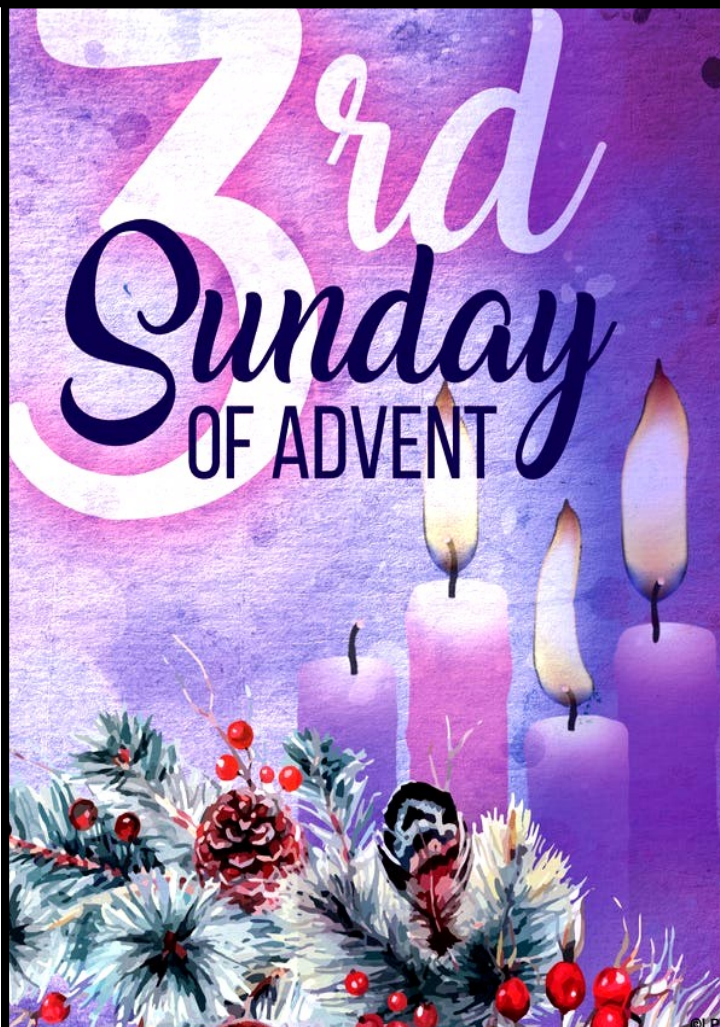


Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



December 14th, 2025

Saturday, December 20th 5:15 pm

Reader: Gretchen Jelinek

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Declan & Eleanor Jelinek
Rohen Logue, Carter Jelinek

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Steven Bauer Family **Scrip:** Susan Tully

Sunday, December 21st 8:00 am

Reader: John Tennant

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Alayna, Brylee & Wyatt Mueller, Everett Myers

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Bryan Myers Family **Scrip:** Fran Wilkinson

Sunday, December 21st, 10:30 am

Reader: Katy Ueeck

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Ethan Kauffman, Harper Schell,
Kathryn & Madalyn Stedele

Gifts: Cheryl Blankenship Family **Scrip:** Judy Barnicle

Mass Schedule

Monday, December 15th

No Mass

Tuesday, December 16th

Mass 8:15am

† Andrew and Lena Loats

Wednesday, December 17th

Mass 8:15 am

† Fr. Roman Kirin

Thursday, December 18th

Mass 8:15 am **Adoration following Mass**

† Charles and Georgine Worthington

Friday, December 19th

Mass 8:15 am

Babie Fieldhouse SP. I.

Mass 10:00 am Schmitt Woodland Hills

† Louie Wilson

Saturday, December 20th

Confessions 4:30 pm

Mass 5:15 pm

Cooper Yahn SP. I.

