



ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Forming Saints for Christ and the Church

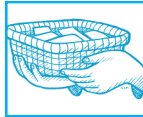
JANUARY 2, 2022
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TMIY SPRING 2022 SCHEDULE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 8:30A.M. - 9:45A.M.

Date	Session Numer	Session Title
2-Jan	No Session	Holiday-No meeting
9-Jan	Movie TBD	Breakfast and general discussion 8:30 -9:45
16-Jan	Movie TBD	Breakfast and general discussion 8:30 -9:45
23-Jan	13	The New Evangelization
30-Jan	14	Sober Intoxication of the Spirit
6-Feb	15	Our Father Who Art in Heaven
13-Feb	16	Silent Knight, Holy Knight
20-Feb	17	Meet Your Spiritual Father
27-Feb	18	The Shadow of the Father
6-Mar	19	First Society
13-Mar	20	The Day is Far Spent
20-Mar	No Session	Spring Break
27-Mar	No Session	Spring Break
3-Apr	21	The Sign of the Times
10-Apr	22	The Triumph of Mercy
17-Apr	No Session	Easter
24-Apr	23	Angelic Guardians
1-May	24	Renewed Mercy
8-May	No Session	Mother's Day
15-May	25	A New Day, A new Man
22-May	26	The Harvest is Plentiful

Sunday Offerings December 19, 2021



Envelopes/Loose/Youth	\$	7,583.48
Online Giving	\$	2,333.00
Total 12/19/21	\$	9,916.48
Weekly Budget (2021-2022)	\$	<u>-9,000.00</u>
		+916.48
Sunday 12/19/21	\$	9,916.48
Regular Maintenance & Utilities	\$	385.00
Food Pantry	\$	405.00
Flowers	\$	305.00
Missions	\$	145.00
Christmas/Solemnity Mary	\$	20.00
Cemetery	\$	20.00
School	\$	20.00
Candles	\$	28.00
POH2	\$	<u>6,805.00</u>
TOTAL 12/19/21	\$	18,049.48

The Light of the Moon

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/ And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears his glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star. ©LPi

IMPORTANT

PLEASE, when using a plain envelope for donations, be sure and write your name on the envelope, even if you are writing a check. This will insure you receive proper credit to your contribution record. Thanks!

Coming Back to Church

Question:

I have been away from the Church for a few years and really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children. Is this a bad reason to come back to Church?

Answer:

If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back.

This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be. ©LPi

St. Mary Catholic School December 250 Winners:

\$100	Nancy Newbold	\$25	Mary Delay
\$75	Sam & Sarah Gettinger		
\$50	Open		

St. Mary School would like to thank all who were able to help with the Giving Tree this year. The parishioners were overwhelmingly generous and have truly made a difference for our children this Christmas.

FREE Calendars: Remember to pickup your FREE 2022 Calendar, available at all church entrances, compliments of Todd Funeral Centre.

January 2, 2022—The Epiphany of the Lord

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved. ©LPi



ADORATION: Father James will be on vacation January 3 - 14, 2022. There **will be** Adoration on Wednesday, January 5 and January 12, 2022.

Mass Schedule: January 3 - January 9

Monday		No Mass
Tuesday	6:30p.m.	No Mass
Wednesday	8:30a.m.	No Mass
Thursday	8:30a.m.	No Mass
Friday	8:30a.m.	No Mass
Saturday	5:30p.m.	+Steve Richards
Sunday	7:30a.m.	+Betty Shanahan
	10:00a.m.	St. Mary Parish

Servers - January 8 & 9

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Katie Ripberger & Peyton Jessup
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Keegan Pavey
	10:00a.m.	Adam & Kyle Spaeth, Katie Corn

Lectors - January 8 & 9

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Ruth Koelmel
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Susan Delay
	10:00a.m.	Kevin Banks

Extra-Ordinary Ministers - January 8 & 9

Sat.	5:30p.m.	DeeDee Small
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Regenia Ripberger
	10:00a.m.	Debbie Banks

Ushers for January 2022

Sat.	5:30p.m.	Andrew Connolly & Volunteer
Sun.	7:30a.m.	Steve & Eric Wagner
	10:00a.m.	JD & Brandon Herbert

Money Counters:

Jan. 3	April Yager, Royanna Eck, Mary Ann Harpring, Mary Ann Beard
Jan. 10	Kathy Dean, Sheila Zwickey, Robin Land

Food Pantry Volunteers:

Jan. 3 (Restock)	Doug Osborne & Annette Niehoff
Jan. 5	Marilyn Spilman & Mary Ann Harpring

Ministers-to-the-Sick:

Jan. 3	Linda Jenkins	Jan. 10	Diane Gordon
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What does it mean to have a Mass offered for someone?

