



*First Sunday of Advent
December 2, 2018
Inspired by the Spirit,
We choose to Love our faith, Live our faith, and Share our faith.*

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WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S & ST. KATHRYN'S

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	5:00 pm	†Ray Naidyhorski
Sun.	8:00 am	†Mary Newton
	10:00 am	†Pete Tracy
Mon.	7:30 am	Communion Service
Tue.	7:30 am	Communion Service
Wed.	7:30 am	Communion Service
Thu.	7:30 am	Communion Service
Fri.	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> (St. Mary's) 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.	
	9:30 am	<i>Mass at St. Clare's</i> †Wilfurd Fischer
Sat.	8:00 am	<i>Immaculate Conception Mass</i> (St. Mary's)
		†Rosie Thomas
	5:00 pm	Regular Weekend Mass (St. Mary's)
		†Mary Woodbeck
Sun.	8:00 am	†Roy Bradley
	10:00 am	†Ray Miller

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. and by appointment

CHURCH OFFERINGS LAST WEEK

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Adult.....	\$3,813.00
Loose.....	\$80.00
Visitor Offering.....	\$60.00
Votive Offering.....	\$4.00
Children/Students.....	\$5.25
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All Saints'.....	\$25.00
Capital Improvement Fund.....	\$130.00
Cemetery Fund.....	\$75.00

St. Kathryn's Church

Adult.....	\$555.00
Visitor Offering.....	\$120.00
Votive Offering.....	\$17.00
Children/Students.....	\$3.00
All Saints'.....	\$5.00
Sr. Federation Volunteer Hours.....	\$17.50
Capital Improvement Fund.....	\$102.00

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

~ Second Sunday of Advent ~

Baruch 5: 1-9 We have hope only through God.
Psalm 126 The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.
Philippians 1: 4-6, 8-11 Blessed be you, O Lord, who take pity on us.
Luke 3: 1-6 Christ came for every person, every family, every community in the world.

Prepare with the Sacrament of Reconciliation: The Sacrament of Reconciliation brings about a change of heart through God's mercy and forgiveness. Every time we sin, we hurt ourselves, other people and God. In Reconciliation, we acknowledge our sins before God and His Church (Confession). We express our sorrow in a meaningful way (Contrition), receive the forgiveness of Christ and His Church (Absolution), make reparation for what we have done and resolve to do better in the future (Penance). Join us at St. Mary's Church on Wednesday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. or at St. Kathryn's on Sunday, Dec. 16 at 7 p.m.



"Abba Father, we are an expectant people, always rushing to accomplish things, only to experience time slipping through our fingers. We expect things to improve, hoping that somehow we will not always put you, and our relationship with you, on the back burner of our lives. For this reason, we pause for a moment in prayer. Be with us during this season of Advent. Help us to come to an appreciation of "holy waiting."

~ THIS WEEK ~

TODAY: *St. Kathryn's Advent Social* after 8 a.m. Mass.
Coffee & Rolls after 10 a.m. Mass.
Tuesday: *Pastoral Associate Meeting* in St. Cloud - Rita attends.
Evening Bible Study Group meets at 7 p.m. in the Rectory.
Wednesday: *Deanery Meeting* at noon in Becker - Rita attends.
Family Faith Formation at St. Mary's at 6:30 p.m.
RCIA at 6:30 p.m. in the Rectory.
Knights of Columbus Month Meeting at St. Kathryn's.
Thursday: *Social Concerns Committee Meeting* at 7 p.m. in the Rectory.
Friday: *St. Mary's Holiday Fair* (see box)
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at St. Mary's.
Mass at St. Clare's at 9:30 a.m.
Saturday: *Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary* (Holy Day)
Mass at St. Mary's at 8 a.m.
Knights of Columbus Holiday Party in the Parish Center at 6 p.m.