Sunday, December 21st **4th Sunday of Advent**

Confessions 7:15 am

Mass 8:00 am

Our Parish Family

Confessions 9:45 am

Mass 10:30 am

† Robert Moran

Parish Calendar of Events

12/17 Wednesday, School Christmas Program,
Afternoon...1:00 pm Evening.....6:30 pm

12/21 Sunday, Children's Liturgy 8:00 am Mass

12/21 Sunday, Youth Group ...6-8pm

12/24 Wednesday, Christmas Vigil...4:00pm

12/25 Thursday, Christmas Midnight ..Mass...12:00am

12/25 Thursday, Christmas Day Mass....9:00am

01/17 Saturday, KC Bingo, Community Center 6:30 pm

From Your Pastor

“Rejoice in the Lord always; Again I say rejoice! The Lord is near!” These words come from the opening antiphon or verse that is traditionally used to begin Mass on this 3rd Sunday of Advent or Gaudete Sunday. The word Gaudete is the Latin word for “rejoice,” the first word of the antiphon. The purpose of this rejoicing comes from the ancient tradition of Advent when the season of Advent used to be 40 days long and the character and theme was very similar to Lent. It used to be a season of prayer, penance and fasting, like the practices during Lent that we are familiar with. This focus also significantly affected the liturgical practices within the Church as well, with very few decorations, little to no accompaniment with the organ for music, as well as other practices. Because of the nature of a season of 40 day and the similarities that it had to Lent, there was the recognition that near the halfway point, the people would need a small break, a pause to see where they were, how far they had come, and that they were now getting close. So, the Church established Gaudete Sunday, a day to rejoice that the Lord is almost here, that our time of preparation has led us to this point and we can use this day to regain our focus if we have waivered, to be encouraged and strengthened to remain steadfast in our time of preparation.

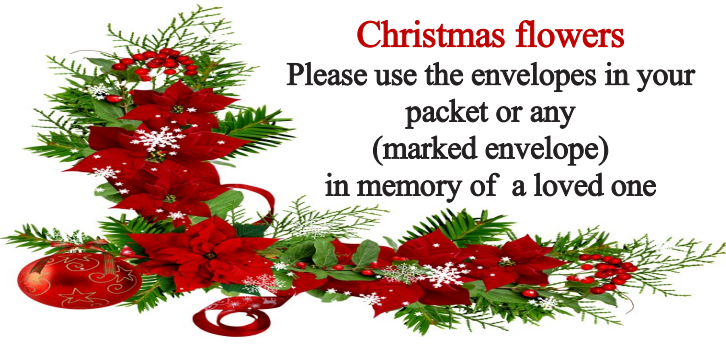
Now we might hear this and perhaps give a sigh of relief that we no longer practice the full 40 days of Advent and that the nature of the season is much more relaxed and joyful in nature. And while this is somewhat true, we are still strongly encouraged to use this time as a means to pray, consider our need for God’s mercy and forgiveness, and maybe even hold off on our holiday feasting until Christmas. If we do this, we might be surprised at what the Lord may have in store for us at the celebration of His birth.

One of the other noticeable features of this Sunday is that the rose-colored candle is lit on the Advent wreath as well as rose-colored vestments being worn. This, like all liturgical the colors, has a meaning, and the color rose means joy and hopefulness. If you want to do more research into why the Church says it is rose and not pink, I encourage you to do so. I will suffice it to say that the rose color originally came from the lightening of the red and blue dyes that were used to make the purple vestments and more red was used to illustrate the joy of the celebration.

To conclude, I offer just a few practical things. I want to thank everyone who attended the *Rorate Caeli* Mass on Saturday. I am hoping to make this an annual tradition if there is a continued desire for it. Second, we are coming to the end of the Christmas Angel gift project. If you are wanting to help give gifts to those who may not get any over Christmas, make sure to get them and drop them this week.

Lastly, I encourage everyone to take time to celebrate this day of rejoicing. Jesus is coming soon, what a gift that will be!

