

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

	Saturday, 5:00 PM January 5, 2019	Sunday, 9:30 AM January 6, 2019
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	The Ministry Schedule was unavailable at time of printing. Please check the parish website and your e-mail for updates in the coming days. Thank you!	
Lectors		
Altar Servers		
Hospitality Ministers		
Music Ministers		
Gift Bearers		

Liturgies and Events This Week

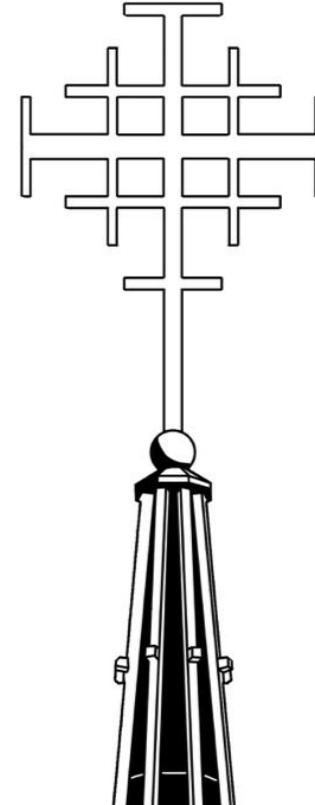
Monday, Dec. 31 5:30PM Mass + <i>Flora Brown</i>	Wednesday, Jan. 02 12:00Noon Mass + <i>Vernon Bueltel</i>	Thursday, Jan. 03 7:30AM Mass + <i>Wayne Krogman</i>	Saturday, Jan. 05 5:00PM Mass + <i>Gabe & Margaret Caffrey</i>
Tuesday, Jan. 01 8:00AM Mass + <i>Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary's</i>	12:30PM Adoration 4:00PM Benediction	Friday, Jan. 04 12:00Noon + <i>Cliff Garvey</i>	Sunday, Jan. 06 9:30AM Mass + <i>Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary's</i>

Stewardship for December 23, 2018

Adults: \$6,921.00
Loose: \$,3,456.26
Dollar: \$ 240.93
Guatemala: \$
Special: \$

Aren't wills for rich people? Yes...and poor people and everyone in between. Remember St. Mary's in your will!

St. Mary's Parish



1005 Hill Avenue
P.O. Box 354
Spirit Lake, Iowa
712.336.1742 office
712.336.1013 fax

www.stmarysspiritalake.org

Solemnity of Mary

December 30, 2018

Parish Staff

Pastor
Rev. Paul Kelly
pastor@stmarysspiritalake.org

Parish Secretary
Donna Williams
secretary@stmarysspiritalake.org

Director of
Music & Liturgy
Allison Oyer
music@stmarysspiritalake.org

Director of Religious Education
& Youth Ministry
Mary Brandt
youth@stmarysspiritalake.org

Religious Education
Assistant
Danette Tolan
info@stmarysspiritalake.org

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.

Happy New Year

We would like to extend to all of you greetings for a blessed New Year. This is the season of resolutions and promises. Let us pray together that St. Mary's will flourish as a place where God's Glory is reflected in the hearts of His people. Happy New Year!

New Year's Mass Schedule

January 1st is the Holy Day of the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Mass times will be at 5:30PM on Monday, December 31st and Tuesday, January 1st, at 8:00AM.

Parish Office

The parish office will be closed on Monday, December 31st, at 12:00 noon until Wednesday, January 2nd. From all of the staff at St. Mary's, we wish you a very Happy and Blessed New Year!

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 31st, 2018 to receive credit for 2018. We would like to thank all of you for your generous support.

Religious Education Information

There will be NO RE classes Wednesday, January 2nd. Anyone wishing to may bring a batch of cookie dough of their choice to the church at 6:30PM to bake. The cookies will be used for Fr. Kelly's Open House the following weekend. All are welcome!

Open House

All parishioners are welcome to take a tour through Fr. Kelly's house the weekend of January 5th and 6th after both Mases. See the new kitchen remodel and enjoy refreshments as well! Everyone is welcome to come over to the rectory!

First Reconciliation Practice and First Reconciliation

All student candidates are expected at the church on January 2nd at 5:15PM for First Reconciliation practice. Parents are encouraged to attend. Then, January 9th, the students will receive their First Reconciliation at 5:15PM followed by a small reception for families in classroom #4. Parents and immediate family are welcome.

Prayer to St. Michael

Bishop Nickless has encouraged all parishes to consider inserting the Prayer to St. Michael into the weekend Masses. We currently recite this prayer after the daily Masses at St. Mary's. Beginning on the 5th & 6th of January, we will insert this prayer as the concluding prayer of the general intercessions at the weekend Masses. The lector will lead the prayer and the congregation is encouraged to join in. A copy of the prayer is on the back cover of our missals.

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.

Many Thanks

The decorations in our church are always beautiful, but especially at Christmas time. We would like to thank the crew of folks who worked so hard to prepare our church for the great feasts which we celebrate during the Christmas season. Thanks also to our parish choir for the wonderful music at the Christmas liturgies and all who served in the liturgy to make this time even more beautiful. St. Mary's is blessed with many folks with generous hearts whose labors help us all to offer ourselves to God! Thank you!

Giving Tree a Success

Many thanks to all who gave generously to those in need this Christmas season by purchasing items from our "Giving Tree". Many benefitted from your thoughtfulness and love.

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!

To Start a New Year....Anonymous

"A new year is unfolding-like a blossom with petals curled tightly concealing the beauty within. Lord, let this year be filled with the things that are truly good-with comfort of warmth in our relationships, with the strength to help those who need our help and the humility and openness to accept help from others. As we make our resolutions for the year ahead, let us go forward with great hope that all things can be possible-with Your help and guidance."

A Prayer for the New Year

Come, Holy Spirit,

Spirit of the Risen Christ, be with us today and always.

Be our Light, our Guide, and our Comforter.

Be our Strength, our Courage, and our Sanctifier.

May this new year be a time of deep spiritual growth for us,

A time of welcoming your graces and gifts,

A time for forgiving freely and unconditionally,

A time for growing in virtue and goodness. Be with us today and always. Amen.