Please remember in your prayers our parishioners and friends who are ill or recovering from surgery, especially Ella Katke, Rachel Clasemann, Ina Fetzek, B.J. Haak, Jeanine Bruesewitz, Carol Johnson (of St. Kathryn's), Virginia Allan, Lee Everson, Dennis Kunst, Lyn Katke, Louis Haak, Shirley Lang, Sylvia DuChene, Alta Miller, Whitney Hass, Arylis Munsterteiger, Dean Jensen, Henry McClellan, Sam Marohn, Mason VanVickle, Jim Pfeffer, Judy Becker, Leoda Cole, Rochelle DeBoer, Leonard Duerr, Bernie Klejeski, Dan Rodecap, Jason Richardson, Heidi Appel, Ann Sellner, Patrick Michael, Agnes L'Heureux, Mark Rothbauer, Al Torborg, Ed Ripka, Lorraine Templin, Marie Nordstrom-Larson, Bette Anderson, Art Lang, Beth Klejeski, Jan Pape, Andrew McDonald, Pauline Haley, Jack L'Heureux, Vince Shallbetter, Ray Krueger, Keith Hass, Elaine Johnson, Glen Johnstone, Roxie Grahn, Rody Stotts, Janice Landsteiner, Judy Kuehn, John McCallum, Bev Pollema, Terry Lippert, DeWayne Collins, MaryAnn Johnson and Julie Lang.

READINGS FOR IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Genesis 3: 9-15, 20 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike at your head, while you strike at his heel.
Psalm 98 Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous deeds.
Ephesians 1: 2-4 He chose us to be holy and without blemish.
Luke 1: 26-38 "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you."

Peer Ministry Training: Learn how to befriend people who are hurting in any way! Learn how to be the Good Samaritan in our community, our schools, and our churches. Learn how to help those in crisis and when to seek professional assistance. *Whether you are a teen, a young adult, a middle-ager or even a senior citizen, this is for you! Sign up by January 6 please!* See Rita or Robin at the Parish Office or call us at 679-1593.
Training will be held on Saturday, January 12 at the Mora High School from 8:45 to 5 p.m.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT † DECEMBER 2, 2018

St. Kathryn's Advent Social: Join us **TODAY** for our annual Advent Social in the Social Hall after the 8 a.m. Mass. Prayer, crafts to make, and snacks to share! Fun for all ages!

Support the Retirement Fund for Religious: A donor writes, "Your flyer touched my heart - seeing the retired religious, such memories surfaced." Do you remember the sisters, brothers or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. **Please give to next week's special collection with the envelope attached.**



Knights of Columbus Holiday Party Coming Soon! Members of the Knights of Columbus and their significant others and wives of deceased members are invited to come and enjoy this year's Holiday Party. **Saturday, Dec. 8** in the Parish Center - Social at 6 p.m. followed by dinner and then some entertainment. To make your reservation, call Ralph Toenies at 679-1165.

Movie of the Month: Scholars have debated whether the Star of Bethlehem was a legend created by the Church OR a miracle that marked the advent of Christ. Join us for "**Star of Bethlehem**" on **Saturday, Dec. 15** in the lower level of the Parish Center following the 5 p.m. Mass. We will have some eats for you!

Parents' Day Out Coming Soon! On **Sunday, December 9**, we invite you to drop your children off in the Parish Center between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. while you and your spouse finish shopping, go on a date, do some baking, or even take a nap! **Please sign up** on the church bulletin boards so we know how to plan - lunch, crafts, movies, and caretakers!

~ COMING SOON ~

Sun. Dec. 9: Family Faith Formation at St. Kathryn's after 8 a.m. Mass. **Rite of Acceptance & Welcome for RCIA** at 10 a.m.

Cookies for the Homebound delivered after the 10 a.m. Mass.

Parents' Day Out in the Parish Center from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Wed. Dec. 12: Early bulletin due today!

Advent Reconciliation Service at 7 p.m. at St. Mary's.

RE Classes for Gr. 7-11 at St. Mary's at 7 p.m.

Thurs. Dec. 13: Kanabec County Ministerial Meeting at 9 a.m.

Diocesan Planning Council Meeting in St. Cloud. Rita attends.

St. Mary/Kathryn Guild Annual Christmas Lunch at Kev's Depot at 11 a.m.

