

**January 1, 2012**

**Octave of Christmas Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

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## Cluster Corner....Mass Times

### SATURDAY

**4:00 pm Immaculate Heart of  
Mary**

4:30 pm Mary Queen of Heaven

5:30 pm St. Aloysius

### SUNDAY

**7:30 am Immaculate Heart of Mary**

8:30 am Mary Queen of Heaven

**9:30 am Immaculate Heart of Mary**

10:00 am St Aloysius

11:00 am Mary Queen of Heaven

7:00 pm St. Aloysius



The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child.

— Lk 2:16-17

## Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

January 1, 2012

### God's Graciousness

Numbers 6:22–27

Psalm 67:2–3, 5, 6, 8

Galatians 4:4–7

Luke 2:16–21

#### SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Certain events change everything—the end of war, a new relationship, the birth of a child. Paul tells us the coming of Christ was such an event. Can anyone believe God became human and continue to live as before? Paul insists God's work in Christ changed us at our core. We are not slaves as before, but we are God's children! That metaphor may not touch us as deeply as it should because we can't see the wide chasm between a slave and a child of the household as well as Paul's audience did. The slave, who was no more than property, is adopted, becomes a child and therefore a coheir of all that the natural children will inherit. Only God could work such a wonder. But are we surprised that a God who allows us to call him Daddy ("Abba") would love us that much?

Look at how Aaron is instructed to bless the people: "The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace!" (Numbers 6:25–26). God loves us face-to-face with personal, not generic, love. That news is worth announcing boldly. And, having stood face-to-face with the child Jesus, that's exactly what the shepherds do. They made the message known because it wouldn't sit still within their hearts. Mary

could sit back and reflect on these things because the simple shepherds—the first to hear the good news of Jesus' birth—were out announcing them for all to hear!



*"So you are no longer a slave but a son,  
and if a son then also an heir, through God"*  
(Galatians 4:7).

#### SHARING FAITH

- ◆ What is one of your treasured memories, something you keep and reflect on in your heart? How is it a memory of God?
- ◆ Can you imagine a God who knows you intimately and who desires you to know him as a "Daddy"?
- ◆ Mary reflected often upon the events surrounding the birth and childhood of Jesus. In reflecting upon the childhood events of each member of your family, where do you see signs of God's love and grace?

#### LIVING THE LITURGY

- ◆ On this solemnity of Mary, resolve to learn and pray a Marian prayer you don't already know, such as the Memorare, the Angelus, or the Magnificat. Marian prayers can be found in *Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers* (USCCB), or through an Internet search.
- ◆ With a friend or loved one, use crayons, markers, calligraphy pens, or even a computer to create a small card with the words of the blessing from the Numbers reading: "The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace!" (Numbers 6:25–26). Tape it to your mirror so you see it each morning as you start your day.
- ◆ Shepherds were poor people with a grueling job, yet God sent his Good News angels to them. Think of some of the people in your community who work in harsh conditions with little recognition. Send a thank-you note to your trash collector, say a prayer for road workers, and look for fair trade products to assure just compensation for those who labor over the goods you purchase.

## TO CARE

### Repairers of the Breach

Now that the winter season is upon us, Repairers of the Breach top priority item for the shelter is winter coats. Other winter items include blankets/quilts/comforters; sleeping bags, hats, gloves/mitten, scarves and winter socks. There is a lesser need for winter clothing (shirts, pants, etc), but donations will be accepted for seasonally-appropriate apparel. There is a continual need for underwear. Please drop off any of these items in the gathering area of church or the parish office.

**THANK YOU!**

## TO CARE

### Eucharistic Tabernacle Lamp

There are several months available for 2012 to have the Eucharistic Chapel Lamp burn for your intention. Please call the Parish Office at 414-453-5192 to reserve your month. What a wonderful way to remember a special person.



### ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS 2012 FUNDRAISER

IHM will be selling the popular Entertainment 2012 Books to raise funds in support of its cause. The fundraiser will start September 25th and continue through December.

Books cost only \$35.00 with a portion of the proceeds for every book supporting the parish. Entertainment membership provides people with hundreds of dollars in deals on the things they do every day such as dining, shopping, entertainment, travel and more.

