

## Liturgical Ministries Schedule

	Saturday, 5:00 PM December 8	Sunday, 9:30 AM December 9
<b>Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Mary Brevik Connie Chapman Larry Chapman Patty Delaney Barb Elser Mary McClurg Curt Smith Sandi Smith	Mary Brandt Jeannie James Kasey Kirschbaum Brian Koppen Michella Koppen Mary Lou Korwes Kari Lee Susan Lynn Bob Shaw
<b>Lectors</b>	Dave Hansen	Danette Tolan
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Libby Leinbaugh Simon Leinbaugh	Alicia Brandt Jennifer Dykema Abigail Scott Brent Scott
<b>Hospitality Ministers</b>	Vince Elser Joe Endres Gayle Eral Dale Vortherms	Mike Davis Duane Kolar Margie Lynch Tom Lynch
<b>Music Ministers</b>	Charlene Hamann Laura Slawson	Joan Gronstal Gaylene Rolling
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	The Powers Family	The Nokleby Family

## Liturgies and Events This Week

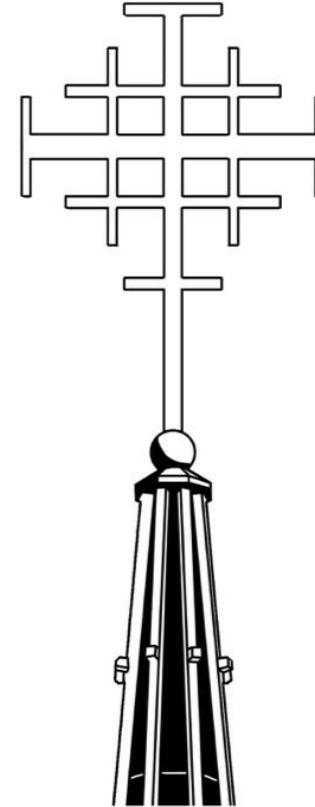
<b>Monday, Dec. 3</b> No Mass	<b>Wednesday, Dec. 5</b> 12:00Noon +Dee Hauber & David Hauber	<b>Thursday, Dec.6</b> 7:30AM Mass +Cliff Garvey	<b>Saturday, Dec.8</b> 8:30AM Mass-Holy Day 5:00PM Mass +L & D Members +Betty DuChene
<b>Tuesday, Dec. 4</b> 5:30PM +Jeanne Early	12:30PM Adoration 4:00PM Benediction 5:15PM-8:00PM Religious Education	<b>Friday, Dec. 7</b> 12:00Noon +Elizabeth Geifer	<b>Sunday, Dec.9</b> 9:30AM Mass +Louie Huber +Tom Heitzig
		5:00PM Mass-Holy Day	

### Stewardship for November 25, 2018

Adults: \$4,364.00  
Loose: \$1,371.00  
Dollar: \$ 289.50  
Guatemala: \$  
Special: \$ 550.00 St. Joseph Education

*Most people need wills, and when you make yours, remember St. Mary's.*

# St. Mary's Parish



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## First Sunday of Advent

### December 2, 2018

### 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.

### **Holy Day of Obligation**

Saturday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM and Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30AM.

### **Sunday Scripture Study Open to All**

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 come! We always have hot coffee and maybe even a snack! Come join us!

### **Advent by Candlelight**

The Catholic Daughters are hosting their annual Advent Retreat on Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> following the 5:30PM Mass, from 6-8PM. A light meal will be served. This event is open to all men and women of the parish.

### **Communal Penance Schedule**

Communal Penance is set for December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM. It will begin immediately following the 5:30 Mass. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us in preparation of the Christmas season.

### **Christmas Mass Times**

It is hard to believe, but Christmas is quickly approaching. We thought you would like to know the Mass schedule to make your plans for this beautiful and busy season. Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> Mass will be at 4:30PM with the Adult Choir singing and also at 7:00PM. Mass on Christmas Day will be at 8:30AM.

