PASTOR: FR. TAFADZWA KUSHAMBA

THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES

Saturday, Dec. 25 Midnight & 9 am; no 4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, Dec. 26 8:00 & 10:00 am

Monday, Dec. 27 No Mass Tuesday, Dec. 28 No Mass Wednesday, Dec. 29 No Mass Thursday, Dec. 30 No Mass

Friday, Dec. 3 I 5:00 pm (Vigil for Mary, Mother of God)
Saturday, Jan. 1 9:00 am (Mary, Mother of God) & 4:30 pm
Sunday, Jan. 2 8 & 10 am (St. Victor), 12 pm (St. Rose)

(Mass at St. Rose on the 1st Sunday of each month at noon) (Mass in Spanish on the 4th Saturday of each month at 7 pm)

ST. VICTOR CHURCH HOURS

Days with evening Mass: 6:30 am - 6:00 pm
Days with no evening Mass: 6:30 am - 4:30 pm

CONFESSION

Tuesday, December 28 No confession Saturday, January I 3:30-4:15 pm Or by appointment with Fr. Tafadzwa

ADORATION

Friday, January 7 8:30 am - 12pm

Normally the 1st Friday of each month from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm, and the 4th Thursday (March-October) from 4-6 pm



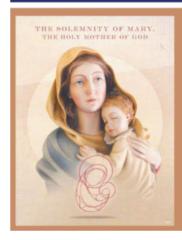
CHRISTMAS SYMBOLS

Take a moment to contemplate the symbols of the season:

- The crèche tells us the Gospel stories: first from Luke, which details the human birth in a lowly stable and the angels' message to shepherds; and later from Matthew, which describes the arrival of Magi who signify that God's salvation extends to all.
- The angels stand as heralds of the good news, an emblem for each of us on this solemn feast of our own duty to spread the message that Christ is born and saves us from our sins.
- ♦ The tree stands as a symbol of life, its green branches unfading even in the winter cold, just as God's life remains in us even though our human form should die.
- ♦ The wreath made of evergreens reminds us that God is one, without beginning or end.
- The candles recall the birth of him who is forever the Light of the world.

Today, we celebrate the fact that God came to earth as a beautiful, innocent infant who rejects no one. We rejoice this day in the birth of Christ! And tonight, we remember that Jesus Christ came into this world quietly, humbly, and gracefully, an example of how we should live our lives.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND DECORATIONS Adolph & Roma Anderson Virginia Monahan Kasian Fox family, deceased of R. Finley & Charleen Barry Roy Noriega Ruiz Friske & McGinnis families Bausman & Leibold families, living & deceased of Veril, Teresa, & Jim Patterson Kathy E. Gavigan Sarah M. Boone **Gerald Paulson** Oscar & Ruth Grabow family Bowdish & Weiss families, deceased of Lawrence & Teresa Gunderman Larry Purcell Samson Boylen Roger Rawson Barbara Hackett Michael Brukwicki, Jr. Richardson family, deceased of Carol Hafen Terry Buening Patricia Rivera Lyle Hamilton Matthew, Alvin, & Ross Buholzer Rubesch family Steve Hayes Mr. & Mrs. Edward Bystry James E., Hallie, & Lee Rutledge Milt & Katie Hendrickson family **Monsignor Thomas Campion** John & Lorraine Schlappi Ann & Carroll Holmes Nancy Carney Johann, Irene, & Hans Huschitt Howard "Bruiser" Schulz Casavan & Kees families Howard O. & Lillian Schulz Waune & Frances Jensen Our children/grandchildren Kammerer/Gruenenfelder families Sheila Schulz Vic & Joyce Schwartz James E. Connors Lawrence, Philomena, Ronald & Kevin Kees Floyd "Bucky" Coplien **Jill Sinkule** Venora Kilian Francis & Eileen Crotty Therese Snyder Joan & Lee Kirsch John & Rose Dahmen Phyllis Stateler Roscoe & Reva Kline Robert & Norine Dalton, & Daniel Dalton Thomas & Dorothy Stauffacher Barry Kneller Raphael & Lena Daly Norma & Clarence Steiner Ed & Virginia Konetski Dearth/Kuenzi, deceased of Willis & Anna Stokes family Leona Kubly Paul & Lois Dixon Lehman families Allan Swanton Vondra/Mehlbrech families Carol Dye Linn Loved ones we have lost Dennis Robert Dye Ambrose Waelti Mr. & Mrs. Franklin Ludwig Robert Due Becca Wickenhauser Carole Mau Marvin Edwards Bernard Wiegel **Dolores Maurer** Gloria K. Erickson Karen McKenna Wieland family Ernest & John Exum Joseph Wyss Paul & Peggy Miller Roy & Therese Figi John & Marie Milz Francis Zimmer John, Fola, Gene, & Greg Flannery Larry Zimmer Jim Moe Zimmerman-Elmer & Moest & Brugger families



THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

(NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION THIS YEAR)

MASS TIMES: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31 5:00 PM (NO 8 AM MASS)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1 9:00 AM

ST. VICTOR CHURCH



IST SUNDAYS AT ST. ROSE

Fr. Tafadzwa will celebrate Mass at St. Rose on the first Sunday of each month at noon.



SECRET ANGEL PROJECT 2022

Our Secret Angel Project begins the first weekend of the new year (January 1-2). Our parishioners can take a name off the Christmas tree and send one (or more) greeting

card a month to that person throughout all of 2022. You may reveal yourself or remain a secret!

The names include those who are homebound and in nursing homes, but it also based on age. If you are age 80 or older and would prefer NOT to have your name put on the tree, please call or email Tara at the parish office by Sunday, Dec. 26.



HELP IS NEEDED!

St. Clare needs your help, especially in the areas listed below:

Hospitality help at Mass (greeter, usher) Chaperone/Help with youth programs Tidy up the pews (visitor envelopes, hymnals, collection brochures, etc.)

Serve food

Prepare food for parish events Office help

Childcare

Communion to the homebound Store and/or transport recyclables Deep clean the church

If you're able to help, circle any area(s) of interest and return this form to the office dropbox or in the offertory basket.

Name:

How do you prefer we contact you? Phone/Email address:



ALL IN THE FAMILY

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us.

But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother?

The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?

Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi





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On behalf of the entire St. Victor School community—students, parents, and staff—we wish your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Classes will resume on Monday, January 3. We look forward to a new year filled with continued experiences to learn and grow both academically and spiritually!

Calling all alumni of St. Victor School! We are creating an alumni list for our school, and we need information on our alumni in order to share our wonderful happenings with you, as well as to catch up on our alumni's great accomplishments. It gives us a chance to



gather memories, share stories, and possibly even pictures of the events that happened while you were a student here. You can reach out to us at alumni@stvictormonroe.org to share information with us. I would also encourage you to follow us on Facebook and join our St. Victor Alumni Facebook group!

We truly are so blessed to have the ability to keep teaching and growing in the faith each and every day. This is only possible through your commitment to our school and parish.

Thank you so much for allowing us to continue our mission here at St. Victor School. Have a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year!

YOUNG ADULTS (20s & 30s)



JANUARY 16

SUNDAY BRUNCH JOIN US AFTER 10AM MASS FOR FELLOWSHIP.



FEBRUARY 26

MARDI GRAS FUNDRAISER RSVP FOR A SPOT AT THE Y.A. TABLE. MORE DETAILS TO COME SOON!

QUESTIONS AND RSVP: BETSYB@STCLAREGREENCOUNTY.ORG

WISHING YOU A

blessed birthday this week!

Adaline Bauman (2) Aidan Lambert Alessandro Chagoya (17) Ana Torres Bill Solawetz* Bob Kuhle Carol Krupke Caroline Ninneman Catherine Schuppner (15) Charlie Duerst (13) Cynthia Schwartz Elise Smith Elizabeth Dale Eria Smith Evelyn Buholzer (10) **Everett Fenwick** Gloria Krutza Janet Krusė Jared Cline Jerome Nelson Jodi Ganshert John Glynn-Joseph Gastel Jouselith Waelti Juan Angeles (5) Judy Antos Katie Cline Laura Vöelker Lillian Lewis (9) Luis Chagoya Mauro Magellan Mike Bystry Monica Schneider Pat Grunder* Robert Krupke** Russell Quinn Sophie Vasquez (12) Teresa Castellanos Martinez Virgilio Ocampo Zachary Menehan

> *80+ years young **90+ years young (Children's ages in parentheses)

Please contact Tara Stietz with any questions, corrections, or if you would prefer NOT to have your name/birthday/age/* included in the bulletin.



Thank You Nilles Kitchen Volunteers!!

A heartfelt thank you to Rita Farris and the numerous helpers who have taken time out of their day to pack up the kitchen before the lower level construction starts in January.

We will be having a moving day on Tuesday, December 28 to haul the large items into storage. Please contact Marci Boss if you are able to help.



Lower-level construction will begin around January 2, 2022. We hope to have a finished product in May 2022. Please do not enter the lower level when construction signs are present. Access to Nilles Hall will be granted on an as-needed basis through the east side entrance.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TAX BENEFITS FOR CHARITABLE REMINDER DONATIONS!

