

# ST. MARY PARISH DeKALB, IL DECEMBER 18, 2022

## *Fourth Sunday of* **ADVENT**



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**ST. MARY SCHOOL**  
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### **Office**

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### **Office Hours**

Monday - Wednesday: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Thursday: 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Friday: Closed

### **Liturgies**

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 PM in English

Sunday Masses: 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM in English

Weekday Masses: Mon.-Tues. 5:00 PM in English

Wed.-Fri. 7:00 AM in English

Spanish Mass: Tuesday 6:30 PM & Sunday 4:00 PM

First Friday 7:00 PM

Vietnamese Mass: 2nd Sunday 1:30 PM

Vigil/Holy Day Masses: Call Parish Office

Area Care Facilities: Contact facility before visiting

### **Confession Schedule**

Wednesday: 7:30 AM

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Monday - 8:00 AM (FOR CONSIDERATION)

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### **Holiday bulletin deadline:**

Due to early publication, information for the November bulletins will need to be received as follows:

#### **Bulletin Date**

January 1, 2022

#### **Need ads by:**

Tues, December 20, 2022

**This week's schedule... \*****SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18**

9:45 AM - 10:55 AM RE Faith & Family Day (MC)  
 2:45 PM - 5:00 PM Vietnamese Ministry Social Time (C)  
**3:15 PM - 3:55 PM Hispanic Reconciliation (CH)**  
 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM Hispanic Posadas (C/G)  
 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Legion of Mary Sunday Group (B)  
 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Hispanic AA Group (PCN)  
**Masses in English 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM (CH)**  
**Mass in Vietnamese 1:30 PM (CH)**  
**Mass in Spanish 4:00 PM (CH)**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 19**

**5:00 PM Mass in English (CH)**  
 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM Hispanic Posadas (C/G)

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20**

**5:00 PM Mass in English (CH)**  
**5:30 PM - 6:25 PM Reconciliation in Spanish (CH)**  
**6:30 PM Mass in Spanish (CH)**  
 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM Hispanic Posadas (C/G)  
 6:15 PM - 8:30 PM Catholic Daughters Meeting (SJOS)  
 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Hispanic Cursillo (SAR)

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21**

**7:00 AM Mass in English (CH)**  
**7:30 AM Reconciliation in English (CH)**  
**7:30 AM - 11:59 PM 24 Hour Adoration (CH)**  
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Hispanic Posadas (C/G)  
 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Hispanic Ministry (PCN)

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22**

**12:00 AM - 6:50 AM 24 Hour Adoration (CH)**  
**7:00 AM Mass in English (CH)**  
 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Faith Sharing Group (SJOS)  
 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM Hispanic Posadas (C/G)  
 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal (CH)  
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Liturgical Choir Practice (CH)

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23**

**6:30 AM - 7:00 AM Reconciliation in English (CH)**  
**7:00 AM Mass in English (CH)**  
 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM Church Decorating-Flowers (CH)  
 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM Hispanic Posadas (C/G)  
 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Legion of Mary-Friday Group (SJOS)

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE**

2:00 PM - 6:00 PM Vietnamese Set Up for Christmas Celebration (C)  
**3:30 PM - 4:00 PM Reconciliation in English (CH)**  
**4:00 PM Christmas Vigil Mass in English (CH)**  
**6:00 PM Christmas Vigil Mass in English (CH)**  
**10:00 PM Christmas Vigil Mass in English (CH)**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 CHRISTMAS DAY**

2:45 PM - 8:00 PM Vietnamese Ministry Social Time (C)  
**3:15 PM - 3:55 PM Hispanic Reconciliation (CH)**  
**Mass in English 9:00 AM (CH)**  
**Mass in Vietnamese 1:00 PM (CH)**  
**Mass in Spanish 4:00 PM (CH)**

\*Subject to change (additions & corrections)

## From the desk of Deacon Steve

### On Earth



In my last article I wrote about discerning God's will. I pointed out that this does not mean what is my will, what is my political parties will, what is my countries will, but what is God's will? So, what is God's will in regard to the earth?

