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November 27, 2022

1st Sunday of Advent

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FORMED Website info: holymarycluster.formed.org

Newcomers: Member registration forms are available in the main entrance to church, on the website, or by contacting the parish office via phone or email.

Baptism: Contact the pastor to schedule.

Marriage Prep: Contact the pastor at least 9 months prior to the date of marriage.

Reconciliation: half hour before these weekend Masses
 Saturday– St. Mary Sunday– Holy Name

Adult Inquiry into Catholic Membership: RCIA program from September to Easter. Contact pastor for more info.

Flocknote: Text HMC to 84576 or by going to <https://holymarycluster.flocknote.com/>

Advent Confessions

Holy Name

Wednesday, November 30 (6:30 -7:15 pm)

St. Mary

Thursday, December 8 (6 - 7 pm)

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)

Wednesday, Dec. 7– 7:00 pm vigil at Holy Name

Thursday, Dec. 8— 7:00 pm at St. Mary

*We need ushers at Holy Name & St. Mary and a EMHC at Holy Name. Please contact the office if you can help.

This Week's Mass Schedule

Monday	11/28	No Mass	
Tuesday	11/29	SM 5:30 pm	+Laurie DeSmet
Weds	11/30	HN 7:30 am	+John & Illeen Wagner
Thursday	12/1	SM 8:00 am	+Barb McKee
Friday	12/2	HN 7:30 am	+Mary Jo Schulte
Saturday	12/3	SM 4:00 pm	+Bob & Jenny Kerkvliet
Sunday	12/4	HN 8:30 am	Cluster
		SM 10:30 am	+Gerald Bruggeman

Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary, Larchwood
 Every Tuesday 8:30 am to 1:30 pm in the Adoration Chapel

St. Mary Funeral Schedule: St. Clare Circle
 Please contact Stacia Poppens (712)477-2324 or Shawna Warner (605)366-7804 (if you are able to donate food).



JOIN US FOR COFFEE & ROLLS
 after Mass this Sunday,
 November 27th at St. Mary

Adoration will be available an hour (4:30-5:30 pm) before Mass each Tuesday.

PASTOR'S DESK

In our lives we encounter different types of preparation because we are waiting for someone to come or something to happen in our lives. We spend a lot of money and energy for these preparations. For example, preparing a party, a preparation for our own wedding and for the birth of a baby, preparation for moving into another house or a new home or for retirement and many more. We are so very excited about these to come or to happen. But how many of us are preparing for our own death so that we can enter in the Kingdom of God. I'm just mentioning it in order for us to reflect if we are on the right track. Today is the first Sunday of Advent, speaks about watchfulness and preparation on our part. What are we waiting for? What are we preparing for? What are we looking for? Are we looking for a miracle? If we are waiting for Christ to be born, Christ was already born two thousand years ago. If we are waiting for the Holy Spirit to dwell among us, He is already in us but we do not recognize His presence and role in our lives.

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Pastor's Desk (Continued from 1st page)

If we are waiting for the Church to be born, the Church is already in our midst. If we are waiting for the faith, God gives everything to us. What are we waiting for? Every Sunday, we attend Mass, We receive the body of Christ and Christ becomes a part of us. But after the Mass, we return to our old habits. What God is looking from us is a changed way of life, a new direction and a renewed life. A life by which we can see the face of Christ in other people especially the lowly. As Christ said: "What you do to the least of brothers you do it unto me. As long as we do not see the face of Christ in other people, we will remain in darkness. As long as we do not show to other people the face of Christ through you, there will be no tomorrow and there will be no other day to come in our lives. Let us also pray to God that He may give us His grace of waiting so that we may become more vigilant and still awake when He will come again.

Fr. Sunny Dominic

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

December 7 (Wed.-7:00 pm) @ HN (Holy Day Vigil)

Lector: Jake Vander Zee

EMHC: **Need Volunteer**

Servers: Charlee Vander Zee, Blake Luze

Gifts/Ushers: **Need Volunteer, Need Volunteer**

December 8 (Thurs-7:00 pm) @ SM

Lector: Erica Whalen

EMHC: Linda Ripperda

Servers: Flyn Mullinix, **Need Volunteer**

Gifts/Ushers: **Need Volunteer, Need Volunteer**

Let the parish office know if you can help with any of these ministries.