For the 2021 tax year only, non-itemizers can deduct donations!

- Non-itemizers can deduct up to \$300 single or \$600 jointly. Your offertory is eligible for this deduction.
- If you do itemize on your tax return, the deduction limit is up to 100% of a donor's annual income for cash gifts. (Previously, the deduction was capped at 60%.)
- If you would like to discuss giving strategies, contact Marci Boss in the parish office at 608-325-9506 or business@stclaregreencounty.org.



Are You 72 or Older?

Be sure to take advantage of tax savings on your IRA accounts by donating your required minimum distribution! More and more parishioners are reducing their taxable income and satisfying their offertory commitment by using their IRA minimum required distribution. Simply ask your financial advisor to write and mail your distribution directly to St. Clare of Assisi Parish. Due to privacy laws, your name may not come on the check, so please let Marci Boss in the office know to watch for your distribution.





Personal Essentials
—— Pantry —

January Item:

SPONGES
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STEEL WOOL PADS
(PACKAGED, NEW)



Place your donated item(s) in the box in the gathering space on January 1-2. Thank you!



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-Pope Francis, Oct. 4, 2021

MONTHLY RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Jan. 1 & 2: Non-working Christmas lights Feb. 5 & 6: Ink cartridges and toners

ONGOING RECYCLING COLLECTION

Batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, button, 9-volt)



FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION



For Jan. 1-2, the Green County Food Pantry in Monroe will be the recipient of your food

donations. Place them by the Food Pantry sign in the gathering space.

You may place cash or checks in the small wooden church building in the gathering space. Those monetary donations will be split between the local food pantries, the Monroe Mobile Food Pantry, and the Personal Essentials Pantry. THANK YOU!!

CONTACT US

Parish registration/

Sacramental needs

First Communion)

St. Victor School

interest or enrollment

Becoming Catholic

(the RCIA program)

home, hospital visit,

anointing of the sick)

Calvary Cemetery

Faith Formation,

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inquiries or interest

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questions or purchases

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SUNDAY: I Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf.

5a]/I Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

 MONDAY:
 I Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, I1-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

 TUESDAY:
 I Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3,4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

 WEDNESDAY:
 I Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a,2b-3,5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

 THURSDAY:
 I Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9,10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

 FRIDAY:
 I Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, I1-12, I3 [I1a]/Jn 1:1-18

 SATURDAY:
 Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk

2:16-21

NEXT SUNDAY: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

OLIDAY OURS

Monday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Tuesday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Wednesday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Thursday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Friday Closed



These people are in special need of your prayers:

Roger Tuscan, Randall Marty, Joe and Johnny Cizowski, all of those sick and affected by COVID-19, all the sick of the parish, all military personnel, those incarcerated and their families, people with addictions and their families, and all the souls in purgatory.



PRAYER TREE

Receive the benefit of prayerful help. Contact Jacki Netzel with your intentions for prayer—provide the person's initials and a brief explanation of the intention (example: JN is having surgery) at (608) 329 -3939 or jsnetz@tds.net.

To join this ministry, please contact Jacki.

	umbers are from 12/19 due to early bulletin submission
Last week's collection	\$12,390
Offertory collected year-to-date*	\$313,223
Offertory goal to-date	\$326,772
Contributions over/under goal to-date	(\$13,549)

December Food Pantry Collection:

\$1,183

*All to-date figures include electronic giving.
*The parish fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30.

THIS WEEK at ST. CLARE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

8:00 am Mass St. Victor Church †Steve Breault 10:00 am Mass St. Victor Church †Richard Young

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27

No Mass—Fr. Tafadzwa is out of town.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

No Mass—Fr. Tafadzwa is out of town.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

No Mass—Fr. Tafadzwa is out of town.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

No Mass—Fr. Tafadzwa is out of town.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

5:00 pm Mass St. Victor Church †Robert Rieder

SATURDAY, JANUARY I

9:00 am Mass St. Victor Church

†Deceased members of the Bulanda family

3:30-4:15 pm Confession St. Victor Church confessional

3:45 pm 1st Saturday Rosary (led by CDA) St. Victor Church

4:30 pm Mass St. Victor Church

St. Clare of Assisi parishioners

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

8:00 am Mass St. Victor Church †Howard "Bruiser" Schulz 10:00 am Mass St. Victor Church

†Mildred Schmidt

11:00 am CDA meeting Nilles Hall

12:00 pm Mass St. Rose of Lima Church

†Reuben and Jeanette Ebert







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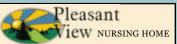
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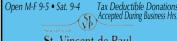
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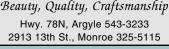


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