

December 23, 2018
4th Sunday of Advent

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ST. MARY MOTHER OF GOD CATHOLIC CHURCH

*"Serving the People of God
Spiritually and Physically since 1848"*

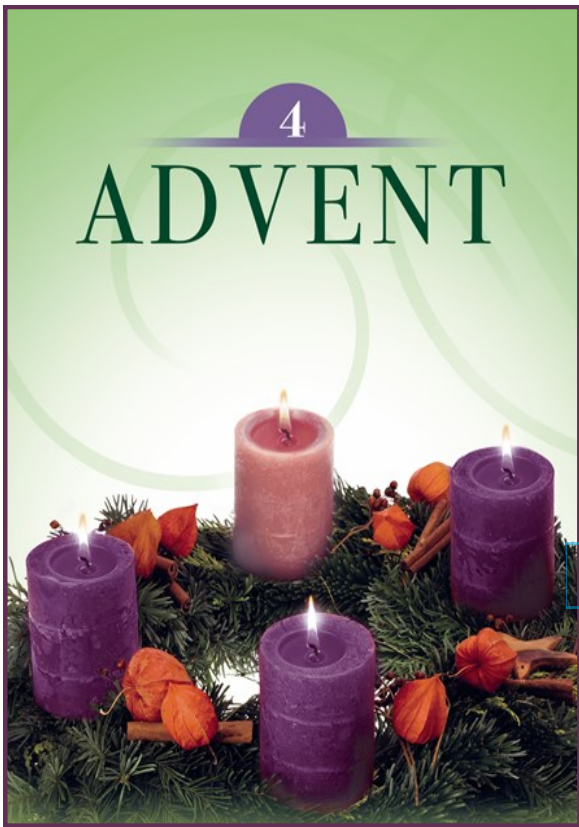
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Mass Schedule

Sunday - 10:45 am
Holy Day - 5:15 pm



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Sacraments

Matrimony

Arrangements are to be made with priest at least 6 months in advance. Pre-marriage instruction required.

Sick and Communion Call

Please keep the Church Office informed of the sick and homebound, particularly when there is serious illness.

Baptism

For details please call the Church Office. Baptismal Preparation is required for parents.

Reconciliation

Sunday: 10:00am-10:30am OR
Anytime by appointment.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Call Parish Office for information.

Parish Pastoral Council

Nov, Jan, Mar, May, 1st Sunday, after Mass

Bulletin Deadline

Monday 12:00 pm
Call or email submissions.

Parish Mission Statement

"Believing in faith in action, St. Mary Mother of God Catholic Church strives to reach out to others through the joyful celebration of Word and Sacrament, embracing diversity, and working for peace, justice, and non-violence."

Parish Membership Welcome

Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether visitors, long time residents, or newly arrived in the parish. *We thank God for you.* If you wish to register, please call the parish office, pick up a registration form in the pew, or complete below and place in collection basket.

Name _____ Phone No _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Check one:

New Parishioner New Address New Phone Number Moving, remove from list

4th Sunday of Advent

Here we are, mere days from Christmas, and we hear a Gospel anticipating the birth of another child. Mary has received word that her cousin Elizabeth is with child. Pregnant as she is, Mary "set out and traveled to the hill country in haste." She has recently received the greatest news of her life - that she is to be mother to the Messiah by the power of the Holy Spirit - but her concern is for her cousin in need. Through God's grace, Elizabeth turns it into an opportunity to honor the coming Christ. "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."

Yet Mary's example of selflessness should inspire us. As Christmas draws near, there is plenty of goodness to anticipate for many of us. We'll reunite with family and friends, uphold time-honored traditions, swap stories old and new, exchange gifts, and welcome Jesus at the Christmas liturgy. These are wonderful things! Of course, they probably all come with their own to-do list. Shop for last-minute gifts, pick up recipe ingredients, ready the guest

room, or pack your own bags. Mary probably had things to do as well. She had a lot to consider, for one thing. How do you plan to tell your parents you're pregnant, but no man was involved? When Joseph finds out, who will care for the practical needs of you and your child? Into what may have been a chaos of questions, Mary receives news that someone is in need. She goes immediately.

In these final days before Christmas, stay watchful and awake! You never know when God might invite you to welcome, hospitality, and compassion. It might be tempting to reject the opportunity for your own needs. Follow the example of Mary! If God is providing you an opportunity to love, He will provide the means to accomplish all your other tasks. This Christmas season, may you too hear, "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face and we shall be saved.*



Sunday, December 23

Sacristan: Sue Koester

Commentator/Petitions: Dottie Carpenter

Servers: Aric Koenig, Noah Johnson, John Peterson

First Reading: Ken Yahne

Second Reading: Louise Yahne

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Sue Koester, Pat McBride, Andrea Thomas, Rosemary Mausser, Judy Wagoner, Barb Chmiel, Jane Wick, John Barnett

Ushers: Val Vorndran, Liz Peterson, Andy Johnson, Katrina Johnson

Greeters: Katrina & Andy Johnson,

December 24, Christmas Eve Mass 4:00 pm

Sacristan: Sue Berghoff

Proclamation: Father Widmann

Commentator: Carmen Doyle

Greeters: Christina Myles

Servers: Jasmine Myles, Pat McBride

Lectors: Andrea Thomas

Eucharistic Ministers: Kate Brogan, Sue Berghoff, Dottie Carpenter

Ushers: Andy Johnson, Katrina Johnson, Dennis Doyle, Christina Myles

"to everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven"

"a time to be born..."