A priest may be asked to offer a Mass in thanksgiving, a birthday or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of some who has died. We are instructed that one weekend Mass is to be said for the members of St. Mary Parish. This is why only two requests per weekend can be said.



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Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday.....8:30a.m.- 4:30p.m.

Friday.....8:30a.m. - Noon

Our St. Mary Prayer Line

Regenia Ripberger 765-561-1179

Lisa Wagoner 812-593-0790 - 765-663-2444

Parish Council - Chair: Eric Harpring

Finance Council - Chair: Shawn Adkins

School Commission - Chair: Curt Naylor

Baptism - Call the parish office for scheduling.

Reconciliation/Confession

Saturday...4:30p.m.- 5:15p.m.

Tuesday.....6:00p.m.6:25p.m.

Marriage

Engaged couples must meet with the Pastor to complete initial marriage paperwork at least 9 months before the anticipated wedding date *and prior to making any other arrangements concerning the wedding.*

Abortion Alternatives

Birthline Mon.-Fri. 317-635-4808

Option Helpline 24/7 1-800-712-HELP

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

800-273-TALK (8255)

National Domestic Violence Hotline

1-800-799-7233

Vocations to Priesthood/Religious Life

Contact Father James - 765-932-2588

New Parishioners

Welcome to St. Mary Parish! You are invited to call the parish office and register to become a part of our parish family.

Please pray for: Patricia (Saxon) Banta, Sister Eileen Rose Bonner, Sister Bridget Bonner, Keaton Bower, Charles Bright, Patricia (Thorp) Bright, Steve Bruns, Larry Burch, Steve Burch, Bernice Burkhart, Mary Lou Carey, Brenda Herbert Case, Benjamin Castro, Katy Curtis, Catherine Custer, Juli (Joyce) Ellis, Tony Figueroa, Maggie Fudge, Bud Garland, Gavin, Sam Gettinger, Jacob Goble, Patricia Goodspeed, Charles Gratzel, Karen Land Graves, Faith Sadler Hankins, Greg Harcourt, Todd Harding, Norb Harpring, Jeanne Hedrick, Ashley Heller, Joe Hoffman, Terry Honaker, Donna Hood, Tom Jones, Claudette Kamm, Debbie Kensicki, Kim, Martha Knecht, Catherine Kneuen, Alex Kolb and family, Linda Lair, Steve Link, Ted & Toni Locke, Paul Marshall, Donny Martin, Cecilia Mathews, Tim Meer, Gary Miller, Monna Miller, Janet Mitchell, Jo-Clare & Chris Moody, Mary Ann Muckerheide, Brenda Munchel, Kelly Jarman Munchel, Mark Neuman, Thomas Oesterling, Mary Marr Owens, Penny Owens, Philip Parish, Cinda Pavey, Jimmy Raisor, Peggy Rich, Gary Riggs, Thelma Robbins, Deb Rosfeld, Roger Rosfeld, Faith Sadler, Debra Sater, Meghan Schultz, Cindy Sever, Jim Scott, Karen Spaeth, Mike Spaeth, Margaret Ann (Roberts) Speranza, Jean Stanley, David Starkey, Anna Telker, Bill Telker, Joe Thorpe, Mike & Janet Tosick, Tim Tyler, Blaine Weber, Scott Webster, Donna Williams, Harper Williams, Jack & CarolAnn Woelfel.

For those proudly serving our country: William Friedl, Garrett Hadler, Travis Pecar, Kody Griffin.

Homebound: Angela Godar, Margie Meyer, Bernard Spaeth

Residents at Millers Merry Manor: Jenny Brown, Barb Craven, Barb Herbert, Marge Mahan, Pete Osting, Marilyn Schroeder, Doris Thoman.

All of those affected by Covid- 19

January Food Pantry Items :

Hot chocolate, Marshmallows, Oatmeal. Contact Annette Niehoff with any questions.



Margaret Cecilia Angle, Daughter of Craig and Anna Angle - December 19, 2022.

Beau Allen Busald, son of Mark and Maria Busald- January 9, 2022. Welcome Margaret and Beau!

A Special Thank You to everyone who helped make the Christmas liturgies so special. From the cleaning, the decorating and the music, all was beautiful!