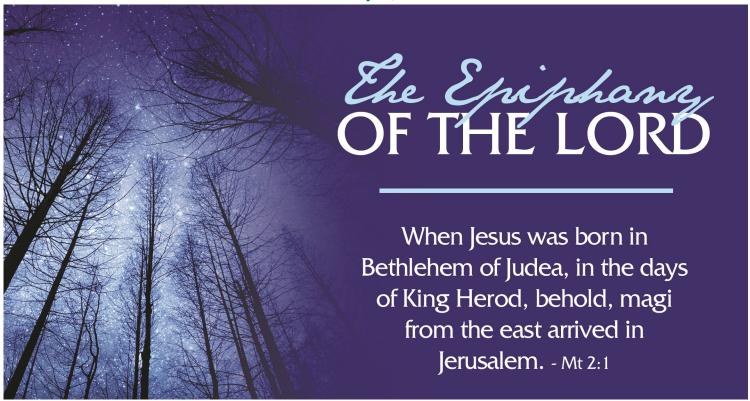


**January 3, 2021** 



#### **Visitors & New Parishioners**

We warmly welcome you to our parish family. Thank you for coming to worship with us.

# **Parish Offices**

#### ST. MARY

320 E. Washington Ave, Tomahawk WI 54487

Phone 715-453-2878 715-453-6678

Website: www.stmaryschurchtomahawk.com Hours: Monday—Friday 8:00AM-3:30PM

ST. AUGUSTINE

N10090 County Rd B, Tomahawk, WI 54487

Phone 715-453-2561 715-453-4813

Hours: Tuesday 8:00AM-3:00PM

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

5209 Willow Road, Tripoli, WI 54564

Please note: There is no office at this location.

please see St. Mary Parish Office.

# Weekend Mass/Service Schedule

St. Francis-Pier Willow Saturday 4:00PM St. Mary -Tomahawk Saturday 6:00PM St. Mary-Tomahawk Sunday 8:00AM St. Augustine- Harrison Sunday 9:30AM St. Mary -Tomahawk Sunday 11:00AM

# Weekday Mass/Service Schedule

St. Augustine-Harrison Tuesday 8:30AM St. Mary-Tomahawk Wednesday 8:45AM St. Mary-Tomahawk Thursday 8:45AM St. Mary-Tomahawk Friday 8:45AM

#### Rosary

St. Augustine-Harrison Sunday 8:55AM St. Augustine-Harrison Tuesday 8:00AM St. Mary -Tomahawk Wednesday 8:15AM St. Mary-Tomahawk Thursday 8:15AM St. Mary -Tomahawk Friday 8:00AM

#### Adoration with Reconciliation

St. Mary-Tomahawk

Following 8:45AM Mass on Fridays

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus with Adoration & Reconciliation

St. Mary-Tomahawk

Following 8:45AM Mass on first Fridays

#### Reconciliation

St. Mary-Tomahawk Saturdays at 9:00AM\* St. Francis-Pier Willow Saturdays at 3:30PM\*

#### Anointing of the Sick

St. Mary-Tomahawk

Following 11:00AM Mass on Sundays\* \* or by appointment (715-453-2878)

# GENERAL INFORMATION

#### **Pastor**

Fr. Louis Maram Reddy pastor@smctomahawk.com

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Cemetery Sexton, Dennis Goulee Pastoral Council Chair, Nancy Swan Financial Council Chair, Jim Evers

#### ST. MARY & ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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Parish Secretary, Tracy Benaszeski Email: smparishoffice@smctomahawk.com Finance/Business Manager, Laura Reiter Email: finance@smctomahawk.com

**Director of Music & Liturgy,** Janice Huseby Email: jhuseby@smctomahawk.com

Coordinator of Religious Education/

**Youth Ministry** 

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**Deacons** 

715-224-3472 **David Bablick** 715-453-5217 Cliff Eggett Darrell Smerz (Retired) 715-453-8203 RCIA Deacon David Bablick 715-224-3472 715-453-3822 Kathy Ramassini **Parish Nurse Ministry** 715-453-4573 Ann Jelinek RN, PN Mary Bailey RN, PN 715-453-3793 **Cemetery Sexton** 

Matt Wohlt 715-453-7030 **Pastoral Council Chair,** Mickey Loka

Financial Council Chair, Scott Swenty
Endowment Fund Advisory Board President,

AJ Theiler 715-453-0010

#### ST. MARY'S THRIFT CELLAR

715-453-2878

**Hours:** 

Tuesday 4:00PM-7:00PM Wednesday 9:00AM-3:00PM Friday 9:00AM-3:00PM

Volunteer Coordinator,

Nancy Hoff 715-453-4473

#### **BULLETIN DEADLINE:**

Information for the parish bulletin must be in St. Mary's parish office by 8:00AM on Tuesday.

