

Dec. 13th, 2020 - Third Sunday of Advent

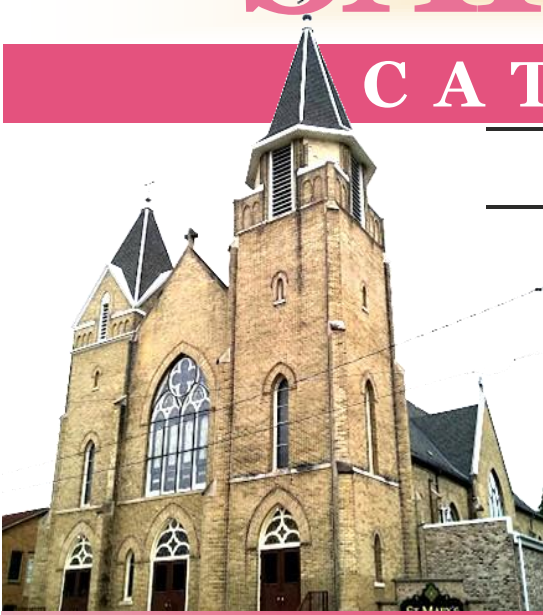
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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays

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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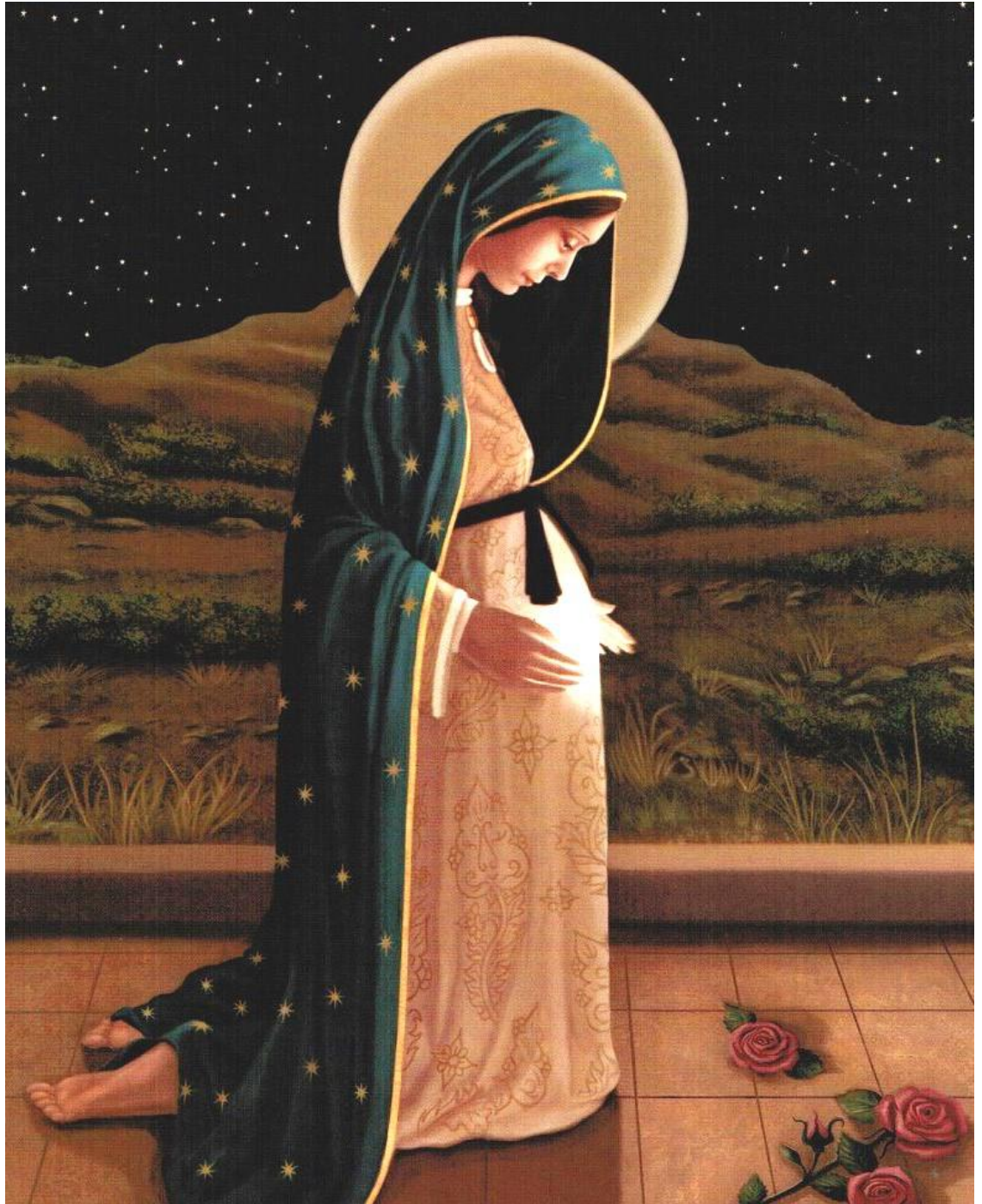
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Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie."

