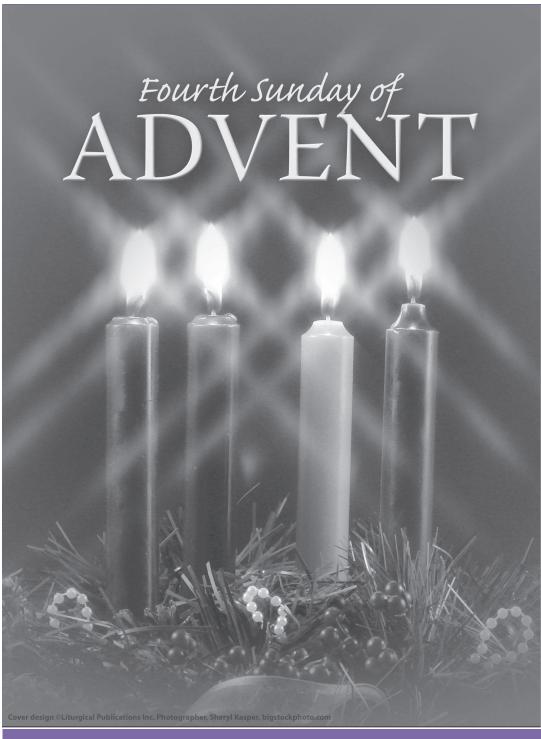
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Parish Mass Schedules

Saturday, 4:00 PM Holy Family, Willard

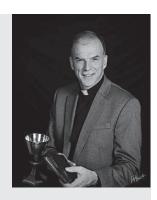
Saturday, 6:30 PM St. Anthony, Loyal

Sunday, 8:30 AM St. Mary, Greenwood

Sunday, 10:30 AM Sunday, 7:30 PM St. Anthony, Loyal Dear People of St. Anthony, St. Mary and Holy Family Parish:

"The angel of the Lord said: Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid....."
(Matthew 1:20)

Rejoice! Week one of Advent we embraced the truth that Waiting and Watching are often a necessary part of our walk with God. The second week we heard John's call to Prepare a way in our hearts by decreasing so that Christ might increase. Last weekend we were sent to Witness to those in prison by sharing what we have heard and seen of God. Today the fourth week of Advent we let go of fear and welcome the Lord into our lives, as humble and complicated as they may be. We welcome in Joy.



I am filled with joy as I think about our coming Christmas celebrations. There is much that is new. You will no doubt notice on the schedule in this bulletin that Fr. Frank Corradi will be helping us out instead of Fr. Richard Bayuk. Fr. Bayuk contacted me a month ago to express his sorrow that he will not be able to be with us this Christmas. Though he loves to be home in Willard for Christmas, his work with the Missionaries of the Precious Blood will not allow him to come this year. He does anticipate being back with us for Easter and next Christmas.

Our Christmas Eve programs at St. Mary's 8:00 p.m. and St. Anthony's 4:00 p.m. will also be brand new. Jason Bravener of community theater fame will help us enter into the wonder of Christmas through parish children enacting the greatly loved song "The Little Drummer Boy'. It will take place after the Gospel. At St. Anthony's directors Julie Loos, Paulette Strey and Tara Scheel are teaming up with musician Marnie Schecklman to start from scratch with a new retelling of the Christmas story. After the Gospel, parish children will help us imagine what it would be like if Jesus came in 2016.

It's nice to have new things but it wouldn't be Christmas with out some traditional things. We are so blessed to have the adult choirs singing at the 4:00 p.m. at Holy Family and the 8:00 p.m. at St. Anthony's. After all of the excitement and activity of Christmas Eve, Christmas Day allows for a more meditative reflection on the wonder of the Incarnation. I rejoiced to hear that the Gregorich family will all be home and sharing their violin, harp, piano, guitar and wonderful harmonies at the 10:30 a.m. Holy Family Christmas morning liturgy.

Another cause for rejoicing are the overflowing cupboards for the House of Mercy. At our Social Concerns Committee meeting way back on December 8th Judy Morrow reported that already then, in the first two weeks of Advent, over 500 soaps, detergents, toothpastes and such had been donated. She was so grateful because she had also been distributing them to people in need in the community in addition to the family living in the House of Mercy. We also rejoiced to hear that the loose collection at the Confirmation Mass brought in just over \$600.00 for the House of Mercy. That, added to the monthly collections at St. Mary's, is helping cover some of the operating expenses.

