea Brennan

**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) Ken  
Brunner  
9:30 AM (IC) Eli &  
Isaac Staudinger  
11:00 AM (SM) Jacob  
& Kaitlyn Brennan

**January Ushers:**  
4:00 PM(SM) Jeff  
Vogel, Dick Shavlik  
9:30 AM(IC) Richard  
Pederson, Chris Pritzl  
11:00 AM(SM) Bob  
Ebert Family & Jim  
Muench

**New Year's Day Mass**

**St. Michael's Parish 11:00 AM**

**Proclaimer:** Betty Lemberger

**Extraordinary Minister:** Deacon Randy Meidl

**Server:** Syd Stuiber

**Ushers:** Bob Ebert Family & Jim Muench

**Scrip:** N/A

**Parish Holiday Office Hours:** Both offices will be closed on New Year's Day, January 1.

Any **financial contributions** or offerings received by the parishes by December 31, 2023 will be recognized for the 2023 tax year.

**St. Mary/St. Michael Parishioners:** I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year. Thank you to many of you for your Christmas card and gifts. God bless you. -Father Richard Klingeisen

**Thank you** to those parishioners who helped decorate the churches for Christmas. The environment is so beautiful. At St. Mary's Parish, special thanks to Diane Preston, Brenda Schneider and Dan Marsicek. At St. Michael's Parish, special thanks to Ken Brunner.

**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. The price is \$25 a calendar.

**St. Mary's Schedules:** January through March for Proclaimers, servers and ushers are in the back of church. Readings for Proclaimers are on the scrip table. Thank you!

**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. Michael's & St. Mary's Parish:** Effective Jan. 1, 2024 will no longer carry Culvers in \$5.00 increments. There is still some in their inventory that may be purchased.

**Marian Council:** Thank you for the very generous gift of \$100. This donation will help to ensure that we can continue providing an emergency housing option for homeless males in Manitowoc County.  
- The Haven

*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](http://www.stmarystmichael.com) and to access the school website [www.school.stmarystmichael.com](http://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!

**Thank you** to everyone who participated in St. Michael's Holiday Fest. It was a huge success because of you! The profit was \$3,507.54. Many thanks to the families who donated chili ingredients, made cookies and candy, and donated raffle baskets. Special thanks to the following businesses and groups for their basket donations: Bank First, Branch Station & Branch View Dairy, His & Hers Styles Plus, Lorraine Wehausen/Mary Kay Consultant, St. Michael Quilters, Valders Dental, and Wildcats Bar.

**The Crossing to St. Michael's Quilters:** We appreciate your generous donations and are grateful for your support. Have a Blessed week! - Krystal

**The Salvation Army to St. Michael's Quilters:** Would like to thank you for your donation of quilts, total of 60. As we reach out to families in need, each donation is crucial. Because of your thoughtfulness and support, together we can continue our work here in Manitowoc County. Thank you for giving as generously as you have. Thank you for the blessing of these handmade quilts. I know that our families will appreciate them this Christmas! -Jenny Moffitt, Lieutenant Corps Officer

**Coping with Grief?** While the holidays pass by so quickly, so do our family gatherings. And for those of us that have lost loved ones, this time of winter can be an especially challenging time of the year. Please know that you are not alone; we are with you. We simply desire to accompany you through all these feelings, special days and experiences yet to come. We invite you to participate with our Coping with Grief group at St. Thomas the Apostle rectory (8100 Brunner Rd, Newton), behind the church, every first Monday of the month beginning at 2:00pm on January 8. Whether it's your first year of your twenty-first year, all are welcome.

#### **Church Cleaning Families -January 6/7**

St. Mary: N/A

St. Michael: John & Bonnie Kretsch,

Daniel & Karen Langnese

**Scrip Sellers-St. Michael:** Saturday, January 6; Colleen Meidl. January 7; Mary Zipperer.

## **SCHOOL NOTE**

This week's winner from **Football CharityMania** is Zander Biggs who won \$20. Congratulations! Is Week #17 your time to win?

**Winterfest,** St. Mary/St. Michael School's largest fundraiser, will be held Saturday, February 3, 2024 starting at 5pm at Seven Lakes Golf & Dining. Raffle tickets are now available and are being sold for \$100 each. Only 300 tickets are being sold! You do not need to be present to win! Prizes are as follows: Grand Prize \$10,000, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$3000, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$1000, 4<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> \$200. See any school family or the school office to purchase your tickets before they are gone! If you are interested in donating to Winterfest, we are looking for gift certificates that can be part of the Gifting Tree, large ticket items for the live auction (sporting event tickets, resort stays, outdoor power tools, television, bench, etc.), or themed baskets for the silent auction (fishing, hunting, kid friendly, movie, etc.) Thank you for your continued support of our school!

