

General Information

Baptism: By appointment. At least one parent as well as the sponsors must be practicing Roman Catholics who attend the Traditional Latin Mass exclusively.

Confession: Before Mass on Sundays, and other times as indicated in the weekly bulletin.

Confirmation: Solemnly administered periodically in the year and may be administered privately by request. Catholics who received confirmation in the post Vatican II rite (1971) should arrange to receive confirmation conditionally in the traditional rite.

First Holy Communion: Administered each year on the Sunday after Corpus Christi. Adequate knowledge of the catechism is required.

Matrimony: If you are contemplating marriage, please make an appointment to speak with a priest before you set a date. At least one of the parties must be a practicing traditional Catholic and member of this parish. Weddings are forbidden during Advent and Lent.

Communion for the Sick: Please contact the pastor or coordinator when a church member is hospitalized or too ill to attend Mass.

Extreme Unction: Do not put off making arrangements until the last moment, but contact the pastor or coordinator promptly if a church member is gravely ill or in danger of death.

Decorum in Church: Respect for God in the Blessed Sacrament requires a reverent silence. Please turn off cell phones and keep children well behaved. Both young and old should wear dignified and modest clothes in church, and women should wear a dress or skirt, and a veil or hat. Veils are available in the vestibule. Men should wear shirt and tie as well as a jacket or sweater.

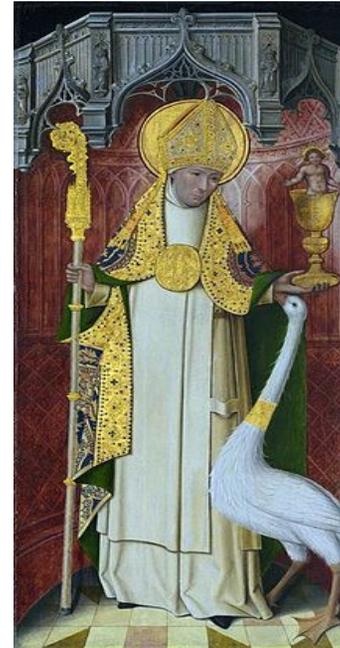
Holy Communion: Only baptized practicing Catholics in the state of grace may receive Holy Communion. You must be fasting:

- Three hours from solid foods and alcoholic beverages.
- One hour from other liquids.
- Water may be taken at any time.

The communicant kneels at the communion rail, and receives the Blessed Sacrament on the tongue. The communicant does not say "Amen" after the priest says "*Corpus Domini nostri Jesu Christi custodiat animam tuam in vitam aeternam. Amen.*"

Singing: The faithful are invited to join in singing any hymns preceding or following the Mass, but only the choir sings during the course of the Mass.

Following Sunday Mass: During High Mass season, there is a potluck brunch downstairs. Everyone is welcome.



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"Never have so few done so much so well for so long!"

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Advent IV

✦ Announcements ✦

Fr. Lehtoranta will offer Holy Mass this Wednesday evening at 5:30.

Thursday is the Vigil of Christmas, a day of fast and complete abstinence. Catholics between the ages of 21 and 59, inclusive, must fast. All Catholics from the age of 7 and up are bound to abstain entirely from meat. Confessions will be heard at 8:30 AM, and a LOW Mass said at 9:00 AM. Then, come back later that night to hear our choir sing Christmas Carols. They will begin at 11:30 PM. Carols will followed by Midnight High Mass.

Christmas Day is a Holy Day of Obligation. Meat may be taken on this day. Confessions will be heard on Christmas morning at 9:30, Low Mass and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament are scheduled for 10:00 AM.

Please note the special schedule for St. Stephen's Day this Saturday. Confessions will be heard at 9:00 AM and offered at 9:30.

Next Sunday, the feast of St. John, the Blessing of Wine and Other Beverages will be done after the High Mass. Be sure to come downstairs afterwards to drink to the health of St. John. Other types of finger food will be provided, too.

📖 Set Your Missal:

St. John the Evangelist. Commemoration of the Octave of Christmas. Preface & Proper Communicantes of the Nativity.