Donations Needed ASAP:

In lieu of a giving tree this year we would like to help Atlas of Lyon County stock up their winter gear and other children's clothing.

*New or gently used children's boots, snow pants, winter coats, hats & gloves.

*New or gently used children's clothing

*Diapers (all sizes)



All items can be placed near the Baptism font and will be delivered to Atlas on Friday, December 2.



Upcoming Holy Day Mass Schedules.....

Christmas:

Saturday, Dec. 24 - 4:30 pm at HN
10:00 pm at SM (9:30 pm - caroling)

Sunday, Dec. 25 - 8:30 am at HN
10:30 am at SM

Advent study will be at St Mary on Thursdays @ 7:00pm starting December 1st

"As We Forgive Those"

Is a 4-part video series which is completely free to all.

When you don't forgive, the thing that offended you keeps all its power. And you live reactively to something that may have happened years ago. And as resentment and self-protection grows, it robs you of everything from the ability to enjoy life, to your health.

Jesus wants you to live a life that is totally, completely, radically, resentment-free. A life where rain will still fall, but rolls off YOU like a freshly waxed car. Where people may be offensive, but you'll know how NOT to take offense.

Everyone has someone to forgive.

This 4-week series won't only help you forgive the big stuff...but will help you to easily, quickly, radically forgive every offense that comes your way--not because everyone "deserves forgiveness," but because YOU deserve to be free on the inside.

We'll cover:

- What forgiveness is NOT.
- What forgiveness IS.
- How to keep your boundaries while forgiving.
- How to forgive someone who isn't sorry.
- How forgiveness is a path to healing in society, family, and your personal life.

And we'll give you a powerful, simple exercise to *let things go* that you can use, and re-use, to experience the power of forgiveness.

This isn't self-help. It's God's help. Take it. He wants you to be free.

If you would like to do this advent study on your own, please visit www.reallifecatholic.com where you can sign up with your email address.

Ministry Schedule

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 3 (Sat-4:00 pm) @ SM

Lector: Ruth Tobin
EMHC: Lisa Ageson
Servers: **Need Volunteer, Need Volunteer**
Gifts/Ushers: Shorty Blauwet, Scott Kerkvliet

December 4 - Sunday 8:30 am @ HN

*Lector: 7th Grade Youth Mass
EMHC: Margo Pedersen
Servers: 7th Grade Youth Mass
Gifts/Ushers: 7th Grade Youth Mass
**Communion to Homebound: Pat Schleusner
Offertory: Brooke Konechne, **Need Volunteer**

December 4 (Sun-10:30 am) @ SM

Lector: Erica Whalen
EMHC: Stephanie Stensland
Servers: Brooklyn Schreurs, Flynn Mullinix, Trevor Smith
Gifts/Ushers: John & Pam Hawf
Count Offering: Doug Snyders, Shelly McCarty
Homebound Comm: Linda Ripperda

Holy Name

November 30– CCD (6th-12th grade) 7-8:15 pm
**Confessions for 6th-12th grade

December 4 (Sunday) - 7:15 pm
Adult formation at the Rock River Brewery -
Defending your Faith

December 7 - FFF Cancelled - 7pm Mass - The
Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin
Mary (**Holy Day of Obligation**)

December 14 - First Reconciliation - 6:30pm
CCD (6th-12th grade) 7-8:15pm

December 21 – CCD (6th-12th grade) 7-8:15pm

MagnifiKid! MagnifiKid subscriptions
will renew soon, please let
Beth Luze know if your
family would like one.

St. Mary

FFF - December 7 (6:45-8 pm) will be our
next night for Family Faith Formation.

CCD

- Wednesday, Nov 30 at 6:45 pm
(Grades 6-12)
- Sunday, Dec 4– Youth Breakfast
- Wednesday, Dec 7– No Class!
(Holy Day of Obligation– Dec. 8)
- Wednesday, Dec 14 at 6:45 pm
(Christmas Shopping)
- Wednesday, Dec 21 at 6:45 pm
(CCD Confessions)

What Is the True Meaning of Christmas?

with Dr. Michael Patrick Barber



Do you love Christmas traditions but don't know where they come from? Tune in for Dr. Michael Patrick Barber's Advent reflections called "The True Meaning of Christmas" and learn the meaning behind your favorite Christmas pastimes.

