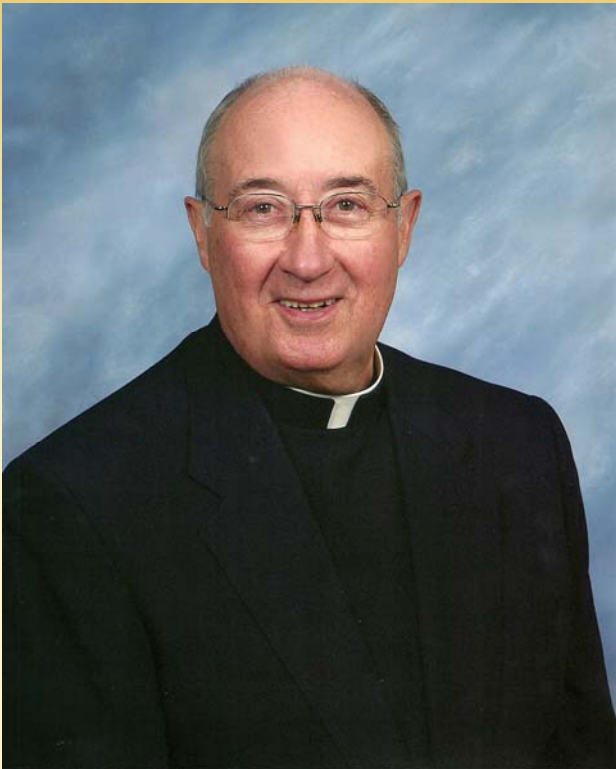


ST. MARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of Portage, WI
ST MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS of Briggsville, WI

God Bless You On Your
ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY



Present Day Photo



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MONSIGNOR JOHN HEBL

50 YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE
YEARS OF LOVE
YEARS OF MINISTRY

Monsignor John Hebl, native of Portage, WI attended St Mary Grade School; Queen of Apostles Seminary, Madison; and St Francis Major Seminary, Milwaukee and was ordained to the priesthood May 27, 1961 by Bishop William P. O'Connor at St Raphael Cathedral, Madison. He completed graduate studies at the University of California-Orange, UW-Oshkosh and UW-Madison earning a Masters and Doctorate degree under the GI Bill. Msgr. has assisted as a priest-counselor at Catholic Social Services and served thirteen parishes as an associate, administrator and pastor.

Monsignor John has held appointments on nine Diocesan Boards or Commissions and, for almost 25 years, was the Diocesan Spiritual Advisor for the St Vincent de Paul Society and Director of the Thanksgiving Clothing Drive for the Catholic Relief Services. He is a charter Board member of the International Forgiveness Institute (IFI) giving talks, retreats and writing articles on forgiveness, which was the basis for his doctoral dissertation.

During the Vietnam War, he was called to active duty as a Chaplain in the United States Air Force, serving until 1973. Following the war, he was appointed Chaplain to the Wisconsin Air National Guard, Madison; as liaison ANG Chaplain to the Strategic Air Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, NE; and, finally, to the Pentagon where he was promoted to the grade of Brigadier General and assigned as Air National Guard Assistant to the Air Force Chief of Chaplains in Washington, DC. He served during Desert Storm I and upon retirement was awarded the Legion of Merit.

In 2000, in honor of the 50th priestly ordination of Pope John Paul II, Msgr. John received the Prelate of Honor along with other Diocesan priests. Retiring from parish ministry in 2005, he assists local parishes and presently serves as a Retired Priest in Service for St Ann, Brooks and, during the busy summer months, for St Cecilia, Wisconsin Dells.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 14 & 15, 2011

Portage Worship Schedule

Monday, May 16

8:00 AM Word & Communion

Tuesday, May 17

8:00 AM Word & Communion

Wednesday, May 18

7:00 AM † Donna Foley (Bud & Shirley Herpel)

Thursday, May 19

8:00 AM † Diane Vesely (Family)

Friday, May 20

7:00 AM People of the Parishes

Saturday, May 21

4:00 PM † Agnes Rozinski (Ken & Jaunita Rozinski)

Sunday, May 22

9:30 AM † John Hryszko (Family)
3rd Anniversary

11:00 AM † Remedios Tiongson (Allan Apo Family)

