St. Mary
Catholic
Church
December 5, 2021
Second Sunday
of Advent
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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We are already in the Second Sunday of Advent. I always find it helpful to remind my fellow Catholics about the difference between how the secular culture observes "Christmas" and how we as Catholics observe Advent and Christmas. Please do not misunderstand me. I am not a "grinch." If it is December 5th and you already have your tree up and fully decorated and you are listening to Christmas music, I don't blame you. These traditions give us such joy and nostalgia. However, I would simply urge you to NOT RUSH PAST ADVENT. Do not anticipate Christmas too much. We need the season of Advent so that we can spiritually "recalibrate" and really prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus on December 25th for what that day truly means. The birth of Jesus into our world changed the world! Check out this table comparing how Christmas is celebrated in the secular culture as opposed to the Church. Let's not rush past Advent. Let's also fully celebrate Christmas as the season that it really is from December 25th through January 9th.

Fr. DiDomo

Secular culture	The Catholic Church
Friday after Thanksgiving until December 25 = "The Christmas Season" Purpose: Shopping, decorating, family parties, work/school parties, Christmas music, Christmas movies, Santa, candy canes, elves, etc.	The Fourth Sunday before December 25 (this year, November 28) through morning of December 24th = the Season of ADVENT. Purpose: To spiritually prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birth on December 25 and the Season that follows. A period of waiting for the coming of Christ. Music and decoration in church is restrained (no Gloria, etc.). Spiritual preparation is done through: increased time in prayer, spiritual reading; making a good confession; more silence and reflection; possibly some fasting/self-denial; works of mercy; traditions such as the Advent Wreath or the Jesse Tree; singing Advent Hymns (like O Come O Come Emmanuel), etc. If you have a nativity set on display, leave baby Jesus out of the manger until Christmas.
Christmas Day is evening of December 24 and December 25. Purpose: Gift giving, time together with family and friends. The birth of Jesus is the background of the holiday, but, for many, that mystery has little real meaning in their personal lives. On December 26: "Christmas" is OVER. Christmas trees and decorations go away; Now we look forward to New Year's Eve/ Day. (Our secular culture is always looking forward to "the next big day" instead of taking time to enjoy the important things that we celebrate).	"Christmas Day is joyously celebrated starting with the evening of December 24th and continuing into December 25th. This also is the BEGINNING of the liturgical season known as the Christmas Season (the Gloria is back). The season of Christmas extends through the "Octave" (8 day celebration) of Christmas, culminating with the January 1st celebration of "Mary, Mother of God." The Christmas season also extends through the solemnities of the Holy Family, Epiphany (commemorating the visit of the Magi to the Christ child), and concludes with the Baptism of the Lord (this year: January 9). [Thus, the old carol, "the Twelve Days of Christmas"] Then we return to "Ordinary Time." In addition to joyful worship at Mass, families also exchange gifts, have large feasts, etc. Keep your tree and nativity set up through the entire season! Purpose: to celebrate the great mystery of the Birth of Jesus over an extended period of time.

Bambinelli Blessing

Saturday, December 18th, 10:00 AM

Jesus encourages us all to have faith like a little child (Luke 18:17). Our Lord clearly teaches about the special place children have in His Sacred Heart (Matthew 19:14). This Advent Season join us for our *Bambinelli Blessing*. 800 years ago, St. Francis of Assisi popularized the Nativity Scene to remind us of the wonders of the Incarnation. He also instructed that the youngest member of a family is to bring the Baby Jesus from the crib to the priest to be blessed shortly before Christmas. Then, on Christmas morning, it will be that child's special duty to place Jesus in the manger as a sign that God has become man, in our world, our history, in our hearts, and especially, in our families. Join all the children of the parish on Saturday, December 18, at 10:00 AM in the church for the *Bambinelli Blessing* (the blessing of the Baby Jesus figurines).

Opłatki

Opłatki wafers, thin rectangular wafers made of unleavened flour and water and embossed with pictures of the nativity, are used on Christmas Eve at the conclusion of dinner, usually by Eastern European Christians, or their descendants. In a special ceremony, family members ask forgiveness of others and wish them God's blessings, happiness, peace, and health. Opłatki are available in the parish office during office hours for a free will donation. Start a new Christmas tradition with your family today!

She accepts his words of reconciliation and asks that he, too, forgive her deficiencies. "I wish you health, God's blessings, happiness, peace, and after death, a place in heaven."

Parish Office Closed

Wednesday, December 8th

The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, December 8th, in observance of The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. It will reopen on Thursday, December 9th, at 8:30 AM.

Immaculate Conception Mass Times

Tuesday, December 7th, 5:00 PM; Wednesday, December 8th, 8:00 AM, 12:00 Noon, 5:00 & 7:00 PM

Wednesday, December 8th, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are Tuesday, December 7th, at 5:00 PM, and Wednesday, December 8th, at 8:00 AM, 12:00 Noon, 5:00 and 7:00 PM.