"a time to love..."

"a time to be healed..."

Pray for the sick of our parish

"a time to die"

"and a time for peace"

and in our world, all people, both military and civilian who are in the midst of war or natural disasters.

Ecclesiastes 3:1f

December 25, 2018 Christmas Day 10:45 am

Sacristan: Chuck Luther

Proclamation: Father Widmann

Commentator: Dottie Carpenter

Greeters: Becky & Frannie Silkworth

Servers: Lauren O'Neil, Tommy O'Neil, Carl O'Neil, Tony O'Neil

Lectors: Patrick Mitoraj, Maxine Stovall

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathleen Smith, Pat McBride, Chuck Luther, Louise Yahne, Barb Chmiel, Sue Koester

Ushers: Christina Myles, Jasmin Myles, Ken Yahne, Jim Huth

Sunday, December 30

Sacristan: Chuck Luther

Commentator/Petitions: Rena Zirille

Servers: Katy Parrott, Jennifer Hayes, Antonio Salazar

First Reading: Katie Lamee

Second Reading: Dottie Carpenter

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Chuck Luther, Sue Koester, Maxine Stovall, Dottie Carpenter, Louise Yahne, Maureen McCon, Peggy Neidhart, Joanne Miller

Ushers: Ken Yahne, Dennis Doyle, Kera Parrott, Greg Gemperline

Greeters: Judy & Katy Parrott

ELECTRONIC GIVING PROGRAM - St. Mary Mother of God Church offers this safe and convenient option for you to contribute your Sunday offerings to the Church automatically through your checking or savings account. To obtain the necessary form, please contact Julie Crouch at the Parish Office (jcrouch@stmarysfw.org, or 260-424-8231). You may also go to www.stmarysfw.org, click the "Donate" link, and complete the Authorization Agreement for Direct Payment form.



Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 23

10:45 am *For the People of St. Mary Mother of God*

Monday, December 24

4:00 pm *John & Marjorie Koorsen*

Tuesday, December 25

10:45 am *Marie Strunk*

Sunday, December 30

10:45 am *Ron Mausser*



Altar of Service

Saint Mary's Soup Kitchen

Please mark your grocery lists for our Soup Kitchen. This week we are asking for...INSTANT POTATOES

Soup Kitchen Weekend volunteers

Saturday 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Saturday, December 22: Ephriam

Sunday, December 23: Rushelle Lill

Saturday, December 29: Brice Hahn

Sunday, December 30: Jordi G.

Thank you for volunteering at the Soup Kitchen. Please call me if you are unable to make your scheduled day.

Val Vordran 625-5757 or 450-5170

AVE MARIA HOUSE PANTRY NEEDS:

Toilet Paper and Paper Products



The Week Ahead

Sunday, December 23

- No classes for *Mary's Kids*

Tuesday, December 25 Christmas Day

- Second Collection is for Catholic Charities

Sunday, December 30

- No Classes for *Mary's Kids*

ST. MARY'S HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

December 24—Christmas Eve: 4:00 pm

Prelude begins at 3:30 featuring the Cathedral Brass and Choir

Christmas Day 25— 10:45 am

December 31—New Year's Eve—No Mass

January 1, 2019—New Year's Day—10:45 am

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will celebrate Christmas Eve Mass at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Monday, Dec. 24, at 10:30 p.m.

Parish Announcements

CHRISTMAS NOTES

Genueflection at Christmas Masses—At all Masses for the Nativity of the Lord, the assembly is reminded beforehand to **genueflect during the Creed** at the mention of the Incarnation: **“and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.”** Particularly on this day we pay homage to the great mystery of the Incarnation by symbolically touching ourselves to the ground, just as the Son of God came down among us as man.

LIFE LINE SCREENING

Protect your health by participating in the Life Line Screening health screenings that will be at St. Mary Mother of God Catholic Church on Monday, January 14, 2019. Today's bulletin insert gives information on registration.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store, located at 1600 S. Calhoun St., is a not-for-profit store dedicated to providing funds to assist those less fortunate in the greater Fort Wayne area. As such, we are constantly in need of volunteers to help operate the store. Please call 260-456-3561 to help us in helping others.

RELIGIOUS GIVE THANKS

“This money is pure gift,” writes a religious sister of the support made possible by the Retirement Fund for Religious. “It enables us to continue providing care for our elderly sisters.” Your gift to last week's collection helps hundreds of religious communities meet pressing retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Thank you for your generosity!

Readings for the week of December 23, 2018

Sunday:	Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-18 [4]/Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45
Monday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79
Tuesday:	Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/ Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Midnight:	Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/ Lk 2:1-14
Dawn:	Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
Day:	Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/ Jn 1:1-18 or Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22
Thursday:	1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Friday:	Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
Saturday:	1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
Next Sunday:	1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/ 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." - Lk 1:41-42

