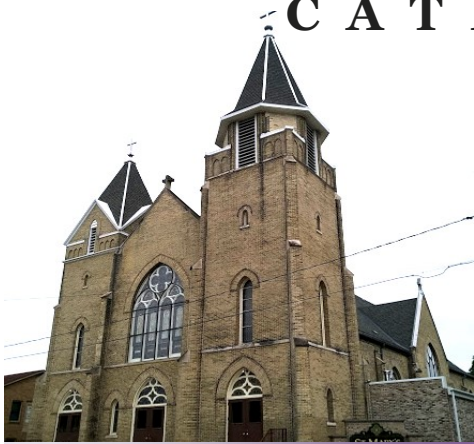


DECEMBER 1, 2019

# SAINT MARY'S

## CATHOLIC CHURCH



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St. Mary's Parish

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Weekdays

Tuesday 5:30 pm  
Wed, Thurs, & Fri 8:30 am

#### Weekends

Saturday 7:00 pm  
Sunday 9:00 am & 1:00 pm

#### Adoration

Wed, Thurs, & Fri 8:00 - 8:30 am

#### Confessions

Tuesday 5:00 pm  
Saturday 6:00 pm

#### Rosary

Before Saturday Vigil Mass and  
Sunday 9:00 am Mass

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

Pat Mitchell (Chair)  
Jeanette Crowley (Secretary)  
Jerome Senzig, Sandy Madland,  
Joan Holig-McCormick, &  
Linda Lochner

### FINANCE COUNCIL

Kim Betthausen (Chair)  
Sheri Guyse (Secretary)  
Penny Arens, Jim Cauley,  
& Cory Holig



## **Mass Intentions**

**Tuesday, December 3,**  
5:30 pm † Fr. Edwin Thome  
By: Fr. Clayton

**Wednesday, December 4,**  
8:30 am † Pete & Delores  
Cauley  
By: Pete & Linda Lochner

**Thursday, December 5,**  
8:30 am Holy Souls in Purgatory  
By: Dziewior Family

**Friday, December 6,**  
8:30 am † Don Donnelly  
By: Mike & Marsha  
Horkan

**Saturday, December 7,**  
7:00 pm † Vicki Puetz  
By: Jim & Judy Hall

**Sunday, December 8,**  
9:00 am † John Hall  
By: Family  
1:00 pm Parishioners' Mass



**FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS**  
DEC. 6

## **Upcoming Events**

**St. Mary's Christmas Brunch**  
December 8th, 10:00 am

**Parish Pastoral Council**  
December 10th, 6:30 pm

**The Star of Bethlehem Showing**  
December 12, 6:30 pm

**Communal Penance Service**  
December 21st, 3-6 pm

**Ladies Sodality Meeting**  
January 9th, 1:00 pm

**Parish Finance Council**  
January 14th, 6:30 pm

## **Within the Word – A Christ Centered Life**

Folks, as we begin our new Church year in Advent, we're reminded to reflect on our lives – to be ready and prepare for the second coming. Keeping Christ at the center of our lives is the surest way to do it. Our lives are not just about us. A mother and a father can easily recognize this, so should we when we think of others. Christian love is always about the other, for the good of the other. Our Lord wishes us to be close to Him, in hopes that when He calls we'll be ready and waiting.

I invite everyone to reflect on your relationship with God this Advent. Look within and examine each bond with the Divine Persons. Take the time to ask yourself; is God at the center of my life? Do I follow Him? Like Zacchaeus am I even a little bit interested? I hope that everyone can grow deeper this Advent and develop that deep personal friendship with Our Lord.

There are challenging times ahead and tough imagery to reflect upon— floods, capturing, thieving. These are frightening life-changing events. We must be prudent and prepared, for we only have one life to live. This Advent ask yourself; how am I living my faith? I know it's hard, but we need to be in tune with Jesus always; not just sometimes but all the time. Not just when we want something, but always ready for what comes each day. Be on guard and careful not to fall docile and lax in your faith.

Jesus is not asking us to stay awake all night, but to simply live in the present, so we can recognize Him when He comes again. Remember, He shows himself in the smallest moments in our lives; the interruptions, the accidents and the joys that come everyday. Staying awake means paying attention and being alert. Take time to pray this Advent, really pray. Looking ahead, you don't want to be caught off guard when the Lord comes. Practice and believe. Hold strong to the faith and be patient. All things will find their completion through Him, who is to come...