Mass Intentions

Tuesday,	December 15
5:30 am	Private Mass By: Fr. Clayton
Wednesday,	December 16
8:30 am	Ed & Mary Janiga By: Michael & Darlene Gruszka
Thursday,	December 17
8:30 am	† Joe Cauley By: Steve & Jane Powers
Friday,	December 18
8:30 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory By: Angela Dziewior
Saturday,	December 19
7:00 pm	† Janina Czuprynska By: Mike & Marsha Horkan
Sunday,	December 20
9:00 am	Parishioner Mass
1:00 pm	† Mike Barman By: Mary Ann Troge



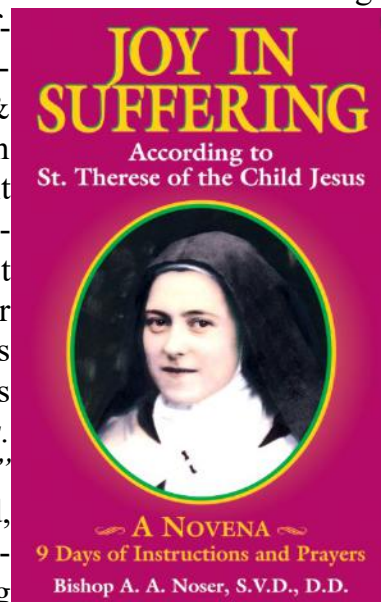
Upcoming Events

- Christmas Decorating**
Dec 17th at 6:00 pm
(we will not start until 6 pm)
- Advent Penance Service**
December 19th, 5:00-6:00
- Solemnity of Mary Mother of God**
January 1st at 9:00 am
- Parish Pastoral Council**
January 12th at 6:30 pm
- Parish Finance Council**
February 9th at 6:30 pm



Within the Word - There is Joy is suffering, Yes really!

Friends, we have much to be thankful for, even in this time of suffering. As I've shared many times over; this is the attitude we as Christians must have if we are to experience the deep divine joy of God. In participating in happiness & the things we love, yes we will find Joy. In doing things we don't like, but doing them out of love, there's Joy in that as well, like keeping the car nice and toasty for your wife, even though you'll be miserably hot. Even in suffering we can turn it around and change our thinking about it. It becomes positive. We can then offer it back to God, for any reason & in any sufferings; specifically out of Love, & offer it up. It becomes affective & potent. It's a powerful way to pray for someone & grow in holiness yourself, all at the same time. I love it....because it will always produce joy -if you're heart & spirit are centered on Christ and His Kingdom, joy can be the effect from the cause of suffering. It's a great way to trick your brain out of a depression as well. Something the saints were all well aware of. Even St. Paul this weekend tells us through his letter to the Thessalonians, *"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks,"* In all circumstances? Well, yah that means happy or sad, miserable or joyful, sick or well, & my favorite...in suffering & pleasure. We should always remember that suffering can be a gift if you accept it as one; and it's a great way to grow in holiness. It's efficient, it's simple, it's a wonderful way to turn things around, and make them useful. To take suffering and add meaning behind it? Really? Yes, really, because your adding your heart & love to the suffering, making something meaningless meaningful. It reverts it and makes it a choice; like, yah I accept this and wouldn't take it back...and when once does accept and offer it, it's then connected to the will and becomes choice, which can be given back as an offering....Hence the phrase, 'offering it up.'



To those who are sending me much love and condolences for my health...I can't thank you enough, but PLEASE if you want to make me REALLY happy, as happy as a lark, or as my grandpa says, "as happy as a pig in mud," then please ask God to send me more...Even St. Peter wrote in his 1st letter, Ch.4 vs13, *"rejoice to the extent that you share in the sufferings of Christ, so that when his glory is revealed you may also rejoice exultantly."* Friends, I know that sounds masochistic, but it's not when you understand how to revert suffering back, and make it meaningful, powerful and useful...