Portage Confessions

Saturday, May 21
9:00 AM

Stewardship of Treasure

for the weekend of May 7 & 8, 2011

Envelopes.....	\$ 10,458.00
Offertory.....	\$303.56
Diocesan Assessment.....	\$82.00
Fiscal Year to Date Giving.....	\$397,871.78

Parish Support Previous Year –2010

Envelopes Received	\$8,889.50
Fiscal Year Giving.....	\$416,842.26

Difference from previous fiscal year giving

Decrease.....\$18,970.48

Rice Bowl Collection

The total amount collected for Rice Bowls was \$736.74.

Stewardship Reflection

May 15, 2011

Fourth Sunday of Easter

*"I came so that they may have life and have it more abundantly."
- John 10:10*

We may think that filling our lives with all sorts of riches is what Jesus meant by having life abundantly. Yet, in reality, when we really take time to know God through prayer and scripture we realize that the truly abundant life Jesus offers is a simple life of prayer and service.

From Our Pastor Next Weekend is Best Fest!!!!

Any parish festival has one key factor- support of parish members. If we come together and participate at a high level, Best Fest will be a huge success. We need people to volunteer in many areas but there are many other ways to participate. Selling your raffle tickets makes the largest sector of the festival profitable. Invite your friends, neighbors and family to come and enjoy our event. Some people stay away if they have not volunteered. Please come and enjoy the music, have something to eat, look at the items in the mini raffle, the books, plants and baked goods. A crowd makes it rewarding for the volunteers. Lastly, working or being a customer you can get to know other parish members and build our parish spirit. Best Fest success is in your hands!

Fr. Jim



ITEMS STILL NEEDED!

VOLUNTEERS

We need **YOU!!** Lots of spaces still open for workers! Please consider volunteering so we have a successful festival! Remember, this is your parish and if you can volunteer for a few hours next weekend that would be great. Without our volunteers it will be very hard to serve the many people who come for the food, entertainment, bake and plant sale, and book nook.

HAMBURGER!

We are still in need of 50 lbs. of hamburger - raw or made into taco meat (*you can donate meat in any quantity*) **please call the parish office to donate!!**

BOOK NOOK

Gently used books, DVDs, video tapes, magazines, games and puzzles are needed (*No Reader's Digest condensed books please*)

ATTENTION BAKERS

Baked goods for the bake sale, cakes for the cakewalk & pies are all still needed!!

RAFFLE TICKETS

If you haven't done so....please pick up your raffle tickets. If you already have your tickets don't forget to turn them in. You don't want to miss out on the chance to win the big prize!

PLANT DONATIONS

We would like to offer starter plants, vegetables, herbs, annuals, perennials, and house plants.

An Invitation

Monsignor John Hebl to Celebrate his 50th
Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood

Join Monsignor Hebl in this celebration on Sunday, May 15 as he offers a Mass of Thanksgiving at 1:00 pm in St. Mary, Portage. Following Mass, there will be a buffet reception and refreshments in the St. Mary School Cafeteria from 2:30-5:30 pm. Former parishioners, friends and relatives of Msgr. John are invited to attend. Personal invitations are not being sent. NO gifts or reservations required. Your presence and prayers are gift enough. Those who wish, but not expected, may bring a non-perishable food item for the St Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Donation bins will be available in the cafeteria.

Parish Council Elections

We are extending the date for parish members to submit their names as candidates for Parish Council to May 23. There are 4 openings for the council and we currently do not have that many candidates. We hope to have more parish members express their interest in running. If we do not have more than 4 candidates we will not be having elections but will accept those who are willing to serve. Please consider this opportunity to serve your church. It's a great way to feel more involved and a part of your parish. If interested please contact the parish office. We will need a short biography and your photo for placement in the bulletin prior to elections.

Good Shepherd Sunday

Today, Good Shepherd Sunday, is a special celebration of our Christian vocation. The world-wide Church unites in prayer on this *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*. The Good Shepherd calls us and guides us on our Christian journey. By our baptism we are all called, chosen, and sent to carry on the mission of Jesus. You are invited today and everyday to pray that all people, especially our young people, will listen to God's call in their lives and follow that call.



