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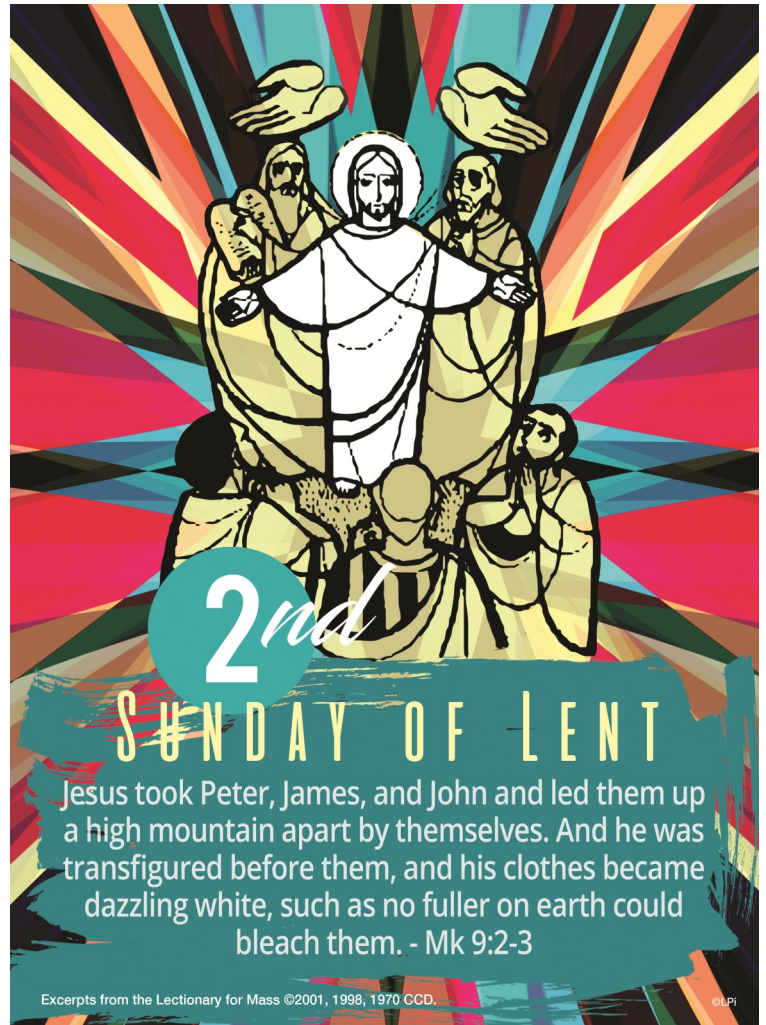
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MISSION STATEMENT

We, the parishes of St. Mary Help of Christians (Briggsville) and St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception (Portage), in a spirit of faith and service rooted in the mission of Christ as revealed in the Gospel, are committed to creating welcoming communities that actively pursue opportunities for formation in our Catholic faith, spiritual growth and outreach to others in need.

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2nd Sunday of Lent

February 28, 2021

MASS SCHEDULE

St. Mary, Portage

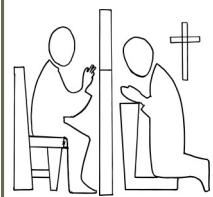
Tuesday, 5:00 PM
 Thursday, 8:15 AM
 Friday, 7 AM
 Saturday, 4:00 pm
 Sunday, 9:30 am & 11:00 am

St. Mary, Briggsville

Wednesday, 8:15 AM
 Sunday, 8:00 AM

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Tuesday, March 2 5:00 PM (Portage) | Special Intention for the Pate Family (Evelyn Pate) |
| Wednesday, March 3 8:15 AM (Briggsville) | † Rosendo Saenz (Michelle Boyer) |
| Thursday, March 4 8:15 AM (Portage) | † Deceased Members of the Meier/Petzke Families (Carole & Jim Petzke) |
| Friday, March 5 7:00 AM (Portage) | † Penny Fischer (Larry & Sandy Kiefer) |
| Saturday, March 6 4:00 PM (Portage) | † Romeo Garcia (Florence Penaflor) |
| Sunday, March 7 8:00 AM (Briggsville) | † Sandy Borhart (Phyllis & Al Weisneth) |
| 9:30 AM (Portage) | People of the Parish |
| 11:00 AM (Portage) | † Loid Atkinson (Friends) |



There will be private reconciliation at St. Mary, Portage on Friday, March 5 at 12:00 PM and Saturday, March 6 at 9:00 AM .