### **Giving Tree**

Please take a look at the Giving Tree in the narthex of the church for items to donate to local charities. Each year St. Mary's does a remarkable job of stepping up and supporting those in need here at home. It's easy! Just choose a tag with an item or items that work for you, purchase those items, and bring them back to St. Mary's by the date indicated on the tag. If you are adopting one of the families on the tree, be sure you write that down on the sheet provided on the table. It is important that we know who took which family (identified by number, not by name). Thank you for your generosity and loving encouragement!

### **Penny War Update**

The youth project of attending The Banquet in Sioux Falls has been a life-changing experience for our students. The Banquet serves well over 300 people at every meal they provide. When we volunteer to serve, we also agree to provide financial support by paying for the meal, which is around \$700.00 to \$800.00. The penny war is almost a month old and we have collected \$25.08 toward that total. So, we have almost \$675.00 to go! The buckets will be left out for another week. Thank you in advance for your support of this charity.

### **Youth Christmas Pageant**

Once again the young people of St. Mary's will share the joy of the Christmas story on December 19<sup>th</sup>, starting at 5:30PM in the parish hall. All students in PreK-4<sup>th</sup> grade will have a role to play in the production. Please be watching for correspondence from church over the coming weeks. All practices will take place DURING class times. Refreshments will be served, but there will be NO meal that evening. Everyone is invited to come to the pageant!

### **Please Keep in Your Prayers**

All Confidential Prayer Chain requests may be directed to Jean Mohr, our Prayer Chain Coordinator at 712-336-2559 or 712-320-5433. Prayer intentions may be entered in the Prayer Request book in the Narthex.

### **Thank You for the Wednesday Meal**

Thanks to Amy Hartzell-Peterson, DDS, for the wonderful Wednesday meal this week. The chicken pot pie was awesome and so was the company. Your generosity is greatly appreciated, Dr. Hartzell-Peterson! Thanks so much!

### **Adult Choir**

Rehearsals continue on Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30PM. All are welcome as we raise our voices in prayer for the Christmas season. Any questions, please contact Allison in the office or by email.

### **Religious Education Choirs**

Rehearsals continue for our Children's and Youth Choir Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. All students are welcome to join us as we prepare for the Annual Christmas Pageant!

### **Waiting in Song**

Are you looking for a powerful event to enhance your family's Advent experience this year? Join us on December 9<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's for an evening of music, worship and adoration as we wait and prepare for Jesus' birth. Worship begins at 6:00PM followed by Benediction and Adoration. A small reception will follow in the parish hall.

### **Christmas Caroling, Tree Decorating at Fr. Kelly's**

Families or individuals that are interested in doing some local Christmas caroling are asked to gather in the parish hall by 3:00PM, Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. If you are able, please bring a dozen Christmas goodies to share with those to whom we will be singing. Once the treat platters are assembled, the group will practice a few songs briefly and then go out to deliver treats and music to our shut-ins. If you would like to welcome the carolers or if you know anyone that would enjoy some company, please call the parish office to sign up. After caroling, all are welcome to Fr. Kelly's house to decorate for Christmas! Refreshments will be served. Bring an ornament for Father Kelly's first Christmas tree in Spirit Lake!

### **Flannel and Flapjacks Is Back!**

All college-age young adults and high school seniors are invited to the annual Flannel and Flapjack breakfast on December 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM. It is here at St. Mary's. It's time for our young adults to reunite for some great conversation and an awesome breakfast. It is totally free and you can wear your most comfortable flannel attire! Parents, please send your son or daughter's mailing address to Mary Brandt so she can get invites out in the mail. You can also simply invite them yourselves!

### **The 'Arts at St. Joseph'**

The 'Arts at St. Joseph' presents *The Benson Family Singers Christmas* on Sunday, December 9, 2018, at 4:30PM., at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Milford, Iowa. The free Advent concert will feature the family music group from Fairbault, Minnesota who will share their unique ministry consisting of barbershop, bluegrass and gospel music. A reception will follow in the Parish Center. Doors will open at 4:00PM.

