

2ND SUNDAY
of Easter



Tatiana Khurgel's Journey to the Catholic Faith

A very warm welcome to Benjamin Bowers and Eric Beard from St. Mary, and Alfredo Filoteo, Jr. and Tatiana Khurgel from St. John who received the Sacraments of the Church on March 30, 2024 at the Easter Vigil. We are blessed to have our newest members share their journeys to the Catholic Faith in upcoming issues of this bulletin, beginning with Tatiana Khurgel.



It has been a long journey from being an atheist and to becoming a Catholic! I was born into an atheistic country - USSR - where nobody could worship God, because He didn't exist! (90% of Russian Orthodox Churches were destroyed from 1920 -1930 and religious leaders were killed.)

When I was a student in the Moscow Conservatory, I got an A+ for my atheism class like many of my classmates. But, I really started to believe in God when a miracle happened after 6 months of praying to Him - I got pregnant after several doctors came to the conclusion that it was impossible!

Then the USSR collapsed, and my faith was growing bigger and better! Pastor Billy Graham visited Moscow to teach us about Jesus. Russian people came to a huge Stadium; not for a sermon, but most likely for free stuff (i.e. gum, cola cans,

etc.). Billy Graham was such an inspiration for all of us! He planted a small seed in our heads about Jesus and His Life and Death, and my faith continued to grow!

I got my first Bible in Colorado, where our vocal group "Kamerata" was touring in September 1991. We gave almost 23 concerts in cities like Denver, Loveland, Fort Collins, Greeley, and Boulder. Churches and universities welcomed us and gave us knowledge about different denominations and the structure of worship services.

Soon my husband's family reunited and we moved to Chicago. I got my first job at Bethesda Lutheran Church as an organist, but I didn't speak English at all! I had an assistant who showed me what to play and when to play - thanks be to God that "Music Language" is international! Then, I was invited to be a Music Director at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Des Plaines IL, where I was baptized by Pastor Anderson in 1999. During this time, I began to learn English by listening to sermons and watching Billy Graham on TV.

The next step in my faith journey was at the Lutheran Church of the Master in Newport Beach, CA, where I worked as Music Director for 20 years! Pastor Mark taught me to pay attention not only to the melody in hymns, but to the text.

I moved to Michigan because my son married a local girl from Charlotte, and I decided to be close to them. I bought a house in Bellevue, and found a statue of Mary in my yard face down - it was a sign! A year later, I saw an ad that St. John Church was looking for a Music Director - I felt like the Holy Spirit came down on me and I decided to apply.

What a joy it has been to meet Fr. Craig, Fr. Joe, Deacon Ken, Carol DiBiaggio, Jim Oliver, Stacie Contat, and my choirs! Carol DiBiaggio has been my teacher, my guide to the Faith, my supporter and my friend - I cannot thank her enough for that! I do count all my blessings, and thank you so much for adopting me, my Christian Family!

In His Name, Tatiana

P.S. Thank you for all of the cards, flowers and gifts that I received on my confirmation day too!

St. Mary Church

Mass Intentions

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

Saturday, April 6

5:00 pm ✠ Allen & Marge Bassage (Kathy Bassage)

Sunday, April 7

9:00 am ✠ Frank Giesen (Andy Giesen)

11:00 am For the People of St. Mary Parish

Tuesday, April 9

4:00 pm For the Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Jackie
MacCannell (Jayne Kempf)

Friday, April 12

7:30 am ✠ Walter Thomas Collins III (Twiss Family)

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday, April 13

5:00 pm For the People of St. Mary Parish

Sunday, April 14

9:00 am ✠ John Horsman (Wendy Horsman)

11:00 am ✠ Jeffrey R. Sutton (Fr. Craig Lusk)



We Welcome Into The Church

We Welcome into the Church, through the Sacrament of Baptism: **John Herbert Buckley, Clodagh May Buckley, and Ada Valerie Buckley**, children of Austin and Lauren Buckley who were baptized by Fr. Craig Lusk on Tuesday, April 2, 2024. God Bless John, Clodagh and Ada!

Thank You From Angie Booton

"I want to thank everyone for their prayers. I am doing well now."

"Dear Ladies of St. Joseph Guild,

Thank you for thinking of the precious babies and their mothers here at the Birth Center in Marshall. Times are tough for so many and we recently have had an influx of needy people in our department from the closing of the Coldwater OB Department. The clothes you provided will be given out to those people with the greatest need. Thank you so much & may God bless you, Jill, OB Nurse Navigator"

Calendar of Events

Saturday, April 6

7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast - Free Range
Restaurant

3:30 pm Confession/Adoration

Sunday, April 7

10:00 am Religious Education (Age 4-Grade 4) -
School Building

10:00 am Coffee Hour - Parish Hall

2:00 pm Divine Mercy Adoration - *St. John Church*

Monday, April 8

7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting - St. James
Room

Tuesday, April 9

4:00 pm Religious Ed (Grades 5-7) - School Building

7:00 pm Bible Study - Parish Hall

Wednesday, April 10

6:45 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal With Fr. Craig

Saturday, April 13

7:00 am Men's Bible Study - St. James Room

3:30 pm Confession/Adoration

Sunday, April 14

10:00 am Religious Education (Age 4-Grade 4) -
School Building

10:00 am Coffee Hour - Parish Hall

CRS Rice Bowl - THANK YOU!