Marian Prayer Service

Marian Devotion will be held on Tuesday, May 24, at 7:00 pm. All students who have celebrated their First Eucharist this year are invited to participate in the opening procession. Students may bring flowers to place before the statue of Mary.

Instruments Wanted!

Nancy Hibbard is looking for musical instruments to take back to Haiti. If you have any keyboards, guitars, saxophone, clarinet, trumpets, etc. that you wish to donate, please contact Janet Atkinson janeta2700@charter.net or 742-2700.

St. Mary School News

Mark Your Calendar

Our annual golf outing will be held on Sunday, August 21. Please plan on participating in this event. If you are not a golfer, come for dinner and fun! The proceeds from this event will help support our computer purchase, technology fund and the Patty Quigley Scholarship.



Baptism

We welcome Emma Kate Roberts into our parish faith community of St. Mary, Portage. Emma, the daughter of Nathan & Heidi, was baptized on May 7, 2011. As Emma is strengthened by faith and nourished by our parish community, may she live and grow in Christ's love.

Easter Flower Donations

Thank you to the following who gave Easter Flower donations in memory of their loved ones to add to the beauty of our church for the Easter season.



- ... Joan Johson in memory of Carl & Ruth Lucas
- ... John & Judy Steinhaus in memory of their parents
- ... Rudy & Carol Ringelstetter in memory of their parents
- ... In memory of John Hryszko by family members
- ... Jenny Wech & Family in memory of Richard Wech & Marvin & Delores Holdorf
- ... In memory of Hazel
- ... Mrs. Linda Holmes in memory of Donald & Helen Holmes
- ... Matt & Dawn Foster in memory of Bob, Fran, and Lynn Kaufman

Thanks also to the following individuals and families who made generous contributions to the flowers.

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| Barb Smith | Francis & Jean Mattke |
| Tim & Rhea Henney | Le Sisley |
| Donald & Deborah Colling | Francis & Mary Traut |
| Nick & Frances Hryszko | Matt & Janet Dushek |
| Eleanor Drury | Maria Serna |
| Dan & Karen Zepecki | Dennis & Jean Pionke |
| Ray & Betty Robinson | |

New to the SCRIP Program

Papa Murphy's Pizza is now available in a denomination of \$10.00 with a rebate of 8%. Pick up some Papa Murphy's SCRIP and order a delicious pizza this weekend while contributing to our SCRIP program!!



Live Entertainment All Weekend!!

Friday Evening

7:00-11:00 pm HONEYSHOT performs

Saturday Evening

4:00-6:00 pm "Portage High School Jazz Band"

6:00-6:45 pm "Sing It Forward"

6:45-7:15 pm "Madison Malone & Friends"

7:15-8:00 pm "J Peckham Band"

8:00-9:00 pm "Unzipped"

9:00-10:30 pm "Late for Dinner"

Sunday Afternoon

1:00-3:00 pm Celebration Choir

Run/Walk

The annual Run/Walk will take place on **Saturday, May 21**, with registration beginning at 7:45 am in the school lobby. Kick off will be at 9:00 am from the back of the parish in the parking lot. Registration forms are available at the St. Mary Parish office or on our website: www.stmaryotic.com



St. Mary, Portage Best Fest 2011

It's all happening May 20, 21, & 22!!

FRIDAY, MAY 20

4:00-10:00 pm Carnival Opens

5:00 pm Mini Raffle, Catholic Women's Barbecue Dinner, Book Nook & Beer Tent open with music by Bob Viking DJ

7:00-11:00 pm HONEYSHOT performs

SATURDAY, MAY 21

7:45-8:30 am 5K/1-Mile Run/Walk Registration (St. Mary Gym, Conant St.)

9:00 am 5K/1-Mile Run/Walk Start

11 am-10 pm Carnival

11 am Concessions & Family-Friendly Entertainment: DJ Bob Viking, Cake Walk, Mini Raffle, Book Nook, Bake Sale, Plant Sale, Flower Sale & More!

12:00-4:00 pm Children's Games and Dunk Tank!

