May the Light of Faith shine forth from our parish as a beacon to guide our community to the Lord. When life seems difficult and troublesome, may our faith offer us security and strength. When we come together to celebrate God's gifts may the Holy Spirit fill us with joy.

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PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS
Nominated Members
Chair - Emily Siebert,
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James Balog, Timothy Valentine
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Chair—Rick Gurley, Trevor Theobald,
Don Rochn, Joe Hawkins, Tom Langer,
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MEETINGS/GROUPS
Parish Council 354-4525
Altar/Rosary 221-7140
1st Tuesday September - May
Parish Life Commission 354-4337
Finance Committee 354-4525
Music Ministry/Choir/Cantors 251-6820
Building/Maintenance 354-4525
Spiritual Blessing Card Ministry 354-3769
Good Samaritan Fund/Food Bank 357-6714
Aluminum Recycling/furniture/clothes for the needy
All items can be placed by the garage or call 354-4525
Spiritual/Liturgical Commission/Lectors/Eucharistic
Ministers/Acolytes/Ushers 354-4525
Bereavement 354-4525
Prayer Line Requests 352-7703
Jail Ministry / Dee Trepal 382-1889
AA Meetings Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)
September-May
Steve Biro, Parish Catechetical Leader
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Grades K-7 on Sundays 11:00a.m.-12:00 noon
Confirmation grade 8+ scheduled Sundays 6:00-8:00p.m.

BAPTISMS
Please call the rectory to set up an appointment.

WEDDINGS
Six months notice is required.
Please call the rectory to set up an appointment.
December 28 / December 29

ALTAR SERVERS

4:00PM Ethan Williams / Steve Kristoff
8:00AM Lou & Jim Balog
10:00AM Sharon Abrahamson / Sarah & Paul Bernardo

LECTORS

4:00PM Steve Appledorn / Barry Sabol
8:00AM Bob Smith / Linda Hlebak
10:00AM Sherry Maruschak / Traci Salkiewicz

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00PM Lisa Simodi (ciborium)
   Phil Young (choir)
   Joe Tomasik (backrow)
8:00AM Deacon John / Dan Parker (cups)
   Joe Hawkins (ciborium)
   Steve Biro (backrow)
10:00AM Donna Perrine (ciborium)
   Andrew Bernardo (back row)
   Marty Makela (choir)

CROSS

4:00PM John Simodi
8:00AM Robert Hlebak
10:00AM Steve Wallace

January 4 / January 5

ALTAR SERVERS

4:00PM Matthew Mirabile / Mike Bonelli
8:00AM Bill McCabe / Dan Parker
10:00AM Andrea & Lauren McKinney

LECTORS

4:00PM Joan Lehman / Rachel Gurley
8:00AM Becky Meredith / Karen Sarosy
10:00AM Joe Wilkes / Dee Trepal

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00PM Bud Williams (ciborium)
   Phil Young (choir)
   Steve Wallace (backrow)
8:00AM Deacon John / Dave Riningger (cups)
   Bob Smith (ciborium)
   Joe Vayo (backrow)
10:00AM Deacon John / Kathy Johnson (cup)
   Christina Bacnik (ciborium)
   Mary Catherine Orosz (choir)

CROSS 4:00PM Rick Gurley
8:00AM Robert Hlebak
10:00AM Linda Grisez

Mass Intentions

30 Mon NO MASS
31 Tues 4 PM PM Eleanor Balog
   1 Wed 9 AM PM Tom Gilmore
   2 Thurs 8 AM Parishioners
   3 Fri 8 AM Parishioners
   4 Sat 4 PM PM Geraldine Hadden
   5 Sun 8 AM GS Robert Kato
        10 AM GS Elizabeth Sency

Please note PM (Fr. Peter Mihalic) or GS (Fr. Schaut)
GS (Fr. Greg Schaut) refers to the Presider of Mass

Offertory Collection - Dec. 22, 2019

The collection for Dec. 22 will be recorded in next week’s bulletin.

We are in need of volunteers for Altar Serving.
Girls & boys (3rd grade and older), women & men (any age!) who have made 1st Communion and are regular Mass attendees! Please contact Fr. Peter.

Mark Your Calendar

Dec. 31 Vigil Mass 4 pm - Solemnity of the Virgin Mary
Jan. 1 Mass at 9 am - Solemnity of the Virgin Mary
Jan. 8 Parish Council at 7 p.m.
Jan. 15 Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.
   Bereavement Group at 6 p.m. in the library.
Jan. 29 Bible study at 6:30 p.m.
God’s GPS Never Fails

I use GPS wherever I go, and it serves me well most of the time. However, sometimes it leads me to a place that does not exist. Then there are those times when I am about to turn, and the man inside my phone shouts out, “GPS signal lost!” or “Rerouting!” The problem is, when the area is unfamiliar to me, I have no choice but to listen. I could try to get where I am going by simple intuition or by pulling over to look at a paper map, but I don’t trust my sense of direction. And I haven’t bought a paper map in close to a decade!

Many people move through life without any direction. They find themselves constantly rerouting and wondering when they will ever get to a satisfying final destination. What they need is a compass and a companion for the journey. Yet they have no idea how to get either.

Prayer can serve as a compass, and it connects us to a companion for the journey. Stewardship living is impossible without prayer. If we count on our own will and believe we can become fruitful without daily contact with the Divine, we can find ourselves looking for directions more than moving toward a destination. God, through prayer, will help us see all we have as a gift. God, through prayer, will lead us away from materialism and selfishness and toward freedom and generosity. Even when we fall to sin, the path back is clearer.

God’s GPS signal is never really lost.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS