

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

| | Saturday, 5:00 PM December 22 | Sunday, 9:30 AM December 23 |
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| Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion | Connie Chapman Larry Chapman Dave Hansen Linda Hansen Mary McClurg Curt Smith Sandy Smith Ron Smith | Mary Emgarten Kelli Ferguson Jeannie James Sharon Johnson Jason Kirschbaum Duane Kolar Mindy Leinbaugh Dick Staver Danette Tolan |
| Lectors | Cyndy Powers | Margie Lynch |
| Altar Servers | Addie Powers Bryson Powers | Dillon Ferguson Karli Olsen Terrence Sexton Izzie Wycoff |
| Hospitality Ministers | Ty Adams Vince Elser Mark Ingwersen Marv Spieker | Mike Davis Bob Emgarten Tom Lynch Thad Wiedemeier |
| Music Ministers | Barbara Staver Laura Slawson | Joan Gronstal Libby Leinbaugh |
| Gift Bearers | Garvey-Mohr | The Shaw Family |

Liturgies and Events This Week

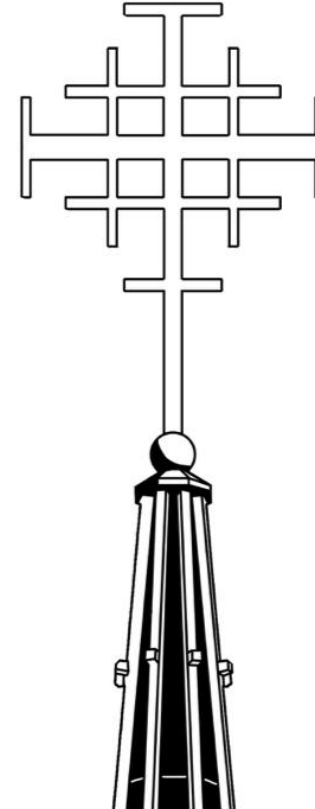
| <u>Monday, Dec. 17</u> | <u>Wednesday, Dec. 19</u> | <u>Thursday, Dec. 20</u> | <u>Saturday, Dec. 22</u> |
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| No Mass <u>Tuesday, Dec. 18</u> 5:30PM +Viola Marksbury | 12:00Noon <i>James Naujock</i> 12:30PM Adoration 4:00PM Benediction 5:15PM-8:00PM Religious Education 5:30PM Christmas Pageant | 7:30AM Mass +Grover "Bud" <i>Newton</i> <u>Friday, Dec. 21</u> 12:00Noon <i>O'Neill & Duffy</i> <i>Families</i> | 5:00PM Mass + <i>Living & Deceased</i> <i>Members of St. Mary's</i> <u>Sunday, Dec. 23</u> 9:30AM Mass + <i>Fermin Goebel</i> |

Stewardship for December 8, 2018

Adults: \$7897.00
Loose: \$2226.55
Dollar: \$277.20
Guatemala: \$
Special: \$

When you make your will, consider naming St. Mary's as the final beneficiary.

St. Mary's Parish



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Third Sunday of Advent

December 16, 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.

Communal Penance Schedule

Communal Penance is set for December 18th 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.

Pancakes This Weekend!

This Sunday, there will be pancakes along with the fixings served in the Parish Hall from 9:00AM-11:30AM. Come join us for a delicious and warm breakfast and some great fellowship. See you there!

Christmas Mass Times

Monday, December 24th Mass will be at 4:30PM with the Adult Choir singing, and a 7:00PM Mass. 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. There may still be a family or two on the tree. If you take one, 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!

Youth Christmas Pageant

Once again the young people of St. Mary's will share the joy of the Christmas story on December 19th, starting at 5:30PM in the parish hall. All students in PreK-4th grade will have a role to play in the production. Refreshments will be served, but there will be NO meal that evening. Everyone is invited to come to the pageant!

Christmas Decorating of St. Mary's

Once again it is time to decorate our church for the beautiful Christmas season. On Wed. Dec. 19th, the Religious Education kids will help move items from the basement; Thurs. Dec. 20th, at 6:00PM we will be assembling the trees for the altar and hanging swags and wreaths. On Fri. Dec. 21st at 6:00PM we will be decorating the windows, putting up the crib and small trees and finish the altar trees and any other projects in the parish hall. If you are interested and would like to help us decorate, please sign up or just come join us. We always have a great time making our Church ready for the Lord! All are welcome!

Year-end Contributions – Important Details

The end of 2018 is rapidly approaching and if you would like to make a contribution, please have it to the office by December 26th, 2018 to receive credit for 2018. We would like to thank all of you for your generous support.

Liturgical Ministry

Please have any dates of unavailability for **January** and **February** to Allison, by email or at the office, by December 19th. The schedule will be produced before Christmas.

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.

Thanks to the Knights of Columbus

Many thanks to the Knights of Columbus for sponsoring the Wednesday evening meal this week. Your support of our parish and our families is greatly appreciated!

All Hands On Deck

Any liturgical ministers available and willing to serve for our Christmas Masses, please sign up on the table in the Narthex. With the extra Masses and extra guests, we will need all hands on deck!

Baptism Classes

If you are new parents, or you are expecting a child, you will need to attend the St. Mary's baptismal class before your child can receive the sacrament of baptism. If you need this class, please contact the parish office to register. The next class will take place in late December or early January.

Meal Sponsors Needed

It's hard to believe, but our first semester of Religious Education is rapidly coming to a close. We are in the process of securing sponsorship for several meals next semester. Individuals and businesses alike are welcome to sponsor a meal. The total cost is \$250. Whole or partial sponsorship is available. Please contact Jamin Trautman at 330-4901, or Mary Brandt at 336-1742. Thank you in advance for your generous support of this parish mission!

Adult Choir

Rehearsals continue on Thursday, December 20th, 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 Choir Wednesday, December 19th. There will be no choir rehearsal for the Youth Choir that day due to the Christmas Pageant.

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 16th. 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!