## **The Star of Bethlehem**

Come watch the documentary on the big screen in the church basement!

**Thursday, December 12, @ 6:30 p.m.**

"The film presents a magnificent display of the evidence to support the claims made for the Star of Bethlehem, done in a way that engages even the most hostile viewer in an entertaining and easily understandable format. This amazing documentary underscores the Biblical words that 'The heavens declare the glory of God.' to do our part of fulfilling Christ's mission for the Church. ...**A film that will enthrall the whole family!**"

## Area Advent Penance Services

December 4th - Sacred Heart, Reedsburg - 6:15 p.m.  
 December 5th - St. Joe's, Baraboo - 7:00 p.m.  
 December 7th - St. Mary's, Portage - 10:30 a.m.  
 December 15th - Queen of the Apostles, Tomah - 3:30 p.m.  
 December 19th - St. Cecilia's, Wis. Dells - 6:00 p.m.  
 December 19th - St. Patrick's, Mauston - 7:00 p.m.  
 December 21st - St. Mary's, Lyndon Station - 3:00 p.m.  
 with Eucharistic Adoration until 6:00 p.m. Benediction

### **The Giving Tree**

There is a small tree in the vestibule that has cards with local children's needs on it. Please take a card, purchase the item listed on the card, and return the item with the card to the tree. In addition to the card items, the Lyndon Elementary school is in need of glue sticks and children size mittens and gloves that are water repellant. Items and cards are due by the 1:00 Mass on December 15th. Contact Linda Lochner @ 847-867-4941 with any questions. THANK YOU for helping bring joy to local children this Christmas!

### Ladies Sodality Chinese Raffle

This weekend was the last weekend to purchase tickets in the back of church. They will be available December 8th, at the Christmas brunch before the drawing.

All proceeds will go toward the floor project.

**Church decorating for  
Christmas is December 17th  
after the 5:30 p.m. Mass.**

### **Don't forget...**

the Christmas brunch is next Sunday, **December 8th @ 10:00 am.** If you didn't sign up but would like to attend, please contact Linda Lochner @ 847-867-4941. Everyone is welcome! Bring family & friends. Santa will be there and the drawing for the Chinese Raffle will take place.



### **Sodality Gift Bags**

The Ladies Sodality will be making gift bags for the homebound of our parish and are asking for donations- some examples- Packet Items include- cheese and crackers, peanut butter crackers, fruit filled bars, granola bars, candy, fruit, hot chocolate, apple cider, tea bags etc.- A box will be provided in the back of church for your donated items. You may also bring them to the Christmas Brunch. This gesture of kindness is greatly appreciated by those who are homebound. Thank you! for your generosity and supporting our loved ones who are at home or in Nursing homes.

## *Financial Stewardship*

**November 16th & 17th, 2019  
Actual**

Adult Envelopes.....	\$1502.00
Student Envelopes.....	\$10.00
Offertory.....	\$633.32
Votive Candles.....	\$48.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2193.82</b>

**Weekly Budget \$2,326.23  
(156 registered families)**

### Year-to-date\*

Budgeted	\$46,524.60
Contributed	\$51,800.21

\*Fiscal Year began July 1, 2019

## *Liturgical Roles*

**Saturday, December 7th, 7:00 pm**

Lector.....	Frances Miller
Servers.....	Katelyn Browne
	Volunteer
Ushers.....	Jim Arens
	Dan Patton
	Rodney Senzig
Gift Bearers.....	Jim & Anna McGowan
EMC.....	Frances Miller
	Paul Zajackowski
	Raymonda Blank
Musician.....	Fr. Clayton

**Sunday, December 8th, 9:00 am**

Lector.....	M. McCormick
Servers.....	Olivia Renneberg
	Volunteer
Ushers.....	Tom Guyse
	Ben Hall
	John Burch
Gift Bearers.....	Jim & Judy Hall
EMC.....	Joan Holig-McCormick
	Kelly Honnold
	Deacon Tom
Musician.....	Jade Pusel