

Saint Lucy Catholic Church

3101 Drexel Ave., Racine, WI 53403



January 1, 2012

Blessed Virgin Mary, The Mother of God

Mass & Prayer Schedule

Weekend Masses:

Saturday - 4:00pm

Sunday - 7:30am, 9:00am,
10:30am, 5:00pm*

There is also a 5:00pm mass with the exception of the following dates: 01/01/12, 4/8/12, 4/29/12, 5/6/12, 5/13/12, 5/27/12, 6/17/12, 7/1/12, 7/15/12, 9/2/12, 12/23/12, 12/30/12.

Weekday Masses:

Monday through Saturday -
8:10am

Confession:

Saturday - 3:00pm-3:30pm
(Resuming January 8, 2012)

Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament:

Tuesday: 8:45am-6:00pm

Wednesday: 8:45am-4:00pm

Thursday: 8:45am-10:00pm

Holy Hour

Holy Hour is scheduled for the first Monday of the month at 6:30pm.

January 2nd is our Next Holy Hour.

Rosary

Recited daily, Monday through Saturday, 7:15am

Men's Bible Study

Saturday, 7:00am until 8:00am



• When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.

Lk 2:17-19

ST. LUCY PARISH

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Terri Seitz & Susan McKeever, Liturgical Music Directors

Sat 4:00pm Mass-Susan McKeever & Cantor, Sun 7:30am led

by volunteer Ray Organ, 9:00am and 10:30am—Rotating

Choirs and Cantors under the direction of Terri Seitz or Susan

McKeever, Sun 5:00pm Mass—Jen Jaimes & Cantor

Leslie Hurdis - Food Pantry Coordinator, 939-6485

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WEDDINGS - Should be arranged at least 6 months before wedding date and couples should be registered and practicing members of the parish.

BAPTISM - Arrangements for registered & practicing members of the parish can be made after attending the Baptism Prep Class. **Next class: January 8th** at 6:30pm. Call Sandy Gottfredsen, 554-1801, x208 to sign up. Baptisms take place on Sundays at 11:30am (following the 10:30am mass).

BULLETIN REQUESTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS - Must be dropped off at the Parish Office in writing or e-mailed to: stlucy@archmil.org by Monday, 9:00am for the next week's bulletin. (Schedule changes near holidays.)

MASS ANNOUNCEMENTS - Must be received by 9:00am on the Thursday before the weekend in legible print. All announcements will need to be approved by Fr. Mark.

Prayer List

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers:

Amy, Michele and Michael B., Richard Bentson, Bernice Bloom, A. Braun, D. Braun, Betty Candela, Roger Canfield, Carol, Darlene Chart, Chris and Kelly, Barb Christoff, Helen Clark, Marianne Cooper, Betty Costabile, Tom Costabile, Diane Croxton, Luzbella Dela Cruz, Joanne Cutrell, Abigail Margaret Burnett, Daniel, Linda DeGarmo, Dan DeMatthew, Katherine DeYoung, Chris Edwards, Randy Evitts, Maxine Feiler, Fisher, Brian Francke, Friend, John Gabor, Gil, Dorothy Gilbert, Mrs. Marie Gorski, Turan Green, Greg, Spec. Ben Griffiths, Helen Gryczkowski, Marge Hansen, Michael Hansen, Brittany Hardy, Frances Hartwick, Mary Herman, Andrew Hermans, Tracy Hintz, Christopher Jacobson, Clayton Janney, James Jarosz, Jo, James P. Johnson, Sue Johnson, Terry Kammien, John and Mildred Kemper, Jeanette Kohel, Gloria Kosterman, Linda, Lorrie Kroes, Rick Kucharski, Jeanette Lasso, Sebastian Latz, Jason Leal, Nelly and Larry Leonard, Paul Lohmann, Chrissy Lorbeck-Hohl, Rex and Jean Lukasavage, Rob Luther, Steve Maritch, Mary, Mary, Jerry Matson, Susan McKeever, Henrietta Meier, Debra Naumczik, Michael Naumczik, Armando Navarro, Jacque Nielsen, Sue Nielsen, Frances O'Brien, Robert Nelsen, Jill Nielsen, Gladys Panis, Susan Ridgeway, Charlene Ripley, Marion Roiniotis, Lydia Schilke, Chuck and Adrian Schweikl, Bill Seidel, Stephanie Smerchek, Don Smith, Nancy Sobczak, Dian Sorenson, Terri (Ludwig) Stephan, Judy Stublaski, David Sturino, Marge Terry, Melaine Thwing, Tim, Angie Totero, Joan Van Wie, Aunt Vivian, Rano Wells, Bob Willis, Tom Woods, Fr. Brendan Wroblewski, Bill Zelenski, Mike Zelenski, Barb Zarzecki, Carlyn Ziarek, Rose Ann Zickus