#### **Mission Statement**

Our Catholic Communities are committed to be an extension of the universal Catholic church by daily living of the teachings of Jesus Christ for the spiritual growth of all in our parish and community.

#### Reflection

The reflection for the week can be found on our website at www.stmaryschurchtomahawk.com.

#### **Sacraments & Faith Formation**

#### Sacrament of Baptism

We ask that parents of a child to be baptized contact the parish office to arrange attendance of a Baptismal Preparation Class. Classes are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month. It is not necessary to wait until the child is born to make arrangements.

#### Sacrament of Matrimony

Anyone seeking to set up a wedding must contact Fr. Louis, our pastor, at least 6 months prior to the marriage. Wedding guidelines are available at www.stmaryschurchtomahawk.com.

#### Sacrament of Anointing the Sick

Please call the parish office to notify us of the people who are in need of this care. This Sacrament is also available to those who wish to receive it after the 11:00AM Mass on Sunday.

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

(Confession) is celebrated individually each Saturday at 9:00AM. Individual times can be arranged at any time by calling the parish office.

#### **Faith Formation**

The Sacraments of First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation take place during 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade. Confirmation Preparation begins in 9<sup>th</sup> grade and takes place on Wednesdays. Students are confirmed in the fall of 11<sup>th</sup> Grade. Classes for Grades K-12 are on Wednesdays.

#### Pray for the Sick

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Colette Matthews	Darrell Smerz	Steve Malin	Polly Kinate
Lawrence	Joseph Swan	Jack Huston	Sherry Martinco
Matthews	Ted Ingman	John Loka	Jim Witucki
Judy Rau	Joan McCormick	Vivian Mitchell	Karen Torell
Tucker Van Ryen	Char Seetan	Roberta Meyer	LeRoy Wolf
Dale Klutsenbaker	Dan Bassett	Joann Meyers	Peter Flammang
Tom Fishbeck	John W. Colwell	John Chruscielski	Jean Flammang
Bonnie Murphy	Tim Davis	Stephen Christian	Mary Schlegel
Howard Elliott	Charlene Marks	Barbara Trevino	Therésè Quirion
Melinda Meyers	Ken White	Jeff Langfeldt	Gus Feind
Gerald Ruiter	Laura Jo Pearson	Helene Warner	Laura Ludke
Christine Taylor	Evelyn Brown	Marlene Erickson	Richard Seufzer
Joyce Weizenicker	Nicholas Peterson	Marvalene Sosinsky	Phyllis Day
Margaret Congdon	Donna Underdale	Joan Crowell	Don Gerum
Joseph	Martin & Judy	Gary Petrouske	
Montgomery	Vander Sanden	Don Chamberlain	

All the sick in the hospitals and all the residents in our Nursing Homes. To keep our list current, all names are removed on a monthly basis. If our parish's thoughts and prayers are still needed for you and yours, you must contact us to ensure that your loved ones are on the prayer list.

#### Pray For All the Priests of our Diocese:

Each week we are asked to pray for all the Priests of our Diocese. The monthly calendars are available at <u>catholicdos.org/chancery-bulletin</u>.

# ST. MARY'S PARISH SCHOOL

715-453-3542

**Principal**, Rita Lee

Email: smsprincipal@stmarystudents.com Secretaries: Linda Ploeckelman & Loretta Wanta

Email: smsoffice@stmarystudents.com

# **OUR FAITH COMMUNITY**

## From the Pastor

#### **HAPPY NEW YEAR 2021**

Think of all the blessings that you have received from the Lord and THANK Him for the year 2020 and welcome the **New Year – 2021**, with new hope, invoking the blessings of the Lord. Whenever you think of yourself, think of others. When you are making others happy, you are making yourself happy and pleasing God. Remember you are a child of God so be proud of it. No matter what comes, believe it is the Lord who is allowing that to you and you must succeed in conquering those daily challenges in order to grow. Do His Will and nothing can hurt you. You are safe and secure in the hands of God. "The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want" (*Psalm: 23*).

In this New Year, have a strong and sincere desire to change your attitude for good. Cultivate the right conduct and good habits that lead to **freedom**. Bad habits are the worst enemies you can have. You are punished by these bad habits. Every day should be a transition from bad habits to good habits. Stay away from those things that stimulate bad habits. Do not test yourself with temptations. When you can say, "I don't indulge in bad habits because they are against my interests; I choose goodness of my own freewill", that is freedom. Willpower is easy to develop. It is

within our reach. If you want, you can experience it. Try first for small accomplishments. Gradually you will get rid of tendencies you thought you could not overcome.

