

ST. MARY PARISH DEKALB, ILLINOIS January 19, 2025

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Office Hours

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

Thursday: 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Friday: Closed <u>Liturgies</u>

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: Sunday 1:30 PM

Vigil/Holy Day Masses: Call Parish Office

Area Care Facilities: Contact facility before visiting

Confession Schedule

Wednesday: 7:30 AM Friday: 6:30 AM Saturday: 4:30 PM

Other times available by request.

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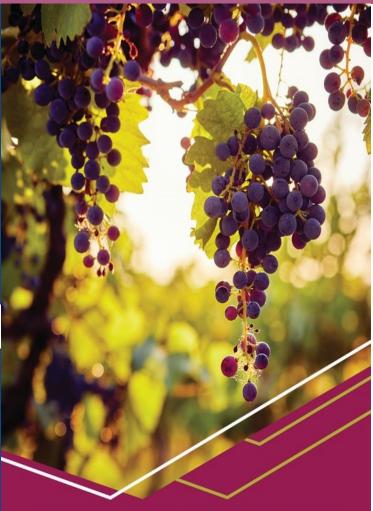
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Rev. Anthony Vu Khac Long, 815.312.9661

Bulletin Deadline

Monday - 8:00 AM (FOR CONSIDERATION)
Send requests to: bulletin@stmarydekalb.org



2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Parish Office will be Closed On Monday, January 20 In celebration of Martin Luther King Day.

We will reopen on Tuesday, January 21 From 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Thank You

This week's schedule... *

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Mass in English (CH) 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM Vietnamese Mass (CH) 2:45 PM - 5:30 Vietnamese Ministry Social Time (C) 3:15 PM - 3:55 PM Hispanic Reconciliation (CH) 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Mass in Spanish (CH/CHP) 5:00 PM - 7: 00 PM - Hispanic Religious ED (MC) 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Hispanic AA Group (PCN) 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM English AA Meeting (PCN) Monday, January 20 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM PRAYER WRAP GROUP (PR) 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM Mass in English (CH) 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Legion of Mary-Monday Group Tuesday, January 21 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM - Mass in English (CH) 5:30 PM - 6:25 PM Reconciliation in Spanish (CH) 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mass in Spanish (CH) 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Prayer Group (CH) 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Cursillo Weekly Meeting (men/women) Wednesday, January 22 7:00 AM - 7:30 AM Mass in English (CH) 7:30 AM - 7:59 AM Reconciliation in English (CH) 7:30 AM - 11:59 AM 24 Hour Adoration 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Hispanic AA Group (PCN) 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Hispanic Bible Study (SJOS) THURSDAY, JANUARY 23 12:00 AM - 6:50 AM 24 Hour Adoration (CH) 7:00 AM - 7:30 AM Mass in English (CH) 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Women's Faith Sharing Study 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM - Legion of Mary - Thursday Group FRIDAY, JANUARY 24 6:30 AM - 6:59 AM Reconciliation in English (CH) 7:00 AM - 7:30 AM Mass in English (CH) 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Hispanic Bible Study for Kids (SJOS) 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Hispanic Holy Hour (CH) SATURDAY, JANUARY 25 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM Vietnamese New Year Celebration Setup/Music Rehearsal (C) 4:30 PM - 4:59 PM Reconciliation in English (CH) 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Mass in English (CH) SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Mass in English (CH) 9:55 AM - 10:55 AM Religious ED (C) 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Vietnamese New Year TET2025 Mass Year of the Snake (CH) 3:15 PM - 3:55 PM Hispanic Reconciliation (CH) 3:30 PM - 7:00 PM Vietnamese New Year Festival (C) 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Mass in Spanish (CH) 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Hispanic Religious ED (MC) 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM Hispanic AA Group (PCN) 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM English AA Meeting (PCN)

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

From the desk of Fr. Russell ...

As we approach the final days of the Christmas Season we see Isaiah repeatedly pointing to the Gospel of our Salvation.