To place a name on the Prayer List, call the Parish Office at 554-1801, Mon-Fri., 8am-4pm.

St. Lucy Dinner and Auction "Home on the Range"

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 24, 2012. The St. Lucy Auction features a dinner and dessert buffet, silent and voice auction, games and raffles. The success of this event depends on support from school families, parishioners and organizations through donations of new items, monetary donations, and many volunteers. To donate, help out, or ask questions, contact Cheryl May at tonycherylmay@sbcglobal.net or Christie Meisner at 262-553-2118.

Keep the Auction in mind when you are out returning gifts or shopping the after-Christmas sales!

Suggested donations:

- Wii or Nintendo Game Systems, Games and/or Accessories
- Laptop, Kindle, Nook
- iPod, iPad, or iTouch
- Flat Screen TVs
- Scooters or Bikes
- Tents and Other Camping Accessories
- Gift Certificates
- Sporting Events or Theater Tickets
- Annual Memberships to local gym or zoo

We reserve the right to combine donations to make up baskets or to combine themed items.

WHAT'S GOING ON AT ST. LUCY'S & ST. LUCY'S PARISH SCHOOL?

A Christmas Thank You

My Brothers and Sisters, I cannot thank you enough for the many Christmas good wishes, support and promise of prayers and gift remembrances. Not only were the Christmas celebrations enhanced with the music and decorations, but the returning of our college students and the returning of many members who have moved away enhanced our parish gatherings to celebrate Christ among us. I thank all of you who have celebrated this special event with me – St. Lucy Parish is truly a special community!

Thank You for your gifts and support.

I pray our New Year will be a year filled with God's love and blessings!

God Bless,
Fr. Mark

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for all your generosity toward the Church and me during this Christmas season. Although it is hard for me to thank everyone personally, please know that it was all very much appreciated.

I wish you a New Year filled with God's many blessings and a deep sense of gratitude to Him. May it be a New Year of growth in our faith. God bless you.

Once again, I wish to say how blest I am to be here, and I will continue to keep all of you in prayer during the New Year. If you would like to have me come and bless your home, please contact the parish office, so I can schedule it. On behalf of Fr. Mark and the parish staff, I wish all of you a blessed New Year.

Fr. Sean Granger

CCD Information

- All Rel. Ed. Programs are currently on Christmas Vacation.
- CCD resumes Wed., Jan. 11, 2012.
- Pre-School Sunday School resumes Sunday, Jan. 8, 2012.
- High School and Confirmation Class Schedules are on the St. Lucy Website: www.stlucychurch.org

The Parish and School Offices will be closed on January 2nd.

Thank You!

We would like to extend a big thank you to Prestige Carpet and Furniture Cleaning of Racine for their donation of cleaning the carpet in the entire Narthex area of the Church just before Christmas. Jim Johnson, a long time Parish member arranged this with the owner who is a friend of his. Prestige uses the Von Schroeder method which does a fantastic job. Although we have had this carpet cleaned within the last year, the difference was unbelievable. They have also done some free cleaning of certain pews in the past several months. Thank you Jim and thank you Prestige. What a great gift for the Parish!