Develop the habit of self-examination of watching and analyzing your thoughts and behavior. When there are some signs of bad habits or inclinations, that is the time to



discriminate and resist with willpower. All you have to do is to think away the thoughts you wanted to destroy by replacing them with constructive thoughts. This is the key to heaven; it is in your hands. Develop your willpower and positive thinking and you will find your body, mind and soul working to mold everything in your life according to your will. Your fulfillment lies not in obtaining the objects of your carnal desires, but in the unfoldment of your soul qualities in making the efforts to succeed in worthwhile endeavors. Never give up or get discouraged when you fail. Try again and again and you will get it. The weak should seek the company of those who are stronger for help – a mentor.

Happy New Year and God's blessings on you and your families.

Fr. Louis Maram Reddy

#### **Mass Intentions & The Week Ahead**

Sunday	1/3	8:55AM <b>9:30AM</b>	Mass @ St. Mary: Myron Brzezinski by wife & family Rosary @ St. Augustine Mass @ St. Augustine: Mike Swan by Ronald & Susan Garrison Mass @ St. Mary: Mike Swan by Michael V. O'Brien Anointing of the Sick following Mass
Monday	1/4		NO MASS
Tuesday	1/5	8:30AM	Rosary @ St. Augustine Mass @ St. Augustine: Whil Amelse by Steve, Connie & Kristen Thrift Cellar
Wednesday	1/6	8:45AM	Rosary @ St. Mary  Mass @ St. Mary: For Deacon Cliff & Jean Eggett, Family &  Friends  Thrift Cellar
Thursday	1/7		Mass @ St. Mary: Pat Genelin by Dennis & Claire Vandersnick RCIA Class in the CCC
Friday	1/8	<b>8:45AM</b> 9AM-3PM	Rosary @ St. Mary  Mass @ St. Mary: Betty Ann Theiler Louks by Mary (Theiler)  Novak  Thrift Cellar  Adoration with Benediction
Saturday	1/9	4:00PM	Reconciliation Mass @ St. Francis: David Van Dreel by Nancy Van Dreel Mass @ St. Mary: Jim Denetz by Michele Balda
Sunday	1/10	8:55AM <b>9:30AM</b>	Mass @ St. Mary: For the People of the Parishes Rosary @ St. Augustine Mass @ St. Augustine: Erv Van Strydonk by Jean Mass @ St. Mary: Jeanette Powell by Paige Heikkinen Anointing of the Sick following Mass



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Tomahawk, WI". We will
update you on events,
keep you posted on things
happening in our parish

and send out important announcements! You will find Catholic content as well! Please like and share!

#### **Prayer Chain**

Anyone with a personal prayer intention is invited to call Ruth at 715-453-3397, and caring persons will pray on your behalf. Your request can be anonymous, or you may choose to include your name. Please respect the privacy of others, and do not share a prayer request on behalf of a third party.

# **St. Joseph the Worker Committee**Will be working on Tuesday, January 5 from 9:00AM-11:30AM. Your help is always appreciated whether you can work all or part of this time. Thank You!



When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:1-2



# **Liturgy & Music Notes from Jan**

There are some remaining books by Matthew Kelly (his previous books have been gifted in previous years, and they're an easy and comfortable read), at the church exits, and we also have a few Christmas angel gifts for children. You are welcome to take them, compliments of the parish, until they are gone.

Today we celebrate the great Solemnity of the Epiphany—the astonishing mystery of God's manifestation to the ends of the earth. All people are meant to know the glory of God, and if those to whom the birth of Jesus was made known could overcome great obstacles, it gives us great hope that we can, as well. The Epiphany, a feast of great light, happens in the coldest, darkest time of our winter, but the Lord calls us to new life, by the light of a star. Happy New Year to all!

# Answering the Call of Christ to Help Wake Up the World!

Do you wonder if you are called to become a sister, brother or priest? Have you felt an inner urging inviting you to delve deeper into the idea of religious life? It can seem overwhelming and difficult to know where to begin your discovery. Learn more about what religious life means today. We will provide details on who religious are, what they do, and how this life is evolving. This is a great online opportunity to learn at home without requiring any commitment. We will honor the privacy of all participants. This presentation will take place online on January 15 & 16, 2021 through Marywood Spirituality Center. Presenters: Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, Marla Lang and Meg Earsley. Please register by Friday, January 8 at <u>www.marywoodsc.org</u> or 715-385-3750. Freewill offerings are appreciated.

