

Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



The Nativity of the Lord December 25th, 2025

Saturday, December 27th 5:15 pm

Reader: Susan Tully

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Declan & Eleanor Jelinek
Sofia Mata, Olivia Mueller

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Kevin Jelinek Family **Scrip:** Susan Walter

Sunday, December 28th 8:00 am

Reader: Mark Jelinek

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Carter Jelinek, Gage Tennant,
Colyns & Lincoln Morris

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Gregg Schmitt Family **Scrip:** Christine Schmitt

Sunday, December 29th 10:30 am

Reader: Katy Ueeck

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Brayden Arms, Giada Johnson
Jolee Larse, Alex Ueeck

Gifts: Jeffrey Joseph Family **Scrip:** Jonna Ray

Mass Schedule

Monday, December 22nd

No Mass Confessions 4:30 to 6:30pm

Tuesday, December 23rd **St. John Kanty**

Mass 8:15am

† Deceased members of the Triggs & Rognholt
family Confessions 6:00 to 8:00

Wednesday, December 24th **Christmas Eve**

Christmas Vigil Mass 4:00 pm

† Dr Louis & Ruth Williams

Midnight Mass 12:00 am

† Staff of St Mary's Parish & School

Thursday, December 25th **Christmas Day**

Christmas Morning Mass 9:00 am

Andrew Peckham SP.I.

Friday, December 26th **St. Stephen**

Mass 8:15 am

L& D Priests who have served St Mary's

Saturday, December 27th **St. John**

Confessions 4:30 pm

Mass 5:15 pm

† Mary Barnett

Sunday, December 28th **The Holy Family**

Confessions 7:15 am

Mass 8:00 am

† Agatha Peckham

Confessions 9:45 am

Mass 10:30 am

Our Parish Family

1:00 pm Spanish Mass



**Fourth Sunday of Advent
Dec 21st, 2025**

From your Pastor

As we come to the Fourth Sunday of Advent, we do so, most likely with a joyful anticipation for the birth of our Savior. Whether we are fully submersed in the gleeful holiday festivities or simply focused on getting through each day, this final weekend of Advent seeks to set the scene for the birth of Christ, the profound moment when God's love, made visible, breaks forth into our ordinary world.

I don't know if you have ever considered why God chose to carry out the plan of salvation this way. If we were to stop and imagine, had we never heard the story before, how God would bring about saving the entire human race, what would we come up with? I know for me, it would probably be something profound, something breathtaking or earth-shattering. I would be looking for that moment to be very visible and noticeable by everyone. But, as we know, this is not what takes place. This convergence of the prophecies of the Old Testament, even from the time of our first parents, plays out in a very different way, a very simple and humble way. When you stop and think about it, the whole scenario seems rather normal, seemingly unexciting for those who would have been adjacent to those moments. But we know, as the events play out, the result will be eternal!

Perhaps one of the biggest misunderstandings that arises as we go through these series of events is what we find in our Gospel for this weekend. After the Angel Gabriel comes to Mary and Mary gives her "Yes" to God, Gabriel then appears to Joseph in a dream telling him not to be afraid to take Mary into his home. We hear that Mary and Joseph are betrothed but do not yet live together. Here is where we run into this misunderstanding. I can't begin to count how many times I have heard people say that Jesus was born to a young, unmarried mother. When we read that Mary and Joseph were betrothed, we automatically think of the modern context of the word or rather substitute the more common understanding of engaged. Yet this is not at all the situation. In Jewish culture, the betrothal was the equivalent to our exchanging of vows, giving of a ring and entering into the formal covenant of marriage. Of course, for us, this happens at the wedding itself. Following the formal betrothal ceremony, there would often be a celebration with family and friends. The difference, and where we can get tripped up, is there was a period of time, varying in length depending on the need, before the couple would move in together and complete the entirety of the traditional marriage ceremony.

So why make such a big deal about this? Why is this important? Well, even though they were "married" from our modern understanding, there was still this little challenge of God's direct involvement in Mary's pregnancy and Joseph's decision in response to this news. I am sure Joseph had wrestled with understanding how this all could happen, similar to Mary's question to Gabriel, "How this could be?" Yet, Joseph provides us with an example of profound willingness to accept God's plan for his life as he gave his yes to God, like Mary did. Something that seems small and insignificant in the overall picture, but so vitally important. God, in His divine plan, often desires not to create a big commotion or work in highly visible ways. He often invites in small ways, in little things, for us to participate in something much bigger than ourselves. Like Joseph, God frequently asks us if we are willing to give our yes to him and accept the Divine plan in our lives.

In these final days, let us allow God to work in the little things, to help our hearts to be open to those small, seemingly insignificant ways that He want to bring us His love and joy.

Lastly, in case you haven't been able to attend yet during Advent and as a final way of preparation, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered this coming week on Monday evening from 4:30-6:30 and on Tuesday evening from 6-8.

In Christ through Mary,

Father Nate Kuhn



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

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Advent Confessions:

**Monday, December 22nd ...
4:30 to 6:30pm**

**Tuesday, December 23rd ...
6:00 to 8:00 pm**

St Mary's School Weekly Intention

We pray for the members of the St. Mary School and Parish families to have a blessed Christmas, keeping Christ at its center. May we have a joyful, healthy, and holy new year.

...St. Mary School Staff and Students...

Wednesday December 24th 4:00 pm Christmas Eve

Reader: Stephanie Worthington

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Bryce Kohlstedt, Andrea Ortiz, Vessel Rush,
Morgan Worthington

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Timothy Honer Family

Thursday, December 25th 12:00 am (Midnight)

Reader: Maly Krajco

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Elijah, Ella, Molly & Will Weiss

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Brian Weiss Family

Thursday, December 25th, 9:00 am Christmas Day

Reader: Gloria Joseph

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Blake Parker, Adelyn, Cameron & Elle Wertz

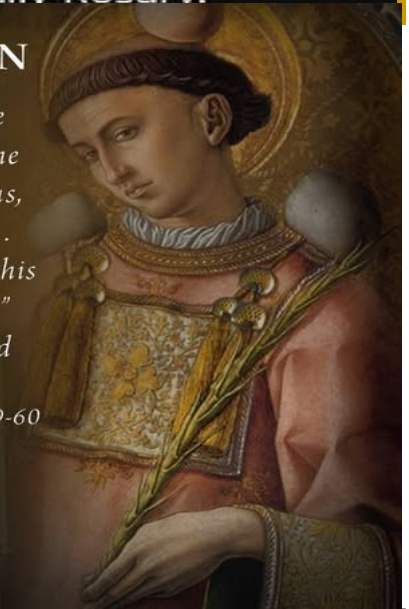
Gifts: Andrew Wright Family

Pope Pius X

The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God...and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary.

ST. STEPHEN

*"While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit ... Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died."
Acts of the Apostles 7:59-60*



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With sorrowful hearts,
we express our profound condolences
to the family of

Cletus J. Bauer

Who entered into eternal rest

December 8th, 2025

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and
May perpetual light shine upon his
soul and all the souls of the faithful departed
through the mercy of God, rest in peace! Amen



*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.



December 13/14, 2025

Adult Tithe.....	\$2,477.00
Offertory.....	495.40
Christmas Flowers.....	195.00
Parish Festival.....	20.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care.....	50.00
Total.....	\$3,237.40
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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.