Genesis teaches us: "Then, God said Let the water under the sky be gathered into a single basin, so that dry land may appear...God called the dry land earth...God saw how good it was". Later God created man and women and gave them this charge. "Have dominion over all living things that move on the earth, all seed bearing plants and every tree...And so it happened God looked at everything he had made, and he found it very good." Care for creation, care for the very good earth, is part of Catholic Social Teaching, we are responsible for all the very good things that God created.

Could you find Seychelles on a map? How about Moldova, Burkina Faso? If you're like me, you would fail. I get lost going to the grocery store. But what I do know is that those lands were created by God, the people who inhabit those lands, were created in his image, and Jesus teaches that they are our neighbors, and we are to love our neighbor. We are to care for the planet that we all inhabit.

In 2015 Pope Francis issued an encyclical entitled Laudato Si. The title translates to 'Praise to you, my Lord'. The pope in his letter outlines our responsibility to care for earth, our common home. I would encourage all Catholics to read this letter. In part he talks about how the waste, and pollution of first world countries has a negative impact on third world countries. He talks about how so many countries lack such basics as clean drinking water, and adequate food, to meet the needs of the people in developing countries, to meet the needs of our brothers and sisters. We are charged then to care for all of God's creation, for He finds them very good. Our prayer then, is to meditate on ways we can help not only the needs of people, but also to work to change systems that are in place that allow the rich nations to profit at the expense of poorer countries. We are reminded that to whom much has been given much is expected.

Peace be With You,

*Deacon Steve*

**Locations:** (B) Bethany Room, (C) Cafeteria, (CHP) Chapel, (CH) Church, (E) Emmaus Room, (G) Gym, (LRC) Library Resource Center, (MARI) Marian Room, (MC) Ministry Center, (OC) Off Campus, (PCN) Parish Center North, (PL) Church Parking Lot (PWR) Parish Work Room, (PR) Presentation Room, (SAR) St. Anne Room, (SJ) St. John Room, (SJOA) St. Joachim Room, (SJOS) St. Joseph Room, (SL) St. Luke Room, (SM) St. Mark Room, (SMR) St. Matthew Room, (YC) Youth Center





## LITURGICAL ROLES 12/24 - 12/25

## Lectors

## December 24-Christmas Eve

4:00 PM Barb Ball

6:00 PM Jane Lohrmann

10:00 PM Please Volunteer

## December 25-Christmas Day

9:00 AM Joan Metzger



## Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

## December 24-Christmas Eve

4:00 PM Robin Hansen

6:00 PM Diana Fohrman

10:00 PM Steve Riippi

## December 25-Christmas Day

9:00 AM Doug Schumaker



## 25TH WEEK OF FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

Our Weekly Offering Week Ending 12/11/2022

## NOT AVAILABLE

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## Readings for Week of December 18, 2022

**Sunday:** Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/  
Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

**Monday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab,  
16-17/Lk 1:5-25

**Tuesday:** Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/  
Lk 1:26-38

**Wednesday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/ Ps 33:2-3,  
11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/  
Lk 1:46-56

**Friday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and  
14/Lk 1:57-66

**Saturday: Morning:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/  
Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79

**Next Sunday: 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/  
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 [3]/  
Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

2022 Christmas & New Year  
Mass & Reconciliation Schedule

## Christmas Eve - Saturday, December 24 - Vigil Masses

3:30 PM Children's Choir Prelude  
3:30 PM Reconciliation in English  
4:00 PM Mass in English  
6:00 PM Mass in English  
9:30 PM Liturgical Choir "Anthems & Carols"  
10:00 PM Mass in English

## Christmas Day - Sunday, December 25

9:00 AM Mass in English  
1:00 PM Mass in Vietnamese  
4:00 PM Mass in Spanish

## New Year's Eve - Saturday, December 31

4:30 PM Reconciliation in English  
5:00 PM Mass in English

## New Year's Day - Sunday, January 1

## MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

9:00 AM Mass in English  
11:00 AM Mass in English  
1:30 PM Mass in Vietnamese  
4:00 PM Mass in Spanish

Please pray for those who protect  
and serve us and our country, both  
military and law enforcement and all  
victims of violence.



*"What do you want for Christmas?"*

This is a question we ask each other often before Christmas. Yet how many of us actually take a few minutes to kneel before the Infant Jesus and ask Him what He wants from us this Christmas.



