

**St. Mary Help Of Christians -
Briggsville**

PO Box 127 Briggsville, WI

Weekend Masses

Saturday-5:30 pm

Sunday-8:00 am

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Bookkeeper– Barbara Poppy-253-2100

Maintenance– Bob Gauger

Pastoral Council Chair- Susan Hilliard

Cemetery Sexton– James Dinegan

**St. Mary of the Immaculate
Conception- Portage**

309 W. Cook St, Portage, WI

Weekend Masses

Saturday-4:00 pm

Sunday– 9:30 & 11:00 am

Parish Office- 742-6998

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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

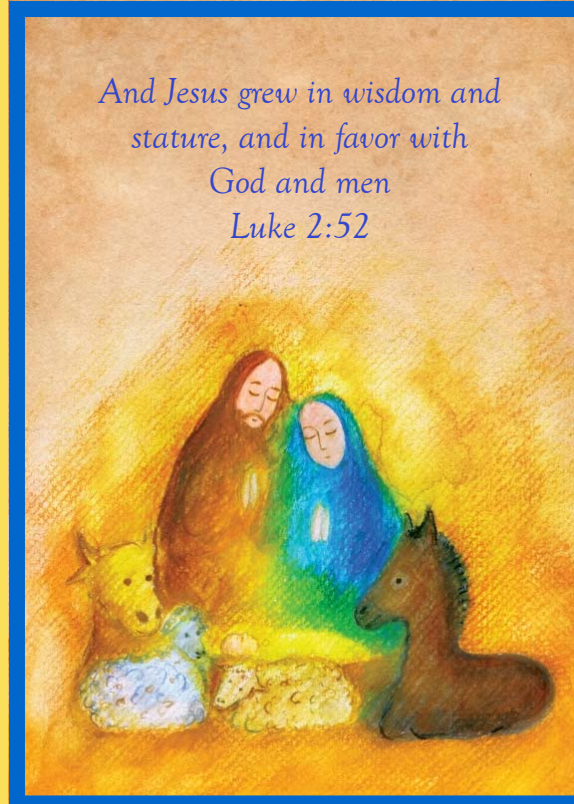
**ST. MARY OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

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.*



*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
December 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, December 28

8:00 AM Word & Communion

Tuesday, December 29

8:00 AM Word & Communion

Wednesday, December 30

7:00 AM † Alice Mae Christmas (Mark & Chris)

Thursday, December 31

Vigil- Feast of Mary, Mother of God

5:30 PM † Alice Hamele (Lorraine & Gary Berlin)

Friday, January 1

Feast of Mary, Mother of God

9:30 AM † Donna Foley (Bud & Shirley Herpel)

Saturday, January 2

4:00 PM † Arnold Serna (Wife & Family)
3rd Anniversary

Sunday, January 3

9:30 AM † Chester Growblewski (Pat Hinickle)

11:00 AM † Rose McWilliams
(Resurrection Choir Members)

Portage Confessions

Saturday, January 2

Cancelled

Stewardship Reflection

December 27, 2009

Feast of the Holy Family

“Beloved, see what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.” - 1 John 3:1

During this season of giving, let’s also remember the gifts that God has given to us, including the gift of making us His children. Are we as grateful for that wonderful gift as we are for all the material gifts we have received? How do we show our gratitude to God for the gifts He gives to us all year?

From Our Pastor

Merry Christmas!!

I hope your Christmas gatherings were joyful and a blessing. Thanks to those who cleaned church prior to Christmas- they desire to remain anonymous. Thanks for the many packages of goodies, cards and gifts at Christmas. I appreciate your generosity and support.

We are at the end of the year and I would like to encourage anyone considering a year end contribution to St Mary to do so. We have some bills to catch up and payroll is \$31,000 at the beginning of the month. Extra help would be appreciated.

January 1 each year is designated by the Pope as World Day of Peace. Pope Benedict’s statement is entitled “If You Want to Cultivate Peace, Protect Creation.” It can be found by searching USCCB (Catholic Bishops) clicking on social justice issues and then social development and world peace and finally selecting world day of peace

Fr. Jim

Feast of Mary, Mother of God

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Portage

Thursday, December 31

5:30 pm

Friday, January 1

9:30 am

The Parish Life Committee

is happy to sponsor

OPEN GYM

for all

St. Mary School & Parish Students

on Wednesday, December 30

5:30-7:30 pm

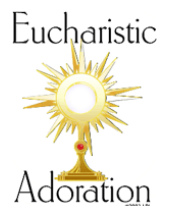
St. Mary School Gym



Parents are to bring students directly into the gym. Please do not just drop them off at the door.

Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration, which is usually held the first Friday of each month, has been changed from Friday, January 1 to Friday, January 8. Please come in for a visit anytime between noon and 2:00 pm on January 8.