Get Involved at St. Lucy's In 2012!

DO YOU WANT TO DO MORE? St. Lucy's has many opportunities for volunteering. Just watch the bulletin for more information.



DO YOU WANT TO SING MORE? The St. Lucy Adult Choir meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm for about an hour and a half. We are very flexible if you need to come late or leave early. You can call the church office for more information or just come to a rehearsal and see what we do!

DO YOU WANT TO PLAY MORE?

ST. LUCY'S SENIOR CITIZEN CLUB meets every Wednesday from 11:00am to 2:00pm in the large meeting room off the Narthex. Enjoy card games! Lunch is available for a very small price! For more information, call Rich or Barb Tworek at 554-5205.



DO YOU WANT TO PRAY MORE? St. Lucy's has many opportunities to join in prayer. See cover page for information on praying the rosary, adoration, & holy hour.

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE?

The Saturday morning Men's Bible Study group would like to share with the parish the online resources they prepare with:

http://www.salvationhistory.com/homily_helps
<http://www.scborrowmeo.org/biblestudies> or http://www.my.calendars.net/scb_bible_study
<http://www.wordonfire.org/WOF-Radio/Sermons.aspx>

Anybody can use these resources for their own study. Men, join us anytime on Saturday mornings at 7:00 for study and fellowship.

Now serving Mystic Monk coffee!



DO YOU HAVE TIME?

Join or help with the "Faith in Action" Outreach Committee. Parish members can share their time, talents and treasures with those in need on a confidential/non judgmental basis. We help those with short-term needs for meals, shopping, rides, visits and general household help. Meetings are held the 3rd Wed of each month in the Fumo Meeting room 6:30 pm. If interested in joining or offering assistance (as little or as much as you can do), please contact: Chairperson: Gina Derderian at email ginaderderian@yahoo.com or via phone at 262-939-0973.



Parish Support

Weekend of December 18th

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Adult Envelopes	\$17,495.04	\$17,030.77	+\$464.27

7/3/11 thru 12/18/11

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Adult Envelopes	\$373,093.09	\$425,769.257	-\$52,676.16

(Totals include average ACH.)

December 18, 2011

Offertory	\$858.04
Community Needs	\$839.00
Parish School Assistance Fund.....	\$55.00
Capital Improvement Fund	\$325.00
Debt Reduction Fund	\$135.00
Back on Track	\$140.91
Special Offering Envelopes-Other/Misc ..	\$1,116.00



Your Christmas Offering

Weekend of December 25th

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Adult Envelopes	\$33,607.05	\$17,030.77	+\$16,576.28

7/3/11 thru 12/25/11

	Actual	Budget	Difference
Adult Envelopes	\$406,700.14	\$442,800.02	-\$36,099.88

(Totals include average ACH.)

December 25, 2011

Offertory	\$2,919.56
Community Needs	\$355.00
Parish School Assistance Fund.....	\$0
Capital Improvement Fund	\$10,120.00
Debt Reduction Fund	\$30,289.00
Back on Track	\$234.95
Special Offering Envelopes-Other/Misc	\$450.00
Collection for Christmas Brass Players	\$774.47



Branches

Connecting Military Families

Do you have an active-duty military service member in your family serving miles away? Do you miss that person, feel proud of him or her, and are concerned about his or her well-being? Would you like to meet with other military families who understand what you are feeling? Drop into a meeting of "Branches" at St. Michael's Episcopal Church* in Racine. We meet the first Monday of the month from 6 - 8 p.m. Bring pictures and stories to share. Also bring a pot luck dish and your own alcohol-free beverage. Children are welcome, however, there will not be childcare available. For more information, call Sandy Clark, 262-886-8548.

