

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

	Saturday, 5:00 PM December 15	Sunday, 9:30 AM December 16
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Jan DuChene Jerry DuChene Joe Endres Kim Ingwersen Annette Kalkhoff Tom Kalkhoff Jean Mohr Susan Sundlin	Deb Brown Shawna Ditsworth Marilyn Fleming Bob Huls Kim Kirschbaum Jenny Marhula Monica Niccum Jim Staver Pam Wingert
Lectors	Paul Katzfey	Shannon Adams
Altar Servers	Aiden Gigstad Vance Katzfey	Will Block Max Ditsworth Will Ditsworth Isabella Marx
Hospitality Ministers	Jim Carney Mark Ingwersen Dan Lempiainen Dale Vortherms	Larry Bortscheller Alan Ditsworth Sylvia Jennings Jim Leinbaugh
Music Ministers	Barbara Staver Shauna Donovan	Donna Williams Gaylene Rolling
Gift Bearers	Gayle Eral	The Crowley Family

Liturgies and Events This Week

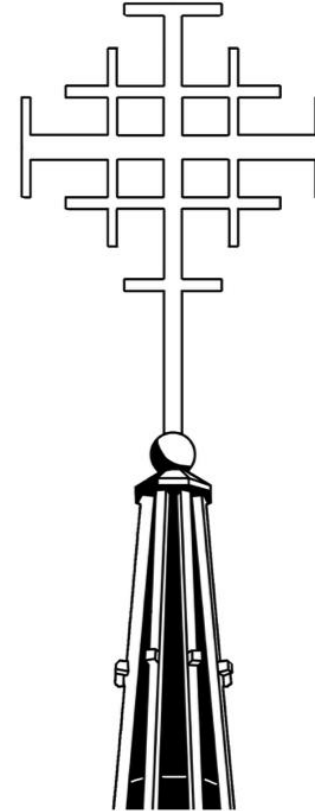
<u>Monday, Dec. 10</u>	<u>Wednesday, Dec. 12</u>	<u>Thursday, Dec. 13</u>	<u>Saturday, Dec. 15</u>
No Mass	12:00 Noon	7:30 AM Mass	5:00 PM Mass
<u>Tuesday, Dec. 11</u> 5:30 PM +John & Janet Lauer	+Rev. Al Grendler 12:30 PM Adoration 4:00 PM Benediction 5:15 PM-8:00 PM Religious Education	+Dr. Amy Rupiper-Gaggert <u>Friday, Dec. 14</u> 12:00 Noon +Christopher Johnson	+Paul Delaney <u>Sunday, Dec. 16</u> 9:30 AM Mass +Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary's

Stewardship for December 2, 2018

Adults: \$3,527.12
Loose: \$ 516.00
Dollar: \$ 139.00
Guatemala: \$
Special: \$

Do you know who your heirs will be? Is St. Mary's an heir?

St. Mary's Parish



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Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2018

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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

Sunday, December 16th, 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

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 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. 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!

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. 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!

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

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.

Many Voices Concert

The Many Voices concert that was postponed will be held Sat. Dec. 15th, at 7:00PM at St. Mary's.

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.

4th Degree K of C Members

We will hold our Christmas Social/Meeting on December 11th, beginning at 6:30PM at the Farmhouse, next to the Red Oak Barn just off Hwy 71 in Spirit Lake. Sirloin steak, baked potato bar, salad for \$15.00 per person. Please RSVP to Jim Miller at 605-480-5327 with name and number attending by December 9th.

Thanks Beck Excavating

Many thanks to Beck Excavating for sponsoring the Wednesday evening meal this week. The chili hit the spot on a cold Wednesday evening! Your support of our parish and our families is greatly appreciated!

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 13th, 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 12th. All students are welcome to join us as we prepare for the Annual 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!