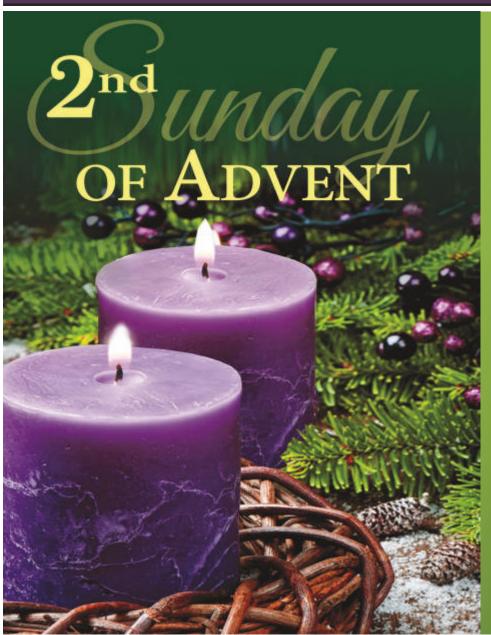
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Mass Schedule Saturday: 5:00 pm

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:

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Sacrament of Penance:

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

Marriages:

At least six months notice, call 276-4042

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Thought for the Week Whatever doesn't kill you, really does make you stronger.

Immaculate Conception of the **Blessed Virgin Mary**

Masses for the holy day will be held in the church Tuesday, December 8 at 8:00am and 6:00pm.

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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:

Mon. Dec. 7 Tues. Dec. 15 Tues. Dec. 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 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, ushers will guide you to your seat. Once the church has reached capacity, guests will be directed to overflow seating in the parish hall where Mass will be livestreamed. 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. (Reminder-Bishop Joensen has dispensed everyone from the Christmas obligation). Please contact the parish office with questions or concerns!

Sincerely, Father John

..... Earlier Bulletin Deadlines due to Holidays

Dec. 13 bulletin...deadline has passed

Dec. 20 bulletin...noon deadline on Dec. 10

Dec. 27 bulletin...noon deadline on Dec. 16

Jan. 3 bulletin...noon deadline on Dec. 22



Happy second week of Advent! Our Faith Formation Advent Book Drive is still happening! We are asking all teens to think back to what their favorite book was in preschool and then bring a new/gently used copy of that book to donate to Woodlawn Early Education Center! Book donations are accepted 'til Dec. 15th. Youth Group will be wrapping the books on Dec. 16th at 7pm in the parish hall. All teens welcome!

Please continue to check our social media for the most up-to-date information about Youth Ministry gatherings/happenings.

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.

THANK YOU

The Habitat for Humanity team at St. Mary's would like to extend a heartwarming thank you to all those who contributed to the house build for this year. Even though it was a challenge for fundraising this year due to the pandemic, our parishioners once again demonstrated their generous support. As a result, we are pleased to announce that we were able to raise over \$2,600 to contribute towards the house build!

Thanks again for your support, and we look forward to an even bigger year next year.

REMINDERS

This is the last week to donate winter weather wear for all ages. The final day to drop off is Friday, December 11. All items will be distributed the following day. The collection box can be found in the gathering area of the church. Thank you for your generosity so far!

Hy-Vee, Fareway, and Price Chopper grocery cards are available in the office during business hours. These cards make your holiday shopping so easy, and they are great as stocking stuffers. You receive the full amount on the card plus St. Mary's receives 3% of each card. The Men's Club uses this to help support the youth group and several other church projects.

Suggestions for the Advent Season

Do you want to get more out of the Advent Season? Then consider these 7 Habits of Faith:

- 1. Ask for God's blessing each morning.
- 2. Call upon the saints.
- 3. Reach out to help a neighbor in need.
- 4. Receive the Eucharist for strength.
- 5. Offer a prayer at mealtime.
- 6. Savor a few minutes of silence.
- 7. Give thanks to God each night.

Use any or all these habits to help you grow in your faith this Advent Season.



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Congratulations to Logan Christine Whitlow, daughter of Olivia, who was recently baptized.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, December 7

Confessions 6-7pm

Wednesday, December 9

Women's Bible Study 9:30am—virtual Music practice 5:30pm Youth Group 7:00pm

Thursday, December 10

Pastoral Council 7:00pm—virtual

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

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, December 6

9:00am For the Parish 11:00am John Britt

Tuesday, December 8 - Holy Day

8:00am Job Kemp 6:00pm For the Parish

Wednesday, December 9

8:00am Jim Lawler

Thursday, December 10

8:00am Elizabeth Blakely

Friday, December 11

8:00am No Mass

Saturday, December 12

5:00pm Allyn Salz

Sunday, December 13

9:00am For the Parish 11:00am Vernon Kahler

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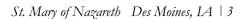
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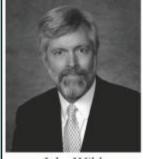
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