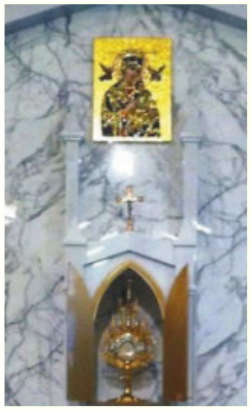
Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 6, *St. Nicholas, Bishop*
8:00 AM ✠ Casimir Blazek; Harry Pudelek
Tuesday, December 7, St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
8:00 AM ✠ John Sala; Michael & Ann Blasko
12:00 PM ✠ Jaimie Monroy; Ramon Noriega & Poor Souls in Purgatory
5:00 PM ✠ John Kligis; Special Intention of Jay, Kathryn & Gabriel Garcia
Wednesday, December 8, THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
8:00 AM ✠ The People of St. Mary Parish
12:00 PM ✠ Mary Otto; Living & Deceased Members of the Altar & Rosary Society & the Unborn
5:00 PM ✠ Stanley & Anna Bratko; Special Intention of Connie Jimenez
7:00 PM ✠ Special Intention of Cora De Castro & Living & Deceased Members of the DeCastro Family; All Those Struggling with Assisted Suicide
Thursday, December 9, *St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin*
8:00 AM ✠ Richard Cunningham; Hugo & Ann Felix & Raul Racines
12:00 PM ✠ Arnold & Irma Luzum; LeRoy Leone
Friday, December 10
8:00 AM ✠ Jose Espina, Jr., & Lelita Loquellana; Special Intention of Monica Sugar
Saturday, December 11, *St. Damasus I, Pope*
8:00 AM ✠ Pearl Schielka; Special Intention of Judith Popernik
5:00 PM ✠ Thomas J. Briglio; Special Intention of Shaylin Schnell
Sunday, December 12, 3rd Sunday of Advent
7:30 AM ✠ Carol & Gene O'Hern; In Thanksgiving
9:00 AM ✠ Rita Haley; Frank & Josephine Maggio
10:30 AM ✠ John Hogan; Susan Gorski Preissing
12:00 PM ✠ George Finzel; Special Intention of Arturo Del Rosario
5:00 PM ✠ The People of St. Mary Parish

Priest Celebrant

Subject to change without notice

Saturday, Dec. 11	5:00 PM—Fr. DiTomo
Sunday, Dec. 12	7:30 AM—Fr. DiTomo
	9:00 AM—Fr. Paril
	10:30 AM—Fr. Paril
	12:00 PM—Fr. Koutnik
	5:00 PM—Fr. Koutnik



The candles in the Adoration Chapel are burning this week
In Memory of Tracy Jayko,
In Memory of Edmund O. Ciske, Jr.,
In Memory of Loretta Pisowicz,
And In Memory of Tracy Jakko.

The Sanctuary Lamp next to the Tabernacle is burning this week In Memory of Arnold & Irma Luzum.

The Flowers next to the Tabernacle this week are In Memory of Arnold & Irma Luzum.

May God Bless

The families of Jaxson Patrick Dudek, Camila Rose Scaccia, Josie Marie LaPorta, Lakely Nicole Whitmore, Dominic Stanley Beialek, and Charlotte Leigh Cizowski, all of whom were recently welcomed into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism.

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them

Eternal rest grant unto Barb Link, Michael Mulcahy, Daniel Przybysz, Sr., Gladys Paikos, Richard Porto and all our deceased family members and loved ones.

Early Bulletin Deadlines

The holidays are coming and that means early bulletin deadlines. Normally the deadline for articles to be submitted to the bulletin editor is 12:00 Noon on the Friday 9 days before the date of publication.

For the bulletin of December 12th, the deadline is December 2nd at 12:00 Noon.
For the bulletin of December 19th, the deadline is December 8th at 12:00 Noon.
For the bulletin of December 26th, the deadline is December 13th at 12:00 Noon.
For the bulletin of January 1st, 2022, the deadline is December 17th at 12:00 Noon.

Simbang Gabi

Simbang Gabi is a novena of solemn Masses in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Simbang Gabi (pronounced Sim BAHNG guh bee) is the Filipino way of accompanying the Blessed Mother as she awaits the birth of her Son, Jesus Christ.

Wednesday, December 15th, 7:00 PM—Holy Apostles, 5211 Bull Valley Rd., McHenry, IL 60050

Thursday, December 16th, 7:00 PM—St. Catherine of Siena, 845 W. Main St, West Dundee, IL 60118

Friday, December 17th, 7:00 PM— St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 1023 McHenry Ave., Crystal Lake, IL 60014
And Christ the Teacher, 512 Normal Rd., DeKalb, IL 60115

Saturday, December 18th, 7:00 PM—Here at St. Mary Church. Bishop David Malloy will preside

Sunday, December 19th, 7:00 PM—St. Mary, 312 Lincoln Ave, Woodstock, IL 60098

Monday, December 20th, 7:00 PM— Ss. Peter & Paul, 410 N. First St., Cary, IL 60013

Tuesday, December 21st, 7:00 PM—St. Margaret Mary, 111 S Hubbard St, Algonquin, IL 60102

Wednesday, December 22nd—7:00 PM—St. John Neumann, 2900 E Main St, St. Charles, IL 60174

Thursday, December 23rd, 7:00 PM—St Thomas More, 215 Thomas More Dr., Elgin, IL 60120

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass in Spanish

Sunday, December 12th, 5:00 AM

Mark your calendar for our Lady of Guadalupe celebration on Sunday, December 12th starting at:

3:30 AM bilingual rosary
4:00 AM mañanitas
5:00 AM Mass
6:00 AM reception in the parish hall

Questions? Contact Deacon Poli Jimenez at (847) 561-1779.

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe Misa en Español

Aqui en St. Mary Huntley IL
Domingo 12 de diciembre a las 5:00 AM
Por favor marcar su calendario para la celebracion De nuestra Señora De Guadalupe Celebraremos El dia 12 De diciembre comensando a las:
3:30 AM rosario bilingue
4:00 AM mañanitas
5:00 AM Santa Misa
6:00 AM convivencia en El salon parroquial
Cualquier pregunta pueden llamar a Deacon Poli Jimenez
at (847) 561-1779.

Christmas Mass Times

Mass times for Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24th, are 4:00 PM in the church, 4:00 PM in the Parish Hall, and 6:00 PM and Midnight in the Church.

