

Nov. 29th, 2020 - First Sunday of Advent

# SAINT MARY'S

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## MASS SCHEDULE

### Weekdays

Tuesday 5:30 pm

Wed, Thurs, & Fri 8:30 am

### Weekends

Saturday 7:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am & 1:00 pm

### Adoration

Wed, Thurs & Fri 8:00 - 8:30 am

### Confessions

Saturday 6:00 pm

### Rosary

Saturday 6:35 pm

Sunday 8:35 am

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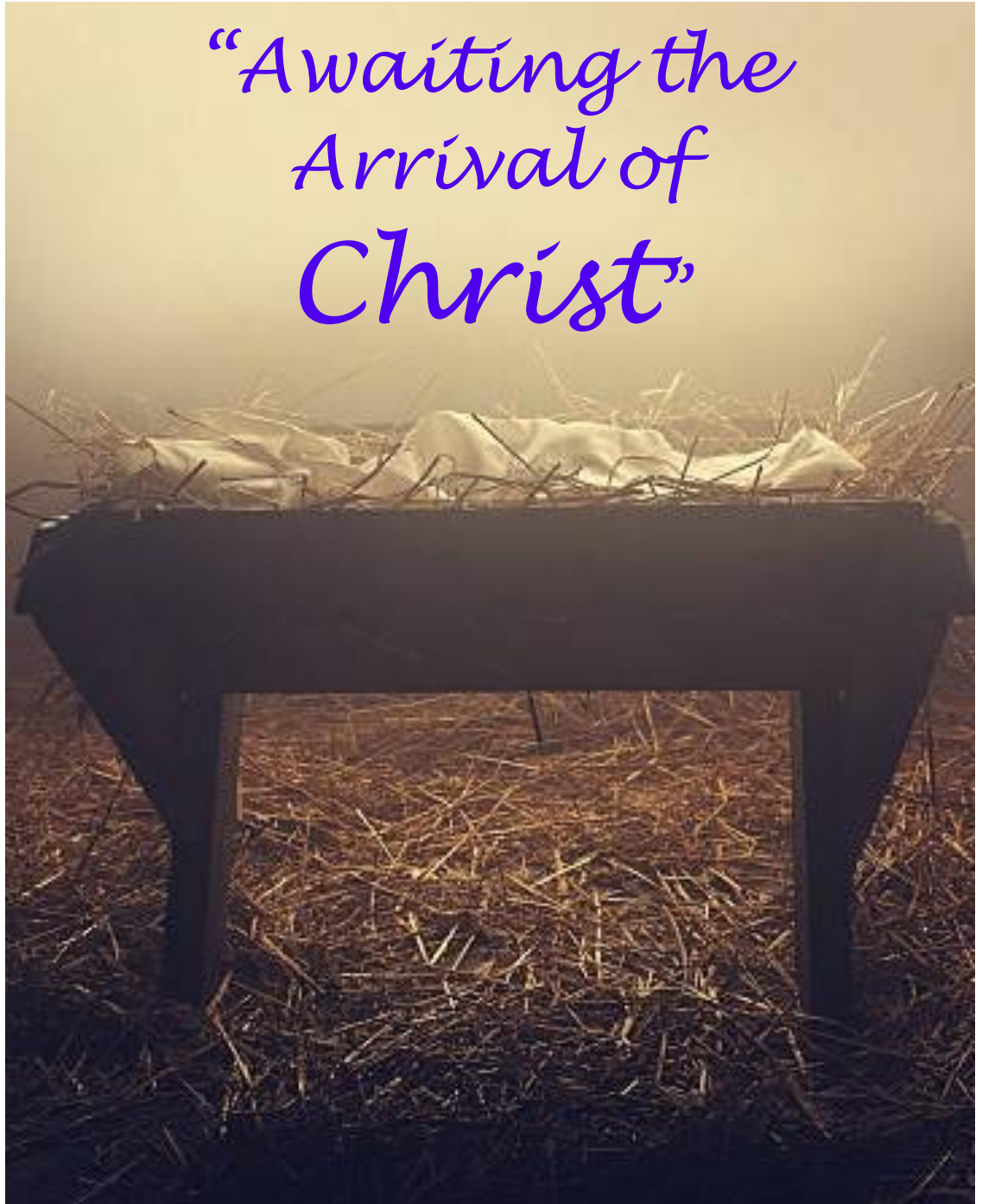
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*"Awaiting the  
Arrival of  
Christ"*



*"Jesus said to his disciples:*

*"Be watchful! Be alert!"*

*You do not know when the time will come...*

*May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.*

*What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"*



## Mass Intentions

<b>Tuesday,</b> 5:30 pm	<b>December 1</b> <b>No Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday,</b> 8:30 am	<b>December 2</b> † Benny Ryczek By: Mark Rudig
<b>Thursday,</b> 8:30 am	<b>December 3</b> Special Intention By: Ostrowski Family
<b>Friday,</b> 8:30 am	<b>December 4</b> † Hallie Young By: Family
<b>Saturday,</b> 7:00 pm	<b>December 5</b> Dziewior Godchildren By: Andrea Bires
<b>Sunday,</b> 9:00 am 1:00 pm	<b>December 6</b> The Parishioner Mass The Leja Family By: Fr. Clayton



