

PARISH INFORMATION
St. Mary Help Of Christians -
Briggsville

Weekend Masses

Saturday-5:30 pm

Sunday-8:00 am

Parish Office – 981-2282

Pastoral Minister– Sr. Jovita Winkel, CSA
(jwinkel@solarus.net)

Bookkeeper– Barbara Poppy-253-2100

Maintenance– Bob Gauger

Pastoral Council Chair- Susan Hilliard

Cemetery Sexton– James Dinegan

St. Mary of the Immaculate
Conception- Portage

Weekend Masses

Saturday-4:00 pm

Sunday– 9:30 & 11:00 am

Parish Office- 742-6998

Faith Formation– Sr. Anita Henning
(ahenning@stmaryotic.com)

Youth Minister– Brenda Collins
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Pastoral Minister– Malu Durkin
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Maintenance– Dan Schwalbe

Cemetery Sextons– Tom Waldron

Pastoral Council Chair– Sara Shaver

St. Mary School– Portage
315 W. Cook St. 53901
School Office– 742-4998

Principal– Jamie Hahn

Secretary– Cindy Harvey

Website– www.stmarysportage.org

Welcome to the Parish Communities of

ST. MARY OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
of Portage, WI
&
ST MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
of Briggsville, WI

A welcoming community that is alive with prayer and service. Jesus challenges us to support one another, respecting our similarities and differences.



For whoever is not against us is for us. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward.

Mark 9:40-41

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 26 & 27, 2009

Pastor, Fr. Jim Murphy

jmurphy@stmaryotic.com

Deacon, Dennis Sutter

dsutter@stmaryotic.com

Parish Community Website: www.stmaryotic.com

Parish Email: parish@stmaryotic.com

Portage Worship Schedule

Monday, September 28

8:00 AM Word & Communion

Tuesday, September 29

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Wednesday, September 30

7:00 AM † Bernadine Marachowsky

Thursday, October 1

8:00 AM † Ned Tierney (Michael Kutschera)

Friday, October 2

7:00 AM † Wilfred & Venita Drexler (Estate of
Bernadine Coleman)

Saturday, October 3

4:00 PM † Wm. B. Kiefer (Lawrence & Sandra Kiefer)

Sunday, October 4

9:30 AM † Margaret Holly (Francis Holly)

11:00 AM † Jack Stumpf (Family)

Portage Confessions

Saturday, October 3

9:00 am

Stewardship of Treasure

Parish Support September 19 & 20

Envelopes\$12069.80

Offertory.....\$316.49

Diocesan Assessment.....\$97.00

Fiscal Year to Date Giving.....\$102158.83

Parish Support Previous Year –2008

Envelopes Received\$8386.47

Fiscal Year Giving.....\$103465.01

Difference from previous fiscal year giving

Decrease.....\$1306.18

Stewardship Reflection

September 27, 2009

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward.” - Mark 9:41

Our Lord’s comment about the simple gesture of giving a drink of water is a reminder of how Jesus taught that we would all be judged at the end of time. *“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.” Matthew 25:35.* Our service and sacrifice to our parish and the greater Church allows us to care for Jesus when He is hungry, thirsty, ill or in need.

From Our Pastor

RCIA

Who is going to be with us to begin the 2009-2010 RCIA process? Will you encourage a family member, a neighbor, a friend that might be interested in joining the Catholic faith or a Catholic wishing to be confirmed? Might you come as a sponsor? We begin October 1 at 7:00 pm in the lower level of the Parish offices.

40 Days for Life

The 40 Days for Life began last week at the Planned Parenthood abortion site in Madison just across Hwy 51 from MATC in Madison. It is a forty day prayer and witness in favor of life for the pre-born. Forty is an important Biblical number—days of rain in the flood, years in the desert, and Jesus’ days of prayer in the desert. This number signifies a long period of time. Life is a gift from God. Abortion has been legal in the US going on 40 years now but we refuse to accept this ongoing tragedy. At over 150 sites across our country, people who understand all life is a gift from God will be praying these forty days. I will make time to be part of this effort. The schedule and sign-up is available online at vigilforlife.org.

Fr. Jim

Congratulations!