# Weekly Readings and Observances

Sunday, January 3 (The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week): Is 60:1-6/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday, January 4 (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious): 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/ Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday, January 5 (St. John Neumann, Bishop): 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11] Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday, January 6 (St. André Bessette, Religious): 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/ Mk 6:45-52

Thursday, January 7 (St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest): 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday, January 8: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16 Saturday, January 9: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30 Sunday, January 10 (The Baptism of the Lord): Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/ Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3)]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

#### Reflection

#### The Epiphany of the Lord

"Where is that thing?" mumbled Bob as he searched frantically on his dimly lit desk for the current electric bill. "I know I put it right on top of these papers this morning!" Growing in frustration and bordering on anger, he flies stuff around, moves books and opines why simple tasks need to be so hard. Enter his wife, who calmly says, "Maybe it would help if you put the light on, dear." The desk light goes on and lo and behold, there is the electric bill right where Bob left it earlier. All it took was a little light!

We stubbornly refuse to turn on the lights! Either we are distracted, determined, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Or perhaps, we fail to do the obvious. We would rather live our lives with the dimmest of lights or even in total darkness. Why are we afraid to do something so that we can actually see? It might help us to find quicker and better answers to problems, the meaning of life, relationships, happiness, and what is ultimate truth. Yet, we stumble along, moving things from one side to the other, getting angry, feeling cheated, being unsettled, resigning ourselves to the agony of defeat once again.

"And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was." The light has come into the world in the person of Jesus Christ! We no longer have to fumble in the darkness. We have been gifted with the illumination we need to see our way through things and find what we really are looking for. All these years later, however, so many are still reluctant to accept him. Perhaps they are unconvinced, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Everyone has their own reason for not wanting to turn on the switch.

But there are so many answers to so many of our problems in this humble Child of Nazareth. A simple birth teaches us about God's tender wedded relationship with humanity. It speaks to the expanse of God's salvation across the globe, and the incarnate Divine wonders and blessings that are a part of our life moment to moment. It calls us to understand the design of world order God intended as found in the Beatitudes, the sacredness of every human life and all of creation and the meaning of things we struggle with most, like suffering and death. We have a lot of Good News to share, not just with a privileged few but with all the world. All races and creeds can receive God's healing word. God continues to manifest himself even now! Use the light to find what you are really looking for!



### **Happy New Year**

The staff and students at St. Mary's School wish all of you a very Happy New Year. We hope it is filled with abundant blessings, good health and the love of Year. We hope it is filled with abundant blessings, good health and the love of family and friends.

#### Registration

It's hard to believe, but it is already time to start planning for next school year! Registration will open next week. These are the enrollment periods for the 2021-2022 school year:

- January 18 Registration for current families
- January 31 Registration for all parish cluster families
- February 15 Open enrollment begins

Current families who register by Friday, February 12 will receive 50% off their registration fee. We anticipate large numbers in our Preschool, 4K, and Kindergarten classes. We encourage interested families to register early.

#### **Enjoying the Christmas Season**

Before we left for break our students enjoyed learning about Advent and how we await Jesus's arrival. When we return to classes this week, we will watch the Wise Men travel around the school and arrive at our stable on January 6.



#### From the Parish Nurse

Okay, the New Year is here and so is winter; time to settle in, stay warm and continue to stay safe. However, too much 'laying around' in front of the fireplace is not the healthiest for any of us, plus remember those New Year's resolutions.

Exercise can stave off the depression that creeps up on us this time of year with the shorter days, cold, lack of sun, and stress that persist with the pandemic. Exercise helps to release 'good mood' hormones. It prevents memory loss and dementia as you age as well as reducing anxiety. It also improves other health issues.

Walking outside at this time of year can open a whole new sense of God's creation. The cool, brisk air makes walking easier (no sweating). It is a challenge though unless you invest in Yak-tracks to improve traction. Make it fun, get the whole family or a friend involved, set a goal and chart your workout.

If your workout isn't as enthusiastic as it was, you are in a rut. Change it up. Make it even more fun and challenging. A fun challenge is to choose a city or country you would like to visit and plan a 'virtual trip'. During the week keep track of how far you have traveled in your exercise (walk, swim, ski, etc.) and then mark this with a pin on a large map, moving toward your goal city. If you have children walking with you, they can learn about the city, it's foods, points of interest, history, and plants and animals native to the city. If grandchildren, perhaps you both can keep a chart and see where you'd meet along the way to each other's home. When your trip takes you across the ocean and your pin ends up in the middle of the ocean, read about ocean dwelling animals or a famous sailing trip. If you can only walk a little bit each week, like 2 miles, then have one of your miles equal twenty miles.