Please note that the reconciliation area has moved to the west side of the church (by the organ), and face-to-face reconciliations are now allowed. Masks are required.



Knights of Columbus Friday Night Fish Fries

The KC's will host a fish fry every Friday night starting February 19, 2021 through Good Friday, April 2, 2021

Cocktails begin at 4:00 PM and dinner is served from 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM

EVENTS THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, March 2

- 4:30 PM (Portage) - Rosary Church
- 6:00 PM (Portage) - "The Chosen" Cafeteria

WEDNESDAY, March 3

- 8:45 AM (Briggsville) - "Communication with God" Church
- 5:15 PM (Portage) - Stations of the Cross Church
- 6:00 PM (Portage) - Faith Formation Entire Campus
- 6:30 PM (Briggsville) - Stations of the Cross Church

THURSDAY, March 4

- 5:15 PM (Portage) - All Committees Prayer Church
- 5:30 PM (Portage) - All Committees Meetings Various
- 6:30 PM (Portage) - Evangelization Meeting School Cafeteria
- 7:00 PM (Portage) - Pastoral Council School Cafeteria

FRIDAY, March 5

- 12:00 PM (Portage) - Eucharistic Adoration Church
- 12:00 PM (Portage) - Private Reconciliation Church

SATURDAY, March 6

- 9:00 AM (Portage) - Private Reconciliation Church

SUNDAY, March 7

- 9:00 AM (Briggsville) - Faith Formation Church

A full calendar of St. Mary, Portage and St. Mary, Briggsville events can be found on our website at <http://www.stmaryoticanandhoc.com/>

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations will be held at St. Mary, Portage on Wednesday evenings during Lent at 5:15 PM beginning February 24, 2021.

Stations will be held at St. Mary, Briggsville on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM beginning February 24, 2021.





This past weekend, St. Mary, Portage announced plans for a capital fund drive. The effort is entitled “Our Church—Our Future” Campaign. Its aim is to raise the funds required to renovate and expand the church and parish facilities.

We need your support in many ways.

- 1) We need your prayers. Pray for generous hearts, commitment, vision and trust. Prayer cards were handed out at the end of each Mass and the prayer is also quoted below.
- 2) We need your willingness to volunteer. Volunteer cards were available in the pews at Mass and are available in church.
- 3) Over the next several weeks, you will also be given the opportunity to make your pledge of support financially.

This weekend we will officially kick off the campaign at each Mass. We will watch a video and hear from our Campaign Chairpersons.

In the northeast corner of the church we have cleared a space that will become the hub for information during this campaign.

Prayer cards, volunteer cards, campaign newsletters and the campaign brochure will be available there. There are also campaign pens free of charge and yours to keep.

If you would like to volunteer, you can also call the parish office and the parish staff will complete a volunteer card for you.

God: Creator, Redeemer, and guiding Spirit of all that is, was, and ever shall be-

We trust in your guidance and blessing in our prayer, financial support and sharing of talents. The renovation of our Church, St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, honors our ancestors who built this Church as a place to worship and as a sacred space to bring people closer to you.

When we doubt our abilities, give us wisdom. When we lost our way, remind us not to be afraid. Teach us to be wise stewards of our gifts and blessings. Bless our efforts with devotion to prayer, growing commitment for service and increased generosity as we work to advance the life and ministry of our parish.

This is Our Church. This is Our Future.

Amen.

THE CHOSEN—EXPLORING THE LIFE OF JESUS

Looking to explore the life of Jesus this Lent?

Come and join us as we view the first season of the TV series “The Chosen”. The series has been very well received and is designed to help us see Jesus through the eyes of those who knew him. We’ll gather Tuesday evenings beginning February 16th in the school cafeteria and follow the video with discussion. We’ll meet from 6:00 – 7:15 pm. There will be eight sessions. Our final session will be April 6th. Covid-19 guidelines remain in place, so registration is necessary.

To sign up please contact Dcn. Dennis & Jeri Sutter at djsutter4@gmail.com or 742-2647

The Chosen – Official Trailer

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K1-FoFj8Jbo>

COMMUNICATION WITH GOD

A session on growth of a prayer life will be offered after Mass (8:45 AM) each Wednesday morning during Lent at St. Mary Help of Christians in Briggsville.