The flowers in church this weekend are in honor of Jerry & Darlene Garrigan as they celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary

Best Fest

Organizational Meeting

We are looking for persons interested in sharing new and fresh ideas about the Best Fest Annual Festival. This is **YOUR** festival and if you have ideas about changes you’d like to see, or have an idea for something new that might add to this fundraiser, this meeting is for YOU!! We would like to hear some new ideas to help Best Fest remain an activity that people look forward to and one that continues to be a major fundraiser for our parish. If you’ve been looking for a way to get involved in the parish this might be the perfect way to do so! Join us on Monday, September 28 in the school cafeteria at 7:00 pm. Dawn Foster will be facilitating this meeting. If you have any questions, please call Dawn at 742-7531.

Bulletin Announcement Deadline

All announcements are due in writing to the parish center or email to kcaulum@stmaryotic.com each Wednesday at noon for publication in the following weekends bulletin.

Welcome!

We welcome the following to St. Mary, Portage Parish.

Paul, Stacy Isabella & Isaac Opalewski

And

Nathan Roberts

We are glad to have you as part of our parish family!

Eucharist Adoration

All are invited to share in the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, October 2 from 12:00 – 2:00 pm. Come in for a visit any time during these two hours.

Knights of Columbus

Fish Fry

Friday, October 2

Cocktails– 4:00 pm Dinner 5:00-7:00 pm

Join us at the KC Hall!

Volunteers Needed!!

One of the summer projects for our parish was to raise funds for a new floor in the school cafeteria. We are happy to report that that new floor is ready to be installed!!

Now all we need are volunteers. Installation will take place on Saturday, October 3. If you are willing and able to help with this project, please call the parish office (742-6998) by Thursday, October 1. We will take your name and number and Dan Schwalbe will return your call and let you know details about the time of the installation.

Young Neighbors in Action

Mission Trip to Chicago-June 20 – 26, 2010

Young Neighbors in Action is more than just a week of doing service. It is a service-learning experience where participants deepen their commitment to the call of the gospel, and work for justice in our world. This experience provides youth with a mix of direct service, cross-cultural sharing, community building, prayer, and recreation. There will be an informational meeting and registration on Tuesday, October 6 at 7:00 pm in the lower-level meeting room of the parish center. If you need a registration packet or have questions, please contact Brenda Collins at 742-6998 before October 6. Spots are already filling up fast and there will be a limit to how many we are allowed to take. Please don't wait to reserve your spot!

*God has created me to do some special service;
God has committed some work to me, which has
not been committed to another.*

I HAVE A MISSION ~ John Henry Newman

Youth Ministry News

Youth Ministry Committee

The youth ministry committee meets the first Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm in the lower level meeting room of the parish center. There will be a meeting on Tuesday, October 6. At this meeting we will go over and plan upcoming events such as "PowerofOne" Concert and a Pumpkin Smashing event for our High School Faith Formation Program. If you have ideas for this event or others and would like to come, please do so! All are welcome! Please contact Brenda Collins with questions 742-6998.

Youth Ministry Events

St. John Bosco Youth Day

Fire on the Hill ~ Dare-2-Love

A day of faith and fellowship just for youth and their families. Excellent speakers and music.

Saturday, October 3, 2009

8:30 am – 6:00 pm

Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Help of Christians, Holy Hill, 1525 Carmel Road, Hubertus, WI
Cost is FREE!!! Box Lunch is \$7.00

Register online at www.holyhill.com or contact Brenda Collins for more info. We are in need of adult chaperones for this event.

"POWERofONE"

Christian Concert

Saturday, October 10, 2009

12:00pm – 10:00 pm

Appleton North High School

Cost is \$20 per person

Featuring: Superchick, Pillar, Barlowgirl, New World Son, and more! Go to www.powerofoneonline.com to check it out! Please contact Brenda Collins at 742-6998 if you are interested in going! Adult chaperones needed for this event.

Market Day

Market Day forms for this month are available in church and at the Parish Center. Orders are due on Friday, October 2 and pick up will be Tuesday, October 6 from 3:00-4:30 pm in the school cafeteria.