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Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

Join us at the KC Hall on Friday, January 1, 2010
Cocktails- 4:00 pm & Dinner- 5:00-7:30 pm

RCIA Session Schedule

January 7- Anointing/Church Structure
January 14- Marriage/Holy Orders
January 28- Liturgy of the Word

All sessions begin at 7:00 pm at St. Mary- Portage.

St. Mary School News

From the Kindergarten Room

We are having a great time in Kindergarten! We are learning all about questions, action words, and sequencing (putting things in order). We learned about Advent and what it means to wait for Jesus. We made Advent wreathes to celebrate this. In math we are working on patterns and are beginning to work with money. We are learning a lot in Kindergarten!



Mrs. Stulo

Tuition Assistance Donations Needed

St. Mary School continues to provide an excellent Catholic education to all who seek one. We do not turn anyone away because of financial difficulties. We are asking everyone to please consider contributing to the Tuition Assistance Fund. Due to the difficult economic times, the request for assistance has doubled. Your donations would be greatly appreciated.

SAVE THE DATE

St. Mary Open House

Saturday, February 27 -5:00-7:00 pm

St Mary School Gym

Parishioners, alumni, and friends welcome!!

If you would like to help organize or volunteer please contact Susan Griep at 742-2951 or come to planning meeting on Tuesday January 5 at 5:30 pm in the school cafeteria.

TAKE A PEEK AT PRESCHOOL!

JANUARY 14 • FEBRUARY 11 • MARCH 11

8:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Have you decided where your child will attend preschool? Why not take a peek at St. Mary's? We offer an exceptional educational experience. Come and see us in action. Stop at the school office (315W. Cook Street), take a short tour, and sit in on a preschool class. We'll be available to answer any questions you may have.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Jamie Hahn, Principal (608) 742-4998
www.stmarysportage.org

St. Mary Portage Faith Formation Schedule

Kindergarten-Eighth Grade

***Wednesday, December 30**

NO CLASS

***Wednesday, January 6**

Class 5:30-6:30 pm

***Wednesday, January 13**

Class 5:30-6:30 pm

***Wednesday, January 20**

Class 5:30-6:30 pm

***Wednesday, January 27**

First Reconciliation. NO regular classes

High School Faith Formation

***Wednesday, December 30**

NO CLASS

***Wednesday, January 6**

Class 6:45-8:15 pm

***Wednesday, January 13**

Class 6:45-8:15 pm

***Wednesday, January 20**

Class 6:45-8:15 pm

***Wednesday, January 27**

Class 6:45-8:15 pm

Market Day

Market Day order forms are available in the back of church and at the parish office. The first order of the new year is due by noon on Friday, January 8 and pick up will be Tuesday, January 13 in the school cafeteria from 3:00-4:30 pm



In Loving Memory

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to the families of the following parishioners who passed away during the last week.

Judith Cooney, who passed away on Thursday, December 10

Robert J. Hayes, who passed away on Saturday, December 12

Rodney W. Morris, who passed away on Sunday, December 13

Gordon A. Jensen who passed away on Monday, December 14

Genevieve M. Lytle McMahan, who passed away on Monday, December 14

Our thoughts & prayers continue to be with their families during this difficult time.

Briggsville Worship Schedule

Tuesday, December 29

8:00 AM † Tom & Margaret Coleman
(Estate of Bernadine Coleman)

Friday, January 1

Feast of Mary, Mother of God

8:00 AM People of the Parishes

Saturday, January 2

5:30 PM Glowe Jordon Sellek
(Priscilla & Robert Gauger)

Sunday, January 3

8:00 AM † Margaret Holly (Patrick Clancy)

Liturgical Schedule

for the weekend of January 2 & 3

Reader:

5:30 pm– Sharon Goetz

8:00 am– RaeAnn Schulz

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

5:30 pm– Robert Gauger & Roberta Peake

8:00 am– Marcia Ginther & Mona McTier

Servers:

5:30 pm– Thomas Foland

8:00 am– Allan Platt

Scripture Readings

for the week of December 27, 2009

Sunday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/
Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

Friday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Feast of Mary, Mother of God

St. Mary Help of Christians, Briggsville

Friday, January 1

8:00 am

Bulletin Deadline

| ARTICLES TO BE PUBLISHED THE WEEKEND OF | DUE BY NOON ON: |
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| January 2 & 3 | Monday, December 28 |

St. Mary Briggsville Faith Formation Schedule

***Sunday, January 10**

Parent/Student Session

***Sunday, January 19, 24, & 31**

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Prayerful sympathy to Dorothy Pokrywka (wife) and family of August Pokrywka whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on December 18 here at St. Mary, Briggsville. Prayer sympathy to Katherine Kalble and family at the death of Joseph Kalble whose funeral service and burial was at St. Mary, Briggsville on December 19. May August and Joseph rest in peace.

*We wish you a very
Happy New Year
filled with peace, love,
and joy!!*

*The Staff of St. Mary, Portage
and
St. Mary, Briggsville*

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.