



St. Mary's

CATHOLIC CHURCH EST. 1938

DECEMBER 31, 2023

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,
MARY AND JOSEPH

MASS TIMES

Saturday: 5:30 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM* & 11:30 AM

Monday: No Daily Mass

Tuesday: 9:00 AM

Wednesday: 9:00 AM*

Thursday: 6:30 AM

Friday: 11:15 AM*

*Livestreamed

RECONCILIATION

Friday: 12:00-1:00 PM



THE HOLY FAMILY

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

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OUR LOCATION

St. Mary's Catholic Church

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Office Hours

Mon-Fri 9:00am -3:00pm

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Mass Intentions at St. Mary's

Would you like to offer Mass for a special intention, thanksgiving, healing, or for a beloved departed? Our Mass intention schedule has plenty of opportunity to do so. For more information or to offer a Mass, contact the Church office at 540-552-1091. Suggested donation is \$10 per person.

Saturday, Dec 30	5:00 pm	Tom Anthony † Karen Collier †
Sunday, Dec 31	8:30 am 11:30 am	Donald Natarelli † The Community of St. Mary's
Monday Jan 1	9:00 am	Father Anselm Martin †
Tuesday, Jan 2	9:00 am	Walter Sandberg
Wednesday, Jan 3	9:00 am	Teresa Maher
Thursday, Jan 4	6:30 am	Janet Caverly †
Friday, Jan 5	11:15 am	Bev and Buddy Shull

Upcoming Events

Online: stmarysblacksburg.org/calendar-1

- Jan 1 - Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God, Mass 9am
- Jan 1 - Have a Blessed New Year!
- Jan 5 - First Friday Eucharistic Adoration, 9-11am
- Jan 7 - Donut Sunday



Rosemary Anderson	Butch Kelly	Madison Neale
Ryan Barbeau	Kendra Kohl	Stephen Orr
Joyce Bolger	Kyle Kuzemchak	Sam Orth
Alex Brisendine	Ariyah Jarome	Therese Petersen
Jill Burley	James Laignel	Ted Ricks
Nelson Carey	Darla Linkous	Walter Sandberg
Carmen Collins	Teresa Maher	Bev Shull
Maryann Enos	Martins Family	Paul Sorrentono
Renee Gambon	Annie Martin	West Vaughn
Elijah Garbatini	Becky Meisner	Doug Whichard
Brittany Heath	Solei Mueller	Loretta Zamer

Families may submit prayer requests to officestaff@stmarysblacksburg.org

YOUTH MINISTRY HAPPENING

* Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! May the peace of Our Lord be with you as we celebrate God's coming to be one of us. NRV Youth Ministry events are on pause until January 10. Enjoy time spent with family and friends and the special liturgies we celebrate this time of year!



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RECYCLE PLASTIC BAGS FOR BENCHES AT ST. MARY'S
THANK YOU TO ALL for helping St. Mary's acquire enough plastic for a THIRD bench! We are still collecting so be sure to bring your used plastic bags to the Parish Hall.

2023 Total: 1,941 lbs.



Goal: 2000 lbs.

Weekly Offering

Dec 17

Regular Collection

Offertory	\$2,605.39
Debt Reduction	\$315.00

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Offertory	\$930.00
Debt Reduction	\$20.00

GiveCentral Nov 1-30

Offertory	\$22,146.00
Debt Reduction	\$1,595.00

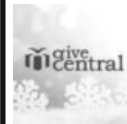
Mass Attendance: 591 ↓ 66

YTD Average Attendance: 615

Thank you for all your continued generosity and support!

Prayer for the New Year

O God our Father, by the light of the Holy Spirit, lead us to be thankful for the gift of faith and for a New Year. May we grow in our relationship with Jesus, your Son. May we be confident witnesses to Christian hope and joy to all we meet. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another. As we begin a New Year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.



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www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards and choose St. Mary's Catholic Church, Organization Number VP331.



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

RCIA

Next Session
January 9, 2024

Watch for 2024 calendar of sessions.
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

rcia@stmarysblackburg.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

December 31—No Class
January 7-- No Class
Happy New Year!



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Start the New Year with Jesus! Come join us for Eucharistic Adoration, **Friday, January 5** from 9-11 am. Enjoy a peaceful morning in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament and receive more blessings in 2023 than ever imagined. "The future belongs to those who worship God in silence" - St. John Paul II

COLLECTION COUNTERS NEEDED

Do you have a gift of accuracy, confidentiality and service to our faith community? Please consider serving as a Collection Counter Minister. Ministers serve 1-2 Mondays per month, meeting at 10am, for approximately 1.5-2 hours.

ST. MARY'S STRATEGIC PLAN FOCUS GROUPS

Our Parish Pastoral Council is updating the parish strategic plan originally created in 2020. The primary purpose is to identify areas of parish life and parish ministries that our St. Mary's community wishes to support and to determine what resources will be necessary to sustain those ministries and church facilities. Focus groups will be held after Masses in the Narthex. All parishioners will have the opportunity to share their thoughts. Please be on the lookout for these times that will begin the second week in January.

2024 MINISTRY CALENDAR

Ministry leaders, please check the calendar at stmarysblacksburg.org/calendar-1 to confirm that all of your meeting dates, times and locations are correct going forward in the New Year through May. If you would like to make any additions or changes, please contact Teri at officestaff@stmarysblacksburg.org.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL **June 2022-June 2025**

An opportunity to foster deeper devotion and knowledge about the Eucharist in the New Year!

JUNE 19, 2022 - JUNE 11, 2023-Year of Diocesan Revival

JUNE 11, 2023 - JULY 17, 2024 - Year of Parish Revival

The Revival is now reaching the pews! This year is about fostering Eucharistic devotion at the parish level, strengthening our liturgical life through the faithful celebration of the Mass, Eucharistic adoration, missions, resources, preaching, and organic movements of the Holy Spirit.

JULY 2024 - JULY 2025 - National Year of Mission



Mary, the Holy Mother of God **January 1, 2024, Mass 9:00 am**



While not a Holy Day of Obligation this year, please join us for Mass. On this day, we are reminded of the role that the Blessed Virgin played in the plan of our salvation. Through the Holy Spirit, God the Father prepared Mary to be the dwelling place where His Son and His Spirit could dwell among us.

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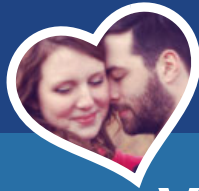
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