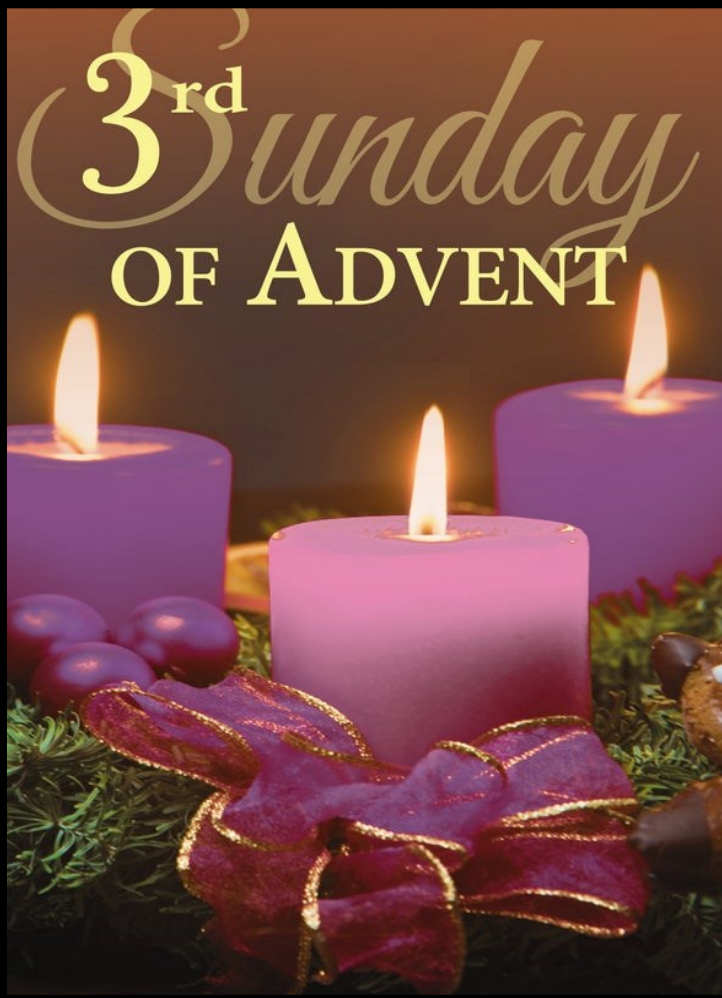


Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



Sunday, December 17th, 2023

Saturday, December 23rd 5:15 pm

Lector: Gretchen Jelinek

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Avery & Daryn Kepler, Andrew Mata

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Steven Bauer Family Scrip: Nancy Schumacher

Sunday, December 24th, 8:00 am

Lector: John Tennant

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Alexander Kloehn, Easton & Emma Jelinek,
Blake Parker

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Brian Parker Family Scrip: Judy Barnicle

Sunday, December 24th, 10:30 am

Lector: Gloria Joseph

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Connor & Laura Stoltz, Baylee Wertz,
Jolee Larse

Gifts: Jeffrey Joseph Family Scrip: Colleen Schroeder

Mass Schedule

Monday, December 18th
No Mass

Tuesday, December 19th
Mass 8:15 am
† Caroline Mueller

Wednesday, December 20th
Mass 8:15 am
† Edward & Elsie Gaura
Confessions 5:00 pm—6:00 pm

Thursday, December 21st **St. Peter Canisius**
Mass 8:15 am **Adoration following Mass**
† Ralph Bindl
Confessions 4:00 pm –6:00 pm

Friday, December 22nd
Mass 8:15 am
† Ruth Williams
Confessions 5:00 pm –7:00 pm

Saturday, December 23rd **St. John of Kanty**
Confessions 4:15 pm
Mass 5:15 pm
L& D members of Triggs & Rognholt Family

Sunday, December 24th **4th Sunday of Advent**
Confessions 7:30 am
Mass 8:00 am
† Gordon Moore

Confessions 9:30 am
Mass 10:30 am
Our Parish Family

Sunday, December 24th
Christmas Vigil Mass 4:00 pm
† Chuck Worthington

Midnight Mass 12:00 am
† Evelyn & Virgil Scheckel

Monday, December 25th
Christmas Day Mass 9:00 am No Incense
Andrew Peckham S.P.I.

From your pastor . . .

As we get closer to the celebration of Christmas, a reminder of the schedule for the Christmas Masses as well as the extended schedule for confessions.

As you may have already noticed, this year is a little unusual in that with Christmas appearing on a Monday, this means that the vigil Christmas Mass will take place on Sunday, December 24th in the early evening at 4:00 p.m. There will be two Masses offered for the Fourth Sunday of Advent on that same Sunday, December 24th at the usual times of 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. **It is important to note that attending the Christmas vigil Mass does not satisfy the obligation for worshiping on the Fourth Sunday of Advent.** To satisfy that obligation you must attend the Saturday (December 23rd) Vigil Mass or one of the Masses offered on Sunday (December 24th) morning.

