



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025

St. Mary Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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THE VIRGIN SHALL
CONCEIVE.

— MATTHEW 1:23 —

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday Vigil | 5:00 pm

Sunday | 10:30 am {LIVE}

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday & Friday | 8:30 am {LIVE}

Tuesday | 5:30 pm {LIVE}

Wednesday | 12:00 pm - SSM Hospital Chapel

ADORATION

Monday | 9:30 am (after Mass)

Tuesday | 4:30 pm (for Vocations)

HOLY ROSARY

Tuesday | 6:15 pm (after Mass)

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm or by Appt.

OUR PARISH MISSION

"We are people guided by God, called to be a welcoming community, celebrating our Catholic Christian faith through continuing worship, education, and service within our parish and the world beyond."

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES *(Also inside bulletin)*

Wednesday, December 24th | 4:00 pm & 10:00 pm & Thursday, December 25th | 9:00 am

PLEASE NOTE: There will NOT be 12:00 pm Mass at SSM Hospital on Wednesday, Dec. 24th.
There will not be Mass on Friday, December 26th.

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 20th | 5:00 pm
**†Philip, †Ray & †Miriam
Montgomery**

Sunday, December 21st | 10:30 am
St. Mary Parishioners

Monday, December 22nd | 8:30 am
†Paul Virobik

Tuesday, December 23rd | 5:30 pm
†Msgr. Melvin Vandeloo

Christmas Eve

Wed., December 24th | 4:00 pm
Children of St. Mary Parish

Wed., December 24th | 10:00 pm
St. Mary Parishioners

Christmas Day

Thursday, December 25th | 9:00 am
St. Mary Parishioners

Friday, December 26th
No Mass

Saturday, December 27th | 5:00 pm
**†Richard Herzing
St. Mary Parishioners**

Sunday, December 28th | 10:30 am
**†Deceased members of Paul
Lynch Family**

*Sanctuary
Candle*

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(December 1st - 31st)

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Richard & Sylvia Czerwinski

Readings for the week of December 21, 2025

Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24
Monday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56
Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66
Wednesday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79
Thursday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/ Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25. Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (Lk 2:11)/ Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20. Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Friday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22
Saturday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1)/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR...

Matt Fauss	Cassandra Contreras	Shiloh Burns	Ruth Jones
Christopher Lee Adcock	Zac Johnson	Robert Jenkins	Russell Jukes
Gary Harvey	Rachel Heck	Pam Cummings	Pat Kelly
Michael Capps	Mary Kusmer	Tom Berschied	Della Mauro
Teresa Bell	Tom Pomhirsch	Mike Moehn	Carol Parks
Rosemary Wojtowicz	Maria Brown	Carol Niedbalski	Tina Pasquinelli
Ray Gluss	Terry Harris	Ray Gluss	Elizabeth Rapp
Larry Hatton	Carrie Hoffhouse	Braxley Hodson	Madona Nabua
Sarah Hart	Richard Czerwinski	Laura Cashman	Syxiengmay
Steve Thomas	Sylvia Czerwinski	Hunter Chambliss	Ronni Zawila
Tina Birkhead	Kathy Williams	Jules Allali	James Frey
Jack Greene	Brenda McPherson	Anita Bochantin	Hilda Witges
Penny Mayberry	Deonna Schreiber	Brenda Breeze	Meredith Nowland
Shirley Cusumano	David Bauman	Rose Ellen Clancy	Residents of all
Cathy Kusmer	Gary Hart	Donald Collier	Long Term Care
Micheal Thompson	Bob Heck	Carrie Fox	Facilities
Cassidy Meskil	Rhonda Mooreland	Skip Fox	Everyday Disciples
Keri Sipe	Jeff Rennegarbe	Susan Fox	Faith Formation
		Jackie Gill	Ministry
		Jeanette Ingram	

If you would like to add or remove a name on the prayer list, please email bulletin@stmarymtvernon.org or call the church office. Thank you!

December 24th

Christmas Eve

Children's Mass with Live Nativity
4:00 pm

Midnight Mass

10:00 pm (Choir)

December 25th

Christmas Day

9:00 am



FROM THE DESK OF MONSIGNOR DAVID



The Nativity of the Lord

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a blessed Christmas season as we prepare to celebrate this coming week. Thanks to all who attended our reconciliation service and many other celebrations of our parish and school during the Advent season. It takes many hands to bring everything together and I want to thank each and every one of you who helped in any way. Thank you for your great generosity to all of our Christmas outreach programs and to those who helped to organize them. A special thanks to our staff and deacons who have worked extra hard on all the additional responsibilities during this season. Finally, thank you to all who have sent me cards, family photos, gifts and food. I hope to get individual thank you notes out, if possible after Christmas; but in the mean time, know that I am most grateful to everyone. I hope that you are able to join us for our Christmas and New Year's services.

May you be blessed with Christ's peace.

Msgr. David

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT-LOVE

Candle Name: The Angel's Candle

The Fourth Week of Advent Represents: Love

Candle Color: Purple

During this final week of Advent we rejoice in the endless love that God has for us, which is made apparent in the birth of his Son. We reflect on the good news of God's love brought to us from the angel Gabriel. This is the last week to prepare our hearts for the joy of Christmas. Are you ready?

"And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:10-11)

"Dear Jesus, may the light of your love always shine in our hearts. As Christmas draws closer, we marvel at your great love for us. Let your love transform every aspect of our lives and touch everyone we encounter. Our hearts are open to you, Jesus. Amen."

