

**ST. MARGUERITE
BOURGOYS
PARISH**

PASTOR

REV. SHAWN W. JORDAN

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Mass Schedule

- Saturday: 4:30 pm Vigil
- Sunday: 8:30 am; 11 am;
5 pm (no music)
- Monday-Friday: 8:30 am

Morning Prayer

8:15 am before weekday Mass

Confession

Saturday: 3:30-4:15 pm
or by appointment

Church is open

9 am-5 pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet

daily at 3 pm

Rosary

Saturdays at 4 pm

Office Hours

Mon-Thurs: 9 am-3 pm

Offertory

Dec 21/22: \$4,847.00
OLG: \$3,227.00

Staff

Finance Council Chairman:

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E-News

29 DECEMBER 2024 - THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

The month of December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception.

The Solemnity of Mary is January 1.

Mass will be on:

Tuesday, December 31 at 6 pm, and
Wednesday, January 1 at 8:30 am.

This is a holy day of obligation.

Support the **Annual Parish Collection!** Your generous financial assistance keeps the parish on a stable foundation, allowing us to reach out to those in need, and provide education for those who are new to the faith and those who want to grow deeper in their life with Christ. Letters are at the entrances to the church. Cash/checks can be returned to the Parish Office or donate online at osvhub.com/stmarguerite/giving/funds/parish-annual-collection) or by scanning the QR code on the letter and in the church. A donation to the Collection is an investment in St. Marguerite's future. These funds support the parish directly, not the Bishop's Appeal.

Join us for a celebration of **St Marguerite Bourgoys Feast Day** on Sunday, January 5 after the 8:30 and 11 am Masses sponsored by the Sodality Group.

The **Office** will be closed Dec. 30 - Jan 1.

Dec 30-Jan 5:

Our **St Marguerite Candle** is for +Barbara Hager requested by Carmela Mangini.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Dec 30

8:30 +Liv/Dec Mbrs of Madden, Murphy, and Malone families by Katy Murphy

Tues, Dec 31: St Sylvester I

8:30 +Thomas Ivanisko by family
6:00 +Clare, Florence, and Rev Walter Genzlinger by Piccorelli family

Wed, Jan 1: Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

8:30 +Rev John McVicar by Fr Shawn

Thurs, Jan 2: Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

8:30 +Tommy Kennedy by Sean Murphy

Fri, Jan 3: Holy Name of Jesus

8:30 +Delia Omasta by Katy Murphy

Sat, Jan 4: St Elizabeth Ann Seton

4:30 +Joel Smith by Jerry Smith

Sun, Jan 5: The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 +Ellen Cann by family
11:00 +Jennie and +Louis Matteo by Maass family;
+Hermann Irrek by family
5:00 +Kenneth Cunningham, Sr by Katy Murphy

TEXT TO GIVE: 475-244-9691. We are keeping up with technology! With 97% of smartphone users texting at least once a day, our parish has decided to add the option to give via text. You can text an amount to 475-244-969, and your transaction will be processed through the Online Giving account associated with the phone number. If your phone number is not recognized, you can continue without an account, associate your number with an existing account, or create an account. The last days of the year can be important to finalize gifts in order to receive a **tax deduction**. To ensure your contribution is credited to the 2024 calendar year, donations need to be made online and/or checks should be dated and postmarked on or before December 31. Thank you for your generosity!

Christmas in Africa Exhibit and Museum

Tour: Saturday, January 17 at 10:30 am at the Knights of Columbus Pilgrimage Center in New Haven. This is a free private tour, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council of St Marguerite and St Joseph, of the exhibit of creches from around the world. Drive yourself or join a carpool leaving St Joseph's at 9 am. RSVP by January 16 to 203.733.7209, gregdembowski@yahoo.com.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Tues, Dec 31 9:15 am - Legion of Mary

SOLEMNITY OF MARY

VIGIL MASS
DECEMBER 31
AT 6 PM

WEDNESDAY,
JANUARY 1
AT 8:30 AM





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*You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion,
and your generosity will be a thanksgiving to God. (2 Corinthians 9:11)*

November 2024

Dear St. Marguerite Parish Family,

I am pleased to report that St. Marguerite’s continues to enjoy God’s many blessings in our parish, our families, and in our Brookfield community.