St. Mary Portage Faith Formation Schedule

Kindergarten– Eighth Grade

September & October

*Wednesday, September 30

Class 5:30-6:30 pm

*Wednesday, October 7

Class 5:30-6:30 pm– Living Rosary

*Wednesday, October 14

Class 5:30-6:30 pm

*Wednesday, October 21

Class 5:30-6:30 pm

*Wednesday, October 28

NO CLASS

High School Faith Formation

September & October

*Wednesday, September 30

Class 6:45-8:15 pm

*Wednesday, October 7

Class 6:45-8:15 pm

*Wednesday, October 14

Class 6:45-8:15 pm

*Wednesday, October 21

NO CLASS– Service Opportunity

*Wednesday, October 28

NO CLASS

Confirmation Class

September & October

*Wednesday, September 30

Class 6:45-8:15 pm

*Sunday, October 4

Retreat 9:00 am– 4:00 pm

Takes place at Camp Gray in Reedsburg. Permission slips have been sent home. Please return them by Wednesday, September 30

*Wednesday, October 7

Class 6:45-8:15 pm

*Wednesday, October 14

Class 6:45-8:15 pm

(Service reports & letter to Bishop due)

*Wednesday, October 21

NO CLASS

*Sunday, October 25

Mass 9:30 am—Rite of Sending (meet in church)

Confirmation Rehearsal 3:00 pm (in Waunakee)

*Wednesday, October 28

NO CLASS

Pre-school Faith Formation

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish will begin its Pre-school Faith Formation program on Sunday, October 4. This program is for 3-5 year olds. It will be held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month, October-May, during the 9:30 am Mass. If you have not yet registered your child, there is still time. Complete the registration form below and return it to the parish center by Tuesday, September 29. If you prefer you may also e-mail the information to ahenning@stmaryotic.com. If you have any question please call Sister Anita at 742-6998 ext. 23.

Sunday Pre-School Registration Form

Student Name _____ Age _____

Student Name _____ Age _____

Student Name _____ Age _____

Parent Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

____ I am willing to help as an adult leader.

St. Mary School News

From the Second Grade Room



We have been very busy in the second grade classroom this school year. In religion, we are learning about what it means to be disciples of Jesus, and how we can strive to be faithful followers of Christ. In reading we are reviewing short and long vowel sounds. We have been reading and discussing stories in our new reading books. In math we are comparing numbers, counting money and telling time. In social studies and science we are discussing different communities and various seasons of the year. Have a great fall!

Mrs. Jim Raines

Briggsville Worship Schedule

Tuesday, September 29

8:00 AM People of the Parishes

Wednesday, September 30

8:00 AM Word & Communion

Thursday, October 1

8:00 AM Word & Communion

Saturday, October 3

5:30 PM † Helene Bloss (Velma & Harold Gaffney)

Sunday, October 4

8:00 AM † Mary Simonitsch (Anna & Lloyd Weber)

Liturgical Schedule

for October 3 & 4

Reader:

5:30 pm– Charles Newling

8:00 am– Louise Lentz

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

5:30 pm– Betty Nadolski & Robert Gauger

8:00 am– Sharon Goetz & Diana LaPointe

Servers:

5:30 pm– Thomas Foland

8:00 am– Shyla & Nicole Cummings

Stewardship of Treasure	September 13	September 20
Envelopes Received	\$1258.00	\$1160.00
Offertory	\$116.26	\$138.61
*Peter's Pence	\$107.00	
*Parish Nurse Program	\$500.00	
DSA		\$79.00
Peter's Pence & Catholic Women		\$80.00
Total	\$1981.26	\$1457.61

Bulletin Correction

*Last weekends bulletin incorrectly stated the names of two of the collections which were taken. Please note the corrections in this weekends bulletin. The two collections that should have been noted last weekend were Peter's Pence and the Parish Nurse Program instead of Energy and Children's Envelopes.

St. Mary Briggsville

Faith Formation Schedule

*Sunday, September 27 & October 4, 11 & 18
Class following 8 am Mass

*Sunday, October 25

Parent/Student Session following 8 am Mass

Special Notes of Thanks

The processional cross that is used for Mass here at Briggsville is a San Damiano crucifix. It is patterned on Christ's words, "Go repair my church", spoken to St. Francis as he was praying before a crucifix. The processional cross was given to St. Mary's by David Boehmke, in memory of his wife, Shirley. The gift is greatly appreciated.