In Christ through Mary
Father Nate Kuhn



Christmas flowers

Please use the envelopes in your packet or any (marked envelope) in memory of a loved one

Christmas Angel Gifts

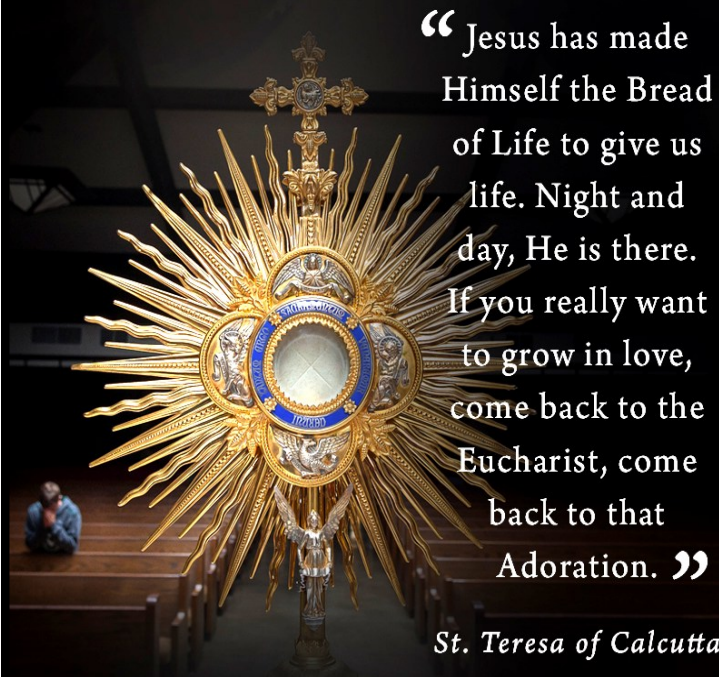
Don't forget to turn in your Christmas Angel gifts, the deadline is this Monday December 15th
God Bless you all !



Children's Liturgy December 21 Mass 8:00 am

Before the first reading, children aged 3 (potty trained) to 1st Grade will be called to the front of the church to join Ms. Krajco. (Of course this is optional). She will take them to the school to do various activities such as hear a Bible story, sing a worship song, do a small craft or activity, and pray. At offertory, children will be brought back to their parents to spend the rest of the Mass together.

If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to Ms. Krajco at maly.krajco@stmarysrc.com

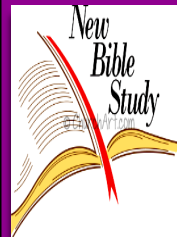


“ Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to that Adoration. ”

St. Teresa of Calcutta

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every Thursday following Holy Mass



Women's Bible Study

If any women are interested in joining a Women's Bible Study, please contact Maly Krajco at maly.krajco@stmarysrc.com

ADORE



First Week of Advent

St Mary's School Weekly Intention

We pray for Christians in foreign lands who are persecuted because of their beliefs. May God protect them from harm as they live out their faith..

.....St. Mary's 6th Grade.....

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Youth Group 2025

Sunday, December 21st6-8pm
6 to 8 PM in the commons.



God of hope, awaken our hearts
to You this Advent season
and fill our hearts
with hopeful anticipation
of Your coming
so that when Jesus arrives,
we are ready to receive
Him in our hearts and minds.
Amen.

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Advent Confessions:

Consider taking advantage of the Sacrament of
Reconciliation before each of the Sunday Masses or on

Monday, Dec. 22nd from 4:30-6:30

Tuesday, Dec. 23rd from 6:00-8:00

Scrip News

Monday, December 15th (10am) is the last day
for special order physical cards for guaranteed delivery
before Christmas. Just ask your Scrip seller or email
scrip@stmarysrc.com. Have online gamers on your
Christmas list? We can order Apple, Google Play,
Play-station, X-box, Game-stop, Best Buy. Online shoppers?
Order Wayfair, Overstock, Zappos, Shutterfly, Groupon
and we have Amazon, Lands' End and Old Navy, Gap in the
Scrip-to-go box. See over 750 retailers at raiserright.com or
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Readings for the week of December 14, 2025

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (see Is 35:4)
Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11
Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/
Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23
Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17
Thursday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25
Friday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17
Lk 1:5-25
Saturday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38
Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)
Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

December 6-8, 2025

Adult Tithe.....	\$6,593.00
Offertory.....	497.00
Student Offertory.....	208.41
Christmas Flowers.....	955.00
Christmas.....	85.00
Parish Festival.....	50.00
Pastoral Care.....	50.00
Bldg. Maint.	50.00
Religious Retirement	50.00
Holy Day.....	786.00
Total.....	\$9,324.41

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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.