

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

	Saturday, 5:00 PM January 12, 2019	Sunday, 9:30 AM January 13, 2019
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Mary Brevik Patty Delaney Jan DuChene Jerry DuChene Kim Ingwersen Annette Kalkhoff Jean Mohr Ron Smith	Shawna Ditsworth Mary Emgarten Bob Huls Kasey Kirschbaum Kari Lee Mindy Leinbaugh Jenny Marhula Monica Niccum Sharon Schrunk
Lectors	Dave Hansen	Karen Huls
Altar Servers	Will Block Isabella Marx	John Carr Max Ditsworth Will Ditsworth Catherine Straus
Hospitality Ministers	Joe Endres Mark Ingwersen Marv Spieker Dale Vortherms	Alan Ditsworth Bob Emgarten Kim Kirschbaum Mike Schrunk
Music Ministers	Barbara Staver Laura Slawson	Allison Oyler Kelly Muetting
Gift Bearers	Gayle Eral	The Davis Family

Liturgies and Events This Week

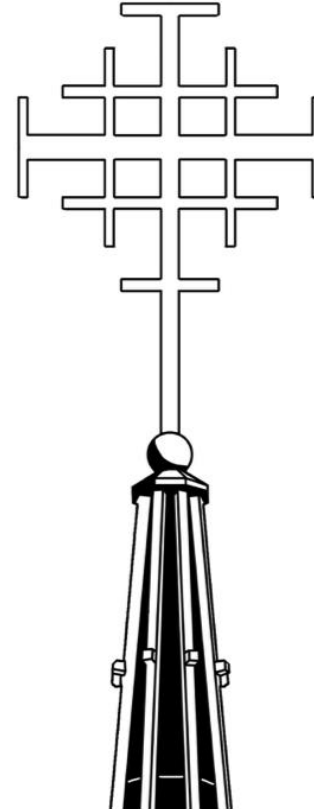
Monday, Jan. 07 NO Mass	Wednesday, Jan. 09 12:00Noon Mass +Margaret Davis	Thursday, Jan. 10 7:30AM Mass +Wayne Krogman	Saturday, Jan. 12 5:00PM Mass +Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary's
Tuesday, Jan. 08 5:30PM Mass +Edwin & Mary Catherine Duffy Family	12:30PM Adoration 4:00PM Benediction	Friday, Jan. 11 12:00Noon +Steve Bortscheller	Sunday, Jan.13 9:30AM Mass +Mike Dailey

Stewardship for December 30, 2018

Adults: \$9,090.00
Loose: \$3,022.75
Dollar: \$ 261.00
Guatemala: \$
Special: \$

Who needs a will? Every adult who owns anything and cares what happens to it. Also anyone who wants to leave a bequest for St. Mary's.

St. Mary's Parish



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The Epiphany of the Lord

January 6, 2019

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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.

Open House

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

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition

Sunday, January 6th, the Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Free-throw Competition at Spirit Lake High School, west gym. Registration starts at 12:30PM with warm ups and competition begins at 1:00PM. If you have any questions, please contact Paul Katzfey at 712-330-6371.

Spelling Bee

The Knights of Columbus are holding a Spelling Bee for grades 4th through 7th on Tuesday, January 15th at Spirit Lake Middle School, music room. Registration begins at 3:25PM and competition starts at 4:00PM. If you have any questions, please contact Paul Katzfey at 712-330-6371.

First Reconciliation

Wednesday, 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. Classes for all grades resume on Wednesday, January 9th. Please keep them in your prayers as they receive this beautiful sacrament for the first time.

Religious Education Choirs

Choir rehearsals will convene January 9th for our Religious Education students.

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.

4th Degree Knights of Columbus

The 4th degree Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly meeting on Jan. 8th, at the Millcreek Lounge in Milford beginning at 6:00PM with social. Meeting to follow at 6:30PM.

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 \$250.00. 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!

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.

Rest in Peace

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Mary Rumbaugh, a parishioner of St. Mary's, whose funeral was on Thursday, here at St. Mary's. May she and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

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.

Save the Date

The annual Winter Picnic will be held Sunday, March 3rd. The Winter Picnic is a great event for all of our parishioners to join in fellowship, food and lots of FUN!

Bulletin Deadline

If you have any announcements you would like to put in the bulletin, please have them to the office by noon on Wednesday of that week. Thank you.

American Red Cross

The American Red Cross urges people to share their good health and resolve to give blood regularly, beginning in January with National Blood Donor Month. January is National Blood Donor Month, the perfect time to resolve to be a regular blood donor and help save lives. The Red Cross must collect more than 13,000 blood donations every day for patients in need. The upcoming blood drive in Spirit Lake is on Monday, January 28th, from 1:00-6:00PM at Grace Lutheran Church.

Pope Francis Speaks to Our Hearts

Words of Challenge and Hope

Give God Space in Prayer

In the silence of the daily routine, St. Joseph, together with Mary, shares a single common center of attention: Jesus. They accompany and nurture the growth of the Son of God made man for us with commitment and tenderness, reflecting on everything that has happened. In the Gospels, St. Luke twice emphasizes the attitude of Mary, which is also that of St. Joseph: she "kept all these things, pondering them in her heart" (2:19, 51). To listen to the Lord, we must learn to contemplate, feel his constant presence in our lives, and we must stop and converse with him, give him space in prayer. Each of us ...should ask ourselves, "How much space do I give to the Lord? Do I stop to talk with him?" Ever since we were children, our parents have taught us to start and end the day with a prayer, to teach us to feel that the friendship and the love of God accompany us. Let us remember the Lord more in our daily life.