When we kneel before the manger and ask Jesus what he wants, it is very possible that we will hear Him whisper that He wants us to share a little more of our time with Him. Maybe each of us could make a New Year's resolution to spend more time with God.

- Go to Mass more frequently.
- Find some time for prayer in the morning.
- End our day with spiritual reading.
- Say the rosary while we drive to work.
- Participate in Eucharistic Adoration.
- Stop into church occasionally for a quiet visit.

The gift of time with God could very well be the very best gift we could give this year, not only to Jesus but also to ourselves. It might be just what our own hearts are truly longing for.

In today's Gospel, we hear that Jesus will be named Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." The mystery of the birth of Jesus is supremely a mystery of love. May each Christmas find us more and more like Him: more humble, more holy, more happy and more full of God.



**Your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul helped those who are poor and suffering to find Emmanuel and they also came to know that "God is with us."**



### Society of St. Vincent de Paul CHRISTMAS FUND

Help us spread a little Christmas Joy by supporting our Christmas Fund. The St. Vincent de Paul Society again asks for your invaluable help to brighten the Christmas Holidays for our neighbors-in-need through our CHRISTMAS FUND. With your generous help we hope to provide 150 area families with Christmas Dinner gift cards from Aldi as well as gift cards for their children. With your support and assistance, we can continue with this worthwhile ministry!

As you ponder your Christmas gift list, please remember an online contribution to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul can be made in honor or memory of someone special in your life.

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*Thank you for your generosity and continued support in "Helping us Help Others" in the name of Jesus Christ.*



## Advent Saint for the Year

Pick a new saint for the new Liturgical year. There is a saint right now in Heaven just waiting to be your special companion/helper for this new year. We will once again have an opportunity to pick a saint to be our companion for the year. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will lead you to choose the Saint that he wants you to have. Slips of paper with the names of saints will be in baskets located at both entrances to the church. Please take one and spend the year getting to know your saint!

### STEWARDSHIP

When he discovered that Mary was with child, Joseph resolved to end their engagement with as little disgrace as possible. But obedient to the voice of God, he changed those plans and became instead the protector of the child Jesus and his mother, Mary. God grant that I may be as open to the leading of the Holy Spirit!

*"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home."  
Matthew 1:24*

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

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### WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS TO COOK MEALS FOR HOPE HAVEN.

St. Mary Parish is responsible for cooking meals for the 3rd Sunday of each month. We are now scheduling for next year. If you are interested in helping with this very rewarding mission, please call the parish office at 815.758-5432 with any questions or to schedule a date that is convenient for you.



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**St. Mary Church**  
**Advent & Christmas Decorating**  
Please consider helping decorate the church for Advent & Christmas.  
No experience is needed!  
Call the parish office if interested.  
815 758-5432.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23** - 8:00 am - until finished  
Receive, and prepare flowers for set-up, decorate church  
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 8** - 5:30 pm - until finished  
Take down Christmas Decorations

Please call the parish office 815.758-5432 for more information.

## The 12 Days of Christmas BEGINS ON CHRISTMAS DAY AND ENDS ON EPIPHANY

### DID YOU KNOW?!

Aside from the fact that Epiphany which comes twelve days after Christmas, used to mark the end of the Christmas Season, the "Twelve Days of Christmas" are not really any part of Catholic Liturgy.

The song of that name actually derives from a time in England from 1558 to 1829 when it was illegal to be a Catholic, and so the song contains a hidden teaching of Catholic theology. This was a way that parents could still secretly teach their children about the Catholic faith during that particular period.

### A PARTRIDGE IN A PEAR TREE

The "True Love" one hears in the song is not a smitten boy or girlfriend, but Jesus Christ, because truly Love was born on Christmas Day. The partridge in the pear tree also represents Him because that bird is willing to sacrifice itself if necessary to protect its young by feigning injury to draw away predators.

### TWO TURTLE DOVES

represents the Human and Divine natures of Christ and the two testaments of the Bible (Old and New).

### THREE FRENCH HENS

symbolize the three theological virtues: faith, hope and love.

### FOUR CALLING BIRDS

represent the four evangelists - Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

### FIVE GOLDEN RINGS

represent the first five books of the Old Testament (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy), which gives the history of man's fall from grace

### SIX GEESE A-LAYING

represent for the six days of creation.