Invite other military families you know to join us!

The next meeting is Monday, January 2nd, 6-8 p.m.

*St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 4701 Erie Street, Racine, WI

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, January 7th

4:00pm Daniel and Adrian Machalik, Nicholas and Noah Rodriguez, Marco Malacara

Sunday, January 8th

7:30am Michael and Melissa Lim, Emma Suchla, Isaac Volkert
 9:00am Aydan and Slayter Klamm, Roman and Tanner Korako, Myles Fannin
 10:30am Jacob, Nicholas, Michael and Joseph Orth
 5:00pm Katie Nelson, Mike and Amelia Duffy, Rachel Dustman

LECTORS

Saturday, January 7th

4:00pm Richard Judge, Mary Boyle

Sunday, January 8th

7:30am Michelle Lim, Carol May
 9:00am Steve Maritch, Sharon Feldmann
 10:30am John Renzoni, Kate O'Brien
 5:00pm Gideon Buya, Spann Beere

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, January 7th

4:00pm Edie D'Acquisto, Evelyn Heinrich, Agnes Bentson, Lorrie Slesarenko, Lois Palm, Carol Ramsdell, Mary Boyle, James Zewen, Gloria Sturino

Sunday, January 8th

7:30am Ed and Mary Ann Bernhardt, Bob Ricchio
 9:00am Walt and JoAnn Fust, Marilyn Tashoff, Mary Rediske, Alisa Pichelman, Sally Reiter, Eileen Beesley, Sharon Feldmann, Barbara Steltenpohl
 10:30am John and Sandra Clark, Lisa Theama, Yvonne Petersen, Dan and Barbara Magnusson, Dennis Stone, Kate O'Brien, Patti Landreman
 5:00pm Jean Helgesen, Dan Mercier, Gideon Buya

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 2nd

8:10am Special Intention for Don Smith by Family

Tuesday, January 3rd

8:10am Judy Weisbrod by Judy Grauwels

Wednesday, January 4th

8:10am Bruce DeYoung by Carla

Thursday, January 5th

8:10am A.A. Lionginas by Family

Friday, January 6th

8:10am Frank Ahles by Family

Saturday, January 7th

8:10am Mildred Heckel by Family
 4:00pm Irene Zischka by Jim and JoAnn Shea

Sunday, January 8th

7:30am Frank Jarosz, Sr. by Family
 9:00am Special Health Intention for Don Smith by Family
 10:30am John Zember by Frank Sinsky
 5:00pm For Our Living and Deceased Parishioners

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

January 1 is the oldest celebration of Mary in the Catholic Church. The custom of honoring the Virgin on the first day of the New Year originates in the sixth century, when her celebration was tied to the octave day of Christmas, the eighth day after December 25. In doing so, ancient preachers would remind their congregations about the role that Mary played in the history of salvation. Jesus was born of a woman, and so, as Eucharistic Prayer 4 states, "Made incarnate by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, he shared our human nature in all things but sin." The human nature of Christ is rooted in his being born like us. As we round out the Christmas celebration with its Octave Day on January 1, we venerate the woman who gave birth to him.

There is a dual action in today's Gospel that is sometimes overlooked. The shepherds find the infant in the manger as has been told to them by the angel. And then they go out to tell others about the child. In the meantime, Mary reflects on all these things in her heart. These are the two complementary stances of the Christian: action and reflection. Both are needed for a balanced spiritual life. It is, in effect, putting into practice the two great commandments: love God and love your neighbor.

As we begin the New Year, it is customary to make resolutions: to diet, to exercise, to change something in one's life. Like Mary, who reflected on the events surrounding the birth of her child, we take some time to reflect on our own lives: where we have been, and where we are going. The Gospel gives us the opportunity to situate that reflection in a spiritual context. What does the birth of Jesus mean for me spiritually (reflection), and what do I intend to do about that in my daily life (action)?

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