These causes of joy keep my hopes up for the Seize the Day stewardship drive we are running at St. Anthony's. Because of Christmas, this letter had to be written extra early. The latest data we had on the response to the mailings was from December 7th. At that time, of the 391 people that received letters 78 had responded. Those responding on the average pledged to increase their weekly contribution \$.37. (Thirty seven cents.) All these numbers are low and cause for concern.

Even Liturgical Press, the company helping us with this, acknowledges the mix up with the first mailing has had a negative effect. I can only hope that those who received the wrong mailing can understand it was a mistake and let it go. I am also praying that everyone in the parish responds to the mailing in a way that helps us give St. Anthony's parish and school a stable financial foundation.

Joseph was in a very difficult situation when the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid Joseph. Welcome this new life into your home with joy." I pray we all will not let fear or anger rule our lives but instead choose to rejoice in all that God is doing. Merry Christmas to all who will be travelling this coming weekend!

MASS SCHEDULE SA=ST. ANTHONY, SM=ST. MARY, HF=HOLY FAMILY

Monday, December 19

8:15 am SA Communion Service
Lector: Marilyn Hinker
Structure Structure Lay Leader: Joyce Rondorf

Tuesday, December 20

8:15 am HF Fr. Brice Mass † John & Larry Stauner by Margaret Stauner

8:15 am SA Communion Service Lector: Jack Barrett

8:15 am SM No Service

Wednesday, December 21

8:15 am SA Fr. Brice Mass † Clarence Hoesly by Sandra Hoesly Lector: students

8:15 am SM Communion Service Lay Leader: Joyce Rondorf

Thursday, December 22

8:15 am SA Communion Service Lector: Marie Kaiser

8:15 am SM Fr. Brice Mass † Stanley Olson by Don & MaryAnn Lindner Lector: students

Friday, December 23

8:15 am SA Fr. Brice Mass † Betty Rueth & deceased relatives Lector: Joann Oestreich
8:15 am SM Communion Service Lay Leader: Joyce Rondorf

Saturday, December 24

4:00 pm HF Fr. Corradi Mass † Deceased members of Bayuk/Klinke families

4:00 pm SA Fr. Brice Mass For All Parishioners

8:00 pm SM Fr. Corradi Mass † Deceased members of Briski & Przybylski families

8:00 pm SA Fr. Brice Mass † Clayton Kohlnhofer by family/friends

Sunday, December 25

8:30 am SM Fr. Brice Mass † Greg Langreck by Dick & Pat Scherer
9:30 am SA Fr. Corradi Mass † Frank & Mary Ann Gleichsner by Terri

10:30 pm HF Fr. Brice Mass † Tom & Tony Morrow by Don & Judy Morrow

Parish Calendar

Thursday, December 22: St. Mary's School Christmas program beginning at 12:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to come!

Deadlines for bulletin in anticipation of Christmas:

**December 25th bulletin information due in office by Monday, December 20th at 10:00 a.m. Thank you.

Q: What is the importance of having the 2nd collection gathered immediately after the first collection?

A: The 2nd collection is carried up with the 1st collection along with the bread & wine as this symbol imitates Christ love for the poor and needy.

Information taken from the book Forming the Assembly to Celebrate the Mass by Lawrence E. Mick



Please hold in prayer those enduring serious illness in our parishes: John Carteron, Bailey Venet, Jane Ashbeck, Donna Morrison, Mary Lindner, Don Hills, Duane Poehnelt, Vicki Gray and Katie Englebretson.

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Readings for the Week of December 18, 2016 Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24 Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71/Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33/Lk 1:39-45

Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2/Lk 1:46-56 Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25/Lk 1:57-66

Saturday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89/Lk 1:67-79

Next Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Religious Education Wednesday December 21, 2016

St. Anthony's

Gr. K-6 Class 3:30 to 4:45 pm Grades 7-10 Class 6:15 to 7:15 pm Family Holy Hour 6:15 to 7:15 pm

Holy Family/St. Mary's

Afternoon classes 3:20 to 4:45 pm Evening Classes 7:30 to 8:30 pm

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CONFESSION

SCHEDULE

ST. ANTHONY

Saturday 9-10 AM

HOLY FAMILY

Saturday 3:30 PM

ST. MARY

Sunday 8:00 AM

Or anytime upon

HOLY FAMILY LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, December 24, 2016 at 4:00 PM