**St. Francis Xavier**  
Jesuit Priest and Great Missionary  
**Feast Day: December 3rd**

## Upcoming Events

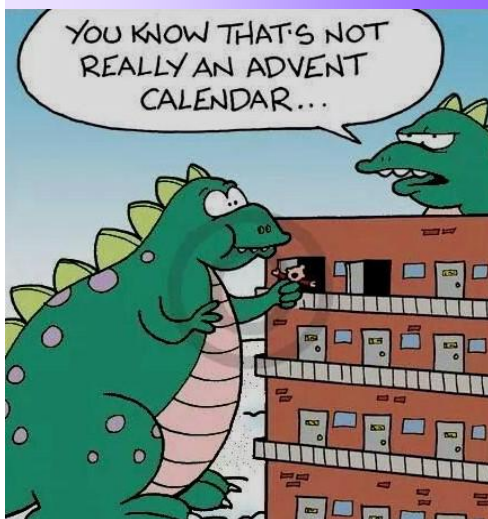
**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**  
Dec 8th at 5:30 pm

**Parish Finance Council**  
Dec 8th at 6:45 pm

**Christmas Decorating**  
Dec 17th at 6:00 pm  
(we will not start until 6 pm)

**Advent Penance Service**  
December 22nd, 4:30-5:30

**Parish Pastoral Council**  
Jan 12th at 6:30 pm



## **Within the Word - Advent, a time for Faith, Hope & Love**

What a wonderful time, during a horrible year to celebrate something new. Ever need a change of space? Or felt the need to "change it up?" Well, Advent for me is a great time to do that. It is a highly anticipated season, because I feel it's exactly what we require from time to time -to remember the coming of our King. The year is extra special as it is most needed, to help unify & heal families. We've just gone through a crazy election year, we're dealing with an on-going pandemic, & folks from all over are feeling the side affects of these challenges. Now is the time to prepare for Christ's Advent. Now we must take the initiative & Pray.

On a personal note, I must share that I will no longer be working full-time at St. Mary's. I will continue to perform all my duties but on a smaller scale. My October accident left me with some serious injuries. Some of which I am not comfortable sharing. But I have the best doctors at the Madison and Tomah VA, along with my new physical therapist in the Dells. I also have been asked to take full medical leave, requested by both medical doctors & the diocese. As much as that would promote my recovery faster I simply can't leave our parish, my flock and all the families that need their priest. (most especially for weekend liturgies) So starting this coming Tuesday and moving into next spring, I will no longer offer public mass on Tuesday's. Tuesday will be a day of prayer and therapy for myself to heal. I have serious issues with my spine, back and wrists, and that's only half of it. I know this sounds extreme, but my accident was life changing..

I hope in the future to share more, but I'm still working on processing and coping with that trauma. I've allowed myself this time, so Wednesday-Sunday, I will be working 20-25 hours. This was the compromise I had with my primary care provider, doctors & diocese. This will be an adjustment for me & one that I hope no one will notice. I ask to be kind & patient with me, forgive me and pray. I promise to put 110% into my recovery, as to promote a quicker return. I am not a 'sit still' kind of guy, & to a fault I love to work. I don't always have the best, 'self-care' attitude regards to my self. (hence why everyone's telling me to take care of myself." So in the spirit of changing it up, I'm going to be 'taking it easy,' as best as I can to fully rehabilitate and recover. As good Ole St. Rita says, (while pointing a finger) "*Your no good to anybody, if your Dead!*" Yes, Rita, I hear you Loud & Clear...Also folks I ask that you pray the rosary for our many families, who are becoming infected with Covid. We have many. May God bless all of you in the Season of Advent! TY!! *Fr. Clayton*



## **The Ladies Sodality "Bake-less Bake sale"**

Yep...BAKELESS! - No baking involved this year because of Covid. Our ladies are still on track to prepare our Christmas gift bags for our shut in's & help the Lyndon Station Elementary School. Unfortunately no food donations will be accepted this year for the shut-in bags. Please consider donating! There are green envelopes in the back of the church. You may put the envelopes in the weekly offertory or drop them in the mail/parish drop box. A blank envelope with "Ladies Sodality" on the outside would also work! They would like donations by December 1st, (so shopping can commence). Please be generous! It all goes to the children and elderly!