What concerns, joys, worries, and prayers do you want to bring to Jesus this Christmas?



*Resources from Dynamic Catholic.

Respect Life Corner

"O Blessed Mother, at the angel's word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own. By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations...Obtain for us the grace to bring Christ to any expectant mother who is alone and afraid."

(USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Prayer for Radical Solidarity)

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

MINISTRY GROUPS

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (YAM)

Winter Break - will resume later in January.

CCW (Council of Catholic Women)

Tuesday, January 6th
Fellowship Room | 5:30 pm

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Tuesday, January 13th
Knights House | 6:30 pm

AA MEETINGS

Fridays at KC House | 12:00 pm

YOUTH GROUP - LIFE NIGHT

Sunday, January 11th | 6-8 pm

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Sunday, January 25th | 9:00 am

PSR (Parish School of Religion)

Sunday, January 11th - 9:00 am

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Wednesday, January 14th
Philip Neri Room | 10:00 am

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday, December 28th
During 10:30 am Mass

CHOIR PRACTICE

Wednesdays at Church | 7:00 pm

SMALL GROUP

Check back for new series.

OCIA CLASS

Sunday, January 4th
Mass & Philip Neri Room

COR MEN'S GROUP - NEW!

Sunday, January 4th
Knights House | 9:00 am

MARY'S TABLE

Check back for dates.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27TH

Reader: Beth Schrader, Pat Butler

Eucharistic Ministers: Skip Fox, Kay McCulley, Valerie Shields, Robin Atkins, John and Cindy Sloan

Hospitality: Randy Schell, Kevin Rettig, Zella Fitts, Pat Panarese, Paul Sanders

Office: Nancy Wilson

Servers: Volunteer

Sacristan: Ayden

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28TH

Readers: David and Laura Skorch

Eucharistic Ministers: Ed O'Rourke, Lori Kabat, Barb Burke, Janice Eischens, Anna Jukes, Ashlie Newcomb

Hospitality: Dax Bridwell, Mark and Marty Simmons, Donnie Mays, Jim Rozycki

Office: Volunteer

Servers: Leighon, Giuliani Schrementi, Violet Schrementi, Kasen Cantrell

Sacristan: Volunteer

CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

DECEMBER 26TH - Cindy Montgomery/TL, Mary Chambliss, Bernie Dickneite, Gabriel Johnson, Rose Rankin, Jim Rozycki, Karen Rozycki, Rich Schafer

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

The Jubilee Year of Hope will come to a **close on December 28th**, when Pope Leo XIV will be closing the Holy Door in Rome. If you wish to receive the plenary indulgence associated with this Jubilee Year, you must complete the core requirements before then if you are able. **The core requirements are Pilgrimage or pious act:** Visit a designated Jubilee site. St. Mary the Immaculate Conception is a designated site. **Sacramental Confession:** Receive the sacrament of confession within about 20 days of the pious act. **Holy Communion:** Receive Holy Communion within about 20 days of the pious act. **Prayer for the Holy Father's intentions:** Pray for the intentions of the Pope. Pope Leo's intention for December is "for Christians in areas of conflict, that they may be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope". He asks for prayers for those in the Middle East, as well as in other conflict zones, to support their faith and resilience in the face of suffering. **Profession of Faith:** Make a profession of faith, such as reciting the Creed.

For most Tuesday evenings, one can attend Adoration at 4:30 pm (a pious act of prayer), attend Mass at 5:30 pm, stay for the Rosary after Mass, and if you let Msgr. David know, receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. *If you are physically unable to complete the core requirements, please ask a member of the clergy what other actions can be taken.*

STEWARDSHIP

SUNDAY OFFERINGS

DECEMBER 14, 2025

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UPCOMING EVENTS (PARISH, SCHOOL & DIOCESE)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21ST

"PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS" PRAYER SERVICE
Church | 11:30 am - 11:45 am (After Mass)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21ST

CHILDREN'S LIVE NATIVITY - PRACTICE
Church | 11:45 am (After Mass & Prayer Service)

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

CHRISTMAS EVE - CHILDREN'S MASS
Church | 4:00 pm | Children's Live Nativity

CHRISTMAS EVE - *MIDNIGHT MASS
Church | 10:00 pm | Choir

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

CHRISTMAS DAY - MORNING MASS
Church | 9:00 am

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED:

CHRISTMAS BREAK
Wednesday, December 24th through
Monday, January, 5th

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1ST

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS - 9:00 am
Vigil Mass - Wednesday, December 31st at 4:00 pm

Children's *Live* Nativity

Christmas Eve - Children's Mass
December 24th | 4:00 pm

St. Mary Parish CCW
invites you to join us for

NEW YEAR'S DAY

HAM & BEANS

Thursday, January 1, 2026
Fellowship Room
After 9:00 am Mass

\$5.00 minimum donation

All proceeds will be donated to St. Mary School

Diocesan Christmas Collection December 24th-25th

The 48th Annual Diocesan Christmas Collection will be taken up at all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Parishes and agencies throughout the diocese will request monies from this collection during 2026 to assist those who are in need with food, clothing, shelter, utility payments, healthcare and medications, funeral & burial expenses, transportation and emergency assistance of all types. Please consider giving as you are able. Thank you so much.

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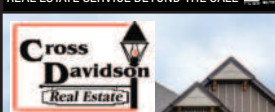


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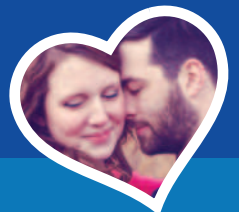
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