THANK YOU! Our community changed lives this Lent through CRS Rice Bowl. Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl to the Church collection basket by April 28. It is helpful if loose change is counted at home and a check is written payable to "St. Mary Church" for the total. Alternatively, you may donate online at crsricebowl.org/give.

Thank You From Knights of Columbus 4th Degree #505

Thank you to all who generously donated at the Marshall Fish Fry on March 8 to support homeless veterans in our area.

St. John Church

Mass Intentions

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

Saturday, April 6

4:00 pm ✠ Michael Olma (Thomasma Family)

Sunday, April 7

9:00 am For the People of St. John Parish

Thursday, April 11 - St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr

12:00 pm ✠ Dennis Jackson (People of St. John Parish)

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday, April 13

4:00 pm For the People of St. John Parish

Sunday, April 14

9:00 am For the Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Tatiana
Khurgel (Stacie Contat)

Calendar of Events

Saturday, April 6

2:30 pm *Confession*

Sunday, April 7

10:00 am Religious Education Classes

2:00 pm Divine Mercy Adoration/Confessions

Wednesday, April 10

4:00 pm Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room

Saturday, April 13

2:30 pm *Confession*

Sunday, April 14

10:00 am Religious Education Classes

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7

Divine Mercy Sunday will consist of adoration and confessions, beginning at 2pm at St. John. All are welcome!



Holy Thursday Mass



Collaborative Prayer Lists & Financials

St. Mary Parish Stewardship - thank you!
As of March 31, 2024

Budget year-to-date.....\$369,230.40
Collection year-to-date.....\$379,290.63

2023-24 Bishop's Annual Appeal
Goal.....\$64,150.00
*Paid.....\$66,006.44, **100%***

St. John Parish Stewardship - thank you!
As of March 31, 2024

Budget year-to-date.....\$203,846.00
Collection year-to-date.....\$234,305.40

2023-24 Bishop's Annual Appeal
Goal.....\$49,416.00
Paid.....\$42,798.50

Diocesan Bishop's Annual Appeal

Thank You!

Thank you to those who have made a recent contribution to help us achieve our goals!

Any excess contributions will be used to help us get a jump start on the new BAA campaign that begins soon!

Easter Flower Contribution Thank You!

Thank you for the generous contributions toward flowers this Easter! Funds collected will be used towards beautiful Easter lilies, and future arrangements in the liturgical year.

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Please Pray For Those Listed Below...

Please note that names on our Collaborative Prayer List will now be posted for a **two-month** period. The current list will be updated for the April 14 bulletin. **Please call the St. Mary Office if your loved one needs to remain on the prayer list or to notify of any new names: stmarymarshall@aol.com or call 269-781-3949.**

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Military Prayer List

- Kody Chamberlain
- Cameron Cook
- Brody Fitzgerald
- Jackson Friend
- Jacob Konkol
- Deon Williams Lerma
- Jacob Lewis
- Monica Lubis
- McClure Family
- Christian Sabados
- Cody Sabados
- Paul Shen
- Rick Spells II
- Ethan Twiss

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The Rev. Craig Lusk, Pastor *Mother, behold your son. Son, behold your mother.*

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Baptism preparation class is required. Call the Parish Office for an appointment. No date can be set until after the appointment.

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Call the Parish Office 8 months in advance of desired date. No dates are reserved for weddings until the couple has met the requirements for marriage. Appointments are scheduled during the week only and are not available on the weekends. Must be a registered parishioner at least one year.

THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Call the Parish Office for emergencies at any time. Notify the parish priest of anyone who is scheduled for a hospital stay or surgery and anyone who is a shut-in.

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: See below for the scheduled dates and times.

Bulletin Deadline: Friday of prior week by the end of office hours.

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Mass Schedule: Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am
Reconciliation/Adoration:
Saturday 3:30 pm
Parish Office Hours:
Mon-Fri 9:00 am-12:00 pm, 1:00-3:00 pm

ST. JOHN STAFF

Pastor: Fr. Craig Lusk
Pastor Emeritus: Fr. Joseph Gray
Deacon: Ken Snyder
Office Manager: Lynn Shepherd
Director of Religious Education: Deacon Ken Snyder
Director of Music: Tatiana Khurgel
Director of Maintenance: Tracy Markovich
Custodian: Sam Markovich
Mass Schedule: Saturday 4:00 pm & Sunday 9:00 am
Reconciliation: Saturday 2:30 pm
Parish Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 am-3:00 pm

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