

**Monday, December 22**  
7am-8pm ADORATION

**Tuesday, December 23**  
9:00am - MASS - Mary Evers +

**Wednesday, December 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE**  
4:00pm - MASS - Renee & Robert Ruetzel +

**Thursday, December 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY**  
10:00am - MASS - Kayla Murphy +, Mary Evers +

**Friday, December 26**  
9:00am - NO MASS  
10:00am - NO MASS @ Care Center

**Saturday, December 27**  
5:00pm - MASS - Bob, Dave, & Tom Harris +

**Sunday, December 28**  
8:00am @ St. Patrick's  
10:00am @ St. Mary's  
Parishioners of St. Mary's & St. Pat's

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We are now in the 4th Sunday of Advent. This week's theme is about Love. God's Love is becoming reality as we get closer to the birth of Christ. God has been prepping the way for His only begotten son with the marriage between Joseph and Mary. He also has sent the St. John the Baptist to prepare the way of the Lord.

This is a good weekend to really pray about our love of God and how have our love been direct at him. God has always loved us and He continually pursues us to win us over. His love is very concrete and real, if we are willing to be humble to see it in our lives. Have we been equally generous towards him?

Let's find a concrete goal of spending more time with God this week to tell him of our greatest desire to know him, to love him, and to serve him.

Sincerely,  
Fr. The Hoang

**December 24, 4:00 PM - CHRISTMAS EVE**

Lector: Mary Coyle

Eucharistic Ministers: Beth Wolf, Linda Harvey

Servers: 2 Volunteers

Ushers & Greeters: Nathan, Jason & Jeremy Wolf, Jon Beckman

**Christmas Masses**

**Christmas Eve Mass:**  
3:30pm singalong at St. Mary's  
4pm at St. Mary's  
6:30pm at St. Patrick's

**Christmas Day Mass:** 10am at St. Mary's

**December 25, 10:00 AM - CHRISTMAS DAY**

Lector: Dorothy Arendt

Eucharistic Ministers: 2 Volunteers

Servers: 2 Volunteers

Ushers & Greeters: 4 Volunteers

There will be **NO** Mass December 30th -31st or January 2nd. All Mass intentions have been rescheduled.

There **WILL** be Mass on January 1st at 10am

**December 27, 5:00 PM**

Lector: Denise Drews-Doyle

Eucharistic Ministers: Jerry Dunbar, Volunteer

Servers: 2 Volunteers

Ushers & Greeters: Chris, Claire & Dorothy Halder, Gary Urban

Mass Intentions are now tax deductible! You will see this on your year end statement starting 2026.

**December 28, 10:00 AM**

Lector: Dorothy Arendt

Eucharistic Ministers: Linda Marx, Nancy Denzer

Servers: Ryder Mueske, Thomas Halder

Ushers & Greeters: Roger & LaVada Reckmann, Mike & Jolene Harvey

**PARISH SUPPORT - DECEMBER 14, 2025**

ADULT CHURCH SUPPORT	\$4,031.00
OFFERTORY	653.55
VIGIL CANDLES	48.00
BUILDING & GROUNDS	3,500.00
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS	110.00
MASS STIPENDS	100.00
RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT	\$1,769.00
JANITORIAL FUND	45.00
<b>NOVEMBER DIRECT DEPOSIT CHURCH SUPPORT</b>	<b>\$4,004.00</b>
<b>NOVEMBER DIRECT DEPOSIT BUILDING &amp; GROUNDS</b>	<b>\$989.00</b>

The office will be closed December 24th-26th & on January 1st-2nd.

**KC BINGO at the Lake City Care Center:**  
Mon., Jan. 5th, and Mon. Jan. 19th at 7:00 pm.  
Committee: Jerry Hill, Len Weber & Justin Clausen

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING** on Tuesday, January 13th starting with the Rosary at 6:20pm in Church. Meeting and supper to follow.  
Committee: Tom Denzer & Justin Clausen

The next monthly CCW meeting will be on **Monday, January 12th**, in the dining hall at 6:30pm. Join in with the women of your parish!

Mission Sewing: **January 13th** at 9:30am  
Come & help with sewing or tying quilts. Lunch is served at noon followed by our meeting.

Please join us on Tuesday, **December 23rd**, after the 9:00am Mass. We will be praying the Chaplet of the Holy Face and other prayers of reparation to Our Lord.

Devotion to the Holy Face offers atonement for the many blasphemies and outrages Our Lord endures. The devotion also prays for the triumph of the Catholic Church over her adversaries, especially Communists. Pope Pius IX declared that, devotion to the Holy Face would heal and save modern society...something so desperately needed in our wounded country and world.

There are pamphlets and information available on the table by the bulletin boards.

If you cannot join us physically, please join us spiritually as we offer reparation for the many sins against God.

"Eternal Father, we offer you the Holy Face of Jesus, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world."

**Christmas Gift for Parish Families**

As a Christmas gift to our parish families, we are pleased to offer a copy of *Slowing Down to the Speed of Joy* by Matthew Kelly (1 per family). This inspiring book invites us to pause, reflect, and rediscover the true joy of Christmas amid the busyness of life.

Please take one copy per family as you leave Christmas Mass. May it be a blessing to you this Christmas season.

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ever faithful to your promises and ever close to your Church: the earth rejoices in hope of the Savior's coming and looks forward with longing to his return at the end of time. Prepare our hearts and remove the sadness that hinders us from feeling the joy and hope which his presence will bestow, for he is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

The 150th committee would like to share some memorabilia with our parish. We are looking for a display case that would be a secure means to show off some of these items. If you might have something we could use through 2027, please call the office at 651-345-4134.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Margaret Mahoney**, who passed away this week. She is the sister of Eileen Glander, and sister in law to Evelyn Goihl & Kay Goihl. May she enjoy eternal life with God in heaven. The funeral is currently pending.

**The Christmas Story**

At Christmas, we celebrate the great mystery of God's love made visible. In the quiet town of Bethlehem, Mary and Joseph welcomed the birth of Jesus, the Son of God, laid in a humble manger. Angels proclaimed peace, shepherds came in wonder, and the light of Christ entered the world. This holy night reminds us that God comes to us in humility and closeness; in the Christ Child, heaven touches earth, bringing hope, peace, and salvation to all.

The simplicity of the Nativity reveals the heart of God, who chooses love over power and mercy over might. Born into poverty, Jesus shows us that no life is unnoticed and no place is too small for God's presence. As we gather with family, friends, and our parish community, Christmas invites us to become bearers of Christ's light—sharing the peace announced by the angels and reflecting God's love through kindness, generosity, and compassion, today and always.

**SAVE THE DATE:**  
On Saturday, January 10, 2026, we will host Cathy Hill from the St. Paul League of St. Martin. She will give a talk on the growing importance of the Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus. Mass will be at 9:00am, followed by Cathy's talk at 10:00am in the dining hall. More details to follow as the date approaches. If you would like to know more about the League of St. Martin, you can go to their website @ [martinians.org](http://martinians.org)