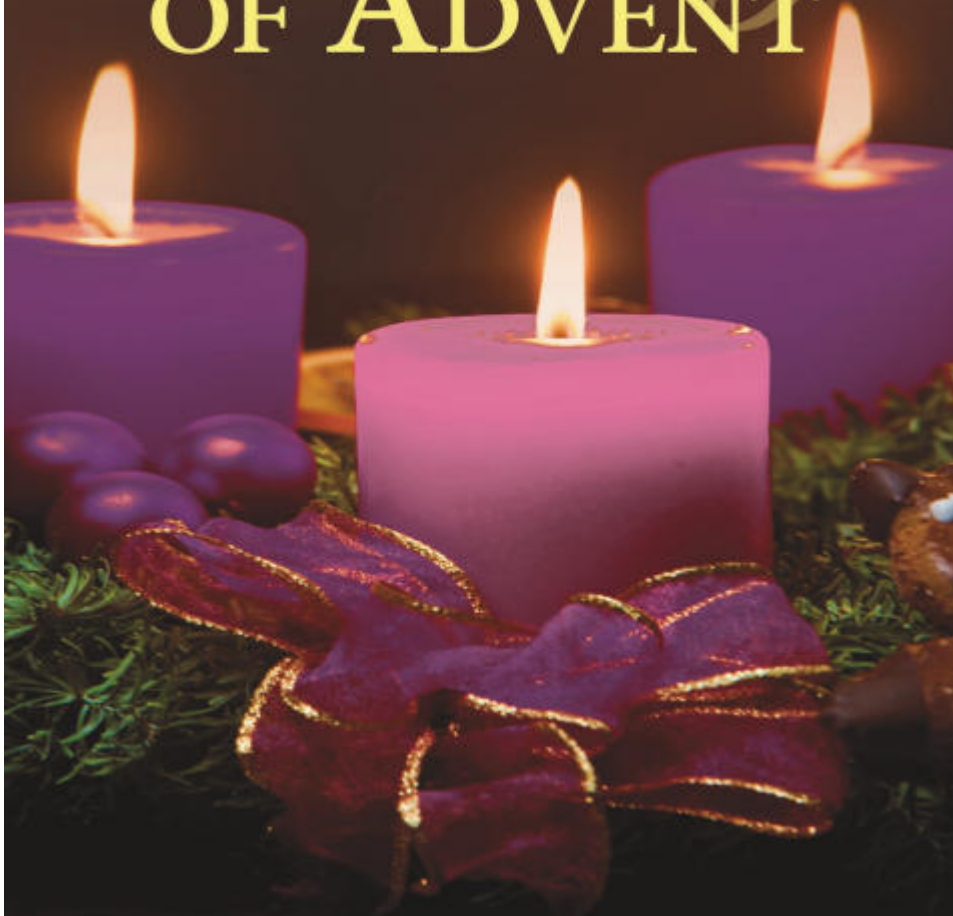


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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday OF ADVENT



**Rev. John Frost, Pastor**  
276-4042 (office)  
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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).

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Monday by noon. E-mail to  
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December 13, 2020 · *Third Sunday of Advent*

## Thought for the Week

**When it comes to going after  
what you love in life, don't  
take no for an answer.**

### **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:

**Tuesday, Dec. 15    Tuesday, Dec. 22**

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

***MASKS REQUIRED!! Please wear a mask in church. While you may not fear getting sick, it's an act of charity and love to do what we can to prevent others from getting sick.***

### **Christmas Mass Sign-Up**

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.

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>**

If you don't have access to a computer, please call the office to reserve a spot.

**YOU STILL NEED TO ARRIVE EARLY** for Christmas Mass. Ushers will not allow people to hold seats. If you want to sit together, plan on arriving at the same time.



### **Merry Christmas Gift Cards**

**Hy-Vee, Price Chopper, and Fareway** grocery cards are still available for purchase from the Men's Club this holiday season. Contact the parish office to purchase cards during business hours before you go Christmas shopping or to pick up holiday treats. Cards can be picked up in the office, or we will arrange to mail or drop them off. The Church receives 3% of each card sold.

Proceeds support the church youth group and several other church and local charitable projects.

Don't forget gift cards make great stocking stuffers, gifts for employees, family, or a friend in need.

### **Earlier Bulletin Deadlines due to Holidays**

Dec. 20 bulletin...deadline has passed

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

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



Happy third week of Advent! Our focus for this week is on JOY. What brings you joy? When I struggle to find things that truly spark joy, I like to ponder what brought Jesus joy as a teenager. I'm sure he loved hanging out with his friends and family. I am positive he and St. Joseph had a great time making beautiful pieces in the carpentry shop together. I am certain that He even enjoyed helping Mother Mary clean up after dinner. These things are small, but they can and do produce great amounts of joy!

Here is an idea on how you can bring JOY to someone else's life this winter season - our Faith Formation Advent Book Drive! 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 until Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. As of right now, book wrapping is tentatively scheduled for this upcoming Wednesday. We will continue to assess case numbers and take your family's safety as our #1 priority. Should we not feel it safe to proceed with wrapping, we will send out an email to all Faith Formation families with our updated plan.

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

### **ONLINE GIVING**

**The Christmas Collection is now online.**

**Find online giving details on our website using this link:**  
**<https://22615.sites.ecatholic.com/onlinegiving>**

**Thank you for your continued support!**

### **2020 DONATIONS**

**Donations for 2020 need to be in the office no later than Thursday, December 31. (Parish offices are only open until noon). Those postmarked no later than December 31 will also be applied to 2020.**

### **Memorial Flowers**

If you would like to donate flowers in memory of a loved one, please use one of the envelopes found in the gathering area of 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.



### Silent Night Sing-a-long

Join the "Silent Night" Sing-a-long on Christmas Eve at 7:00 pm. All you need to do is grab the family and--

- Go outside on your porch, deck, balcony, or curb.
- Shine a light (candle or cellphone) and sing along to *Silent Night* (2 verses) as we stand together with a wish for a peaceful end to this crazy year!
- Take a moment to reflect on the meaning of Christmas.

Pass this along to your neighbors and friends. Let's have all of Iowa raise their voices!



**HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.**

### 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.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Monday, December 14

Stephen Ministers 6:30pm

#### Tuesday, December 15

Confessions 6-7pm

Men's Discipleship 7:00pm

### 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

Harlan & Louise Ziel, Steve Plew, Sid Carroll, Danny Roberts, Craig Nelson, Shad Dooly, Kevin Smith, Dick Heger, David Bahr, Yvonne Schuh, Larry Fettig, Jack & Rosemary Marshall, Deb Tranel, Sheila McMichael, and Catherine Roth



### MASS SCHEDULE AND

#### INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, December 13

9:00am For the Parish

11:00am Vernon Kahler

#### Tuesday, December 15

8:00am Norma Fitts

#### Wednesday, December 16

8:00am Jim Kempenich

#### Thursday, December 17

8:00am Eugene DaLuga

#### Friday, December 18

8:00am LaVonne Fettkether

#### Saturday, December 19

5:00pm Jerry Weber

#### Sunday, December 20

9:00am Derek Jacobson

11:00am For the Parish

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