

**ST. MARGUERITE
BOURGEOYS
PARISH**

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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

8 am-5 pm

Office Hours

Mon-Thurs: 9 am-3 pm

Rosary

Saturdays at 4 pm

Offertory

Dec 13/14: \$3,947.00
OLG: \$1,753.00

Staff

Finance Council Chairman:
Kevin Sheehan

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Corporation:

James Chester, Jr
Scott Senete

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Faith Formation Director:
Mary Ellen Tiernan

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E-News

21 DECEMBER 2025 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 24
Mass at 4 pm and 10 pm
Christmas Carols at 9:30 pm

Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25
Mass at 8:30 am and 11 am
NO 5 pm Mass

Confessions: Every Saturday: 3:30-4:15 pm
Wednesday, December 24th: 10 am-noon

Christmas Greetings from Father Shawn...

I wish everyone a blessed celebration of Our Lord's Nativity! Merry Christmas!

The **Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God** is January 1. It is a holy day of obligation. Mass will be on Wednesday, December 31 at 6:30 pm and Thursday, January 1 at 8:30 am.

Envelopes for your **Christmas Offering** and for **Christmas Flowers** are at the entrances to the church. Christmas Flower donations can be made in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Place your envelopes in the donation boxes or in the offertory. All intentions written on Christmas Flower envelopes will be remembered at Masses during the Christmas season.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon, Dec 22

8:30 +Ralph and +Rosetta Guastaferrri by
Nina Guastaferrri

Tues, Dec 23: *St John of Kanty, priest*

8:30 +Olga and +Victor Ruggiero by Nina
Guastaferrri

Wed, Dec 24

8:30 Liv/Dec of DeAlessio and Martin families
by DeAlessio family
4:00 Liv/Dec of Piccorelli and Civita families
by Piccorelli family
10:00 Intentions of Gianna Tommasi by LMC

December 22-28: Our **Altar Candles** are for the intentions of our Christmas Flower donors.
Our **St Marguerite Candle** is for the intentions of Luz Sumba and family.

Support the **Annual Parish Collection!**

Your generous financial assistance is an investment in the future of the parish. These funds directly support the parish and not the Diocese. Letters are available in the church.

Cash/checks can be submitted to the Parish Office. Donate online at <https://www.osvhub.com/stmarguerite/giving/funds/parish-annual-collection>, scan the QR code, or text 475.244.9691. Thank you for your support!

Faith Formation classes for children begin in first grade. Registration for all grades is in March.

Thurs, Dec 25: *Christmas*

8:30 Mass of Hope by Lay Missionaries of Charity
11:00 Liv/Dec of Lanno, Cook, and Kocian families

Fri, Dec 26: *St Stephen, the first Martyr*

8:30 +Maryjane Richardson by Christopher and
Catherine Finn

Sat, Dec 27: *St John, Apostle and Evangelist*

4:30 +William M Frank by family

Sun, Dec 28: *The Holy Family*

8:30 +Bob Caraluzzi by Todd and Tami Ingersoll
11:00 Liv/Dec of Indelicato family; and +Dec of
Thierner family by Pat Indelicato
5 pm +Paul Bernier by Doreen Bernier

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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JANUARY 1
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A Holy Day of Obligation





Give with Grace

ANNUAL PARISH COLLECTION



Your gift helps us to serve, grow, and uplift.

- maintain and improve our parish campus
- support our youth programs
- provide assistance to the needy
- support education for adult bible studies and Catholic schools

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ST. MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS – THE CHURCH AND THE SAINT

A Pilgrimage Through and With St. Marguerite



*Mary Frank
Our St. Marguerite church
angel who outspokenly
responded to prayer.*

*“Queen of Heaven...we humbly
beseech you to send forth the
holy legions, who are under
your command and power, to
pursue every evil spirit...may
[they] drive every evil spirit
back into the abyss of
everlasting woe and keep us
from harm”*

(from ‘O Queen of the Angels’ catholic prayer)

Celebrating Our Church Angel

At the start of our annual church liturgical calendar, we honor several Feast Days dedicated to our Blessed Mother. Notably, December 11 marks the Feast of Our Lady of the Angels. In this spirit, it is fitting to share the story of a church angel who graces our community.

During any daily Mass, if you take a moment to look around, you’ll notice a small, lively, and humble face that shines with devotion, beauty, and love. Most of us are familiar with Mary Frank, our very own church angel. If you haven’t had the pleasure of meeting her yet, her radiant smile is sure to light up your soul. However, beyond her joyful presence at Mass, there is another remarkable story about our beloved church angel that you need to hear.

In January 1982, when Bishop Curtis first decreed that an additional parish should be established in Brookfield, there was a lot of concern, angst, and controversy. Needless to say, among the parishioners of the established church this was a very unpopular edict, and it was openly challenged and contested. Dozens of articles, editorials, and letters to the editor were published in the local papers with titles like “Splitting parish causes division among Catholics” and “Protesters vow to battle parish split”, etc. Somewhat hidden in the controversy appeared this letter to the editor of *The News-Times* on March 23, 1982, it reads in part:

Favors a second Catholic parish

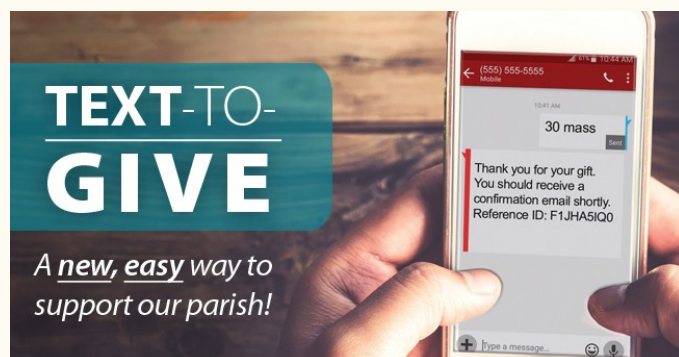
Thanks be to God. After praying many years for a new Catholic Church in Brookfield, it may soon become a reality. Apparently, many do not know what a blessing is being bestowed upon our community... More important than anything financial is the necessity of growth – growth in Christ.

Morality is at an all-time low, even in our lovely town. If ever we need to grow, it is now. Churches aren’t built only in times of prosperity.

Less than a mile from Brookfield stand two new and separate Baptist churches. They have faith “like a mustard seed”.

Come on, Brookfield friends. Take your heads out of the sand, to be alive we must grow. Like the cell, it must divide in order to grow. So be it.

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 475.244.9691, 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.

Columbian #10 Double Window Self Seal Security envelopes (COLO134)
Columbian #9 Double Window Self Seal Security Envelopes (COLO183)
Universal 11205 (8.5x11) Colored Paper (goldenrod)
Universal 11024 (8.5x11) Colored Paper (pink)
Avery labels 5160
Avery A-Z Dividers (11844)
Black Sharpie, Fine Tip, 12 ct, permanent marker

Thank you for your generous support!

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



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.



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HELPING BROOKFIELD CHILDREN EXPERIENCE THE
JOY OF CHRISTMAS

Warm Winter Wear Donations Kicks off November 1 and ends January 6 to support the working poor and homeless in our community.

We need: New hats, gloves, scarves, and coats for kids ages 10-18. Gently used coats and outerwear will also be accepted.

Donation receptacles, decorated by our Ignite Youth, will be located in the vestibule for donation drop off.