

# St. MARY OF NAZARETH

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday OF ADVENT



**Rev. John Frost, Pastor**  
276-4042 (office)  
**Deacon Tom Bradley**  
491-7789

#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday:** 5:00 pm

**Sunday:** 9:00 am and 11:00 am

**Weekdays:** Tuesday 8:00 am  
Wednesday 8:00 am  
Thursday 8:00 am  
Friday 8:00 am

**Holy Days of Obligation:**  
varies

#### **Sacrament of Penance:**

Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm or by request

#### **Marriages:**

At least six months notice, call 276-4042

#### **Baptisms:**

By appointment only, call 276-4042

#### **Online giving available**

Find it on the website at  
[www.stmarysdsm.org](http://www.stmarysdsm.org).

#### **Deadline for bulletin**

Monday by noon. E-mail to  
[stmarys@stmarysdsm.org](mailto:stmarys@stmarysdsm.org)

#### **Deadline for email blast and gathering area TVs**

Tuesday by noon. E-mail to  
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November 29, 2020 • *First Sunday of Advent*

## Thought for the Week

Get ready of anything that isn't useful. Clutter weighs you down in many ways.

### Sacrament of Penance

Fr. John will be offering extra opportunities during Advent to have your confession heard. They will be held in the church from **6-7pm**. The dates are:

**Monday, November 30**    **Monday, December 7**  
**Tuesday, December 15**    **Tuesday, December 22**

Father will also continue to hear confessions on Saturdays from 3:30-4:30pm or by appointment.

### Christmas Masses

In this time when we have capacity limits due to COVID-19, please help us accommodate all who wish to attend Christmas Masses by letting us know what time you plan to attend. For each Mass, seats will be available in both the Church and the Parish Hall and will be filled according to when parishioners arrive for the Mass. Our desire is to let all who want to worship at St. Mary's have the best experience possible.

To accomplish this, we have created a SignUpGenius for you to make your reservation.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a44adaf2aa3fa7-christmas3>

**DO NOT SIGN UP FOR PARISH HALL OVERFLOW SEATING UNLESS ALL CHURCH SLOTS HAVE BEEN FILLED!!** If you don't have access to a computer, please call the office to reserve a spot.

When you arrive at church, we will have ushers to guide you to your seat. There are 110 seats in the church. Once the church has reached capacity, guests will be directed to overflow seating in the parish hall where we have seating for 70 more. If you want to make sure you get a seat in the church, plan on arriving early. In the event that the church and hall reach capacity, late arrivals will be asked to attend one of the other Mass times. You will not be able to "save seats" for family members. An extraordinary minister will bring communion to the faithful in the parish hall.

As a reminder, Bishop Joensen has dispensed everyone from the Christmas obligation.

Please contact the parish office with questions or concerns!

Sincerely,  
Father John



Hello everyone and happy beginning of Advent!! We've arrived into a new Liturgical season. You may notice that Father John and Deacon Tom will be wearing purple (and rose) for the next few weeks during Mass. Does this color remind you of any other season in the Church? If you're thinking about Lent, we're on the same page! Purple is a color that indicates a time of preparation, repentance, and turning our hearts and minds back to God. Just as Lent is a time to prepare for the Resurrection, Advent is a time to prepare for the Nativity of Christ. Many people are familiar with the call to increase our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during the Lenten season, but did you know we are called to do that during Advent as well? The increase in prayer, the mastery of appetite, and intentional giving help us to be more receptive to God's voice and prepare us to celebrate in an extra special way when the Feast Day of Christmas/Easter arrive.

As we continue to be flexible with our meeting times for Youth Group, I ask that you offer up some of your preparatory actions of the Advent season for the spiritual wellbeing of our young people at St. Mary's. They have had a long year and could always use our prayers.

Please continue to check our Instagram (handle below) and the website for the most up to date information about meeting times and places for Youth Group.

Pax Christi,  
Catherine Mares  
Catherinem@stmarydsm.org  
**Instagram:** @stmary\_ym  
**Twitter:** @stmarydsm\_ym  
**Facebook:** @stmarydsmym

### Memorial Flowers

If you would like to donate flowers in memory of a loved one, please use one of the envelopes found in the church. Fill out the information and drop it in the collection bins. Your donation will be used to help purchase flowers to decorate the church for Christmas and be a reminder of your loved ones.

### ST. MARY OF NAZARETH COLLECTION

October 2020

	Actual	Last Year
Tithing Envelopes	\$22,578.00	\$36,609.60
On-Line Giving	\$13,140.00	\$9,945.00
Automatic Deposit	\$2,685.00	\$2,825.00
Monthly Total	\$38,403.00	\$49,379.60
Year-to-date	\$167,099.56	\$176,945.33
Plate	\$279.74	
Building Fund	\$1,087.00	

**Catholic Divorce Survival Guide series** will start at Holy Trinity on December 6<sup>th</sup>. This is a program meant to accompany those who have suffered from a divorce. This is an important ministry for those who are suffering especially during the holiday season and increased isolation during the pandemic.

The program most often involves 10 people or less, and COVID mitigation practices will be diligently adhered to. Further, if the situation warrants, the program will move to Zoom.

Contact Bill and Ann Moore for more information or to register at 515-480-3314 (Bill), 641-425-0109 (Ann), or email them at [moorefamilysm@gmail.com](mailto:moorefamilysm@gmail.com).



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Tuesday, December 1**  
 Faith Formation Council 7:00pm  
 Men's Discipleship 7:00pm

**Wednesday, December 2**  
 Women's Bible Study 9:30am - virtual  
 FF parent meeting 5:30 & 7:00pm  
 FF 2nd grade Sacramental Prep 5:30 & 7:00pm  
 Youth Group 7:00pm

**Friday, December 4**  
 Adoration 8:30-9:30am and 6:30-8:00pm

**NEW TO THE PARISH?**

Welcome!! Please fill out a registration form found in the white baskets as you enter the church or by downloading the form from our website. Once you have completed the form, return by mail or drop in the collection basket.

**PASTORAL CARE**

If you or a family member is in a care facility, homebound, or hospitalized and wish a visit or are in need of a meal, please contact Fr. John at 515-276-4599 or Deacon Tom at 515-491-7789.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Frank Pontisso, a charter member of St. Mary's and Cris Williams, husband of Rose who passed away this month, also Steve Plew, Sid Carroll, Danny Roberts, Craig Nelson, Shad Dooly, Kevin Smith, Dick Heger, Kathryn Schuster, Viola Dubay, Al Kolis, David Bahr, Yvonne Schuh, Larry Fettig, Cathy Palmer, Jack & Rosemary Marshall, Deb Tranel, Sheila McMichael, and Catherine Roth



**MASS SCHEDULE AND**

**INTENTIONS**

**Sunday, November 29**  
 9:00am LaVonne Fettkether  
 11:00am For the Parish

**Tuesday, December 1**  
 8:00am Phil Collison

**Wednesday, December 2**  
 8:00am Dan Flannery

**Thursday, December 3**  
 8:00am Betty Lombardo

**Friday, December 4**  
 8:00am Peg Minear

**Saturday, December 5**  
 5:00pm Louie & Bert Ferderber

**Sunday, December 6**  
 9:00am For the Parish  
 11:00am John Britt

**PARISH STAFF**

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