

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SAINT MARY’S CATHOLIC CHURCH – PASTOR: Father Shane Campbell

Every so often the fourth week of Advent consists only of the fourth Sunday of Advent. This is one of those years. For three weeks we have been encouraged to use this season to prepare for the Jesus` coming. Now it’s time for the procrastinators to begin! But seriously, the fact that this Sunday falls on Christmas Eve is a wonderful opportunity for us all. On this day, may the word of God we hear and the Eucharist we share inspire us to prepare a home in our hearts for the Lord.

Mass Etiquette-Please come to Mass early enough to not disrupt. Leave late enough not to insult.
Worship reverently enough not to distract. And dress proudly enough not to offend.

Monday, December 25 (Christmas)	8:30 AM at St. Bernard’s -+Dave Wolf by Janel and family 10:30 AM at St. Mary’s -+Charlie Faiman by Gladys and family
Tuesday, December 26	5:30 PM at St. Bernard’s – Novena
Wednesday, December 27	No Services
Thursday, December 28	6:30 AM at St. Mary’s – Adoration 7:30 AM at St. Mary’s -+Gordy Wagner by Ernie/Fran Praus
Friday, December 29	8:30 AM at St. Bernard’s —+Eva Kessel by Geoff/Debra Obrigewitsch
Saturday, December 30	4:00 PM at St. Bernard’s -+Duane Roller & +Dalton Begger by Duane/Lisa Obrigewitch
Sunday, December 31	8:30 AM at St. Bernard’s – Parishes 10:30 AM at St. Mary’s -+Vince & +Mary Ann Binstock by family and friends

Sacrament of Reconciliation: St. Mary’s: Sunday – Before Mass
St. Bernard’s: Saturday –3:15-3:45 pm- Sunday – Before Mass

Ministers for Monday, December 25th (Christmas Day)

Commentator/Reader
Lynette Silbernagel

Servers
Conner/Jaden Kubas

Ushers – Matt/Pat Frank

Ministers for Sunday, December 31st

Commentator/Reader
Kim Kostelecky

Servers
Jake Streitz

Ushers
Bernie/Deb Binstock

Rosary Leader
Karen Kostelecky

If you are not able to be at your appointed Mass, please find a replacement.

Vocation View – Open your mind and heart and listen to God’s wisdom spoken in dreams, signs, and wonders. Mary and Joseph trusted and let God work through them. What about you? (Matthew 1:18-24)

Thought for the week – Take God as your partner in every enterprise.

Please Remember in Your Prayers the sick, especially: **Cherie Smith, Tom Metz, Mary Peters, Ken Lefor,** and **Greg Taylor** and for all our parishioners who are homebound, in assisted living or in nursing homes.
Prayers will remain on the list for four weeks. If you would like to add, request, or update list, please call the parish office at 677-5886.

If you come to this parish on a regular basis, consider becoming a member.
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A BIG Thank You to everyone who took a tag from our Giving Tree. Your generosity was amazing. You made a very special Christmas to the residents of St. Ben’s and St. Luke’s.

Food Pantry Drive – The Christian Mothers are holding a food drive for non-perishable food and personal care items.

St. Joseph’s Dinner on Saturday, **January 6th**, from **4:00- 6:30 pm**, in the Pine Room, at St. Joseph’s Church. Come enjoy meatballs/gravy, mashed potatoes, peas/carrots, pickled beets, buns and jello poke cake. Price will be \$12.00 per person. Everyone is welcome!

Annual Barley Sausage Breakfast – Sunday, **January 14th**, from **8:30 am – 12:30 pm**, at the Catholic Workman Hall, in New Hradec. Barley sausage, ham, hashbrowns, toast, coffee, juice and rolls. Curbside pickup or enjoy the breakfast inside. For more information call **225-2815** or **260-7560**. Everyone is welcome!

We will close our books on December 31st - All contributions and donations must be dated and received on or before the 31st to receive credit for the year 2023. Thank you!

Remember your loved ones, at Mass, as we celebrate the anniversary of their death:

December 25: Valentine Praus **1997**
December 27: Valentine Kuntz **1968**
December 29: Eva Brueni **2019**
December 30: Anna Wagner **1987**

Stewardship Thought: God will never be outdone in generosity. No one is ever poorer for giving to our God who is so rich in love, mercy and goodness.

<u>Sunday, December 17th:</u>	
Adults:	832.00
<u>Loose:</u>	<u>297.50</u>
Total: \$	1,129.50
Retirement Fund for Religious:	335.00