Last week he pointed to the Epiphany we celebrated:

"The wealth of the nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian & Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold & frankincense, And proclaiming the praises of the LORD." This week he points to same Lamb that John the Baptist pointed out:

"In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged country, a broad valley.

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, And all people shall see it together; For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

The voice of the Father comes from heaven: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am pleased."

This was "After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying,

Heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove." John the Baptist had prepared the people and Jesus, the Son of God who became a baby in the womb of a woman, continued to show the way to salvation by his own example.

He sanctifies the waters of the Jordan that sanctify us. He who is without sin showed the path of cleansing repentance for the sinner. The people had been filled with expectation about the one John said would: "Baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." How grateful we are for the Divine Life that enters our world and enters us!

In Christ, son of Mary, Fr. Russell

^{*} Subject to change (additions & corrections)

LITURGICAL ROLES 1/25 TO 1/26 **LECTORS**

1/25 5:00 PM Mike Tritle

1/26 9:00 Am St Mary School Student

1/26 11:00 AM Linda Makofski

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

1/25 5:00 PM Diana Fohrman

1/26 9:00 AM **Kevin Fuss**

Kellie Fuss (cup)

1/26 11:00 AM Teri Lorak





Readings for Week of January 19, 2025

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/1 Cor 12:4-11/

Jn 2:1-11

Monday Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6 Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/

Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14/

Mk 3:13-19

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/ Saturday:

Mk 16:15-18

Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15

(see Jn 6:63c)/ 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

JUBILEE 2025 Frayer for Daily Use

Jubilee Prayer

Jather in heaven, may the faith You have gifted us in Your son Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity kindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us, the blessed hope for the coming of Your Kingdom. May Your grace transform us into diligent cultivators of the evangelical seeds that make humanity and the cosmos rise unto the confident expectation of the new heavens and the new earth, when with the powers of evil overcome, Your glory shall be manifested eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, the yearning for heavenly treasures and pour over all the earth the joy and peace of our Redeemer. To You, God, blessed in eternity. be praise and glory for ever and ever.

In the Gospel today, at the wedding feast in Cana, Jesus reveals himself to his disciples and they begin to believe in him. Everyday, God also

gives us signs of his love and so we also can respond in faith and trust. Your gift to the Society of SVDP becomes a sign of God's love to those who are suffering and you give them reason to believe and to trust.

2024 Lancer Raffle Ticket Winners

1/20 - Kathy Farris - \$50.00 - donated back

1/21 - Suzanne Krull \$20.00

1/22- Ramos Family - \$20.00 - donated back

1/23 - Robert Jordal - \$20.00

1/24 - Liz McKee - \$20.00

1/25 - Robert Napierkowski - \$20.00

1/26 - Nan Phillips - \$30.00



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TRIUIA NIGHT

January 25, 2025 Doors open at 5:30 p.m. & Trivia starts at 6:00 p.m. 210 Gurler Rd. DeKalb, IL 60115



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STEWARDSHIP 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." 1 (CORINTHIANS 12:7)

St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God's plan? How are you helping to build God's kingdom here on earth? Remember that if you don't do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it. Live the life God has intended for you. Take time to discern your charisms (gifts from the Holy Spirit). Experience the supernatural Peace and Joy God desires for each of us.

"There is such a wide spectrum of issues involving the protection of human life and the promotion of human dignity. Good people frequently disagree on which problems to address, which policies to adopt and how best to apply them. But for citizens and elected officials alike, the basic principle is simple: We must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude in the killing of any innocent human life, no matter how broken, unformed, disabled or desperate that life may

seem. In other words, the choice of certain ways of acting is always and radically incompatible with the love of God and the dignity of the human person created in His image."

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops "Living the Gospel of Life" 1998 USCCB

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<u>January 26</u>. We appreciate any and all donations.

Questions? Call Chuck and Chris Hacker 815-758-5625



2025 Calendars Are here. Look for them at either entrances of the church.

Healing is Possible

A Christian retreat and workshop for **women survivors** of sexual assault and /or domestic violence.



