

St. Mary's Church

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DECEMBER 26, 2021
HOLY FAMILY

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Monday–Friday8:15 am–4:00 pm

Bulletin DeadlineMon. at 10:00 am

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## St. Marys Catholic Cemetery

604 Joseph Road

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Email: 604cemetery@windstream.net

## MASS SCHEDULE

**LORD'S DAY:** .....Saturday.....5:00 pm

Sunday ..... 6:30, 8:30 &10:30 am

Radio Mass .10:30 am (WKBI AM 1400)

**WEEKDAYS** (Mon.–Sat.):..... 8:30 am

Holy Days ..... 6:30 pm Vigil

8:30 am and 5:30 pm day of

## DAILY ADORATION

Monday-Sunday .....9am-8pm

Except during Mass times

## DEVOTIONS

Prayer Hour(Tues.)..2:00 pm–3:00 pm

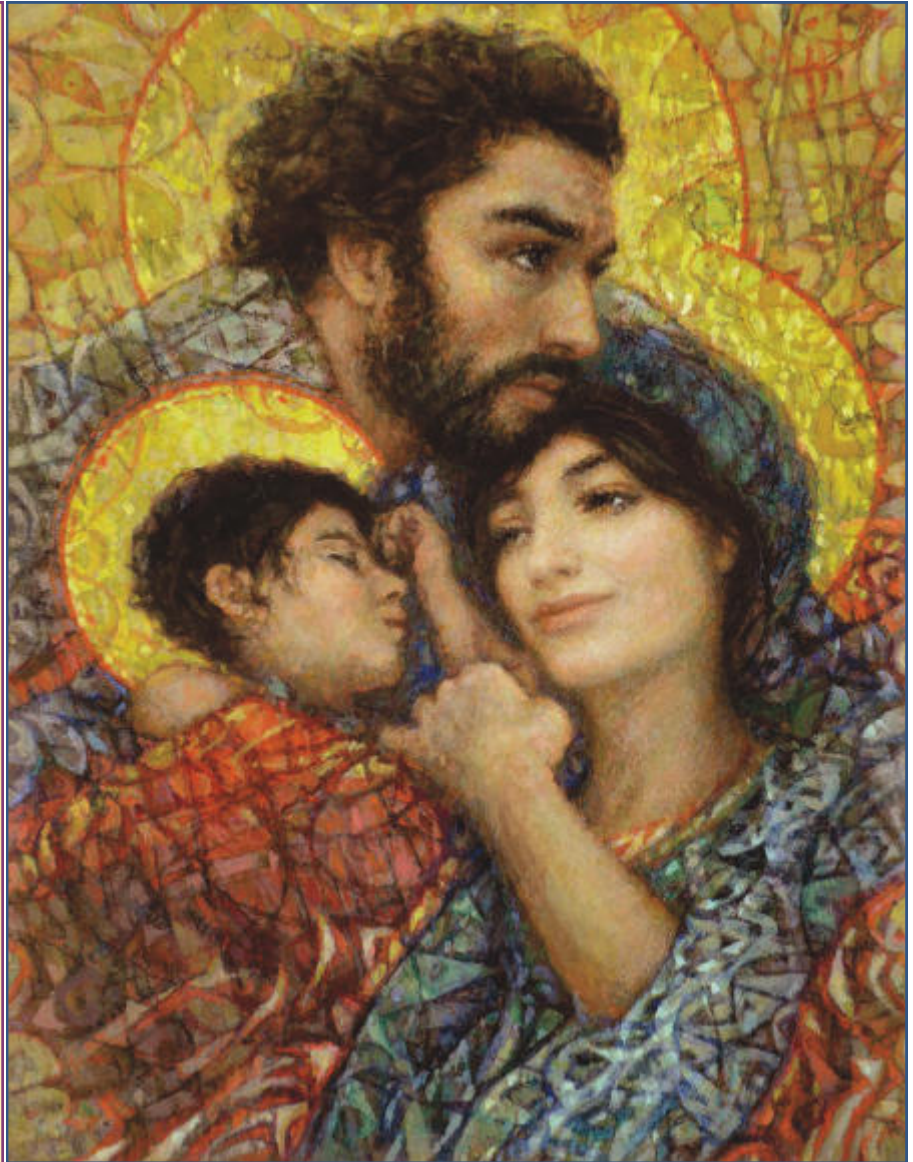
Rosary & Stations (silently)..every day

## CONFESSION

Saturdays: 3:30-4:30PM.