St. Mary's has received a \$5000.00 bequest We are grateful for the remembrance of the parish in this person's will.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Prayerful sympathy to the family of Vivienne Staufenbeil for whom the Mass of Christian burial was celebrated on September 11, at St. Mary, Briggsville. May Vivienne rest in peace.

Scripture Readings

for the week of September 27, 2009

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Lk 10:17-24

Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

JOYCE'S MASON STATION

BP GAS– 24 HOUR PUMPS

BAIT - TACKLE - GROCERIES

Downtown Briggsville

Jim & Ginny Joyce, parishioners

Remember to patronize our bulletin advertisers listed on our bulletins weekly. They help to Make this bulletin cost-free to our parish.

ST. MARY PORTAGE & ST. MARY BRIGGSVILLE INFORMATION

RCIA- Explore the Catholic Faith

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a formal process designed for adults who have never been Baptized, adults who have been Baptized in another faith tradition, and adult Catholics who were Baptized as infants, but never had any formal faith formation and have not yet celebrated First Eucharist and/or Confirmation. It is a process that explores what it means to be Catholic. Through prayer, instruction and discussion adults learn what the Catholic Church teaches, and what its traditions and experiences are like. All are welcome to come together and explore how they understand faith. Our sessions will begin on October 1 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.

Catholic Women News for St. Mary, Briggsville & St. Mary, Portage

Fall Pilgrimage

The Columbia Deanery Council of Catholic Women invites women of our deanery parishes to go on pilgrimage in prayer and thanksgiving for our parish priests during this *Year for Priests*. Our pilgrimage will be held Thursday, October 22, 2009. We will travel by Kobussen Motor Coach from pick-up points in Portage and Lodi to St. Josephat Basilica and the cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Milwaukee enroute to the Franciscan Friars of Marytown and the National Shrine of St. Maximilian Koble. Cost is \$40.00. This includes Mass, prayer, tours, bus travel, Outta Here! Travel escort, beverages and snacks. Lunch provided by the Columbia Deanery CCW. For more information or to register please contact Columbia Deanery CCW President Cindy Fischer at 608-849-7420 or email at csfischerstpats@yahoo.com.

Children's Offertory At Mass

We encourage you to get your children involved with offertory giving by bringing food items that will help the community's food pantries. Children are encouraged to bring a canned/boxed food item to Mass. During the offertory song, they should bring up the item and deposit it in the basket by the altar. This simple act helps in so many ways including helping those less fortunate and being a more active participant during mass. (Not to mention, the walk to the altar helps get their wiggles out). Children of all ages are encouraged to participate

We Are the Church

W.A.T.C.H

WATCH, short for (**W**e **A**re **t**he **C**hurch) is a fun-filled, spiritual and thought provoking weekend which focuses on God, self and neighbor. It will be presented for parishioners from St. Mary, Portage and St. Mary, Briggsville, by a team which includes clergy, whose goal is to aide in the renewal of the individual. There are many thoughts and tools presented to encourage new experiences, to encourage community discussion and to provide an atmosphere for private and reflective meditation. In this stress-free atmosphere, there are also many fulfilling activities, free time, and time for making new friends. The weekend begins on Friday evening and ends mid-afternoon on Sunday. Saturday and Sunday mornings begin at 8:00 a.m., and Friday and Saturday evenings will end by 10:00 pm. All meals are provided and the participants go home in the evening for a good night's sleep. The weekend will be held November 13, 14, & 15 at St. Mary, Portage. The cost is \$35.00 per person. For information and applications, talk to Mike & Kris Atterberry (981-2083), Dcn. Dennis Sutter (742-2647), or call the St. Mary, Portage, Parish Center (742-6998). Space is limited, so sign up early. You'll be glad you took this time for yourself!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS ST. MARY-PORTAGE PARISH & SCHOOL