We recently hosted Bishop Frank Caggiano for our Eucharistic Holy Hour and Procession as we prayed together, sang, and adored Our Lord as part of our nation’s Eucharistic Revival. We have 141 families currently in religious family formation, and our recent Bible study saw the largest attendance in my ten years as pastor! Your generosity allowed us to surpass the Bishop’s Appeal goal this year, and you also generously supported hurricane relief for those affected in Florida and the Carolinas. The parish continues to serve monthly meals to shut-ins, our Women’s Sodality provides many fellowship events where we gather as a parish family, and we had another successful Golf Tournament to benefit the parish Needy Fund.

I would ask you please to continue making an investment in St. Marguerite’s future through our Parish Annual Collection (which stays in the parish, not the diocese). Your generous financial assistance keeps the parish on a stable foundation, allows us to reach out to those in need, and provides education for those who are new to the faith and those who want to grow deeper in their life with Christ.

May God continue to bless us abundantly,

Rev. Shawn W. Jordan

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Pastor

Yes! I will support St. Marguerite Bourgeoys with a gift to the 2024 Annual Collection.

Please make your check payable to **St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Parish.**

Enclosed is my gift of: \$50 ___ \$100 ___ \$250 ___ \$500 ___ \$1,000 ___ Other ___



Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

<https://www.osvhub.com/stmarguerite/giving/funds/parish-annual-collection>



FEAST DAY OF

*St. Marguerite
Bourgeoys*

JANUARY 12

**Join us for a
celebration of
St Marguerite Bourgeoys
Feast Day
on Sunday, January 5
after the
8:30 and 11 am Masses
sponsored by
the Sodality Group**



~ White Copy Paper, letter size (8.5"x11"),
92 brightness, 20 lb

~ Brother Genuine P-Touch TZe-231 2 Pack
Tape (TZE2312PK); 1/2" (.47")x26.2 ft (8m)
laminated P-Touch Tape, Black on White

Link to Amazon Wish List:
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/7W2VJHBHP8OI?ref_=wl_share

**Thank you for your generous
support of the parish!**



ONLINE
GIVING

Online Giving allows a donor to make donations through the parish website. This convenient option for giving to your parish makes use of current technology and security standards and allows you to easily set up recurring contributions. There are many benefits for you and your parish.

To sign up, visit stmarguerite.org and click on the "Donate" tab. **Thank you for your support!**

Donor Benefits:

- * **Convenient** anytime, anywhere access through the internet.
- * **Secure and Confidential.** Adheres to banking security standards.
- * **Flexible.** Start, stop, and change your contributions at any time.
- * **Simple.** No need to contact your bank or the parish office.
- * **Contribute** using direct withdrawal (ACH) or credit cards.

Parish benefits:

- * **Stabilize contributions.** Regularly scheduled gifts occur automatically. Allows parish to effectively manage monthly expenses.
- * **Direct Donations.** A simple way to contribute to individual events, holiday needs, classes, special donations, and more.
- * **Secure and Confidential.** No need to store donor account information.
- * **Efficient.** Participation saves time and expense in bookkeeping.
- * **Current.** A tool for people who prefer to use electronic services.

Eucharistic Miracle of ZARAGOZA

SPAIN, 1427

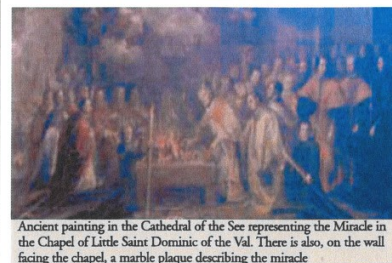


In the consecrated Host stolen by a woman of Zaragoza, to make a love potion of it, appeared the Baby Jesus.

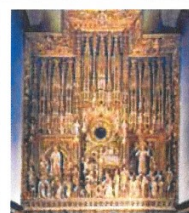
In the town hall archives of the city of Zaragoza is preserved the document that relates the miracle in detail. And in the cathedral, next to the chapel of “San Dominguito del Val” there is a painting depicting accurately the marvelous event.