### SEVEN SWANS A-SWIMMING

represents the seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit - wisdom, knowledge, counsel, piety, fortitude, understanding, and fear of the Lord.

### EIGHT MAIDS A-MILKING

represent the eight beatitudes taught by Jesus.

### NINE LADIES DANCING

represent the Nine Orders (or Choirs) of Angels: Angels, Principalities, Archangels, Powers, Virtues, Dominions, Thrones, Cherubims, and Seraphims

### TEN LORDS A-LEAPING

symbolize the Law of God; the Ten Commandments.

### ELEVEN PIPERS PIPING

represent the eleven Faithful Apostles who stuck with Jesus when seemingly all others had abandoned Him.

### TWELVE DRUMMERS DRUMMING

represent the twelve basic beliefs of the Catholic Church as outlined in the Apostles' Creed.





## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK


**Monday, December 19**

5:00 PM † Ron Smith

**Tuesday, December 20**

5:00 PM † John Wright

6:30 PM † Refugio Serrato (Spanish Mass)

**Wednesday, December 21 (St. Peter Canisius)**

7:00 AM † Don Finn

**Thursday, December 22**

7:00 AM † Dorene Diamond

**Friday, December 23 (St. John of Kanty)**

7:00 AM † Victoria &amp; Jaime Collao

**Saturday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)**

4:00 PM † Janetta Hertle

6:00 PM † Netta &amp; Leonard Lohrman

10:00 PM Living &amp; Deceased Members of St. Mary

**Sunday, December 25 (The Nativity of the Lord)**

9:00 AM † Catherine Baldin

4:00 PM † Romualdo Alcantar &amp;

Maria Concepcion Garcia (Spanish Mass)



Parishioners are invited to give an offering for Mass Intentions in the name of a deceased loved one, for the intentions of someone in need, or in thanksgiving for a blessing received from the Lord. In accordance with Church law, only one intention per mass will be accepted for an offering of \$10.00. For more information, please call the Parish Office at 815.758-5432.



We pray for St. Mary parishioners, relatives, and friends who are suffering from illness, also for those who are homebound, hospitalized, or confined to a care facility, especially:

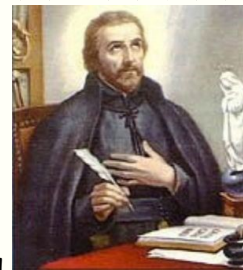
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Ross Webb

**To have a name added to or removed from the prayer list, please call the parish office at 815.758.5432.**

**TO KEEP THE PRAYER LIST CURRENT, WE WILL REMOVE NAMES AFTER 6 MONTHS. PLEASE NOTIFY THE OFFICE IF YOU WISH TO HAVE THE NAME REMAIN ON THE LIST. Thank you.**

### St. Peter Canisius Feast Day - December 21



He was born at Nijmegen, Holland (when it was part of Germany) on May 8, 1521 into a prominent political family. He studied Canon Law at Louvain and received his master of arts degree at Cologne University in 1540. At the age of twenty-two he joined the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) and distinguished himself in studies and spiritual perfection. He was ordained in 1546 and began a career of writing and preaching and went to the Council of Trent for two sessions as a delegate. He returned to Rome and was commissioned by St. Ignatius Loyola to teach at the first Jesuit school at Messina. He was the second great Apostle of Germany - the first being St. Boniface. He was a preacher, theologian, and leader of the Counter Reformation. His mission in Germany was to labor for the Church in its struggle with the Reformation. With astonishing clarity he saw that in order to combat the Reformation, the Church must first reform herself in her pastors and prepare generations of instructed laymen capable of defending their faith. He was a prolific writer and his famous catechism, or *Summary of Christian Doctrine*, which appeared in 1560 and went on to achieve two hundred editions before the turn of the century. He produced a number of well-known catechisms, theological writings, editions of writings of the early Church theologians, as well as controversial essays. He died at Fribourg, Switzerland on December 21, 1597 at the age of 76. Pope Pius XI canonized him on May 21, 1925, and proclaimed him a Doctor of the Church.

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT WEDNESDAYS 7:30 AM - THURSDAYS 6:30 AM

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