Monday, September 29	5:00 pm	St. Mary School Volleyball Game	School Gym
	6:00 pm	Bible Study (Facilitator: Barry Schwingel)	Parish Center Conference Rm.
	7:00 pm	Best Fest Meeting	School Cafeteria
Tuesday, September 29	3:30-6:00 pm	St. Mary School Volleyball Practice	School Gym
	6:00 pm	Just Faith	School 8th Grade Classroom
	6:30 pm	Parish Life Meeting	Parish Center Conference Rm.
	7:00 pm	Adult Ed. Meeting	Parish Center Upper Level Meeting Room
Wednesday, September 30	5:30-6:30 pm	K-8 Faith Formation	
	6:30-7:30 pm	Celebration Choir Practice	School Music Room
	6:45-8:15 pm	H.S. Faith Formation & Confirmation Class	Begin in St. Mary School Cafeteria
	7:00 pm	Bible Study (Facilitator: Malu Durkin)	Parish Center (Malu's Office)
Thursday, October 1	3:30-6:00 pm	St. Mary School Volleyball Practice	School Gym
	6:30 pm	CEF Meeting	Parish Center Conference Rm.
Friday, October 2	7:00 pm	RCIA	Parish Center Lower Level Meeting Room
	10:45 am	Grandparent/Special Friends Prayer Service	Church
	12-2:00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church

CALENDAR OF EVENTS ST. MARY-BRIGGSVILLE

Sunday, October 4	Following 8:00 am Mass	Faith Formation Pre 3- Tenth Grade	Church
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SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation

Private confessions are held at St. Mary -Portage each Saturday at 9:00 am in the church.

Baptisms

Parents wishing to have their child baptized are asked to participate in a Baptismal Preparation session which is held on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm at St. Mary- Portage. To make arrangements for baptism or to register for the class, please call the St. Mary -Portage Parish Center at 742-6998.

Marriages

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

AREA EVENTS

Coats of Many Colors

5th Annual Salvation Army Coat Drive

Bring your gently used & clean winter coats—
(*infant size to adult*) to the St. Mary, Portage Parish
Office by Sunday, September 27

They must have workable snaps, zippers & button.

**We are in need of children's coats! Please consider
donating to this GREAT cause!**

Coat Distribution

Friday, October 2

2:00-6:00 pm &

Saturday, October 3

9 am– 1 pm

114 W. Cook St

(*at the former Antique Mall, next to HoopLa in
downtown Portage*)

Contact Nancy Schaper at 742-7242 for more information

40 Days for Life

Please consider giving of your time to pray for life. 40
Days for Life prayer campaign started on September 23.

We are in need of walkers. Please go to the web site or
call Steve to sign up for a time to walk and pray. Can you
give just one hour?

40 Days for Life: Steve Karlen 608-445-2063

steve@vigilforlife.org. Visit the website for more infor-
mation- vigilforlife.org

St Patrick Church, Lodi

Fall Festival & Dinner

Sunday, September 27

Swiss Steak & Ham Dinner

11:00-4:00 pm

Adults, \$9.00 and Children 6-12, \$4.00

Portage Area Community Theatre

Auditions

Auditions will be held on Tuesday, September 29,
5:30-8:00 pm at Portage Public Library for this fall's
dinner theatre show.

Trip to Rome

A trip to Rome and other cities of Italy is being
sponsored by the Congregation of St. Agnes from April
23 to May 2, 2010. For further information visit
www.csasisters.org or call 920-907-2319.

St. Mary of the Most Holy Rosary Parish, Pardeeville

Roast Beef Dinner & Raffle

Sunday, October 4

11:00 am– 2:00 pm

Home-made roast beef, potatoes, glazed carrots, dinner
rolls, various salads, and home-made desserts.

Dinner served 11 am-2 pm

Cost: Adults, \$8.50

Ages 4-12, \$5.50 (under 4 are FREE)

St. Olaf Catholic Church, DeForest

Fall Festival

Sunday, October 4

Featuring delicious buffet style chicken & ham
dinner

Serving 11:00 am– 3:30 pm

\$9.00, Adults

\$4.50, children 4-12

3 and under FREE

Bingo all afternoon, raffles, games, baked goods, crafts,
refreshments

St. Olaf Catholic Church, DeForest

Holiday Bazaar & Craft Sale

Saturday, October 17

8:30 am– 2:00 pm

Wide variety of crafters, baked goods, and lunch
available. There are still spaces available for crafters.

Spaces are \$35 (space with a table is \$40). For more
information, contact Dawn at 846-9422 or Irene at 846-
5726.