## **RESPECT LIFE**

**LET US PRAY:** O Mary, Mother of Jesus and Mother of us all, we turn to you today as the one who said "Yes" to Life. "You will conceive and bear a Son," the angel told you. Despite the surprise and the uncertainty about how this could be, you said yes. "Be it done unto me according to your word." Mary, we pray today for all mothers who are afraid to be mothers. We pray for those who feel threatened and overwhelmed by their pregnancy. Intercede for them, that God may give them the grace to say yes and the courage to go on. May they have the grace to reject the false solution of abortion. May they say with you, "Be it done unto me according to your word." May they experience the help of Christian people, and know the peace that comes from doing God's will. Amen.

**WORD OF LIFE:** "Dearest St Joseph... Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life —especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things." -- *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life* ([www.respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph](http://www.respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph))

**WORD OF LIFE:** "An old Irish proverb says, 'It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.' Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life's end, we may not know how best to 'shelter' them. Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them: [usccb.org/end-of-life-care](http://usccb.org/end-of-life-care)." -- USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, Caring for Loved Ones at Life's End

**ST. MARY**  
December 24, 2023

Support	\$9,961.00
Offertory	1,037.25
Online Giving	160.00
Mass Stipends	30.00
Donation	500.00
Church Structure	100.00
Bank Dividend	72.60
Christmas Flowers	110.00
	<b>\$11,970.85</b>

Weekly Avg needed \$4,680.00  
7,290.85

Retirement Collection  
\$300.00

Scrip Sales	\$8,638.85
Profit	N/A

**ST. MICHAEL**  
December 24, 2023

Support	\$6,085.00
Offertory	720.25
Bulletin Sponsors	15.00
Mass Stipends	10.00
Candles	81.00
Christian Mothers	3.00
CCD Tuition	40.00
Christmas Flowers	80.00
Christmas Offering	1,429.00
Daycare Utilities	1,064.30
	<b>\$9,527.55</b>

Weekly Avg needed \$4,300.00  
5,227.55

Scrip Sales	\$3,660.00
Profit	129.97

Retirement Collection  
\$45.00

**WEEKLY  
STEWARDSHIP**

**THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR  
SUPPORT**

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.  
Colossians 3:16-17

**From the Grapevine by Deacon Randy J**

Like most parents, my wife and I are very proud of our three children. Granted, they are not perfect and did provide us with some challenges along their way to adulthood. But, it has been a pleasure watching them grow from infants and develop into the adults they are today.

In the gospel this weekend we hear the story of Mary and Joseph taking Jesus to the temple to be presented to the Lord. Two elderly and faith filled individuals in Simeon and Anna have amazing remarks to be made about Jesus and who he would be! As we listened to the stories of Mary and Joseph during Advent and this Christmas season, it is important to remember their deep love for God and their faith in him, as well as their sense of commitment.

The Holy Family provides us with the formula we need as we try to be a holy family. First, we need a strong love for God and one another. Second, we need to be open to listening to God and to place our trust in him when he asks us to make a commitment. Finally, we need to have faith in God's plan for our family. Realistically, we know the challenge to try to be holy like the Holy Family. We need not be perfect; we just need to believe in God and one another.

May God bless your family as you continue to grow in love and faith in the Lord and each other!

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

**Saturday, December 30**

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

**Sunday, December 31**

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

**Monday, January 1**

New Year's Day 11:00am Mass at St. Michael's

**Wednesday, January 3**

Religious Education Classes  
Resume

**Thursday, January 4**

Parish Council Meeting 5:30pm;  
6:30pm Joint at St. Mary's

**Saturday, January 6**

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

**Sunday, January 7**

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

**ST. MARY CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS: WEEK #52 – 12/24/23-12/30/23:**

**CHRISTMAS DAY WINNER:** Judy Martzahl, Hortonville.

**\$50 WINNERS:** Karen Sorenson, Manitowoc & Mike & Gloria Bratz, Valders.

**\$25 WINNERS:** Dave & Cindy Kocourek, Whitelaw; Greyson Staudinger, Reedsville; James Kronschnabel, Whitelaw and John Jost, Manitowoc.