St. Mary Mystical Rose
Guiding Light

We the faithful of St. Mary Mystical Rose Parish are a Catholic Community in the Archdiocese of Detroit. We serve God through His Begotten Son, Jesus Christ, with the empowerment and the strength of the Holy Spirit: to celebrate the Holy Sacraments and Worship, Christian Service and Faith Education, to evangelize and practice our faith in active stewardship--with the faith, spirit and humility of Mary, the Rose of God and our Patron Saint.

December 25, 2016—NATIVITY OF THE LORD: CHRISTMAS

Dear Families and Friends of St. Mary Mystical Rose Parish!
Wishing you and your families Merry Christmas - Happy Birthday Jesus!

Jesus is the Reason for the Season! He is your Prince of Peace, Joy, Goodwill and Prosperity!
I will always give thanks and praise to God for you. Your faith and love of God with your faith, active commitment, financial support and prayers is very much appreciated.
My prayers for you and your family this Christmas is—come and celebrate together with your family and friends Christmas Mass—Vigil and Daytime.
May your love for each other mirror the love of God in you and in whatever you do!
On this Christmas—Jesus, Prince of Peace, Counselor, Healer, Hope, Joy and Love— ignite your faith and rekindle your burning love of and for God and others.
You are called and chosen to share and evangelize your family, friends, and colleagues with how God brings hope and love to you and for them.

A Christmas Invitation
(James Chadwick 1813-1882)

From "Angels We Have Heard on High"
Come to Bethlehem and see,
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King,
See Him in the manger laid,
Whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
While our hearts in love we raise.

Merry Christmas and God bless you always, I remain, With prayers and love from your Pastor
Fr. George Patau'ave & Pastoral Staff

Liturgy & Prayer

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 26, 2016
9:00AM NO MASS

Tuesday, December 27, 2016
9:00 AM NO MASS

Wednesday, December 28, 2016
9:00 AM All St. Mary Mystical Rose Parishioners

Thursday, December 29, 2016
9:00 AM All St. Mary Mystical Rose Parishioners

Friday, December 30, 2016
9:00 AM NO MASS

Saturday, Dec. 31, 2016 Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God
4:30 PM All St. Mary Mystical Rose Parishioners
7:00 PM All St. Mary Mystical Rose Parishioners

Sunday, January 1, 2017 Happy New Year
8:30 AM All St. Mary Mystical Rose Parishioners
10:00 AM All St. Mary Mystical Rose Parishioners

Liturgical Ministers Schedule For New Years Eve and New Years Day

Mass	4:30 pm	9:30 am
Servers	See Sign –Up Sheet	See Sign –Up Sheets
Lectors	See Sign-Up Sheets	See Sign-up Sheets
Eucharistic Ministers	See Sign –Up Sheets	See Sign-Up Sheets
Sacristan	Paula Flanigan	Josie Scaglione
Ushers	See Sign-Up Sheets	See Sign –up Sheets

Remembering Those in the Military

Master Sgt. Julie Curtis

Adam S. Girardot

PFC Ethan Jacob
Cody Kelly
Evan Malkowicz
Phoebe Malkowicz
Andrew Richards
MC2 Jeffery Richardson

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS ESPECIALLY ……..

Bob Agius
Marge Brohl
Carl Easton
Suzanne Gauvreau
Patrick Goike
Rick Haller
Bill Holloway
Dean Kaster
Yvonne Kaster
Joe Sowinski
Victor Zarate
Peggy Zabel
Karen Klapatch
Jackie Lualdi
Agnes Maa
Bonnie McNichol
Bernice Osborne
Sapi Patau'ave
Joseph Roberts
Michelle Schapman
Timothy Schrand
Baby Haskings(King)
Doug Wade

Please call the Parish Office at 586-784-5966 to add a loved one to the list . Please inform us, as to any updates

ST. MARY MYSTICAL ROSE IS LOOKING FOR A VOLUNTEER FOR A WEDDING COORDINATOR. HAVE ANY INTEREST ?

PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE

Readings for the Week of December 25, 2016

Sunday **The Nativity of the Lord**
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; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Monday **Saint Stephen, The First Martyr**
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17; Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday **Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist**
1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday **The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**
1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

Thursday **Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr**
1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Friday **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday **Saint Sylvester I, Pope**
1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18

Sunday **Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**
Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Happenings in Our Parish

Calendar of Events

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9:00 AM NO MASS

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9:00 AM Mass
11:00 AM Fragrant Rose Prayer Group

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4:30 PM Mass
7:00 PM Mass

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8:30 AM Mass
10:00AM Mass

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Monday, January 2,2017
NO Mass
Tuesday, January 3, 2017
9:00 AM Mass
NO FAITH FORMATION
Wednesday, January 4, 2017
9:00 AM Mass
11:00 AM Fragrant Rose Prayer Group

Thursday, January 5, 2017
9:00 AM Mass
NO Faith Formation
Friday, January 6, 2017
9:00 AM Mass

Saturday, January 7, 2017
4:00 PM Private Confessions
4:30 PM Folk Mass

Sunday, January 8, 2017 Epiphany of the Lord
9:00AM Rosary
9:30AM Mass

We're following Pope Francis' directive to "Go and Make a Loud Noise for the Lord"

From the Faith Formation Team

Merry Christmas! As we celebrate this season of wonder and awe we are drawn into the mystery of the Incarnation and the love that our God has for us, may we be examples of his love to all we encounter.

Some Reminders:

Classes for Faith Formation resume on January 10 (K-6) and January 12 (7 & 8), 2017.

Faith Formation challenge – During the season of Christmas we will continue our can and bottle drive to send the gift of a farm animal to a family in need through our missionary partner Food for the Poor. All parishioners are welcome to participate, we will have a box for returnables and a jar for loose change in the lower narthex. We can do great things through small acts of kindness. So far we have raised $152.47. The children want to help more than one family & we will be voting on which animals we want to gift on January 10. THANK-YOU to everyone who has donated to this wonderful cause.

I would also like to thank our parish catechists and assistants—Elaine Dean, Colleen Chun, Missy Darling, Sarah Hernandez, Mary Berger, Roger Cunningham, Heather Gerst, Evelyn Giradot, MaryLou Carrizalles, Rachelle Carrizales, as well as our youth assistants—Nicholas White, Brianna C., Madison Spinek, Mackenzie Meershaert. These wonderful faith filled people make our program possible and enrich the lives of our parish children.

Faith Formation wish list:

- Volunteers to lead our Children's Liturgy of the Word one Sunday a month. I would love to have a partner or two in this most rewarding ministry.

Wishing you all the peace of Christ in this Advent Season,

Denise
Coordinator, Religious Education
586-784-5966 ext. 106

Our celebration of Advent helps to refocus our celebration of Christmas on Christ!

Trying to make sure that your Advent preparations are more than a dash to prepare for a commercialized December 25th? Here are some concrete suggestions to help your prepare spiritually to celebrate the Feast of the Nativity on December 25th:

- **Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation**—Christmas is about relationships. Jesus became man so that we could be reconciled with the Father through his Pascal Mystery. This Advent, make the time to be reconciled sacramentally—see the parish website calendar for the full spectrum of opportunities to be reconciled with the Father.
- **Send Christmas Cards NOT Holiday Cards—**Consider using this easy evangelization tool to open the door to discussion of our Lord, his life from birth to resurrection. Use Religious stamps to send all your mail in the Advent and Christmas seasons.
- Use a **Jesse tree** to review the story of salvation as you prepare for the birth of the savior, Jesus—A Jesse tree prompts you to review daily an event from Salvation History. This can be done by individuals or families. Google Jesse Tree or see Denise for details.

Light an **Advent wreath** at family dinners—see USCCB.org for prayers and more information on Advent wreaths.

There is a Bus Pilgrimage to Montreal planned for next year. More details on this trip will be available after the first of the year.

Wanted: People of Prayer to lift our Sacramental Candidates in Prayer

We are asking our parishioners, the community of St. Mary Mystical Rose, to take a prayer angel or dove and offer prayer, fasting and almsgiving on behalf of one of our children in our Sacramental Programs. Angels and Doves are available on the bulletin board in the Lower Narthex.

FLU Season Has Arrived

It's the time of year when **we must look at how we protect each other** as a community of faith during these times when illness is most transmissible.