Sat. Dec. 15: Movie of the Month! (see box)

Cookies for the Homebound: We'll remember those individuals in our parishes who are no longer able to join us at Mass due to aging or illness this Christmas with some cookies. **If you signed up on the Stewardship sheets to bake for this event or if you simply enjoy baking cookies, please bring your donation to St. Mary's church basement next Sunday before the 10 a.m. Mass begins. And thank you so much!**

Book Review of the Week: Maybe one of your goals is to spend more time in prayer and reflection as you prepare for the Coming of Christ. Check out: "**Advent and Christmas: Wisdom from St. Francis of Assisi**" by John V. Kruse; "**Child of the Light: Walking Through Advent and Christmas**" - Beth A. Richardson; "**Living the Days of Advent and the Christmas Season**" - Ralph Wright, OSB; and "**Prepare Him Room - Advent for Busy Christians**" - Mary E. Latela.

~ SOCIAL CONCERNS CORNER ~

Waiting to Immigrate: Many Americans wonder why all immigrants do not just come to the United States legally or simply "get in line" if they are unauthorized. These suggestions miss the point: There is none available for unauthorized immigrants and the "regular channels" do not include them.

Immigration to the United States on a temporary or permanent basis is generally limited to three different routes: employment, family reunification, or humanitarian protection. While the US immigration system is generous, each of these possibilities is highly regulated and subject to numerical limitations and eligibility requirements. Most unauthorized immigrants do not have the necessary family or employment relationships and often cannot access humanitarian protection, such as refugee or asylum status.

To come to the United States **for employment purposes** - either temporarily or permanently - foreign workers must generally have a job lined up with an eligible employer who will sponsor them. An employer can request permission to bring in specific qualified foreign workers, but only if they meet the requirements, such as job skills and education level, and if the employer cannot find a qualified US worker to take the job first. Most of the qualifying professions for permanent immigration require high levels of education and professional experience such as scientists, professors, and multinational executives. There are also temporary, seasonal opportunities for agricultural workers and certain other "less skilled" workers. In most of these cases, **an employer must petition for the worker**.

Qualified family members in the United States can seek permission to bring in certain eligible foreign-born family members. In all cases, the petitioning family member in the United States must **demonstrate an income level above the poverty line and must commit to support the family member they are seeking to bring** to the United States. The foreign-born persons wishing to immigrate must meet eligibility requirements as well.

Each year the **United States sets a numerical limit** on how many refugees will be admitted for humanitarian reasons. To be admitted as refugees, individuals **must be screened by multiple international and US agencies and prove that they have a "well-founded fear of persecution based on race, religion, membership in a particular social group, political opinion, or national origin."** Asylum seekers are individuals already in the United States who fear returning to their home countries, and they must prove they meet the definition of a refugee.

As of May 2016, for most counties, unmarried children of US citizens must **wait more than 10 years**. People from countries with high levels of immigration to the United States - Mexico, China, India, and the Philippines - generally have longer waiting times. For example, married children of US citizens from Mexico must wait **more than 20 years** for a visa to become available, and Filipino siblings of US citizens currently wait about 25 years.

Green Tips for Winter: Let Your Windows Work for You. Windows can be a persistent source of energy inefficiency, but they can also work in your favor. Reduce your need for lighting during the day by opening windows and curtains around your house. In fact, you can also warm your house naturally by leaving the curtains of south-facing windows open during the day. When the sun goes down, close your curtains to help insulate your home by keeping warm air in and drafts out.

Advent is a Season of Waiting. The term Advent comes from the Latin *Adventus* which means coming. During these four weeks before Christmas, we look forward to both the celebration of our Savior's birth over 2,000 years ago, and his return in glory at the end of time. We place ourselves alongside the Israelites who prepared for the Savior's first coming for many centuries. **We are not always so good at waiting - even for four weeks.** Let's try some practical waiting. If we are in line at the store or at the clinic, let us be calm and patient, respectful to the others who are also waiting. In the midst of our busy schedules, let's take a deep breath and say a quick prayer, "Come, Lord Jesus." If filled with worry and anxiety, let's stop and sit for a moment and remind ourselves of the presence of the Lord. If feeling alone, try to do some small good for someone else each day. It will make the waiting seem not so long.

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