- Education on trauma & coping skills
- Self-care strategies
- Prayer and meditation time
- · Creative expression through art
- Small group discussion
- SoulCore stretching rosary meditation (bring a mat or towel)
- Sacrament of Reconciliation (optional)



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This retreat is not a crisis intervention program. We encourage women who are struggling with significant untreated mental health symptoms, active drug, and alcohol addiction, or homelessness to seek other professional help first.

Memory Photos from The Night of ADVENT FESTIVAL OF CAROLS

Such beautiful music. Thank you to Paul Marchese, Barb Ball and all those who sang and made this event successful.







More Memories made by the Religious Ed Students
They performed a Nativity Play called
"A MOST JOYFUL MYSTERY"
The students gave a wonderful
performance.

A big Thank You to Annalisa McMaster for putting this together and to all that were involved to make this a success.



Monday, Jan 20 (St Sebastian)

5:00 PM † Maria Teresita J Miranda.

Tuesday, Jan 21 (St Agnes)

5:00 PM † Ruth Pheanis

6:00 PM † Ruben Villazana

Wednesday, Jan 22 (Prayers for unborn children)

7:00 AM † Sister Mary Ellen Descourouez

Thursday, Jan 23 (St. Vincent)

7:00 AM + Carol Leitheisser

Friday, Jan 24 (St. Francis de Sales)

7:00 AM † Poor Souls

Saturday, Jan 25 (The conversion of St. Paul)

5:00 PM Kevin Presecan (Well Being)

Sunday, Jan 26 (3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

9:00 AM Students & Families of St. Mary School

11:00 AM + Living/Deceased Members

4:00 PM † Families of Flores & Rodriguez.



Laura Anderson Nancy Bailey Jose Luis Castro Mary Clabour Marty Caudill Judy Culver Dorothy Fuss Alejandra Garcia Andrea Hauge Joan Judkins Stephanie Keppner Agnes Kiertscher Patrick Lehan
Pat Milner
Joe Phelan
Mary Lou Rempfer
Steve Stach
Roseann Theisen
Alice Tritle
Paula Vasko
Jerry Vasko
Abel Viland
Bob White
Ashley Yonkoski

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 Agnes January 21, Martyr

St. Agnes was but twelve years old when she was led to the altar of Minerva at Rome and commanded to obey the persecuting laws of Diocletian by offering incense. In the midst of the idolatrous rites she raised her hands to Christ, her spouse, and made the sign of the life-giving cross. She did not shrink when she was bound hand



and foot, though the gyves slipped from her young hands, and the heathers who stood around her were moved to tears. The bonds were not needed for her, and she hastened gladly to the place of her torture. Next, when the judge saw that pain had no terrors for her, he inflicted an insult worse than death: her clothes were stripped off, and she had to stand in the street before a pagan crowd; yet even this did not daunt her. "Christ," she said, "will guard His own." So it was. Christ showed, by a miracle, the value which He sets upon the custody of the eyes. Whilst the crowd turned away their eyes from the spouse of Christ, as she stood exposed to view in the street, there was one young man who dared to gaze at the innocent child with immodest eyes. A flash of light struck him blind, and his companions bore him away half dead with pain and terror. Lastly, her fidelity to Christ was proved by flattery and offers of marriage. But she answered, "Christ is my Spouse: He chose me first, and His I will be." At length the sentence of death was passed. For a moment she stood erect in prayer, and then bowed her neck to the sword. At one stoke her head was severed from her body, and the angels bore her pure soul to Paradise.

Reflection: Her innocence endeared St. Agnes to Christ, as it has endeared her to His Church ever since. Even as penitents we may imitate this innocence of hers in our own degree. Let us strictly guard our eyes, and Christ, when He sees that we keep our hearts pure for love of Him, will renew our youth and give us back the years which the canker-worm has wasted.

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