

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

	Saturday, 5:00 PM December 7	Sunday, 9:30 AM December 8
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Linda Hansen Kim Ingwersen Annette Kalkhoff Tom Kalkhoff Eileen Skogerboe Jed Skogerboe Lisa Odendahl	Mary Brandt Mary Engarten Monica Niccum Sharon Schrunk Jim Staver Danette Tolan Doug Zemler Chris Quance Renee Quance
Lectors	Dave Hansen	Phyllis McKeown
Altar Servers	Kaleb Lee Noah Lee Abigail Scott Brent Scott	John Carr Corbin Quance Taylor Schneider Andrew Marhula
Hospitality Ministers	Jim Carney Vince Elser Gayle Eral Mark Ingwersen	Larry Bortscheller Sylvia Jennings Kim Kirschbaum Mike Schrunk
Music Ministers		
Gift Bearers	Mohr-Garvey	The Trautman Family

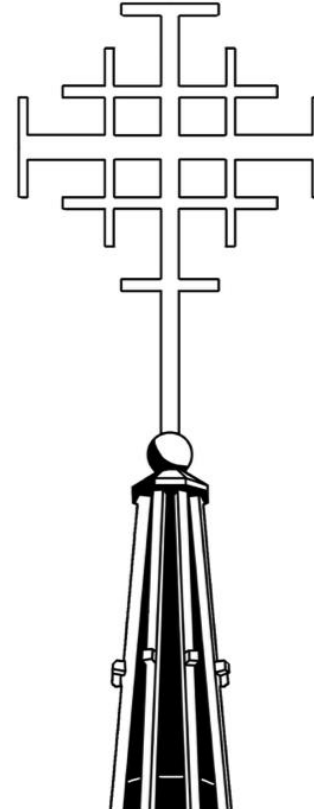
Liturgies and Events This Week

Monday, Dec. 2 No Mass	Wednesday, Dec. 4 12:00 Noon Mass +Dean Seehusan 12:30 Adoration 4:00PM Benediction 5:15-8:00PM Religious Education	Thursday, Dec. 5 7:30AM Mass +Dee Hauber & David Hauber Friday, Dec. 6 12:00 Noon Mass +Pete & Ellen Staver	Saturday, Dec. 7 5:00PM Mass +Tom Heitzig Sunday, Dec. 8 9:30AM Mass +Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary's
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The sanctuary lamp burns this week for special intentions for Special Intentions

Stewardship for November 24, 2019 Adults: \$ 5,245.00 Loose: \$ 678.00 Dollar: \$ 290.15 Guatemala: \$ Special: \$	<i>Is God's will in your will?</i>
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St. Mary's Parish



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First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2019

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Baptism – Contact the office to inquire about pre-baptismal class.

Marriage – Contact the office at least six months before date of wedding.

Confessions – Wednesday 3:30PM, Saturday 4:00PM, Sunday 9:00AM.

Eucharistic Adoration – Wednesday 12:30PM – 4:00PM.

Prayer Chain Coordinator – Jean Mohr – 712-336-2559 or 712-320-5433.

Advent Retreat

The Catholic Daughters will be hosting their annual retreat on Sunday, December 1st, at 2:00PM. Mary Brandt will do a presentation on “*A Life of Piety*”. Refreshments and social time will follow in the parish hall. All men and women of the parish are welcome to attend as we prepare our hearts this Advent season. Babysitting will be available upon request.

It’s Finally Here

The St. Mary’s Christmas Cookie Extravaganza is next weekend! Get a jump on your Christmas preparation by buying all the best Christmas treats at just \$6.00/pound. The event begins at 8:00AM next Saturday, December 7th in the parish hall and goes until noon. Choose from literally thousands of cookies and candies including sugar cookies, fudge, peanut brittle, peanut butter balls, and much much more! All proceeds go to the San Lucas Mission trip in Guatemala which will take place in January. Thanks so much in advance for your support!

Religious Education Notes for the Advent Season

We will have class December 4th, 11th, and 18th. We will resume classes again on January 15th. December 4th all students in 5th-12th grade will have reconciliation during class time. The elementary Christmas pageant will NOT be held this year. Hopefully we will be able to hold the event in 2020. Mass will be held at 8:00AM on Thanksgiving, 4:30PM Christmas Eve, and 8:30AM Christmas Day. Please make note as our Mass times have changed.

Communal Penance Schedule

Communal Penance is set for Tuesday, December 17th at 6:00PM. It will begin immediately following the 5:30PM Mass here at St. Mary’s. St. Patrick’s in Estherville is Sunday, December 1st at 4:00PM and St. Joseph’s in Milford is Sunday, December 8th at 1:00PM. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us in preparation of the Christmas season.

Important Dates Coming

Christmas is quickly approaching and would like to let you know the Mass times so you can make your plans. Tuesday, December 24th Mass will be at 4:30PM and Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25th at 8:30AM. Also, there will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex to assist in the liturgy for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses.

Sunday Scripture Study

Each Sunday morning immediately following the 9:30AM Mass there is a Scripture Study group meeting in classroom #6 at the north end of the classroom wing. Everyone in the parish is welcome to attend. We will be focusing on the Advent readings for the Sundays in December.

Knights of Columbus Food Drive

The Knights of Columbus Council 5043 is sponsoring a *Food for Families Drive* through December 8th. We ask that parish members bring either canned or dried goods and leave them in the designated box in the parish hall.

Steubenville 2020

This summer St. Mary’s will attend the Steubenville of the Rockies Conference in Denver. The dates of the trip are June 19th-24th. Check your calendars and watch for more details and registration information in the next two weeks. Call the office if you have any questions.

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of a few volunteers for money count. If you can afford to give an hour or a little more on Monday mornings, one Monday a month, to help count the weekend collections please contact the parish office. Also, we need a few people to commit to a half hour or an hour on Wednesdays for Adoration. What a beautiful way to spend time with the Lord.

Adult Choir

It’s hard to believe that the Christmas season is upon us. We have started our rehearsals and if you would like to sing and would like to join us, here are our rehearsal times: Tuesday, December 10th at 6:00PM, December 19th at 5:30PM and December 24th at 3:30PM. We will be singing at the 4:30PM Christmas Eve Mass.

Many Voices Holiday Concert

The 2019 Many Voices Choir Holiday Concert will be performing at St. Mary’s Catholic Church on December 7th at 7:30PM. They also will be performing at Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Jackson, MN on December 5th at 7:30PM and St. Patrick’s Catholic Church in Estherville on December 7th at 1:30PM. A freewill offering will be collected. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy and prepare for the beautiful season.

The Browns Classic Christmas Concert

The “Arts at St. Joseph” presents the *Browns Classic Christmas* on Sunday, December 8th, at 4:30PM at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Milford, Iowa. The Browns bring the JOY of the Christmas Season with their singing and instrumental songs and carols performed in their “Branson Style” concert. A reception will follow the free Advent concert in the Parish Center.

Mother Teresa

Meditations from A Simple Path

I always begin my prayer in silence, for it is in the silence of the heart that God speaks. God is the friend of silence-we need to listen to God because it’s not what we say but what He says to us and through us that matters. Prayer feeds the soul – and it brings you closer to God. It also gives you a clean and pure heart. A clean heart can see God, can speak to God, and can see the love of God in others!