And Thursday before 1st Friday from

4:00-5:00PM.



We wish you a Merry Christmas  
and a Blessed New Year!

From Your Parish Family Fr. Peter  
Augustine, Kim, Ann Marie, and Bonnie

THE SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISM**

Baptism are held on Sundays following the 10:30AM Mass. Arrangements must be made in advance at the Parish Office by at least one parent. Parents and God-parents must attend a Baptismal Preparation Class prior to the baptism.

**RECONCILIATION**

Thursday before 1st Friday 4:00-5:00PM and every Saturday 3:30-4:30PM. *Anytime by appointment, 781-1019.*

**MATRIMONY**

Couples should contact the Parish Office. Arrangements should be made at least 6 months in advance. Pre-Cana or Engagement Encounter is required.

**SICK AND HOME BOUND**

Please inform the Parish Office if a member of your family is sick and in need of anointing or would like their name placed on our First Friday Communion List.

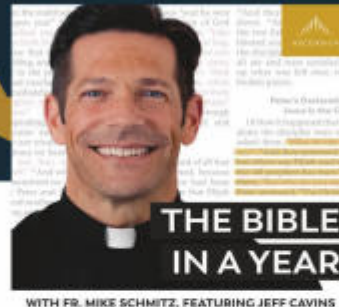
**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)**

The RCIA process is offered for those interested in joining the Catholic Faith. For more information, please contact Sandy Reider, 781-1216.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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**BAPTISMAL PREP CLASSES**

Tues. Jan. 4 6:30-7:30PM Queen of the World 834-4701

Wed. Jan. 19 7:00-8:00PM Holy Rosary/Jburg 965-2819

**PRE-CANA SESSIONS (Erie locations on request)**

Contact your pastor for information.

**"31" DAY VOCATION CALENDAR**



- 12-27 Mary Lou Schutz
- 12-28 Dee Pontzer
- 12-29 Jerry & Patty Prechtl
- 12-30 Dick Wolfe
- 12-31 Janet Wolfe
- 1-01 Yolanda Wolfel
- 1-02 Dick Sweeney

**SANCTUARY CANDLES**

**Candles will be burned this week for the following intentions:**



- † Paul Woodward & Frank Lamari &
- † James G. & Sophie Bauer

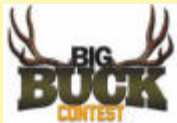
To schedule an intention or week, please call the Parish Office; the offering is \$10 per intention per week.

**PRAYER CHAIN**

For needed prayers, please call Charlene @ 335-5098; or Mary Lou @ 781-6953. Or drop your intention in the prayer box at the side entrance of the church to be prayed during the office staff Tuesday prayer hour from 2-3pm.

**ST. HUBERT'S COMMITTEE — BIG BUCK CONTEST**

Open to **active** parish members only. Prize— a plaque and a gift certificate. Call Matt (781-3588) or Shane (512-1045) to have your buck measured. The deer must be legally harvested during the 2021-22 hunting season.



We've decided to cancel our Epiphany Party that we have each year on the Epiphany at the Red Fern. With COVID still lingering, we'll just wait 1 more year till we get together to celebrate our wonderful volunteers. Know that we appreciate all of you!