Lector: Bill Snedic

Servers: Elizabeth Revier, Izabel Revier, Samantha Street **Eucharistic Minister:** Gabe Yurkovich, Jerry Lamovec,

Mary Ellen Volovsek

Music: Choir

Usher: Bob Trunkel, Jack Trunkel, David Dann, Bing Perko

Greeter: Lori Aichele

Sunday, December 25, 2016 at 10:30 AM

Lector: Joan Guenther

Servers: Alexis Oestreich, Brittney Artac, Jaylinn Artac

Eucharistic Ministers: Ed Bayuk, Lori Aichele, Deidra Hansen Marvin

Music: Gregorich musicians

Ushers: Laverne Gregorich, John Bayuk, Bernard Artac,

Bob Eckes **Greeters**: Joan Guenther

ST. MARY LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, December 24, 2016 at 8:00 PM

Lector: Jason Bravener

Servers: Please help as needed

Eucharistic Minister: Amy Nigon, Bill Lindner, Luke Nigon,

Barb Sladich, Bill Sladich

Music: Mary Jo Gregorich and Adult Choir **Usher:** Larry Pakiz, Dick Lindner, volunteers

Greeter: Jim Hemmersbach, Jim Horn

Sunday, December 25, 2016 at 8:30 AM

Lector: Monica Ruzic

Servers: Austen Humke, Cole Lindner, Rachel Lindner Eucharistic Ministers: Corrine Larson, Bernie Kitzhaber,

Norm Mayenschein, Josie Lindner, Nancy Ewoldt

Music: Jennifer Trudeau

Ushers: Art Lindner, Gary Lindner, volunteers

Greeters: Don & Mary Ann Lindner

St. Anthony LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, December 24, 2016 at 4:00 PM

Lector: Children's Mass **Servers:** Children's Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Chuck & Julie Loos, Cindee Loos,

Merry Fischer, Joann Oestreich

Music: Marnie Schecklman

Saturday, December 24, 2016 at 8:00 PM

Lector: Carrie Schmidt

Servers: Matthew Szymanski, Callie Schmidt, Alyssa Rueth **Eucharistic Ministers:** Rick, Margie, Andrew and Jennifer

Szymanski, June Noeldner

Music: Choir

Sunday, December 25, 2016 at 10:30 AM

Lector: Laura Kaiser

Servers: Tanner Troutt, Elizabeth Troutt, Paul Hoesly

Eucharistic Ministers: Barb Langfeldt, Betty Loos, Beth Kaiser,

Steve and Carrie Troutt

Music: Cherilyn Jakobi

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Holy Family Parish

For Saturday, December 10, 2016

Adults......\$1,437.00 Offertory......\$89.25 Students.....\$00.00

Total.....\$1,526.25 DAA goal is \$6,432.00

DAA total so far....\$4,139.00

St. Mary Parish

For Sunday, December 11, 2016

St. Anthony Parish

For Sat/Sun, December 10/11, 2016

Adults......\$ 3,749.00
Offertory.....\$ 242.00
Students.....\$ 00.00
Online Giving....\$ 929.00
Total.....\$4,920.00

DAA goal is \$27,249.00

DAA total so far....\$16,040.00







CHRISTMAS FLOWER & DECORATION MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ST. MARY'S & HOLY FAMILY & ST ANTHONY'S has been a

great tradition in which donations are given in memory of a loved one. **The donations should be**

placed in an envelope indicating who the donation is in memory of, who the donation is from and <u>for which parish the donation</u> is intended. Envelopes may be placed in collection plates.

Advent Reconciliation Schedule Sunday December 18th

Abbotsford, Dorchester, Colby parishes

@ St. Mary's Colby 7:00pm Confessions

Little Angels Child Care Center of St. Anthony School

littleangels.stap@gmail.com email today for more information Lindsey Mueller, Director



Little Angels Child Care Center is offering **school age care** over winter break. Limited spots will be available!