The sessions will explore ways of growth in prayer in much the same way as we experience growth in personal human development. Various types of prayer will be used as examples of growth in communicating with God.

The session will be led by Sr. Jovita.

Please bring a Bible. If you don’t have one, one will be made available for you.

Readings for the week of February 28, 2021

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| Sunday: | Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10 |
| Monday: | Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38 |
| Tuesday: | Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12 |
| Wednesday: | Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28 |
| Thursday: | Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31 |
| Friday: | Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46 |
| Saturday: | Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 |
| Next Sunday: | Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42 |



Congratulations!

On Sunday afternoon, Bishop Hying will visit St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception church to confirm our candidates as well as a candidate from All Saints Church in Berlin.

They have prepared well for this sacrament and are ready to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit and to make the commitment to live the Catholic faith.

These young adults will join us as full members and are ready to contribute to our faith community. Please pray for them, encourage them and invite them to be involved in our parish life of service and leadership.

With the gifts of the Holy Spirit working in them, our parishes are sure to be blessed. Let us welcome this blessing with joy.

St. Mary Help of Christians

Braden Buss (Sebastian)
 Sydney Gulrud (Dymphna)
 Hunter Isaacson (Hubert)
 Ethan Johnson (John)
 Elijah Kimball (Andrew)
 Maya Musiedlak (Phoebe)

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

Jana Blau (Lucy)
 Brody Buettner (Michael)
 Koby Buettne (James the Great)
 Jaden Cole (Hubert)
 Mitchell Fimreite (Joseph)
 Ayden Hellenbrand (Bernard)
 Bethany Krumpos (Cecilia)
 James Little (Hubertus)
 Elena Ludwig (Anthony)
 Benjamin O'Brien (Michael)
 Michael Parise (Florian)
 Marissa Przybl (Mother Teresa)
 Anna Schuette (Francis of Assisi)
 Joseph Shaver (Anthony)

Unfortunately, due to COVID capacity restrictions, this Confirmation Mass is limited to the Confirmation candidates, their sponsors and families.

ST. MARY SCHOOL NEWS

GREETINGS FROM THE SECOND GRADE!

In Math class, we are working on measuring with inches, centimeters, yards and meters. We continue to work on addition with carrying, money, time, and practicing the basic addition and subtraction math facts.

In Religion class, we have been learning about Ash Wednesday and Lent. We have explored many different ways to pray. We continue to work on treating others as Jesus wants us to.

In Literacy, we continue to learn about the SuperKids and the adventures that they have had. We have been working with synonyms, antonyms, syllables, compound words, cause and effect, context clues and speech bubbles. We also reviewed nouns and verbs. We continue to work on reading fluently. We have been practicing our handwriting skills while learning cursive! We are excited to have completed learning the lower case cursive letters and that we are beginning the upper case letters!

We hope you are staying healthy and safe!

Thank you for your support in our Catholic education!

Mrs. Raines and the Second Grade

Video of Stations of the Cross from the Apostolate for Persons with Disabilities

The Apostolate, with the assistance and involvement of many people, has produced a video of the Stations of the Cross that can be widely distributed to those who wish to participate in this wonderful Lenten devotion, but might have challenges, especially with the current pandemic, in participating in this devotion in person at church.

The 24 minute video, launched on Ash Wednesday, includes an introductory message from Bishop Hying, contributions from 20 people (most of whom are diocesan staff members), as well as images, prayers, and hymns for each of the Stations of the Cross.

Please share the following link widely
<https://youtu.be/FYNgksBNavl>

Sacrament Information

Reconciliation

Private confessions are held at St. Mary, Portage most Saturdays at 9:00 am in the church.

Baptisms

Parents wishing to have their child baptized must attend a Baptismal Preparation session. To make arrangements to attend, please call the Portage Parish Center at 742-6998. Pre-registration is necessary. Baptism prep class is usually offered the third Tuesday of each month in Portage.

Marriages

For weddings at St. Mary, Portage or St. Mary, Briggsville please make arrangements with Fr. Gary at least six months in advance by calling the St. Mary, Portage Parish Center at 742-6998.

Bulletin Deadline

Announcements must be dropped off at the Parish office or emailed to Lisa Clemmons– lclemmons@stmaryotic.org by 4:00 PM each Monday for publication in the following weekend's bulletin. Holiday deadlines are Friday of the week before.