Mass times for Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25th, are 7:30, 9:00, and 10:30 AM and 12:00 Noon.

Extra Confession Times

Making a good confession is an excellent way to prepare for Jesus' coming at Christmas and at the end of time.

We will have our Advent Communal Penance Service with Individual Confessions on Tuesday, December 14th, at 7:00 PM.

Extra Confession Times here at St. Mary Church are as follows:

- Saturday, December 18th from 8:30 AM until 10:00 AM and 3:30 to 5:00 PM (Special Needs Confessions will be available in the narthex at both time slots)
- Tuesday, December 21st, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM
- Wednesday, December 22nd, from 10:00 AM until Noon

Extra Confession Times at other parishes are as follows:

- Tuesday, December 21st, 7:00 PM, Communal Penance Service with Individual Confessions at St. Catherine of Siena in Dundee
- Wednesday, December 22nd, 7:00 PM, Communal Penance Service with Individual Confessions at St. Thomas the Apostle in Crystal Lake
- Thursday, December 23rd, Confessions at 7:00 PM at St. Margaret Mary in Algonquin

The Holy Face of Jesus Devotion

Tuesday, December 7th, 6:00 PM

Jesus promised, among many other blessings, that honoring His Holy Face through this devotion offers:

The **Conversion** of many sinners and mercy granted to their souls disfigured by sin, and,

Reparation for outrages against the Majesty of God – Communism, Atheism, cursing, desecration of Sundays and Holy Days and other grave insults.

The Holy Face devotion began when Jesus revealed Himself to Sister Mary of St. Peter, a French Carmelite, in 1845. In one of His many revelations to her, He said this of His Holy Face:

"Offer It unceasingly to My Father for the salvation of your country".

Our own image of the Holy Face, which will be on display, has been pressed to the traveling relic of the Holy Face of Jesus, a relic verified by the Vatican as having been touched to Veronica's Veil, the True Wood of the Cross, and the spear that pierced Christ's side. This was a favorite devotion of St. Theresa, the Little Flower. She said that the suffering, wounded Face of her dear Jesus was the foundation of all her piety.

Wreaths Across America

Huntley American Legion and Rotary are sponsoring the Wreaths Across America 2021 program and will place a wreath on every veteran's grave and in the area around the columbarium in Saint Mary Cemetery on 18 December. Volunteers are needed to to place the wreaths. Contact the American Legion at post673@huntleylegion.org or (847) 669-8485 to volunteer.

Children's Christmas Choir

Children of ALL AGES are welcome to help lead Christmas carols BEFORE the 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass in the Parish Hall. No practices necessary. Simply arrive by 3:30 PM through the Parish Center doors.

Children in GRADES 3RD - 8TH have the opportunity to lead the singing DURING the 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass in the Parish Hall. Practices will be held on Thursdays, December 9th, December 16th and December 23rd from 6:00 to 7:00 PM downstairs in the Kreutzer Room. Questions? Email Mary Bell at stmarymusichuntley@gmail.com

Altar Server Training

Sunday, December 5th, 3:00 PM

Boys and girls in 5th grade and up are invited to an Altar Server Training on Sunday, December 5th, at 3:00 PM in the church. Director of Worship Rick Yurs and Fr. DiTomo will be holding the training session. Parents are welcome to stay. The session will last around an hour (no longer than an hour and 15 minutes at the most). Please register for the training by emailing Fr. DiTomo at FrDiTomo@StMaryHuntley.org with the names of those who will be present.

Four members of the Knights of Columbus traveled to Rockford last month to present a $5,000 check to the Rosecrance Florian Program, which provides substance abuse prevention and mental health assistance to uniformed service personnel (active duty, veterans and first responders). The money was raised during the parish golf outing and St. Michael Benefit Dinner, both held in September.

Magnify 90

Attention all women of the parish: Come join us on a 90 day journey beginning January 17th and ending on Easter/April 17th to grow closer to God so that we can become the saints He created us to be.

Come and See Meeting
Friday, December 10th, 9:00 AM, repeated at 7:00 PM

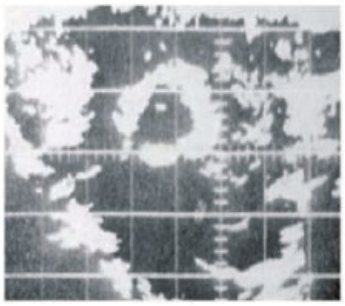
Contact Mary Lou to register or for more information at (847) 669-3137 ext. 117 OR mmanion@stmaryhuntley.org

Magnify 90 is a feminine spirituality journey that relies on our commitment to strive daily to empty ourselves of worldly desires, so that the joy of God's life within our souls fills us to the point of agape love for others.

Learn more at www.mag90.com

Traveling?

Visit http://www. mass times.org Enter the city you're visiting to find the Mass times nearest to you.



15 week ultrasounds. Left is from 1973 when Roe v Wade was decided. Right is today's technology clearly showing the humanity of the child in the womb.

Rosary for Life

Wednesday, December 8, 6:00 PM

We will be publicly praying a rosary for Life prior to the 7:00 PM Mass in the church starting at 6:00 PM for all those affected by abortion and for the 300 children that are aborted in Illinois each day. There will be a table of material in the narthex of the church.

Altar Flower Intentions

The flowers next to the Tabernacle can be sponsored for a week in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special occasion. To sign up, please stop by the parish office or call to arrange. Arrangements are $50 each, or $100 for the entire weekend. Your person or event will be listed in the bulletin. The following dates are available for 2022:

February 5-6, 19-20; May 14-15, 21-22, 28-29; June 4-5, 25-26; July 9-10, 16-17, 23-24; August 7-8, 13-14, 20-21; 27-28, September 3-4, 17-18, 24-25; October 1-2, 8-9, 29-30; November 5-6, 12-13, 19-20; December 10-11.