We also have a wish list: Double Stroller, School Aged Games, Refrigerator, Changing Table, Small Construction Paper, Clorox Wipes, Rocking Chair, Assortment of Batteries. Label Maker

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

St. Anthony School News

Tuesday, Dec. 20: Advent Prayer Service at 8:15 amWednesday, Dec. 21: Mass Prepared by Grades 3&4Friday, Dec. 23: Classroom Christmas Parties in the Morning

Half Day of School with 12:20 Dismissal

St. Mary's School News

Thursday, Dec. 22: Children's Mass at 8:15 am **Thursday, Dec. 22:** School Christmas program at 12:30 pm. Everyone is invited to attend.

Friday, Dec. 23: Early Release. Christmas Break is from December 26 – January 2nd. School resumes on Tuesday, January 3rd.

Parish News

St. Mary's Adult Choir: Christmas practice date: Sunday, Dec 18 at 7:00 pm.

Holy Family Choir Christmas practice: Monday Dec.19 at 5:30 pm.

St. Anthony's Choir: Christmas practice: Sunday Dec. 18th at 5:45 pm.

Welcome to our newly baptized member of God's Holy Family and St. Mary's Parish!

Baptized on December 11, 2016,

Dylan Walter Nigon, son of Luke and Amy Nigon

The Cupboard is Bare. Collecting for the House of Mercy: looking for items such as: tweezers, fingernail clippers, mirrors, combs, brushes, dish soap, pads, kotex, light bulbs, shaving cream, razors, SOS Pads, conditioner, shampoo, bounce, bubble bath, hand soap (bar), kleenex, hand sanitizer, liquid hand soap, Pine-Sol, tooth brushes, tooth paste, dobbie pads, band aides, foot spray, q-tips, antibiotic cream, mouth wash, toilet paper, paper towels, laundry soap, deodorant, gift cards, money

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KSKJ Lodge 136 is collecting "Socks for Soldiers" all of December. Please put any new package of socks, ankle or crew, black or white in the tote in the entry of Holy Family. Clean, dry good socks are extremely important for our Soldiers.



"Seize The Day" St. Anthony Stewardship Drive

The last letter inviting parish members to consider increasing their contributions went out this past week. A thank you letter will go out the end of this week. Thank you to all who financially support St. Anthony's parish and thank you to all who increased their level of support during this drive. A common question we received in the office was: "Why do the letters say I've given less than what I know I have given?" The answer is that the stewardship drive was organized in September and so the numbers in the letter are based on the information we had at that time. People also expressed discomfort at the letter suggesting an amount to increase. The suggested amount reflected what we need to put the parish back on a stable financial foundation. Letters were also sent to parish members not currently financially supporting the parish. As of December 7th we received 78 responses from the 391 households contacted. Those responses on the average pledge to increase by \$.37 (thirty seven cents) a week. Liturgical Press, the company we are working with, reports this is an unusually low response no doubt reflecting the hurt people have over the mix up in the first letters. As we bring this drive to a close, I again apologize to those who were offended and simply ask you to not penalize the parish for something that was out of our control. Your parish needs your full support. If you have any other questions or concerns please contact me at 715-937-1644. Fr. Steve

St. Anthony's STP Pork Sale starts now and runs through January 6, 2017. Processed by Country Fresh Meats of Weston, WI, pork will be delivered in a refrigerated truck on Feb 18/19. You pay when you

receive your pork. More order forms are in the back of SA church. Drop them in the collection or send back to St. Anthony's. Gift certificates are available if you would like to purchase for a Christmas gift! Please call the school or rectory office questions. Proceeds will be put toward a new laminator for the school. Thank you!

Join the Holy Family PCCW on a trip to Plymouth, MN to see the Church Basement Ladies in "Rise Up, O Men", on Thursday, Feb. 9, 2017. The cost, which includes bus, dinner & tip, and show is \$65. We will be picking up in Loyal, Greenwood and Willard. Registration deadline is Wednesday, Jan. 18. See the registration form, which can be found in the entrance of all 3 churches, for further details. Call Joanne Trunkel at 267-7264 with questions.

Community News

Loyal Senior Citizens will meet at 1:00 pm January 2, 2107 at Loyal City Hall

St. Joseph Parish in Stratford will be holding a chili and baked potato bar on Sunday, January 8, 2017 in the parish dining hall. Serving will be from 11 am to 1:30 pm with a free will offering. Proceeds will benefit the parish.



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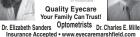


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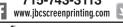
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