Enjoy your 'outing', stay well and blessings for 2021.

God Bless.

Ann Jelinek RN, PN

Please Note: No yoga yet this week, see you all on January 11, 2021 (I hope).



# St. Mary & St. Augustine Liturgical Ministries

#### 6:00PM @ St. Mary, Saturday, January 9, 2021

Reader Pat Berg Musician Kay Nyberg Cantor Dee Dreger Communion Minister Joe Mattke

#### 8:00AM @ St. Mary, Sunday, January 10, 2021

Kathy Paulson Reader Musician Adam Gessler Cantor Michele Wingate Communion Minister Ann Swenty

#### 9:30AM @ St. Augustine, Sunday, January 10, 2021

Reader

Greeters Matt Voermans & Jerry Schoone

#### 11:00AM @ St. Mary, Sunday, January 10, 2021

Reader Ann Jelinek Musician Jan Huseby Cantor Sandy Bishop Kathy Ramassini Communion Minister



# Let's begin 2021 with...

Women's Christmas Re-envisioned! Many women from the Northwoods and elsewhere have enjoyed Marywood's celebration of Women's Christmas for the last four years. Others may be anticipating their first time at the event in January 2021. This year we offer a virtual Women's Christmas as a gift to you via Zoom, which will include the whole staff of Marywood and as many women from near and far who wish to participate.

Together we will acknowledge the challenges of 2020, and celebrate the gifts of this most unusual year. The event will be held on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 from 7:00PM-8:30PM. Cost: FREE. Please spread the news, invite your friends, and register by Noon on January 5 by contacting Marywood Spirituality Center at 715-385-3750, www.marywoodsc.org or email marywood.center@gmail.com.

# **Young Adults Group**

Attention everyone age 18-35, whether you're just back from college for a few weeks over the holidays, have lived in the area for some time or may be entirely new to the Northwoods, if you would love to meet other young adults who share your same faith and desire for new friendships, welcome! Come join us for oudoor adventures, sports, sleigh rides, coffee mornings, Bible studies, and anything else we decide we'd like to do as friends. This new little group is the perfect place for us young adults to share our faith with one another, have fun, and just be together. Call or text Theresa Berscheit (715-490-0883), Drew Rakers (262-327-0669), or Ashley Heid (414-587-0575) to find out more. Hope to meet you soon!!!

#### **Advertiser of the Week**



686 North 4th Street, Tomahawk 715-224-3600 tomahawkappliance.com

# 2020 Catholic Services Appeal

St. Mary Goal: \$52,861 Payments/Pledges: \$37,191

**Envelopes Received: 170** 70% of Goal Remaining to be Raised: \$15,670

St. Augustine Goal: \$10,854 Payments/Pledges: \$6,010 **Envelopes Received: 20** 55% of Goal Remaining to be Raised: \$4,844

St. Francis Goal: \$4,523 Payments/Pledges: \$3,963 **Envelopes Received: 15** 88% of Goal Remaining to be Raised: \$560

#### **Our Gifts to Our Lord**

For the weekend of December 13, 2020

St. Mary's Collections:				
Adult Envelopes	\$3,661.00			
Loose Collection	\$1,651.00			
Online Giving	\$2,370.00			
School Collection	\$862.00			
Heating Project	\$115.00			
Maintenance Fund	\$15.00			
Christmas Flowers	\$10.00			
Total	\$8,684.00			

# St. Francis' Collections: **Adult Envelopes** \$55.00

\$135.00 **Loose Collection** 

Total	\$190.00			
St. Augustine's Collections				
Adult Envelopes	\$1,354.00			
Loose Collection	\$141.00			
Special Projects	\$175.00			
School Collection	\$52.00			
Christmas Flowers	\$15.00			
Heat/Fuel	\$5.00			
Total	\$1,742.00			

SPIRITUS In Search of Young Adults! SPIRITUS is

seeking Catholic young adults, 21-29 years of age, to join the SPIRITUS missionary team this August. SPIRITUS ignites the faith in thousands of young Catholics through retreats and parish youth ministry

Igniting Faith in Catholic Youth each year!

Missionaries live in community and travel to parishes and schools throughout Wisconsin; they receive training, formation, spiritual direction, lodging, food, a monthly allowance, health insurance, and a \$2,000 stipend upon completion of the 9 month



program. It is a unique opportunity to serve our Lord and help young Catholics grow in faith. Visit www.spiritusministries.org/beamissionary, contact Rachel at recruiter@spiritusministries.org or (920) 722-8918 x113 for more information.