Featured on FORMED every day of Advent

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To go deeper, be sure to use his accompanying book, The True Meaning of Christmas. **Our Christmas gift this year is The True Meaning of Christmas**. Please grab your copy from the main entry of the parish.

*Pancake
Breakfast*



Youth Fundraiser Breakfast:

St. Mary Youth will host a pancake breakfast at St. Mary after the 10:30 am Mass next Sunday, Dec. 4th. Free will offering.

*We
Need
Your
Help!*

St. Mary's needs volunteers for the following:

St. Mary is looking for volunteers to be part of the Buildings & Grounds Committee. They will prioritize needed repairs and/or projects for our parish and present them to the parish council.

ALL LECTORS are asked to please pick up a copy of the 2023 Lector Workbook from the sacristy. Please check your name off the list when you pick up your book. Thank you for your service to our parish.



Knight of the Month : Jim Vander Woude for attending and reporting on the Regional KC meeting November 5 at Sheldon.

Family of the Month : The Melissa Moser family as they are encouraged by Melissa's cancer treatment.

SM Roof Fundraiser

Goal- \$125,000 by the end of the year!

Roof Project

Date	Total raised	# families
11-22	\$54,502.69	59

Please make checks payable to St. Mary's (include on the memo line - roof project). You can also use the building fund envelopes.

Raffle tickets will be available to purchase after Mass on November 26th & 27th. All profits will go toward the roof project.

Christmas Lane On Main

**Saturday December 3rd
5:00 – 7:00 PM**

St Mary's Church will be in the back of the Sports Center selling Raffle Tickets for the following items

\$5.00 per ticket or \$20.00 for six tickets.

Need not be present to win. The drawing will be at 7:00 pm on December 3rd.

*We will be doing a Bingo Night fundraiser in January. If you would like to donate any items for prizes please contact Shelly McCarty (712) 451-8487.



Thank you to all who so generously donated food to the Larchwood Food Pantry. Always amazed at how the Parish of St. Mary is so giving.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Envelopes Are available at the main entrance to both parishes if you would like to donate toward the poinsettias in honor of a loved one. **Names received before December 19 will be published.**

ST. MARY ALTAR SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

and election of officers for 2023 will be Sunday, December 4th after Mass. The Youth Group will be serving breakfast. Please go through the serving line and bring your breakfast to the meeting. All women of the parish are encouraged to attend.

FREE 2023 CALENDARS published by Catholic Extension are available for pickup in the main entry to church. This year's calendar is "Feasts and Saints."

HOLY NAME

Last Weekend's Stewardship

Adult	\$1,575
Loose	\$225
Youth	\$19
Haiti	\$50

ST. MARY

Last Weekend's Stewardship

Adult	\$1,815
Loose	\$155
Youth	\$11.50
Building Fund	\$2,600
Haiti	\$135
St. Joseph Ed. Society	\$50

2022 Together As One Update

Thank you to those who contributed. If you haven't made your contribution yet, there's still time to be part of a good thing!

	Goal:	Pledged:	Paid:	
Holy Name:	\$7,028	\$3972	\$3872	22 families
St. Mary:	\$11,736	\$10,879	\$10,244	50 families



Our Special Intention Prayer List

St. Mary:

Bonnie Grotewold	Les Manning	Neil Lawton
Shirley Reilly Family	Warren Heirigs	Vince Gacke
Special Intention	Dennis Doherty	Abby Bauer
Troy Kampmann		

For people's hearts to be changed about abortions.

Holy Name:

Angie Grafing	Joanne Panka	Linda Herda
Russ Pedersen	Ted Cramer	Kandi Koll
Bonnie Wilson		

Benedictine Retreat

A short online retreat, "The Desert Shall Bloom," will include short presentations, quiet reflection time, and prayer. Participants will be invited to reflect on the text from Isaiah, "...the desert will bloom." Join the Sisters on Zoom from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on **Saturday, December 3**. The cost of the retreat is \$30. Registration must be completed by Dec. 1 by visiting <https://YanktonBenedictines.org/advent-retreat> or by sending an email to benedictinepeacectr@yanktonbenedictines.org. For more information, call 605-668-6292 or visit the webpage <https://yanktonbenedictines.org/advent-retreat/>.

December 9- Frontier Bank in Rock Rapids will be offering a \$5 donation check to be written to the church or charity of choice. Anyone can stop in for a check, you do not need to be a customer, so this is a great opportunity for everyone!