Collection Totals:

High Mass: 54 souls, \$976
Low Mass: 24 souls, \$768

🕯 The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the following

Intention: **The Grace of Conversion for the United States of America (Michael Anthony Thomas Hudson)**

Serber Schedule

Wednesday, Dec. 23: Volunteer

Thursday, Dec. 24: Muellers

Friday, Dec. 25: Midnight: MC: Andrew Kimpel, TH: David Sandberg, ACs: Michael & Peter Mueller, CB: Timothy Sandberg, TBs: Timothy & Andrew Sandberg, Dominic Scheeler, Elias Larson, Usher: Bob Mueller, **Christmas Morning:** Brian Kimpel, Volunteer, Usher: Keith Kimpel

Saturday, Dec. 26: Steve Heckenkamp

Sunday, Dec. 27: 1st Mass: MC: Peter Mueller, TH: Michael Mueller, ACs: David & Timothy Sandberg, CB: Andrew Sandberg, TBs: Elias Larson, Dominic Scheeler, Usher: Dale Sandberg, **2nd Mass:** Andrew & Brian Kimpel, Usher: Jeff Kimpel

This Week's Schedule

Mon	12/21/20	St. Thomas, Apostle
Tue	12/22/20	St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
Wed	12/23/20	Ferial Day Low Mass <i>Dale & Rebecca Sandberg Family</i> (<i>Dale & Rebecca Sandberg Family</i>)
Thu	12/24/20	Vigil of Christmas <u>Fast of Complete Abstinence</u> 8:30 AM Confessions, Rosary 9:00 AM Low Mass <i>Fr. Lehtoranta (Fr. McGuire)</i> 11:30 PM Christmas Carols
Fri	12/25/20	Nativity of Our Lord Christmas Day – <u>Holy Day</u> Midnight High Mass <i>Those Whose Names Are on the Altar</i> 9:30 AM Confessions, Rosary 10:00 AM Low Mass <i>The Steve Heckenkamp Family</i> Benediction Private Mass: <i>The People of St. Hugh of Lincoln</i>
Sat	12/26/20	St. Stephen, Protomartyr 9:00 AM Confessions, Rosary 9:30 AM Low Mass (+) <i>David Heckenkamp & the Holy Souls in Purgatory (Steve & Joanne Heckenkamp)</i>
Sun	12/27/20	St. John, Apostle & Evangelist 8:00 AM Confessions, Rosary 8:45 AM High Mass (+) <i>Parents of Robert & Ann Poggel (Robert & Ann Poggel)</i> Blessing of Wine & Beverages 10:45 AM Confessions, Rosary 11:15 AM Low Mass <i>People of St. Hugh of Lincoln</i>

My God, How Wonderful Thou Art

My God, how wonderful Thou art,
Thy majesty how bright,
How beautiful Thy mercy-seat,
In depths of burning light!

How dread are Thine eternal years,
O everlasting Lord;
By prostrate spirits day and night
Incessantly adored!

How wonderful, how beautiful,
The sight of Thee must be,
Thine endless wisdom, boundless power,
And awful purity!

O how I fear Thee, living God,
With deepest, tenderest fears,
And worship Thee with trembling hope,
And penitential tears!

Yet I may love Thee too, O Lord,
Almighty as Thou art,
For Thou hast stooped to ask of me
The love of my poor heart.

-Frederick W. Faber

Charity Vital to Peace

It is not enough for peace and concord to be preserved among men by the precepts of justice, unless there be a further consolidation of mutual love. Justice provides for men to the extent that one shall not get in the way of another, but not to the extent of helping another in his need. One may happen to need another's aid in which none is bound to him by any debt of justice, or where the person so bound does not render any aid. Thus there came to be a need of an additional precept of mutual love among men so that one should aid another even beyond the obligations of justice. Hence it is said: "This commandment we have received, that whoever loveth God should also love his brother." (1 John 4, 21). "This is My commandment that you

love one another." (John 15, 12). -*St. Thomas Aquinas, Summa Contra Gentiles, Bk. 3, ch. 130.*

Power of Love

Man is especially great because he can love and be loved. He can love his Creator and be loved by Him in return. Love enables the Christian to see the glory of Heaven in the tiny Babe of Bethlehem. Love enables him to see a dignity and a destiny higher than that of princes and kings in the common clay that clothes the poorest of mortals. His capacity to love God, and to appreciate all the good things God has done for him, lifts man above the earth, and even above the stars of heaven.

-The Catholic Sentinel

Portland, Oregon, December 23, 1943

Prepare the Way!

