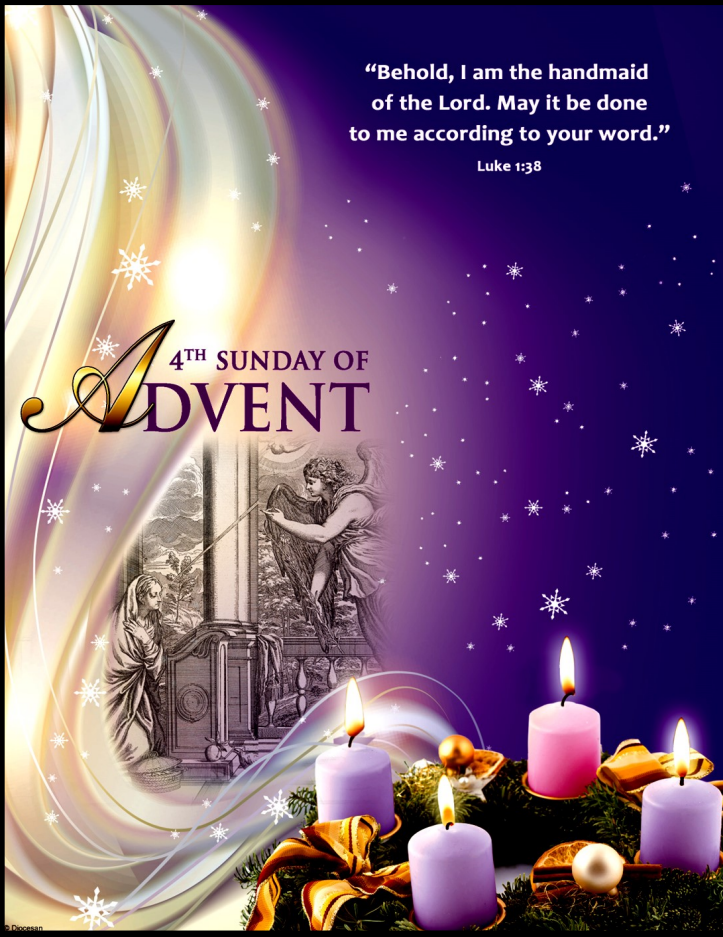


# Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



December 18, 2022

## Saturday, December 24th, Christmas Vigil 4:00pm

**Lector:** Judy Murphy  
**Minister of Holy Communion:** Deacon Tully  
**Servers:** Brayden & Tristan Arms, Abe & Wes Bosworth  
**Ushers:** Knights of Columbus **Gifts:** Ray Morris Family  
No Scrip Sales

## Saturday, December 24th, Midnight Mass

**Lector:** Susan Tully  
**Minister of Holy Communion:** Deacon Tully  
**Servers:** **Volunteers Needed**  
**Ushers:** Knights of Columbus **Gifts:** Cheryl Blankenship  
No Scrip Sales

## Sunday, December 25th, Christmas Day 9:00 am

**Lector:** Chay Schmitt  
**Minister of Holy Communion:** Deacon Tully  
**Servers:** Emma Jelinek, Alexander & Carter Kloehn, Moray Wright  
**Ushers:** Knights of Columbus  
**Gifts:** Andrew Wright Family  
No Scrip Sales

## Mass Schedule

Monday, December 19th  
No Mass

Tuesday, December 20th  
Mass 8:15 am  
† Edward & Elsie Gaura

Wednesday, December 21st **St. Peter Canisius**  
Mass 8:15 pm  
† Dr Virginia Bradford  
**Confessions ... 5:00 –7:00 pm**

Thursday, December 22nd  
Mass 8:15 am  
Nathan McGlynn SP.I.  
**Confessions ... 4:00 –6: 00 pm**

Friday, December 23rd **St. John of Kanty**  
Mass 8:15 am  
Deceased members of the  
Triggs & Rognholt Families  
**Confessions ... 5:00 -6:00 pm**