Knights Corner

Christmas Tree Sales

The Knights of Columbus annual Christmas Tree Sale ends Sunday, December 12. Trees are available at the north end of the parking lot, near the Huntley Road entrance. Here are the remaining dates and times for Christmas tree sales:

- Saturday and Sunday, December 4th & 5th, 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM
- Thursday and Friday, December 9th & 10th, 4:00 to 7:00 PM
- Saturday and Sunday, December 11th & 12th, 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Free Throw Championship

The Knights' annual Free Throw Championship for boys and girls ages 9-14 will take place Saturday, January 8, from 9:00 AM to noon, at Northwestern Medicine Health and Fitness Center, 10450 Algonquin Road, in Huntley. The event is free. For more information, contact ftc@huntleyknights.org or call 847-946-6911.

Talking About a Tough Topic

Do you struggle to find the right words during discussions with pro-abortion family and friends? Our Life Director, Greg Schilling, recommends What to Say When: The Complete New Guide to Discussing Abortion, available from 40 Days for Life.

The book was written by 40 Days for Life co-founder and president Shawn Carney, and Steve Karlen, the organization's director of North American outreach. The book features proven approaches from the front lines of ministry outside abortion clinics. For more information, and to download a free chapter from the book, go to: https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/whattosaywhen.

Join Us

Want to become a Knight? Are you a Knight who hasn't been involved for a while? We welcome you with open arms. Please contact Membership Director Greg Windbiel at (224) 805-9637 or Real150guy@yahoo.com

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Society of St. Vincent de Paul

If you know someone in need of assistance, please refer them to our confidential phone number (224) 569 -2100.

Find us on social media

Facebook: @stmaryhuntley

Instagram: @stmaryhuntley

Watch Us On YouTube!

YouTube

St. Mary is now live on YouTube!

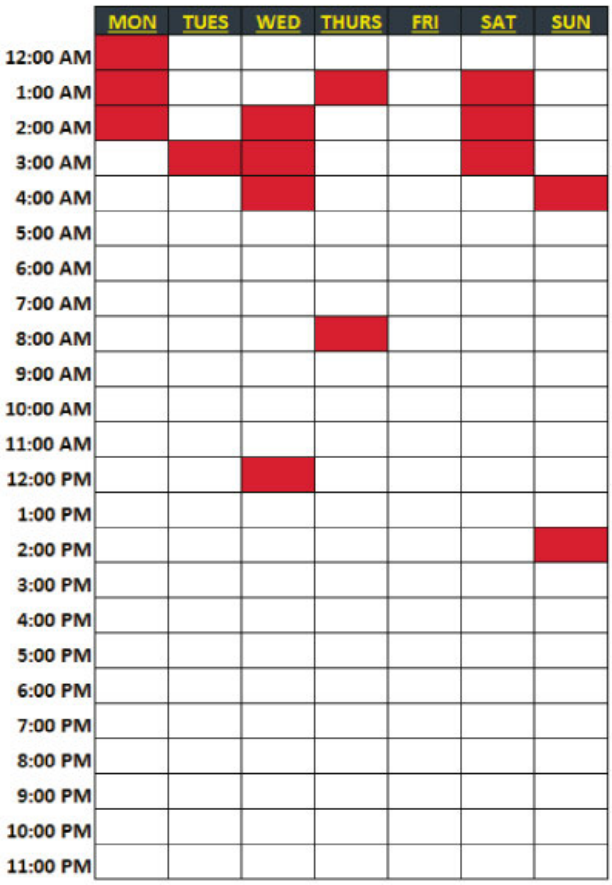
Go to YouTube.com and type "St. Mary Catholic Church Huntley" in the search bar to find our YouTube channel.

Live Stream Mass Time

We livestream the 9:00 AM Sunday morning Mass. Visit our YouTube channel: St. Mary Catholic Church Huntley to watch the Mass live or you can view the recorded version any time later.

Adorers Needed

Listed to the right in red are the days and times when adorers are needed in the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Adoration Chapel. For more information or to sign up, contact Deacon Lincoln at (847) 257-6242 or dcnlincoln @gmail.com or Mary Lou Manion at mmanion@Stmary huntley.org or (847) 669-3137, x117.



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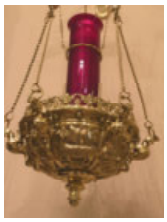
Sanctuary Candle Intentions



The Sanctuary Lamp next to the Tabernacle may be sponsored for a week in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special occasion. The donation is $20. Please stop by the parish office or call to arrange. Your intention will be printed in the bulletin. The following dates are available for 2022: February 26-27; March 12-13, 19-20, 26-27; April 2-3, 9-10, 23-24, April 30-May 1; May 7-8, 28-29; June 4-5, 18-19, 25-26; July 9-10; August 13-14, 20-21, 27-28; September 17-18; October 1-2, 15-16, 22-23, 29-30; November 5-6, 12-13, 26-27, December 10-11, December 31-January 1

December Books of the Month

Waiting for Christ

Meditations for Advent and Christmas

By St. John Henry Newman

Newman has long been a source of inspiration for those in the Church. In this new and compact compilation of his sermons, you're invited to journey with him through Advent into Christmas and Epiphany, meditating on the coming of Christ and the Christian life. Newman's masterful knowledge of the lives of the saints, Catholic doctrine, and, above all, Sacred Scripture, will help you immerse yourself in these liturgical seasons of waiting, wondering, and joy.