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths. Every valley shall be filled; and every mountain and hill shall be brought low." The voice of John the Baptist, the great Advent preacher, is heard again in today's Gospel (Lk. 3, 1-16), inviting us to prepare "the way of the Lord."

This invitation is especially a call to humility; John was not only the herald of this virtue, but its model too. We know, by the testimony of Jesus Himself, that he was "more than a prophet" and that "there hath not risen among them, that are born of women, a greater than John the Baptist" (Mt. 11, 9, 11). John claimed to be nothing more than a mere voice, "the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Make straight the way of the Lord," and declared that he baptized only with water, while another would come who would baptize in the Holy Spirit, another of whom John protested himself unworthy to loose "the latchet of His shoe" (Jn 1, 23, 27). And further, speaking of the Savior's coming, John adds, "He must increase, but I must decrease" (ibid. 3, 30). Today's Office gathers up all this magnificent testimony of St. John the Baptist, as if to give us a concrete idea of the profound sentiments of humility with which, in our heart, we ought to make smooth "the way of the Lord." If the valleys, that is, our deficiencies, are to be filled up by love, then the

mountains and hills, that is, the vain pretenses of pride, must be made low by humility.

A heart filled with self-love and pride cannot be filled with God, and too small will be the place reserved in it for the sweet Babe of Bethlehem.

☪ **God of Goodness!**

O almighty, omnipotent, eternal God, what greater proof of love could You give Your poor creatures than the gift of Your Word, Your only-begotten Son? For our sake, You clothed with human flesh, like the flesh of sin, Him who is eternal splendor, the perfect image of Your substance!

“God of goodness, who art above all goodness, You alone art sovereign good! You gave us the Word, Your only son, to live with us, to assume our evil, corrupt nature. Why did You make us such a gift? Out of love, because You loved us even before we existed.

“O eternal Greatness, O fathomless Bounty, You lowered Yourself to ennoble mankind! Wherever I turn, I can see nothing but the abyss and fire of Your charity”.

-St. Catherine of Siena

God's Greatest Work

“The Word was made flesh.” As God, the word is eternal and immutable; therefore, of necessity, He always remains what He was: *manet quod erat!* But nothing prevented Him, together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, from creating in time a *human nature*, which instead of giving a limited, weak *ego* like ours, was completely governed by its divine *Person*. And so it was done: the human nature assumed by Him is the same as ours, but instead of belonging to a *human person*, it belongs to a *divine Person*, to the subsistent Person of the Word; therefore, even the operations and passions of this human nature belong to the Word. Since the Incarnation, the Word has a *two-fold nature*: the unique divine nature, which He possesses in common with the Father and the holy Spirit, and the human nature, which is of the same quality and has the properties as ours.

Note from Father

We had a little bit of snow here at St. Gertrude's, today. It was only enough to cover the grass, however, what was exceptional about the snowfall was that, because the temperature was only right around freezing, the flakes were the biggest I have ever seen. They were almost the size of snowballs (although a lot lighter). It was hilarious to watch the school children all trying to catch the flakes in their mouths, only to have them be too big for their mouths and just splat on their faces!

Speaking of snow, we were supposed to get several inches of snow last Saturday in Milwaukee whilst I was there. I was all excited for the first real snow of the year...It rained. The rain snow line sat right on the city, guaranteeing we got no snow and that it was too cold and miserable to go anywhere. However, I did get to see the snow Sunday as soon as I drove about twenty minutes north west of the city. It looked nice.

We had very nice attendance for the Friday evening Mass and benediction, even with our usual Friday servers getting a break and our choir not having practice that night. The non-snow Saturday was the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The group of attendees was smaller, but we still had a nice feast day. And for those who missed, Our Lady of Guadalupe had a prominent place in the sermon Sunday as well. The intercession of this Patroness of the Americas is needed now, perhaps more than ever.

I don't travel this weekend, staying, instead, at St. Gertrude's until Christmas Morning. It is Fr. McGuire who returns up to you all this weekend. His is a more somber visit, as he buries Stanley Golimowski on Saturday. However, we rejoice that Stan is being buried from St. Hugh's...having returned to the Faith of his youth in more recent days, after so long attending the Novus Ordo church. Doubtless, he was a victim of the confusion which swept up so many after the changes. However, the multitude of prayers offered for years by Lorretta, his faithful wife, won out in the end and this fog of confusion was lifted and he was able to die faithful and fortified. *Deo Gratias!*

In Christ,
Fr. McKenna