**MASS INTENTIONS**

| DATE                                   | MASS              | REQUESTED FOR                                                                     |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b><br><i>December 26</i>    | <b>(6:30 AM)*</b> | <b>HOLY FAMILY</b><br><b>CONVENTUAL MASS</b> <i>Private Intention</i>             |
|                                        | <b>8:30 AM</b>    | † Alfred & Alberta Sorg                                                           |
|                                        | <b>10:30 AM</b>   | L/D Kathleen & Carmen D'Amore Family                                              |
| <b>Monday</b><br><i>December 27</i>    | <b>8:30 AM</b>    | <b>JOHN, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST</b><br>L/D Ronald & Patricia Rollick Fam             |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br><i>December 28</i>   | <b>8:30 AM</b>    | <b>THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS</b><br>† Deceased Albert & Mary<br>Bickmire Family |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br><i>December 29</i> | <b>8:30 AM</b>    | <b>5TH DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS</b><br>† Carol Heindl Ferringer             |
| <b>Thursday</b><br><i>December 30</i>  | <b>8:30 AM</b>    | <b>6TH DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS</b><br>† Poor Souls in Purgatory            |
| <b>Friday</b><br><i>December 31</i>    | <b>8:30AM</b>     | <b>7TH DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS</b><br>† Vincent, Florence & Celine Schlimm |
| <b>Friday</b><br><i>December 31</i>    | <b>4:30 PM</b>    | <b>SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD</b><br><i>For the People of the Parish</i>    |
| <b>Saturday</b><br><i>January 1</i>    | <b>8:30 AM</b>    | † Fran & Bubba Green                                                              |
| <b>Saturday</b><br><i>January 1</i>    | <b>5:00 PM</b>    | <b>EPIPHANY</b><br>† Jack & Joanne Schneider                                      |
|                                        | <b>(6:30 AM)*</b> | <b>CONVENTUAL MASS</b> <i>Private Intention</i>                                   |
|                                        | <b>8:30 AM</b>    | L/D George & Helen Foster Fam.                                                    |
| <b>Sunday</b><br><i>January 2</i>      | <b>10:30 AM</b>   | L/D Francis V. Schatz Family                                                      |

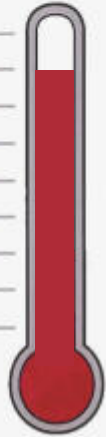
Congratulations to Justin & Mary Meyer Eckert as they celebrated their Holy Marriage here at St. Mary's Church on Saturday, December 11th.



# FORWARD TOGETHER

2021 Catholic Services Appeal

100%  
80%  
60%  
40%  
20%



PARISH NAME:  
St. Mary's

DIOCESAN GOAL:  
\$ 100,569

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Total Pledged to Date  
**\$94,590**  
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Please consider donating to the CSA **now**, we are still \$6,000 short of our Diocesan Goal, which we have to pay whether we reach our goal or not. We have until the end of January, consider giving.

*The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace.*

**PLEASE Consider this ministry!!!**

## SUNDAY MEALS ON WHEELS—NEEDS A CORDINATOR

Phyllis Cook has been coordinator for 54 years. She is moving in December and would like to get someone trained to take over. The schedule is already made out til Jan-Feb of 2022. It is made out a year at a time. Coordinator calls volunteers to see if they are willing to continue delivering for the next year, then makes out the new schedule. She also recommends making calls the Saturday prior to their shift to make sure that no one forgets. If you would be interested in taking over this very rewarding program, call the St. Mary's parish office, 814-781-1019.



## Share your favorite "Sister/Father" Story

If you have a happy or memorable story about the Benedictine nuns/fathers or the St. Mary's Church, we would love to share it in our Parishioner Spotlight. Send in your story to the Parish Office at 325 Church St, or email us at [smchurch1@windstream.net](mailto:smchurch1@windstream.net). We're excited to share your memories with the rest of the congregation.

**THANK YOU** to all of those who volunteered and donated items in this year's Christmas Store at St. Marys Catholic Elementary School. This is always a huge success and greatly enjoyed by our students. Merry Christmas!

A BIG Thank You to everyone who donated to the Giving Tree this past Christmas. Through your generosity, hundreds of children got to enjoy a Merry Christmas. May God richly bless you and your families.



**BEWARE**

For everyone's safety, the Former Convent Property is CLOSED to ALL foot and vehicle traffic. If you would like to watch, you **MUST** stay outside the perimeter fencing. It is an official construction site!

THE LORD BE WITH YOU!



Dear people of St. Mary's,

Today we join in celebrating the **Feast of the Holy Family of JESUS, Mary, & Joseph.**

The Sacred Scripture today shows us how quickly GOD's plan for salvation moves from the birth of JESUS, His Son, just hours ago, to JESUS as a young teenager as he begins to engage in the work of establishing the Father's kingdom among us.