The True Meaning of Christmas

The Birth of Jesus and the Origins of the Season

By Dr. Michael Barber

This book is for people who want to deepen their experience of the Christmas season. To find our way "home" at Christmas, we first need to return to the description of Jesus' birth of the Bible. Only by carefully reflecting on the accounts of Jesus' nativity can we hope to celebrate Christmas and the real joy in its promises. Dr. Barber also explores the development of Christmas traditions such as "How St. Nicholas became Santa Claus, Why celebrate on Dec. 25."

Visit the kiosk in the narthex for these books ($5 each). After reading, please do not return books to the kiosk- pass it on and share our faith. For assistance or more information, please contact Terry at (847)651-0422.

St. Mary's Caroling Event

Sunday, December 19th, 3:00-5:00 PM

Come to the St. Mary caroling event on Sunday, December 19th at 3:00 PM. We will warm up our voices in the Parish Center at 3:00 PM, and then carpool over to sing at two assisted living communities in Huntley. Afterwards, we will return to the church for refreshments. Invite your friends and your whole family to come out to this fun, easy, and free event! What a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon! For more information, contact Mary Bell at (224) 817-6210 or stmarymusichuntley@gmail.com

New Kitchen Manager

We are excited to announce that we have hired Lisa Hager as St. Mary's new Kitchen Manager. Lisa will coordinate the use of our kitchen and be a resource for our various ministries. Welcome aboard Lisa!

To add or remove the name of a sick person, please call the parish office at (847) 669-3137. In order to keep the list current, names will remain on the list for two (2) months. After that time, if you would like a name to remain on the list, we ask that you call the parish office again to renew the listing.

✠ Frank Ardito ✠ Kelly & Jake Barna ✠ Simona Birdsell ✠ Paul Bjerkos ✠ Craig & Chris Boggs ✠ Lana Book ✠ Jack Browne ✠ Marti Casalino ✠ Nancy & Sven Cederberg ✠ Bill Champine ✠ Phil & Vince Claps ✠ Rick Conquest ✠ Patty Creager ✠ Linda Cunningham ✠ Cam Curtis ✠ Barbara & John Curzon ✠ Raymond Dempsey ✠ Gloria Diatikar ✠ Richard & Denise Dufern ✠ Susie Morris Frausto ✠ Norma Hartsock ✠ Maddie Helm ✠ Mary Kay Horney ✠ Martin Hudik ✠ Lucy Irizzary ✠ Andrew Jean ✠ Jose & Aurelio Jimenez ✠ Laury Karwoski ✠ John Keck ✠ Pat Kellerman ✠ Elaine Kelly ✠ Andrew Kierzyk ✠ Robert Kinder ✠ Delaney Kinstner ✠ Law Family ✠ Barbara Link ✠ Dan Loranz ✠ Alyssa Mandarino ✠ Nico Manzo ✠ Jane Melarkey ✠ Victor & Eileen Mieszala ✠ Yolanda Moreno ✠ Mike Mulcahy ✠ Peggy Murphy ✠ Tony Paladino ✠ John Panko ✠ Kate & Gary Pequet ✠ Tina & Tony Pollastrini ✠ Salvadore & Ricky Portiera ✠ Ray Pozdol ✠ Tammy Pozniak ✠ Larry Prange ✠ Robert Rollings ✠ Fr. Richard Ross ✠ Casey Ryan ✠ Iola Schneiderman ✠ Jacob Sonnefelt ✠ Ella Steel ✠ Dianne Steinhoff ✠ Bill Taylor ✠ John Taylor ✠ Pat Tomalis ✠ Donald Triebold ✠ Ameerah Walker ✠ Robert Wise ✠

Please pray for our men and women in the armed services, and all our "First Responders"—those in the police, fire fighters, and paramedics/EMTs.

Looking for a special gift this year for family and friends?

Why not take part in a growing holiday tradition of giving gifts that help those in need!

Our St. Mary Haiti Ministry gift cards may be your answer.

Your support, generosity, and prayers for the families in our sister parish of St. Louis Roi De France are helping to make a difference in their lives! If you would like to purchase a gift card, please complete the information below:

Donor Name(s)_____ Phone _____

Please make check payable to St. Mary Church with "Haiti" noted in memo. **Please drop off in the Haiti collection box in the narthex by entrance doors or mail to St. Mary Church, 10307 Dundee Rd, Huntley, IL 60142.**

	$35—Feed a child a meal a day for the school year		$100—Classroom supplies for a year
	$50— Sponsor a student towards funding their education		$150—Provide a farmer with tools, training, seeds, and tree seedlings
	$ _____ Where need is the greatest		

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May the True Spirit of Christmas

Bless You and Keep You!

In this Spirit, a donation has been made to the

Haiti Ministry of St. Mary Church, Huntley

to help sponsor a child's education.

This gift was made by

(will vary depending on donation item selected)

Gift cards can be picked up from the gift card box on the table under our Haiti Ministry donation box!

If you are unable to pick up your gift card(s) at church, please complete below and we will mail to you:

Mail Gift card to: Name(s)_____

Address, City, State, Zip _____

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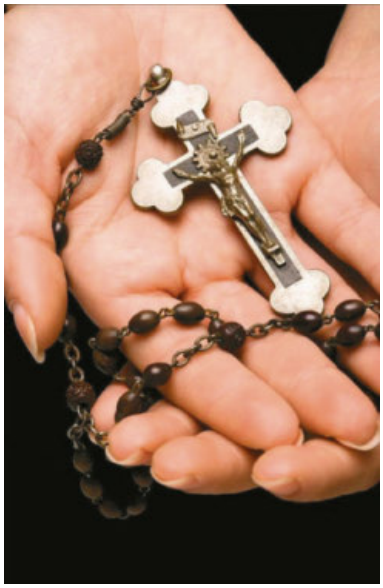
We also have gift cards for birthdays, anniversaries, and other special occasions. Forms can be found next to the Haiti drop box in the narthex by the main entrance doors.