4:00-6:00 pm "Portage High School Jazz Band"

6:00-6:45 pm "Sing It Forward"

6:45-7:15 pm "Madison Malone & Friends"

7:15-8:00 pm "J Peckham Band"

8:00-9:00 pm "Unzipped"

9:00-10:30 pm "Late for Dinner"

11:00 pm BEST FEST Closes

SUNDAY, MAY 22

7:30 am-12:00 pm KC Breakfast—St. Mary's Cafeteria

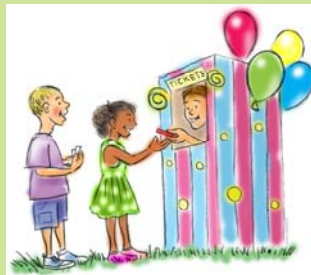
12:00-4:00 pm Carnival Wrist Band Day—Only \$10!

12:00 pm Concessions & Family-Friendly

Entertainment: DJ Bob Viking, Mini Raffle & Book Nook, Plant Sale & Bake Sale

1:00-3:00 pm Celebration Choir

3:00 pm Raffle drawings begin



Advance Carnival Tickets are available at the St. Mary Parish Office until 12 noon on May 20th!!

Stop by and get yours today! Tickets are sold in strips of 5 for \$8.00. One ticket is needed per ride!

13th Annual Best Fest Raffle

GRAND PRIZE: \$5,000

Tickets are available at the St. Mary Parish Office or on the grounds the weekend of the festival.

TICKETS: 1/\$5 • 8/\$25 • 20/\$50

Drawing held at 3pm May 22 at St. Mary Parish, Portage

YOU NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN!

Briggsville Worship Schedule

Tuesday, May 17

8:00 AM Word & Communion

Wednesday, May 18

8:00 AM Word & Communion

Thursday, May 19

8:00 AM Word & Communion

Saturday, May 21

5:30 PM People of the Parishes

Sunday, May 1

8:00 AM † Mary & Joseph Dinegan (James Dinegan)

Stewardship of Treasure	May 7 & 8
Envelopes	\$1350.00
Offertory	\$234.75
Children's Envelope	\$4.00
Good Friday— Holy Land	\$5.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$5.00
Rice Bowl	\$149.59
Votive Candles	\$16.00
Rebate	\$6.02
Catholic Women Reimburse	\$60.75
Total	\$1831.11

Pro Life Collection

An amount of \$ 232.00 was collected last Sunday from the carnation sale for the Pro-Life cause. Thank You to all who participated.

Scripture Readings

for the week of May 15, 2011

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

A Note of Thanks

Mona and Bill McTier express their thanks to anyone and everyone who helped them and offered prayers in Mona's recent surgery. They are most grateful.



Parish Festival

The St. Mary, Briggsville Annual Festival which will be held on August 14. Again, as in past years, we are looking for donations for the raffle ticket prizes and for someone who might be interested in taking charge of getting these donations. All raffles prizes need to be in place for printing on the tickets by June 1. Please contact Craig Hilliard with questions or any available prizes.

Thank you to all those who have already responded.



In Our Thoughts & Prayers

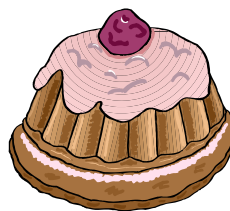
Prayerful sympathy is offered to the family of Helen Schaitel for whom the Mass of Christian Burial was said on Tuesday, May 1, 2011 and also to the family of Pete Joyce for whom the Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Wednesday, May 11. May Helen and Pete rest in God's peace.

Sympathy, also, to Jim Dinegan and Harlan Grubb at the death of their aunts.



Birthday Thank You

Gordon Ginther expresses his gracious thanks to all who helped him celebrate his 90th birthday with prayers, cards and good wishes!



BAKE SALE HAPPENING SOON!!

The weekend of May 28 & 29 the St. Mary, Briggsville Catholic Women will sponsor a Bake Sale. Now is the time to start planning & baking all those scrumptious pies, cookies, cakes and breads. Be sure to mark your calendar so you remember to stick around after each Mass to purchase your favorite goodies at this delicious fundraiser! Proceeds help the Briggsville Catholic Women support their church projects, including purchase of candles, flowers, altar breads used in church services, refreshments after ecumenical or other special events and hospitalities for the homebound and the bereaved.

