

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

	Saturday, 5:00 PM December 21	Sunday, 9:30 AM December 22
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Connie Chapman Larry Chapman Kim Ingwersen Annette Kalkhoff Tom Kalkhoff *Curt Smith *Sandie Smith	Sharon Crowley Jeannie James *Kim Kirschbaum Brian Koppen Michella Koppen *Cathy Thee Chris Quance Renee Quance Toni Nicks
Lectors	Paul Katzfey	Ron Crowley
Altar Servers	Melika Smith Sam Odendahl	Dillon Ferguson Owen Lalumendre Carter Trautman Wesley Walz
Hospitality Ministers	Jim Carney Vince Elser Gayle Eral Mark Ingwersen	Bob Huls Sylvia Jennings Jim Leinbaugh Thad Wiedemeier
Music Ministers	Barbara Staver Gaylene Rolling	Donna Williams Allison Oyler
Gift Bearers	The Powers Family	The Vigdal Family

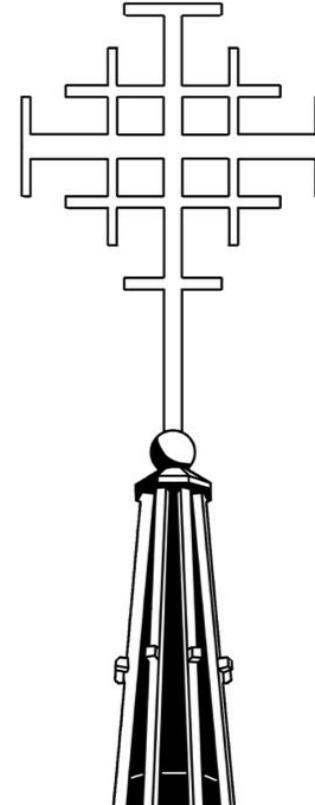
Liturgies and Events This Week

Monday, Dec. 16 No Mass Tuesday, Dec. 17 5:30PM +Elizabeth Giefer	Wednesday, Dec. 18 12:00 Noon Mass +Deceased Members of the Staver & Jessen Families 12:30 Adoration 4:00PM Benediction 5:15-8:00PM Religious Education	Thursday, Dec. 19 7:30AM Mass +Cliff Garvey Friday, Dec. 20 12:00Noon Mass +Hans & Margaret Jessen	Saturday, Dec. 21 5:00PM Mass + Mike Hawn Sunday, Dec. 22 9:30AM Mass +Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary's
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The sanctuary lamp burns this week for Special Intentions

Stewardship for December 8, 2019 Adults: \$ 7,909.00 Loose: \$ 2,422.85 Dollar: \$ 234.32 Guatemala: \$ Special: \$ 232.00 Immaculate Conception	<i>Is God's will in your will?</i>
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St. Mary's Parish



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Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 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.

Pancakes

Sunday, December 15th, our kitchen crew will be serving their tasty pancakes along with the fixings from 9:00AM until noon. Why not come on over to the parish hall and enjoy a warm breakfast and some great fellowship.

Christmas Caroling and Decorating This Sunday

Anyone interest in joining together to do some Christmas Caroling Sunday, December 15th, is Welcome to meet in the parish hall at 1:30PM. If you can, bring a dozen baked items and we will Make treat plates for those we sing for! When we are done singing, all are welcome to help Fr. Kelly decorate his house for Christmas. There will be hot chocolate and treats!

Short Term Help with Meals

If you are in need of assistance with meals at home due to a hospital stay, medical treatment or the like, please contact Lauren Cunningham to request help. The Meal Ministry at St. Mary's is free of charge and here to help one get through in a time of need. Simply call Lauren at 712-260-3266, or contact her by email at L.cunningham628@gmail.com. Those interested in helping to make meals can contact Lauren. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Religious Education Notes for the Advent Season

We will have class December 18th. We will resume classes again on January 15th. Mass will be held at 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. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us in preparation of the Christmas season.

Christmas Church Decorating

If you would like to help decorate the church for Christmas, please join us at 7:00PM on Thursday, December 19th and Friday, December 20th. We always have a great time making our church ready for the Lord. Many hands make light work, all are welcome to join us!

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 is a sign-up sheet in the narthex to assist in the liturgy for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. Masses for the Holy Day on January 1st are December 31st at 5:30PM and January 1st at 8:30AM.

Steubenville of the Rockies Registration Open

All students presently in grades 8th-12th are welcome to attend our next Steubenville Conference, which will be in Denver. The dates are June 19th – 24th of 2020. Registration forms are available in the narthex of the church. There are a limited number of spots available, and they will be filled on a first-come, first served basis. Those registrations that include the completed form, with signatures and a \$200.00 non-refundable deposit will be considered valid, no exceptions! Contact Mary if you have any questions about the trip.

Year End Contributions

It's hard to believe another year is coming to an end. Just a reminder if you plan to make a contribution to St. Mary's, donations must be received or postmarked by December 31, 2019 to be included on your 2019 parishioner statement. If received on January 1, 2020 or after, the donation will be included on your 2020 statement. We cannot accept donations in 2019 for 2020 or in 2020 for 2019. Thank you for your understanding and generosity!

The Giving Tree is Up

Stop by the Giving Tree in the narthex over the next few weeks and see how you and your family can help someone in need this Advent season. Simply choose an ornament from the tree that works for you, purchase the item(s) on it, and return it as instructed on the card. A variety of entities benefit from the St. Mary's Giving Tree. In big and small ways we can each make a difference in the lives of our fellow man.

Eternal Rest

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Richard Nelson, father of Chris Leistikow, a member of our parish, who recently passed away at Elk Run, IA. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord.

Adult Choir

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: Thursday, December 19th at 5:30PM and December 24th at 3:30PM. We will be singing at the 4:30PM Christmas Eve Mass.

Thank You

We want to give a big shout out to Amy Hartzell Peterson, DDS, for sponsoring our Wednesday meal last week! The group dined on walking tacos, salads and cookies, a favorite meal for many! The youth of St. Mary's are blessed by these weekly meals.

Cookie Extravaganza

Thank you!!! Gracias!!! Merci!!! Danke sehr!!! However you say *thank you*, that is what we are saying to those people who participated in our 1st Annual Cookie Extravaganza! To the bakers, our quality and variety of cookies was AMAZING! To those who joined in our cookie walk and supported our students, Thank you! Without your donation of time, goodies or financial support this event would not have been so successful. Look for this event again next year!

Missionaries Prepare for Departure

January 3rd marks the departure day for the group of 25 students and adults that will be serving in San Lucas, Guatemala for eight days. Please include our group in your prayers as it prepares for the journey.

Christmas Collection for Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities has been the helping arm of the church in our diocese for over 75 years and relies on donations of all sizes to do God's work. You, the parishioners, have always been generous with your prayers and financial support so that we can serve those most in need. Help those most vulnerable in our diocese find JOY this Christmas and all year through. Thank you!