There are three Christmas Masses scheduled. The Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, the 12:00 a.m. Midnight Christmas Mass on Monday and a 9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass on Monday. Christmas Day Mass will not use incense while the vigil and midnight Masses will use incense.

In the past, the Vigil Christmas Mass was quite full, in that it seems to be a favorable time for families with young children. You may want to be cognizant of this especially if you are elderly or attending with an elderly family member, so that you arrive a little early to have a place to sit. During the Christmas celebration when COVID was a problem, the attendance was not that significant, but last Christmas the attendance decisively increased, and I suspect it will increase even more this year.

I have already published the extended times for Advent confessions, but I will do so again below as well as the Order for Making a Good Confession that is used here at Saint Mary's. Frequently people will clip it and bring it with them to the confessional to assist in making their confession. While I list a time when Confessions end, I will remain in the confessional for as long as there are penitents waiting in the Church.

Until I write again, may God bless you and all the parishioners of Saint Mary's Parish.

Monsignor Roger J. Scheckel

Advent Confessions:

Wednesday, December 20th – 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 21 – 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Friday, December 22 – 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Order for Making a Good Confession

Priest: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Penitent: Amen

Penitent: Bless me Father for I have sinned. My last confession was _____ ago and these are my sins. (At this point you make a complete confession of your sins to the best of your recollection.) . . . **and I am sorry for these and all the sins of my life.**

(The priest will give you words of counsel and assign your penance)

Penitent: (Recites this Act of Contrition or any other one they may wish to use) **O My God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you. And I detest all my sins because of thy just punishments. But most of all because they offend you my God who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of your grace to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. Amen.**

Priest: (Recites the prayer of absolution) God the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

Penitent: Amen.

Priest: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good.

Penitent: And His mercy endures forever.

Priest: The Lord has freed you from your sins. Go in peace.

Penitent: Thanks be to God. (You now leave the confessional to carry out your assigned penance.)

“To speak of the Blessed Sacrament is to speak of what is most sacred. How often, when we are in a state of distress, those to whom we look for help leave us; or what is worse, add to our affliction by heaping trouble upon us. He is ever there, waiting to help us.” St Euphrasia

MARY OF NAZARETH



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3. "I belong to a Parish
4. Find St Mary's by zip
5. Enter your email, done!

Cookie Dough Sale

The St. Mary 7th Grade Class
is holding their annual cookie sale.

The frozen cut-out cookies are ready to bake and priced
at \$4.00/dozen. **Limited quantities**
Each dozen includes bell, tree, and star shapes.

Anyone that is interested in purchasing cookies can
contact Erin Jelinek erin.jelinek@stmarysrc.com.

Sunday December 24th Christmas Eve

Christmas Vigil 4:00 pm

Lector: Maly Krajco

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Aubrey & Bryce Kohlstedt , Nicholas Perna,
Andrew Mata

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Andrew Wright Family

Midnight Mass 12:00 am

Lector: Cheryl Blankenship

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Elijah, Ella, Will Weiss. Thomas Honer,

Ushers: Knights of Columbus

Gifts: Timothy Honer Family

Monday December 25th Christmas Day

Christmas Mass 9:00 am

Lector: Candace McGrath

Minister of Holy Communion: Deacon Tully

Servers: Madalynn, Blake & Makenna Mueller,
Tristan Arms

Gifts: Gregg Schmitt Family



Scarlett Moerer

Joined the Catholic Church
through the Profession of Faith
November 28th, 2023
Please keep Scarlett in prayer

3RD Sunday
of
ADVENT

Rejoice



Readings for the week of December 17, 2023

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54
(Is 61:10b)/
1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Monday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25
Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/
Lk 1:5-25
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12,
20-21/Lk 1:39-45
Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/
Lk 1:46-56
Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/
Lk 1:57-66
Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27,
29 (2a)/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-3

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

Frank "Bud" Brewer

Who entered into eternal rest
December 3rd, 2023

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

Amen

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



Please use the envelope in your packet
Or any (marked envelope)
To make a memorial for a loved one.

A memorial List will be forthcoming

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"THE DAYS ARE COMING, SAYS THE LORD,
WHEN I WILL FULFILL THE PROMISE
I MADE TO THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AND JUDAH."

—JEREMIAH 33:14

December 9/10, 2023 Stewardship

Adult Tithe.....	\$4,856.00
Offertory.....	592.00
Student Offertory.....	16.67
Religious Retire	135.00
Pastoral Care	50.00
Catholic School Support	270.00
Christmas Flowers	515.00
Building & Maint	225.00
Immaculate Conception.....	646.00
Holy Christmas.....	55.00
Total.....	\$7,360.67

(ACH) Automatic Contributions \$6,205.00

Thank You & God Bless You!

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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.