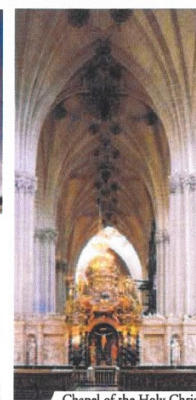
Cathedral of the See, Zaragoza



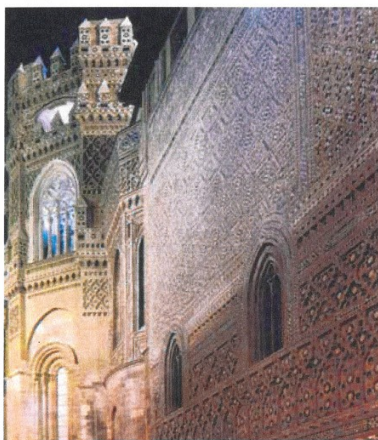
Ancient painting in the Cathedral of the See representing the Miracle in the Chapel of Little Saint Dominic of the Val. There is also, on the wall facing the chapel, a marble plaque describing the miracle



Main Altar



Chapel of the Holy Christ



Exterior side of the Cathedral of the See



Choir stalls of the See

This Eucharistic miracle happened in the city of Zaragoza in 1427, when the bishop of the city was don Alonso Arhuello. Don Dorner, archdeacon of the city, left a written report of the event: “A married woman consulted a Moorish evil sorcerer for a remedy to cure her husband of his violent nature and to make him treat her more gently. To change the husband’s behavior, the sorcerer told her he needed a consecrated Host. The very superstitious woman went to the church of Saint Michael, went to confession and received the Eucharist. With diabolical cunning, she took the host from her mouth and hid it in a small coffer which she took immediately to the sorcerer. When they opened the coffer, instead of the Host they saw, with great terror, a little baby surrounded by light. The sorcerer told the woman to take the

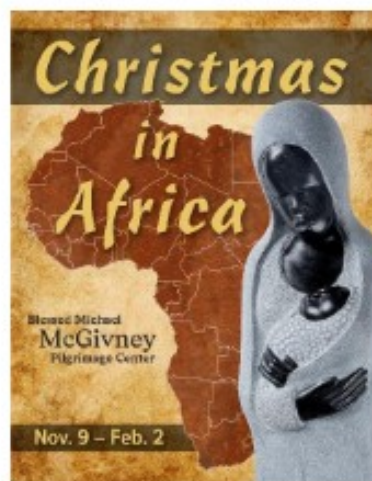
coffer home, burn it and bring the ashes to him. The unscrupulous woman did as she was told, but, with great amazement saw, that though the coffer was completely burned, the baby remained unharmed.

Stricken with terror and out of her mind she ran to the house of the sorcerer to tell him what happened. The sorcerer on hearing the words of the woman began to shake, fearing a vengeance from heaven. They decided to go to the cathedral to inform the bishop don Alonso, confess their sin and ask for baptism.

The bishop consulted some prelates and theologians of the diocese to shed light on the event and finally decided to take in solemn procession the Miraculous Baby from the house of the

woman to the cathedral. The whole city accompanied in procession and was deeply moved at the sight of that marvelous baby. Once in the cathedral the Miraculous Baby was put on the altar of the chapel of Saint Valerio so that the people of Zaragoza could see Him and venerate Him. The following day, while the bishop was celebrating mass at the same altar, at the words of consecration, a Host, immediately consumed by the bishop, appeared where the Baby was. Thanks to this Eucharistic miracle, the people of Zaragoza was renewed in its devotion to the Blessed Sacrament”. This is the document preserved in the town archives.

Christmas in Africa Exhibit and Museum Tour



- WHEN** Saturday, January 18, 2025. Tour starts at 10:30 am.
- WHERE** Knights of Columbus Pilgrimage Center
1 State Street, New haven, CT 06511
203-865-0400
- WHAT** FREE, private tour sponsored by members of the St. Joseph and St. Marguerite Knights of Columbus. The tour will include an exhibit of a variety of crèche's with different stables and mangers from around the world, and a Christmas Tree Festival display.
- WHO** All St. Joseph and St. Marguerite parishioners and their families are invited.
- WHAT** Drive individually or join our car pool that will leave from St. Joseph parking lot at 9:00 am. Parking at the museum is under the building and is FREE.
- RSVP by Jan 16** Call Greg Dembowski, 203-733-7209 or e-mail
GregDembowski@yahoo.com
- OPTIONAL** Following the tour there will be a group lunch at a local restaurant.