- If you are sick, have a fever or feel the flu coming on—PLEASE STAY HOME—We have many people in our parish family that don't have strong immune systems because of age or other health conditions.

If you have the common cold;

- PLEASE receive the Eucharist in your hand rather than by mouth.
- Please DO NOT receive the Most Precious Blood from the common chalice.

Remember, if you are sick an EMHC will be glad to bring the Lord to you at home.

Angel's Memorial Garden

Everyone who is interested in having a brick engraved in memory of a loved one, please pick up the order form which is on the table, down in the Narthex. There are Instructions on how to fill it out. After you decide on the wording, please return it to the parish office along with your check. You may place it in an envelope marked Angel Garden and place it in the offertory basket. All of the stones will be installed in the Spring, as soon as weather permits. If you have any questions there will be someone available after Mass or, you may call the parish office and Karen will get back to you within two working days.

Support Our Troops

Christian Service needs an update of names and addresses of those serving for this year's mailing.

Do you know someone who is serving? They do not have to be a member of our parish or be on the Military prayer list. Please sent their name and address to Annette Goike at goikea88@gmail.com.

Worship Corner

We will be Praying a Novena to our Mother Mary and her Immaculate Conception. We will Pray daily following Mass, starting on Der 8th and ending on Dec 17th with the Litany
to Mary and her Immaculate Conception. All are invited to stay and Pray with us. With the Novena we will fast on Fridays and also receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation as part of the Novena. We will be Praying for all of the families of our parish and of our North Macomb Vicariate; and for peace in the World. This is to prepare ourselves during this Advent Season as we recall the Miraculous Birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Come and join us.

Stewardship

Offering for the Week of December 11, 2016

Offertory $3,868.86
Envelopes Returned.....76
Thank you for your generosity and continued support!
Budgeted Amount $5,769.23

2016 CSA

Goal.....$40,576.00
Pledges by December 4, 2016.....$35,021.00
Current shortfall.....$5,555
Contributing parishioners.....156

Mass Schedule

Saturday.....4:30pm
Sunday.....9:30am
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday.....9:00am

Days of Obligation and Solemnity Feast Days.....TBA

Private Confession

1st and 3rd Saturday at 4:00 pm or by appointment.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: We joyfully welcome new members to our parish. Please register at the parish office during business hours. We also ask that you let us know if you plan to move from the parish.

INFANT BAPTISM: Parents must be registered and regularly attending the Sunday Eucharist to begin Baptism preparation. Baptismal Preparation is held quarterly. Call the parish office to for next scheduled date. The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the first and third Sunday of every month.

MARRIAGE: If one of the engaged couple (or their parents) is registered at St. Mary's arrangements may be made personally by the couple at least six months in advance. 8-10 months is preferred.

SICK CALLS: We are happy to visit the sick and bring Communion to them. Please notify the parish office.

ANNULMENT PROCESS: If you are contemplating filing for an annulment; know that it is a healing process. It takes up to 18 months for the Tribunal to complete each case, so please take that into consideration. Call the parish office for more information.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Have you been thinking of becoming Catholic, or completing your Sacraments and coming fully into the Catholic Church? Now is the time to take that first step...Call the Parish Office at 586-784-5966 and someone from the RCIA Team will get back to you within a day or two. If you know of someone who has expressed an interest in coming fully into the Catholic Church, please invite them to inquire. If you are Catholic and would simply like to learn more about your Faith, you are also welcome to join us.

Food Pantry Distribution for Families in Need

Monday, January 9th– Food Distribution and Dinner Served
6:00 PM

We also serve a hot meal to all of our pantry guests. In the event someone is in urgent need of food, please contact the Parish Office.

Parish Directory

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Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
9:00am-3:30pm

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Parish Council Secretary..... Missy Darling
Members at Large .....Ed Schrand, Mary Ann Westfall,
Vicariate Representatives ... Karen Klapatch, Mary Berger
Christian Service Commission Chprson..... Annette Goike
Finance Council Chairperson.....David Stelzer
Worship Com./Rel. Ed. .....Karen Klapatch, Denise Green
Usher Coordinator..... Mr. Paul Abraham
Lector Coordinator ..... Mrs. Stephanie Goubert
EME Coordinator:
Sacristan Coordinator.....Mrs. Cindy Sowinski
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