

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

| | Saturday, 5:00 PM December 14 | Sunday, 9:30 AM December 15 |
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| Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion | Cheryl Becker Mary Brevik *Patty Delaney Barb Elser *Jean Mohr Sharon Johnson Joyce Fahrenkrog | Deb Brown *Shawna Ditsworth *Kellie Ferguson Marilyn Fleming Peggy Folan Jason Kirschbaum Mary Lou Korwes Mindy Leinbaugh Susan Lynn |
| Lectors | Cyndy Powers | Margie Lynch |
| Altar Servers | Josh Wavra Isabella Marx Sam Odendahl | Catherine Straus Emma Straus Izzie Wycoff Kiana Leistikow |
| Hospitality Ministers | Joe Enders Dan Lempainen Marv Spieker Dale Vortherms | Mike Davis Alan Ditsworth Bob Emgarten Duane Kolar |
| Music Ministers | Elizabeth Knutson Shauna Donovan | Angela Olson Gaylene Rolling |
| Gift Bearers | The Endres Family | The Lehner Family |

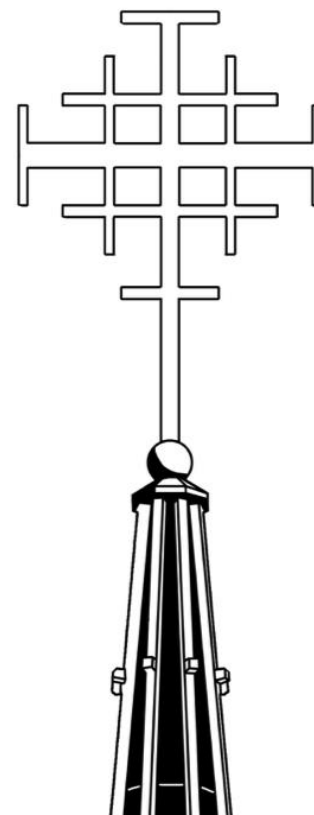
Liturgies and Events This Week

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| Monday, Dec. 9 No Mass Tuesday, Dec. 10 5:30PM +Karen Arnold | Wednesday, Dec. 11 12:00 Noon Mass +Vernon Bueltel 12:30 Adoration 4:00PM Benediction 5:15-8:00PM Religious Education | Thursday, Dec. 12 7:30AM Mass +Dick Behrens Friday, Dec. 13 12:00 Noon Mass +Richard Grienke | Saturday, Dec. 14 5:00PM Mass +L. & D. Members of Fred & Agatha Varnum Sunday, Dec. 15 9:30AM Mass +Ken & Anne Hansen: L. & D. Members of St. Mary's |
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The sanctuary lamp burns this week for special intentions for cancer victims.

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| Stewardship for December 1, 2019 Adults: \$ 3,514.00 Loose: \$ 839.00 Dollar: \$ 228.60 Guatemala: \$ Special: \$ | <i>Is your will out-of-date? When you update, remember St. Mary's!</i> |
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St. Mary's Parish



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Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2019

Parish Staff

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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.

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 11th, and 18th. We will resume classes again on January 15th. 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 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. 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.

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.

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: Tuesday, December 12th at 5:15PM, December 19th at 5:30PM and December 24th at 3:30PM. We will be singing at the 4:30PM Christmas Eve Mass.

CDA Meeting

The Catholic Daughters will have their meeting Tuesday, December 10th, immediately following the 5:30PM Mass.

Congratulations

We would like to congratulate Alexander and Kayla Robinson on the baptism of their daughter, Everly Rose and to Lane and Amanda Sether on the baptism on their son, Clint Bret. May God bless these children and their families.

Pancakes

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

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.

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.

Wednesday Meal Sponsor

Thank you to Shawna Ditsworth and Pam Wingert, Attorneys, for their sponsorship of our most recent Wednesday evening meal. Because of you, and all of our sponsors, we are able to enjoy fellowship and a great meal.

Mother Teresa-Meditations

There are so many religions and each one has its different ways of following God. I follow Christ:

*Jesus is my God,
Jesus is my Spouse,
Jesus is my Life,
Jesus is my only Love,
Jesus is my All in All,
Jesus is my Everything.
Because of this I am never afraid.*