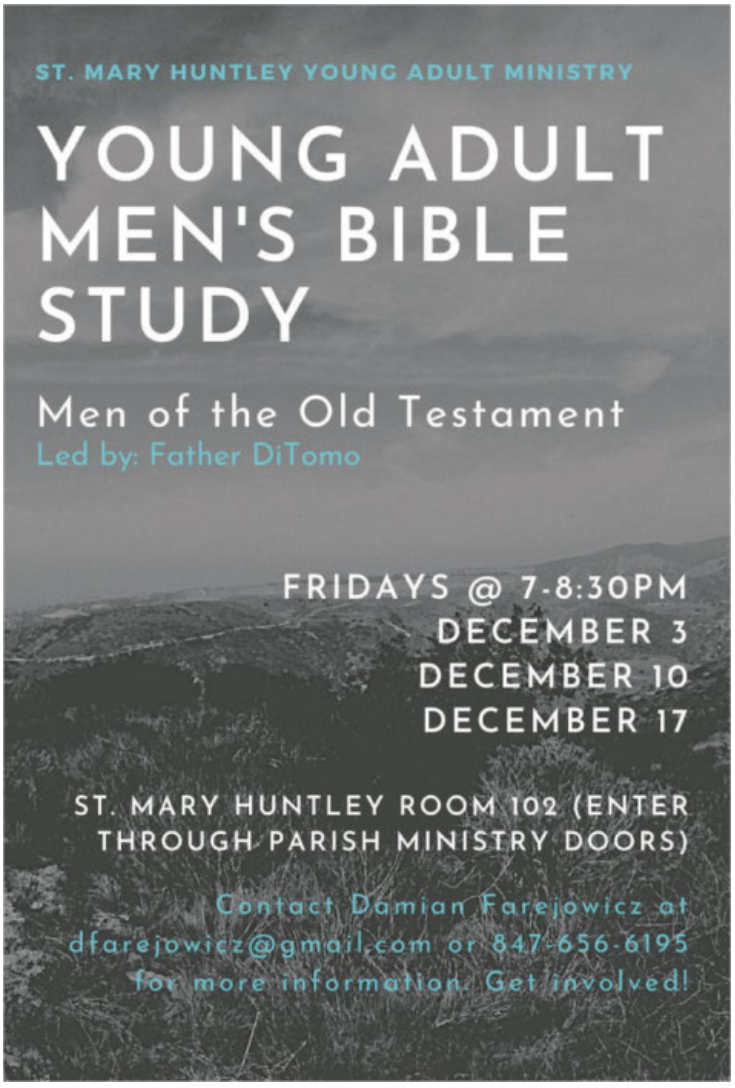
QUESTIONS? Please contact Linda Haney @847-567-8599 or Jeannie O'Leary @ 815-262-6170

Blessing Religious Items

Mondays following the 8:00 AM Mass



Due to the many requests to bless items, we will now be blessing items on MONDAYS ONLY. Please bring your items after the 8:00 AM Mass. If you cannot make it on Monday, you may drop your item off at the parish office any time of the week prior to Mondays and your item will be blessed along with the other items and you can pick your item up later that day.



Pietra Fitness For Women

A fitness class that stretches, strengthens and tones the body while refreshing the soul with prayer.

Pietra (meaning "rock" in Italian) is a word that reminds us of the importance of a solid foundation when building anything that is to have strength, stability, and longevity. At Pietra Fitness, our "whole person" workouts are built upon this concept. We utilize physical exercise to promote core strength as a solid physical foundation. For the soul, our workouts include prayer and meditations. This powerful combination truly benefits the entire human person.

Dates are: December 8th, 10th, 15th, 17th, 22nd; January 5th, 7th, 12th, 14th, 19th & 21st.

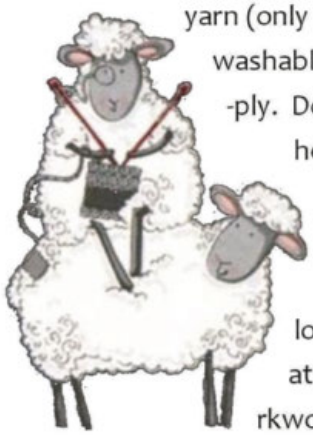
Time is 8:45 to 9:45 AM.

You will need to register in advance. For class you will need a mat and towel. Please contact Ann, Certified Pietra Fitness Instructor, at (630) 337-6203 to register.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting

Saturday, December 11th, 9:30 AM

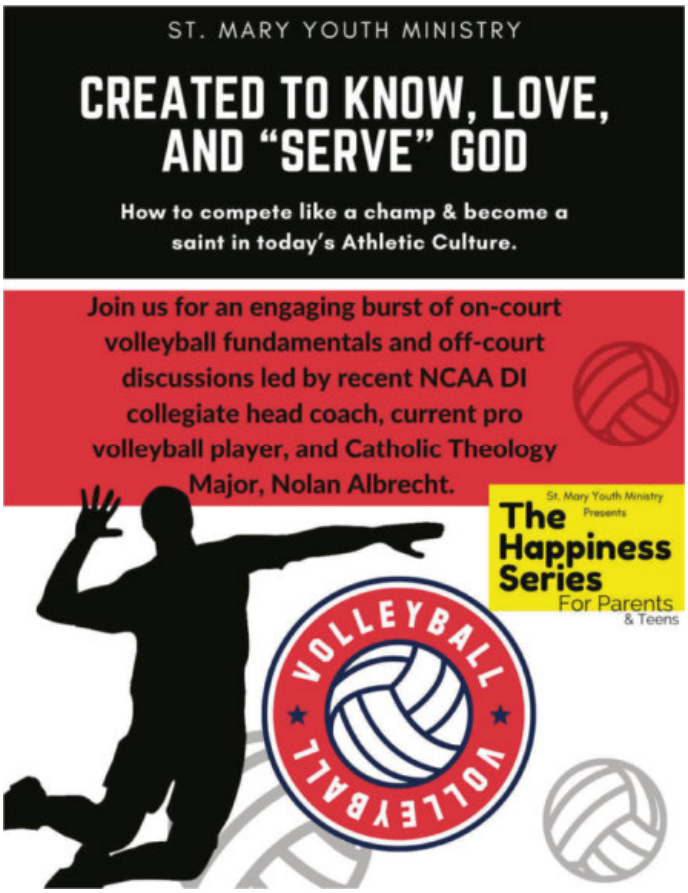
The Prayer Shawl Ministry will hold their regular monthly meeting on Saturday, December 11th, from 9:30 to 10:30 AM in the St. Elizabeth Room. Our prayer shawls are given to those of all ages who are seriously ill, hospitalized, homebound or grieving. We welcome new members who knit or crochet to join our ministry. We accept new yarn (only full skeins, no partials) that is washable, such as Red Heart or Bernat 4-ply. Donations are also appreciated to help with our supplies. If you need more information or would like to request a prayer shawl for a family member or loved one, please contact Kathy at (847) 361-9555 or rkwojo10@yahoo.com



Youth Ministry

LifeTeen Youth Ministry meets in the Parish Hall from 1:00 to 3:00 PM on Sundays. Come relax, grow your faith, and connect with others! Follow us on IG stmaryhuntleyym

On the weekend of December 17-19th



Join us for an engaging burst of on-court volleyball fundamentals and off-court discussions led by recent NCAA DI collegiate head coach, current pro volleyball player, and Catholic Theology Major, Nolan Albrecht. Open to High School teens in grades 9-12. **No prior experience is necessary. <u>All levels</u>** are sure to gain mad skills and have fun! Visit www.stmaryhuntley.org/retreats.html for exact times, days, and the link to register!

This Volleyball Retreat will include:

- Skill development
- Conversation about the relationship between sports and faith
- Parent talk from Coach Albrecht about how to holistically support your teen athlete mind, body, and soul
- So much fun!

Confession Times Offered as Follows:

Tuesdays,
6:00-6:30 PM
Wednesdays,
11:00 AM-12:00 PM
Saturdays,
8:30–9:00 AM
and <u>3:30</u>–<u>4:30 PM</u>

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year

By Rob & Kathy Hayes

Over the years, we've learned how to keep our sanity, but more importantly how to stay focused on the joyful message of Christmas and the preparation period of Advent.

We readily admit that some years we've felt a fair amount of stress as Christmas approaches. We're certainly not immune to the various pressures and traditions that "we just have to keep." Although there is no magic formula for a stress-free December, over our three decades of marriage we've settled into several traditions that help keep the focus on Christ's birth and contribute to what makes the season unique for our family.

Every year we celebrate Advent, Saint Nicholas (December 6), Saint Lucy (December 13), Saint Stephen (December 26), and Epiphany (January 6 or the Sunday after the Feast of Mary Mother of God). Our current parish also has a carol sing the Sunday evening before Christmas, which is always a great pause from the busyness leading up to the holiday. If that weren't enough, we celebrate our engagement date (two days prior to Christmas) by going out to dinner as a deliberate pause for the two of us amid all the activity.

We enjoy having an Advent Wreath on our kitchen table from the first Sunday of Advent until Christmas. We typically put up our Christmas decorations no earlier than two weeks before Christmas. This way, we're not tired of them by the time Christmas arrives and we're happy to keep them up through Epiphany to celebrate the entirety of the Christmas season.

Being a Coast Guard family, we often were not near our extended family, so our Christmas day was usually joyful but calm. We weren't on a tight schedule of trying to get to gatherings hosted by other family members. While we were stationed in the Washington, DC area, we started a tradition of attending noon Mass on December 26th for the Feast of St. Stephen at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception followed by a matinee movie (the only time in the year we see a movie in the theater) and dinner out.

We both come from families of generous gift-giving and wanted to keep gift-giving in perspective, so we settled on three gifts (plus a stocking) for our children — similar to Jesus' three gifts from the Magi. This tradition helped keep the volume of gifts in balance with what we were actually celebrating, especially when our children were younger.

Special meals are a big part of our Christmas traditions, so we have specific favorite meals and desserts for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Our schedule on Christmas Eve includes a fancy dinner, a picture of the kids dressed up in front of the tree, and then Christmas Eve Mass. Afterwards, the kids exchange their gifts with each other per the gift exchange they organize among themselves each year.

For many years we hosted an Epiphany party for our friends as a way to celebrate the end of the Christmas season. It was a great way to celebrate the close of the season, and there was less stress and less competition with other events, as it was after Christmas.

So, as Advent and Christmas approach, we look forward to our traditions to help us focus on the reason for the season. We pray for peace and hope in the coming of our Savior to displace our stress so that we may enjoy this wonderful time of the year.

Keep the faith.

From: https://catholiccurrent.org/living-the-faith/its-the-most-wonderful-time-of-the-year/

"It may be piously believed that at the moment of his [St. Joseph's] death, Jesus and the most Blessed Virgin, his spouse, were present. What exhortations! What consoling words! What promises! What luminous and enflamed words! In this moment of his passage toward eternity, what revelations on eternal goods must he have received from his most holy spouse and from Jesus, the most loving Son of God! I leave the contemplation and consideration of all this to your own devotion."