### Archdiocesan Respect Life Mass—January 23, 2012

On **Monday, January 23rd**, Archbishop ListECKI will preside at the Archdiocese's observance of the *National Day of Penance and Prayer*. The **Archdiocesan Respect Life Mass** will be held at St. Jerome Parish in Oconomowoc (995 S. Silver Lake St.) Seminarians from St. Francis de Sales Seminary will lead the *Rosary for Life* at 6:00 pm followed by Mass at 7:00 pm. A reception will follow. **Come join in fellowship with Catholics from around the Archdiocese as we pray in penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion and for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life.**

### Holy Hour for Life – January 22, 2012 An Hour of Prayer with Exposition of the Holy Eucharist

On **January 22nd**, the **vigil** of the National Day of Penance and Prayer a **Holy Hour for Life** will be held simultaneously in approximately 100 parishes across the Archdiocese from 7:00—8:00 pm. These Holy Hours will be lead by Deacons of the Milwaukee Archdiocese, and co-sponsored by Deacon Services and the Nazareth Project for Marriage and Family Formation. A PDF with a list of locations is available on both the Archdiocesan website ([www.archmil.org](http://www.archmil.org)) and the John Paul II Center website ([www.johnpaul2center.org](http://www.johnpaul2center.org).) Consider coming to spend an hour in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament praying for a consistent life ethic for all stages of life—from conception to natural death.



### Cluster Corner: Adult Education

#### Scripture Studies for THE NEW YEAR: "Relating to Others as Jesus Would"

Six week small faith groups will be offered on either:

**MONDAY or THURSDAY MORNINGS 8:45-10 am  
Or WEDNESDAY MORNING 10-11:15 am**

All groups will meet in the IHM Parish Offices  
(unless notified otherwise)

**ALL GROUPS BEGIN the Week of JANUARY 9**

Additional groups will be formed if needed.

**Want to facilitate a group? Training available.**

Series is published by Loyola Press and will include prayerful **Reflection** on the scripture passages that show how Jesus related to His family, seekers, sinners, people He met, those who rejected him and His friends. *Sign-up is ongoing and Books will be available after Christmas*

**COST: \$8 FOR THE BOOK**

Contact Kathy Smith 414-453-5192 or [Kathy@ihmwestallis.com](mailto:Kathy@ihmwestallis.com)

### TYME OUT—Youth Ministry & Retreat Center

The Men's Prayer Breakfast at the TYME OUT Youth Ministry and Retreat Center is January 3rd. Join them at 7:00 am for prayer, breakfast and then a speaker's presentation. Eric Szatkowski, Special Agent, Wisconsin Department of Justice, will speak about the **"Dark Side of Digital Technology"**. This presentation on the digital exploitation of children includes real-life examples and unabashed practical advice for anyone interested in the safety and well-being of our children online or using their cell phones. For more information, call 262-966-1800.

The Women's Prayer Lunch at the TYME OUT Youth Ministry and Retreat Center is January 10th. Join them at 11:00 am for prayer, a speaker's presentation and lunch. Lisa Seipel, the Director of Development at the TYME OUT Youth Ministry and Retreat Center will speak about the **"Spirituality of Laughter"**. Come and explore the importance of laughter in our daily lives. They will look at the biblical roots of laughter and see how it promotes intimacy in our relationships with others and God. For more information, call 262-966-1800.

# COMMUNITY LIFE

## HYM NEWS:

**December 30th:** All Confirmation Retreat Forms due  
**January 5, 12, 19 & 26th:** HYM Bible Study—8:00—9:00 PM  
**January 14-15:** Confirmation Retreat at St. Francis seminary.  
 Please keep the teens, the team and those they will serve in your prayers! Thanks!  
**January 18:** HYM YOUth Nite—7:00—8:30 pm  
**January 20:** IGNITE Youth Rally for Life—5:00—9:00 pm @ Archbishop Cousins Center  
**January 28 or 29:** Confirmation Rite of Welcome—All Masses  
**January 29:** Confirmation Candidates AND Sponsors: - 7:00—8:00 pm @ St. Mary's Hales Corners—  
 "Confirmation and Beyond: We Can't Quit Now!" with Rich Curran

### Need Prayer?

We will be happy to pray for your needs. Please call either:



**Pat Renk @  
414-810-4606**

**OR**

**Mary Ehm at  
262-784-8861**

**or e-mail her at: mehm@wi.rr.com**



## New Year's Blessings

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### IHM Food Pantry Reminder



**There are many families that are in need of help during the Year.**

Please bring your donations of Non-Perishable Foods to church and place them in the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry Bins in the Gathering Area or bring to the Parish Office during regular office hours

**THANK YOU!**

### Weekly Exercise Classes Back By Popular Request

They will begin on Wednesday, Jan. 11th at 8:45 am in IHM Parish Hall. Some exercises will be set to music by certified personal trainer, Harriet Steckhahn. Others will feature favorite tapes from the past. Time to get fit after our holiday celebrations! Call Dorothy Wutt for more information at 262-782-8768.