Saturday, December 24th **Christmas Eve**  
**Confessions 3:15-3:45 pm**  
**Christmas Eve Vigil 4:00 pm** **Incense**  
Our Parish Family

Saturday, December 24th  
**Confessions before Mass** **Incense**  
**Midnight Mass ... 12:00 am / Midnight**  
† Evelyn Scheckel

Sunday, December 25th **The Nativity of the Lord**  
**Confessions before Mass**  
**Christmas Day Mass 9:00 am** **No Incense**  
Andrew Peckham SP.I.

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

“He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father...”  
- Luke 1:32

## **From your pastor . . .**

This next Saturday and Sunday we celebrate the anniversary of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. There are three Masses scheduled to celebrate this wonderful Feast Day of Christmas. The Vigil Mass will be celebrated at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>. A midnight Mass will be celebrated at 12:00 a.m. and the Mass for Christmas Day will be celebrated on December 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. The 9:00 a.m. Mass will not use incense.

On the weekend of December 31<sup>st</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup> which celebrates the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, we return to our usual times: vigil mass on Saturday at 5:15 p.m. and Sunday Masses at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. This will also be the same with the Feast of the Epiphany celebrated the next weekend, January 7-8<sup>th</sup>.

I wish to use the remainder of this column to share with you what our parish grief support specialist, Colleen Pulvermacher recently shared with me and asked if I would help distribute it, which I most certainly am pleased to do. At the bottom of this information concerning "Grieving through the holidays" you will find Colleen's phone number if you would like to speak with her personally and confidentially.

### **Grieving through the Holidays – How to Help**

While most people readily understand that the holiday season can be difficult for those who are grieving, they are often unsure how to help. You might consider these suggestions.

**Reach out** to your friend by asking directly how they are doing with the holiday's coming.

**Follow up by asking**, "What would be most helpful to you?" Consider helping with holiday tasks, offering to sit with them at Mass, or taking a walk together. Allow the griever to choose the degree of help and companionship they would like.

**Invite – without expectation.** Sometimes as the event arrives, the griever may pull away. While disappointing for family and friends, this is completely natural as the individual finds their way through grief in their own time. Don't be offended or push your friend to participate if they don't want to.

**Give them permission to scale back.** Beyond our beautiful faith traditions, the commercialism of the holiday can be stressful and loaded with unrealistic expectations. Reassure your friend that it's OK to step back from traditional expectations such as decorating, baking, buying gifts, and sending cards.

**Don't assume you know how they feel.** Ask – and listen if they want to talk. Time is the best gift we can give to a griever. Just be there and know that shared silence is a form of support.

**Let go of a timeline** – Grievers often hear "it's been a year, it's time to move on." Each person's experience with grief is different and, while well intentioned, this comment is off-putting and not helpful to those who are grieving.

**Talk about their loved one** - - People often report the most hurtful thing is when no one mentions the person who died. Loved ones want to know the person mattered and is missed. Using their name, you might ask, "what was his/her favorite thing about the holidays?" The answers can lead to new traditions that honor the loved one's memory.

For more information and/or bereavement support, contact Colleen Pulvermacher, Grief Support Specialist, 608-647-2450.

Please take note elsewhere in the bulletin the times available for Confessions this week.

Until I write again, may God bless you and all the parishioners of Saint Mary's Parish during this final week of the Season of Advent.

**Monsignor Roger J. Scheckel**



## Christmas Flowers

Please use the envelopes in your packet or any (marked envelope) to make a memorial for a loved one.

An updated Flower / Memorial List will be in the Christmas bulletin.

## THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

### O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



ADVENT

DR. MICHAEL BARBER

### Readings for the week of December 18, 2022

**Sunday:** Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/  
Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

**Monday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/  
Lk 1:5-25

**Tuesday:** Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

**Wednesday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

**Friday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/  
Lk 1:57-66

**Saturday:** Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79

**Next Sunday:** Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/  
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25  
Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/  
Lk 2:1-14

**Dawn:** Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

**Day:** Is 52:7-10/ Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3]/Heb 1:1-6/  
Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

### Scrip News

scrip@stmarysrcPerfect for last-minute gifting - you can send an eGift card immediately or schedule it for delivery on a certain day. Simply select any eGift card on the RaiseRight app or on raiseright.com and check the box next to "Send as a gift by email". Giftees can use it electronically or print their gift.

Contact scrip@stmarysrc.com for how to enroll on the app and start earning for St. Mary's! And don't forget to visit your scrip sellers after Mass today for all the local Scrip cards.

We now have \$20.00 cards available for Phoenix Center !

THERE ARE NO MASS SALES NEXT WEEKEND MERRYCHRISTMAS!

## A Christmas Prayer For The Forgotten



### Dear Lord,

As we prepare for your coming, let us reflect on the journey your earthly parents took.

They were tired and alone, yet there was no room for them at the inn. There was no one to lend a helping hand.

Lord, help us to recognize those who may need our help or love this Christmas. Let us pray for those who have none. We pray that those without loved ones will still share in the season's blessings. We especially pray for those who feel forgotten and unloved.

Lord, break our hearts for what breaks yours. Help us to see with your eyes, serve with your hands, and to give of the talents and treasures you have blessed us with.

We implore you, O Lord, to stretch forth your paternal arms to anyone feeling the sting of loneliness or pangs of sadness this Christmas season. Please bring them into your love and peace.

### Amen.



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### Richland County Elderly Nutrition Program

Drivers needed to deliver Meals on Wheels in Richland Center

(45 minutes to an hour a week)

For more information contact Tanya Webster, Nutrition Program Coordinator 647-8821 ext. 5937

## Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 24th

Christmas Eve Vigil 4:00 pm ... **Incense**  
**Confessions 3:15 to 3:45 pm**

Midnight Mass : Midnight ... Incense  
**Confessions before Mass**

Christmas Morning, December 25th

Sunday, December 25th 9:00 am ... **NO Incense**  
**Confessions before Mass**

### December 10/11, 2022 Stewardship

Adult Tithe.....	\$6,175.00
Offertory.....	378.45
Student Offertory .....	6.92
Pastoral Care.....	50.00
Building & Maintenance.....	81.00
Catholic School Support.....	251.00
Military Chaplain.....	50.00
Religious Retirement.....	25.00
Cemetery Care.....	50.00
Holy Christmas .....	550.00
Christmas Flowers.....	530.00
Holy Day Collection .....	643.28
Total.....	\$8,790.65
November (ACH) Automatic Contributions	5,865.00

# Hope

FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

*"Behold, the virgin shall be with child  
and bear a son, and they shall name him  
Emmanuel, God is with us."  
Matthew 1:23*

### Gift Bearers at Mass

During Mass, there is a little but so significant moment that can often go unnoticed. After the Prayers of the Faithful and after the collection baskets are passed, members of our parish carry the gifts of bread and wine to the priest or deacon. These Gift Bearers represent the entire parish as we return to God a small part of the many blessings that he has given to us, gifts that will become the body and blood of Christ Jesus. What a wonderful way to express thanks and joy to God by bearing these gifts! Many times people bring up the gifts to commemorate a special event an anniversary, baptism of a child, service to the community, or for a special remembrance. Individuals or whole families are welcome to bring up the gifts together. Interested?

Contact Deacon Tully via email at  
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## Married Love: Two Becoming One



Preparation for Marriage  
Saturday, January 28, 2023

St Mary's Richland Center

Call the Rectory for more Information 647-2621

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### Wedding Planning Information

For those seeking the Sacrament of Marriage in our Church  
**please** notify the pastor as soon as you are engaged,  
but **not less than six months**  
prior to the proposed wedding date.