—St. Bernardine of Siena

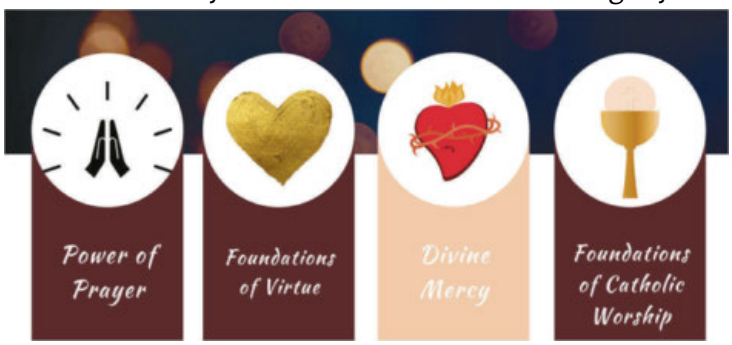
New in the Parish?

Please call the Parish Office at (847) 669-3137 and we can register you right over the phone. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Parish Mission: Prepare the Way of the Lord

December 6, 7, 8, 9; 7:00 to 8:00 PM,
St. Mary Church, 312 Lincoln Avenue, Woodstock, IL

Join Us for this Advent Mission led by Fr. Bill Casey of the Fathers of Mercy. Confession will be available nightly.



Advent at Cor Jesu

Weekend events include a Living Nativity Scene, Animals in the Manger talk by Deacon Dennis Holian (Saturdays at 7:00 PM), Live Christmas music, Christmas display, Christmas crafts, Cocoa, Cookies and more! Dates and times are:

Friday, December 10th, 5:00-8:00 PM
Saturday, December 11th, 4:00-8:00 PM
Friday, December 17th, 5:00-8:00 PM
Saturday, December 18th, 4:00-8:00 PM

Price: A donation to support their mission.

Visit www.corjesumission.org for more information or contact info@corjesumission.org or (815) 575-9480.

On the Cover

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Healing after an abortion? Contact projectrachelrockford@gmail.com

Widowed? Contact Joyful Again! at (708) 354-7211 or visit www.joyfulagain.org

Same Sex Attraction? Contact the chaplain of *Courage*, Fr. Phillip Kaim at pkaim@rockforddiocese.org

Family Member with Same Sex Attraction? Contact the *Encourage* support group chaplain, Fr. Ryan Browning at rbrowning@rockforddiocese.org

Marriage Difficulties? Contact Retrouvaille at (815) 351-6968 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com

AA Meeting? An AA Meeting is held here at St. Mary Church every Thursday evening at 7:00 PM.

Al-Anon Meeting? Al-Anon meets here at St. Mary Church every Saturday morning at 8:30 AM.

Family Members Left the Church? Tuesday afternoons following the 12:00 PM Mass, join your prayers with others praying for their loved ones.

The Week at a Glance

Monday, December 6

8:00 AM—Mass
6:00 PM—Confirmation
6:30 PM—Bear Den
7:00 PM—Growing in Christ

Tuesday, December 7

8:00 AM—Mass
9:00 AM—Be Formed
12:00 Noon—Mass
5:00 PM—Mass
6:00-6:30 PM—Confessions
6:45 PM—Webelos Den
7:00 PM—Bible Study
7:00 PM—Adult Choir
7:00 PM—K of C Officers

Wednesday, December 8

8:00 AM—Mass
9:00 AM—Bible Study
9:00 AM—Veritas
9:00 AM—Pietra
11:00 AM-12:00 PM—Confessions
12:00 Noon—Mass
5:00 PM—Mass
7:00 PM—Mass

Thursday, December 9

8:00 AM— Mass
8:30 AM—MMP
12:00 Noon— Mass
6:00 PM—Youth Christmas Choir
6:30 PM—RCIA/Catholicism 101
7:00 PM—Young Women's Group
7:00 PM—Alcoholics Anonymous
7:15 PM—Adult Choir

Friday, December 10

8:00 AM— Mass
9:00 AM—Magnify 90 Meeting
9:00 AM—Pietra Fitness
6:30 PM—Respect Life
7:00 PM—Magnify 90 Meeting
7:00 PM—Young Men's Group

Saturday, December 11

6:00 AM—That Man Is You
8:00 AM—Mass
8:30-9:00AM—Confessions
8:30 AM— Al-Anon
8:30 AM—Patriotic Rosary
9:00 AM—Exodus 90
9:30 AM—Prayer Shawl
10:00 AM—MFM 3rd Order
3:30 PM-4:30 PM—Confessions
5:00 PM— Mass
6:30 PM—Angelus Choir

Sunday, December 12

4:00 AM—Our Lady of Guadalupe Mananitas
5:00 AM—Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass
Masses at: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM, & 5:00 PM
9:00 AM—Child care during Mass
10:30 AM—Child care during Mass
1:00 PM—Life Night
1:30 PM—Sambayanihan Choir

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Schedule of Masses
Saturday Evening: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM, 12:00 NOON, 5:00 PM
During the week (or consult Bulletin for changes):
Monday through Saturday: 8:00 AM
Tuesday through Thursday: 12:00 NOON
Recitation of the Rosary
Monday through Friday – 7:30 AM
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Fridays – immediately following the 8:00 AM Mass

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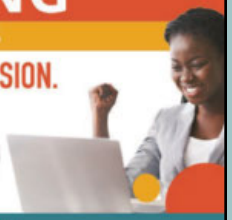

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