First, we learn that JESUS stays behind after the festival and then is found in the temple asking the teachers questions [Luke 2:43-46]. JESUS is also answering their questions, astonishing them with His wisdom and knowledge. When asked why He has done this without telling His parents, JESUS replies with a question that can be translated two ways: (1) *"Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"* or (2) *"Did you not know that I must be about my Father's business?"* [Luke 2:49b]. The words of JESUS can mean either and in fact seem to mean both. And, we will see that later accounts in the Gospel of St. Luke, are largely focused on JESUS doing GOD's will in the temple or while journeying to the temple. JESUS is already engaged in the work that GOD the Father has given Him.

Next, we see Mary & Joseph legitimately worried and puzzled. These emotions are clear in Mary's words to JESUS after finding Him: *"Son, why have You done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for You with great anxiety"* [Luke 2:48]. There is much that Mary has experienced that has been perplexing and much that she will experience in the life of her son, JESUS, that will be difficult to grasp in the light of His role as GOD's Son. But Mary has the disposition to grow in her faith because she is willing to reflect on her experiences of GOD in her life. Following JESUS' answer quoted above [Luke 2:49b], we hear, *'and His mother kept all these things in her heart'* [Luke 2:51]. You may remember that Mary does the same thing when she hears what the shepherds say about JESUS after His birth [Luke 2:19].

Let us pray: **Lord GOD, give us the grace to follow the example of Mary [& Joseph] through the Christmas Season and beyond. May the way we live, sing out our witness to You: "Glory to GOD in the highest and peace to His people on earth!"**

*Fr. Peter Augustine, OSB*

THE TIME TO VOLUNTEER IS NOW!!!

**We are in desperate need of:**

**Sacristans for 5PM, 8:30AM, and 10:30AM Masses.** New schedules will be done for the New Year and we are short on help. (Sacristans simply come 10 minutes before Mass begins, complete a couple tasks and you're out by 10 minutes after Mass ends.)

**Lectors for 5PM Mass.** You get a practice book, so you can read the readings before you come in to lector.

If you would like more information about our ministries and volunteer opportunities, please call the parish office with any questions. 781-1019. (You will **NOT** be scheduled until you feel ready.)



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Samantha Nedzinski.....ext. 3  
*Middle School (6-8)*

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Nick Heise .....ext. 5  
*LifeTeen(9-10)/Youth Minister/  
Confirmation Coordinator*

christsdisciple19@gmail.com

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*High School .....Nick Heise*  
*"Rooted" Youth Ministry Program*

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**

The Middle School Youth Group will meet on the 1st and last Wednesday of the month. **Wednesday, December 22** at the iCafe/CYMA building from 5:30-7:30PM. Come over and see what youth group is all about. All Middle Schoolers are welcome!

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING**

Andy & Cathy Dornisch 512-0818

**RCIA**

If you want to become a Catholic or you are a Catholic who wants to know more about your Faith, call Sandy Reider, 781-1216. Usual sessions are on Sundays at 1:30PM in the Cafeteria.

**Faith Formation**

**(Former Catholic Middle School), 325 Church Street**

- Sun. Dec. 26** NO Faith Formation for Grades 6-11 – Christmas Break
- Wed. Dec. 29** NO Elementary Faith Formation – Christmas Break
- Sun. Jan. 2, 2022** First Grade Sacred Heart session 10:45 – noon at Sacred Heart Parish Center Atrium  
NO Faith Formation for Grades 6-11 – Christmas Break
- Wed. Jan. 5** Elementary Faith Formation (grade 1-5) 6:00pm – 7:30pm
- Sun. Jan. 9, 2022** First Grade Sacred Heart session 10:45 – noon at Sacred Heart Parish Center Atrium  
Confirmation retreat 10:30 – 4:30pm at St. Mary’s Church Parish Center. Will start with Mass at 10:30am Mass at St. Mary’s Church.  
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*Join us for New Year's Masses*

*New Year's Day*

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

**Friday, December 31**

4:30 PM (Vigil)

**Saturday, January 1, 2022**

8:30 AM

*Sunday, January 2*

5:00 PM (Saturday Vigil)

6:30 AM, 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM\*

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