Pastor, Fr. Jim Murphy*jmurphy@stmaryotic.com***Deacon, Dennis Sutter***dsutter@stmaryotic.com*Parish Community Website: www.stmaryotic.comParish Email: parish@stmaryotic.com**St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception- Portage**
309 W. Cook St, Portage, WI 53901**Weekend Masses**

Saturday-4:00 pm

Sunday- 9:30 & 11:00 am

Parish Office- 742-6998

Faith Formation- Sr. Anita Henning (*ahenning@stmaryotic.com*)Youth Minister- Brenda Collins (*bcollins@stmaryotic.com*)Pastoral Minister- Malu Durkin (*skiptoo@jvl.net*)Music Coordinator- Kathy Oganezov (*kathyo@stmaryotic.com*)

Secretaries- Pat Ashley & Kari Caulum

Bulletin Editor & Website

Maintenance-

Kari Caulum (*kcaulum@stmaryotic.com*)Bookkeeper- Betty Tessmann (*betty@stmaryotic.com*)

Maintenance- Dan Schwalbe

Cemetery Sextons- Tom Waldron

Pastoral Council Chair- Kris Jackson

St. Mary School- Portage

315 W. Cook St. 53901

School Office- 742-4998

Principal- Jamie Hahn

Secretary- Cindy Harvey

Website- www.stmarysportage.org**St. Mary Help Of Christians -Briggsville**

PO Box 127 Briggsville, WI 53920

Weekend Masses

Saturday-5:30 pm

Sunday-8:00 am

Parish Office - 981-2282

Pastoral Minister- Sr. Jovita Winkel, CSA

(jwinkel@solarus.net)

Bookkeeper- Barbara Poppy-253-2100

Maintenance- Bob Gauger

Pastoral Council Chair- Susan Hilliard

Cemetery Sexton- James Dinegan

St. Vincent De Paul**Stewardship Thoughts May 15, 2011**

Today we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday" where we reflect on Jesus' care and love of us and hear his words "I came so that they may have life and have it more abundantly". Your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent reveal the love of the "Good Shepherd to your suffering brothers & sisters.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS ST. MARY-PORTAGE PARISH & SCHOOL

Mon., May 16	9:00 am	SCRIP orders due	
Tues., May 17	4:30 pm	Home & School Mtg.	St. Mary School
	7:00 pm	Education Commission Mtg.	Parish Center Lower Level
Wed., May 18	5:30 pm	Facility Mtg.	Parish Center Conference Rm.
	6:30 pm	Celebration Choir Practice	St. Mary School Music Rm.
	7:00 pm	Baptism Prep	Parish Center Lower Level
	7:00 pm	WATCH Board Mtg.	Parish Center Upper Level
Fri., May 20	4:00 pm	BEST FEST	Parish Grounds
Sat., May 21	ALL DAY	BEST FEST	Parish Grounds
Sun., May 22	ALL DAY	BEST FEST	Parish Grounds

CALENDAR OF EVENTS ST. MARY-BRIGGSVILLE

Tues., May 17	5:00 pm	Briggsville Pastoral Council Meeting
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Area Events**Portage Lions- Recycle For Sight**

The Portage Lions Club will be collecting used prescription eye-glasses, prescription sunglasses and hearing aids for distribution to the needy in underdeveloped countries. Children's glasses are especially in high demand. You may drop them off at the Portage Parish Office.

Benefit Auction

Do you have things in your closet, garage, attic, that you no longer use and that might be useful to someone else? Consider donating these items to Durward's Glen for their benefit auction to be held on Wednesday June 15, 2011. Proceeds will go to the maintenance and improvement of Durward's Glen. Antiques, furniture, yard equipment, a tractor and many other items will be sold. If you would like to donate items for the auction, contact Leonard at 608-742-2759 to arrange pick-up. Durward's Glen is a non-profit organization dedicated to using this God given re-source to bring souls to Christ by means of his Catholic Church, through retreats, conferences, and catechesis. Thank you in ad-vance for your generous support. Watch future bulletins for more details and mark your calendars to come to the auction.