## New Member Registration Form

Welcome to the prayer community of Immaculate Heart of Mary. Please fill out the registration form below and return it to the parish office. The goal of our parish is to be a family of faith, prayer and love. God bless you.

Dr., Mr., Mrs., Ms.

_____		_____	
Last Name		First Name	
_____		_____	
Date of Birth		Religion	
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Address			
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City		State	Zip
_____			
Phone		E-Mail	
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Occupation		Place of Employment	

Sacraments received: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Previous Parish

Single \_\_\_\_\_ Divorced \_\_\_\_\_ Married \_\_\_\_\_ Widowed \_\_\_\_\_

### If married:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Church: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden

\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Religion

\_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Employment

Sacraments received: \_\_\_\_\_

### Please list any children:

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name Date of Birth Religion Grade/School

Sacraments received: \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name Date of Birth Religion Grade/School

Sacraments received: \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name Date of Birth Religion Grade/School

Sacraments received: \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name Date of Birth Religion Grade/School

Sacraments received: \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name Date of Birth Religion Grade/School

4 Sacraments received: \_\_\_\_\_

# SCHEDULES

## Mass Intentions

**Sunday, January 1, 2012**

7:30 am † For Parishioners

9:30 am † Charles Ciciello

**Tuesday, January 3, 2012**

8:00 am † All Souls Intention

**Wednesday, January 4, 2012**

8:00 am † Adeline Bossert

**Thursday, January 5, 2012**

8:00 am † Marianne Kaczmarzyk

**Saturday, January 7, 2012**

9:00 am—**Reconciliation**—Church

4:00 pm † Beverly J. Nekich

**Sunday, January 8, 2012**

7:30 am † For Parishioners

9:30 am † Anastasia Bezak



## Parish Calendar

**Sunday, January 1, 2012**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**Monday, January 2, 2012**

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

**Friday, January 6, 2012**

4:30—7:00 pm—**Fish Fry**—Church Hall

**Saturday, January 7, 2012**

**Blood Pressure Check after 4:00 PM Mass**—Church Hall

**Fair Trade Coffee & Chocolate Sale**—After 4:00 PM Mass

**Sunday, January 8, 2012**

**Hospitality & Blood Pressure Check After 7:30 & 9:30 AM Masses**—Church Hall

**Fair Trade Coffee & Chocolate Sale**—After 7:30 & 9:30 am Masses—**Church Hall**

## Readings for the Week For January 1, 2012

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

**Monday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:29--3:6/Jn 1:29-34

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51

**Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38  
or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 2:1-11

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



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### News from Mary Queen of Saints



Happy New Year! Thank you for your support, spiritual and financial.

Students return to school on January 3rd. They brought joy to people through the Christmas Concert and caroling for the senior Meal Program in Gonzaga Hall. Now they will be busy finishing the second quarter. Basketball teams for grades 5-8 are playing on the weekends. The little ones even have a Basketball Clinic on Saturday mornings, so they can learn about the game too.

On Wednesdays in January and February some students gather to play chess during the lunch hour. Mrs. Suvaka and Mrs. Zielke coordinate this "Chess 'n Chew" program.

### "Exploring the Sunday Scriptures"

A great Way to pray with God's Word is available via a subscription to "Exploring the Sunday Readings." For just \$9 a year, you can have the readings for each Sunday plus reflection guides to help you prayerfully enter into the Liturgy. Simply fill out the form, place it in an envelope with your check for \$9 made out to IHM, mark the envelope "Exploring the Readings" and drop it in the collection basket at IHM, MQH or St. Al's, or mail it to the IHM Parish Office, c/o Kathy Smith, 1121 S. 116th St., West Allis, WI 53214

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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DUE JANUARY 1, 2012  
Subscription begins February, 2012