

**Monday, January 1**  
7:00 - 8:00 PM NO ADORATION  
9:00 AM NO MASS +

**Tuesday, January 2**  
9:00 AM NO MASS

**Wednesday, January 3**  
9:00 AM NO MASS

**Thursday, January 4**  
9:00 AM NO MASS

**Friday, January 5**  
9:00 AM NO MASS  
10:00 AM COMMUNION - NURSING HOME

**Saturday, January 6**  
5:00 PM Dick Reinhard +

**Sunday, January 7**  
10:00 AM Parishioners of St. Mary’s & St. Patrick’s


**LITURGICAL ROLLES**

**January 6, 10:00 AM**  
Lector: Jim Schreck  
Servers: Volunteers  
Ushers & Greeters: Ed & Pam Bauman, Joe & Juli Schmidt

**January 7, 10:00 AM**  
Lector: Jodi Hogan  
Servers: Levi & Lacey Harvey  
Ushers & Greeters: Ann Braun, Brian Schreiber, Robert Schuster & Volunteer

**LECTORS** Lectors needed: Now through April for 9 AM Mass on Wednesdays.

Also, January 13 - March 9th for 9AM Mass on Thursdays.

 A moment of prayer - after the Mass attended - asking our Loving Lord to send His Spirit into the hearts of our Brothers & Sisters that they may return to our Faith Family of Prayers & Praise!

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,


I want to thank everyone that helped to make our Christmas liturgies so beautiful and welcoming for all families to worship God! Thank you to the youth and the adults who helped with the Christmas decorations on December 17. Thank you for the CCW for purchasing some of our Christmas decorations to make our parish festive for the birth of Christ.

Thank you to the lectors, the servers, choir and musicians for leading us so beautifully in praising our God and the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ. A special thank you to everyone else who was involved behind the scenes in keeping our church clean and beautiful for Christmas.

A gentle reminder that I will be gone from January 1-5, 2024 for a seek conference and I will be gone on vacation from January 11-16 to attend a final professional of a good friend of mine Sister Sen O.P.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Fr. The  
Sent from my iPhone

 **Remember in your prayers.....**  
Alvina Balow, mother of Kathy Dudley of our parish. Her funeral Mass will be held at St. Mary’s on January 3rd, 11:00 AM.


Jim Sheridan, husband of Phyllis Sheridan, his funeral will be held at St. Mary’s on January 20th, 1:00 PM.

“Grant them a place of light and peace.”


**ESSENTIAL TEACHINGS OF MOTHER TERESA**


 At Christmas, we see Jesus as a little babe -helpless and poor. And he came to love and be loved. How can we love Jesus in the world today?


We need to find God, and He cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature- trees, flowers, grass-grow in silence; see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence... We need silence to be able to touch souls.

 If you have any issues or questions with your picture taken for the directory please contact the office.


No Adoration January 1st.


 CCW meeting on January 8, 6:30 PM in the parish hall.

 **MISSION SEWING**  
We will meet on Tuesday, January 9th at 9:30 AM to tie quilts, at noon lunch will be served followed by a short meeting.  
This month we gave 25 quilts to the Kiawanis for their Christmas distribution. Thanks to all who helped make them.


 Knights of Columbus will meet on Tuesday, January 9th, starting with the Rosary at 6:20 PM. Supper and a meeting will follow.

PARISH SUPPORT - December 24, 2023	
ADULT CHURCH SUPPORT	\$1,535.00
OFFERTORY	233.00
CANDLES	69.50
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS	40.00
CHRISTMAS OFFERING	85.00
BUUILDING MAINTENANCE	20.00
CHRISTMAS COLLECTION 2023	
ADULT CHURCH SUPPORT	\$14,060.50
OFFERTORY	2,290.00
CEMETEERY FUND	20.00
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS	50.00
DECEMBER DIRECT DEPOSIT CHURCH SUPPORT (41 Families)	\$3,929.00
DECEMBER DIRECT DEPOSIT FOR BLDG. MAINTENANCE (11 Families)	\$644.00
IF POSSIBLE REMEMBER ST. MARY’S IN YOUR WILL!	

 **NO FAITH FORMATION ON JANUARY 3RD.**  
**FAMILY DINNER ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17.**

 We welcome our newest member of St. Mary of the Lake through Holy Waters of Baptism, Ava Ann Schinter, daughter of Marisa and Craig Schinter.

**STATEMENT FROM BISHOP BARRON**

 On Monday, the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, with the approval of Pope Francis, published a declaration entitled *Fiducia Supplicans*, which has given rise to a good deal of commentary and controversy. The document allows for the possibility of blessing those in irregular or same-sex relationships. Despite some misleading reporting in the media, *Fiducia Sup plicans* in no way sanctions irregular bonds or changes the Church’s teaching on marriage and sexuality. It further specifies that no liturgical blessing can be offered to those in such unions, but rather an informal pastoral blessing. This latter benediction is a calling forth of the divine grace to help those who receive it to live more fully in accord with God’s will and to enhance whatever is good, true, and beautiful in their lives.

I believe that the declaration is very much congruent with the pastoral instincts of Pope Francis, who always wants to remind those who are living the Christian life in a less that perfect way that they are, nevertheless, loved and cherished by God. To all of Jesus’ brothers and sisters, the Church should never fail to be a source of welcome, compassion, and blessing.