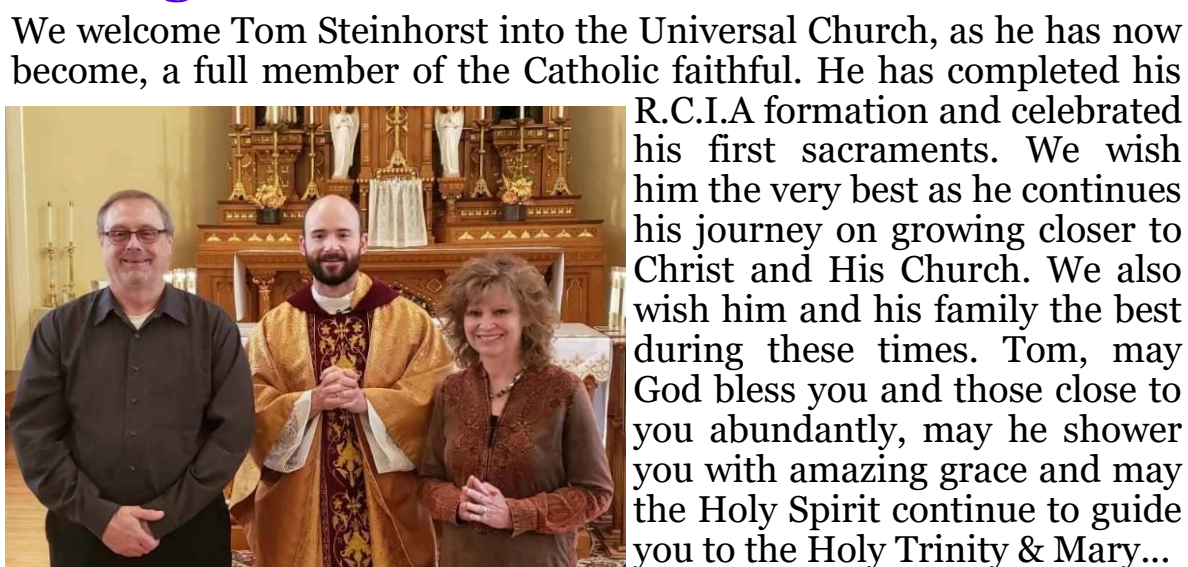


## Christmas Mass: Make your reservations



We are now in Advent and the Holy Season of Christmas will be here before we know it. We've decided (along with many other parishes) to create a reservation, sign up sheet. With only a few short weeks to plan, we're thinking ahead for Christmas Eve and Day Masses. Due to the CDC, County Health dept. & Diocesan guidelines, we are asking everyone, and those planning to attend one of our 3 Masses, to please make advance reservations. This can be done via email, or by signing up at the back of church. We also ask that families arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of Mass. This will help our ushers prepare for any overflow if the need arises, via walk-ins etc; to be safe and keep social distancing in place.

## Congratulation's to Tom Steinhorst!



We welcome Tom Steinhorst into the Universal Church, as he has now become, a full member of the Catholic faithful. He has completed his R.C.I.A formation and celebrated his first sacraments. We wish him the very best as he continues his journey on growing closer to Christ and His Church. We also wish him and his family the best during these times. Tom, may God bless you and those close to you abundantly, may he shower you with amazing grace and may the Holy Spirit continue to guide you to the Holy Trinity & Mary...

## St. Mary's updated Prayer List

Mildred Blank, Vinnie Bellock, Joan Burch; Joan, Henry, Bill, William, Clayton & John Elmhorst, Jim & Adela Hagen, Elizabeth Hall, Roseanne Kenneth, Gloria Kramer, Helena Kwit & Family, Mary Claire Marshall, Anna McGowan, Courtney Miller, Lizzie Mitchell, Tony Oldigs, Lucille Ryczek, Charlotte Rybicki, Leo Schneider, Marjorie Senzig, George & Jeri Smith, Jane Torgerson, Rosalee Verette, William & Jackie Zenk, those who are sick, unemployed, in need & all families who are suffering in any way; from illness, cancer, uncertainty, anxieties & to the end of the COVID-19 pandemic; Families & Friends please... Pray the Rosary!!

## Another Holig BABY!

St. Mary's Welcome Isla Joan, the daughter of Cory and Cassie Holig. Isla Joan was baptized on November 22nd. Please keep them and their children in prayer. God bless them and their growing family and may you both feel the warmth and joy of God's love during this anticipated Christmas Season!



## We Need Your Help!

Starting this Advent & into next year, we will begin a modified ministry schedule to help with areas of reading, ushering & cleaning after mass. Fr. Clayton asks all those who are comfortable attending mass, to please assist him in the parish ministries; we are in need of able volunteers only. The parish sign-up sheet will be at the back of the church. TY

## Financial Stewardship

November 22nd, 2020

Adult Envelopes.....	\$1623.01
Student Envelopes.....	\$4.00
Offertory.....	\$408.00
Holy Days.....	\$5.00
Votive Candles.....	\$70.14
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,110.14</b>
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	<b>\$2,548.07</b>
(163 registered families)	

### Year-to-date\*

Budgeted	\$53,510.10
Contributed	\$56,973.35

## Time to go to St. Joseph

St. Joseph protected the Holy Family & we can trust ourselves, to him at a time when fatherhood is so needed. We can ask him to help strengthen our families – as well as the bonds of our parish during this time of hardship.

-St. Joseph, Pray for us!



## St. Mary's Floor Project

Parishioners' Goal:	\$75,000
Total Received:	\$69,350
Percent of Goal received:	92.47%

## 2020-21 Annual Appeal

Goal:	\$15,810
Total Pledged & Received:	\$2,030.00
Percent of Goal pledged:	12.84%

## Where's Fr. Clayton?

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32nd Sunday - Page 1 Upper Right  
31st Sunday - Page 1 Upper Left



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