Lastly, here are 3 of my favorite sisters in Christ, the crazy (for Jesus) Carmelite nun, St. Thérèse de Lisieux, who really loved to wallow in suffering. She found it absolutely blissful to suffer for others & from others & she taught the Church how to join sufferings to Christ. Above is a book I recommend to help the point. Also, St. Teresa of Avila, the big flower, quoted, *"In light of Heaven, the worst suffering on earth will be seen to be no more serious than one night in an inconvenient hotel."* Lastly, St. Teresa of Calcutta said, *"Suffering, if it is accepted together, borne together, is joy..."* (I love my St. Teresa's...& my Godmothers name is Teresa! She's a bit weird though, she has a shrine full of St. Therese's) Folks, pray that my sufferings end, and I'll pray within reason that they don't...We can do great things together in Christ... *Fr. Clayton*

Please make reservations - Update

The 4 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass is already FULL! If you haven't already done so and plan to attend a Christmas Mass, PLEASE make reservations for either the 7 p.m. or 9 a.m. Mass. This can be done via email @ stmaryparish-lyndon@gmail.com, phone call to the parish office @ 666-2421, or by signing up at the back of church. We also ask families to 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.

New Year Coming! - Get Your Envelopes

In a few short weeks we will begin a New Year. Some will say that it can't come soon enough. We are a people of hope and 2021 will hopefully give us less...of everything; from stress to more stress... As we close out the year we ask that you pick up your 2021 contribution envelopes beginning next week. The envelope boxes are in alphabetical order in the back of the church. Please save the parish the expense of mailing your envelopes.

Saturdays funeral Mass for Leo Schneider

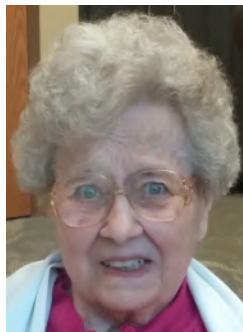
December 13th, Sat at 10:00 am at St. Mary's Church

Friends Leo Schneider passed away Dec 8th, Tuesday morning, and although his funeral was this weekend, I'd still like to recognize his passing and ask for your continued prayers; for him and his family. Leo died peacefully on the morning of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. His funeral then was celebrated this Saturday on Dec 12th, on the Feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This also would have been Leo's 90th birthday! After we first touched base after 7 plus months. He wept with joy at seeing me, and all I could do was hold him like a son. I told him Mary would take care of him, and so she has...Then he yelled at me for taking so long, and I laughed and told him it's going to be alright. I then put a rosary around his neck told him the Blessed mother will do the rest, and then Lily got up and gave Leo a big wet kiss. That's what this picture's all about. Friends, we all know Leo, please remember him this weekend and say an extra prayer for his soul. May eternal rest grant unto him O Lord...



Send some Love & Wish Millie a Merry Christmas

Friends and families, Millie Blank is in the nursing home and could use some Christmas cheer. Mildred was diagnosed with Alzheimer's and dementia this fall, and struggles with remembering everything. Family requested that we send her some cards to help her remember and cheer her up. Cards and get well wish's can be sent to Raymonda Blank, whose address is: 237 Oak St, Lyndon Station. From there Raye and Bill will send her the cards to help her remember. It's been a very challenging time for all, and what a better way to help, then to send some love to one of our Matriarchs who is in need. God bless!



Christmas Flowers

If you would like to donate this Christmas for flower decorations, along with remembering a loved one, please help buy poinsettias for church. Please be sure to send them to the parish office before December 21st. Please include the name of the loved one. Flowers will be delivered right before Christmas.



Advent Penance Services

Sacred Heart - Reedsburg

Dec 15th/22nd 6:30 - 8:30pm

St. Cecilia/Wisconsin Dells

Dec 16th 6pm-8pm

St. Patrick/Mauston

Dec 17th 7pm-8pm

St Mary's Lyndon Station

Dec 19th 5pm - 6pm

Financial Stewardship

December 6, 2020

Adult Envelopes.....\$2390.00

Student Envelopes.....\$9.00

Offertory.....\$692.00

Holy Days.....\$120.00

Votive Candles.....\$72.01

Total \$3,283.01

Weekly Budget \$2,548.07

(163 registered families)

Year-to-date*

Budgeted \$58,606.24

Contributed \$63,180.41

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: \$71,650

Percent of Goal received: 95.53%

2020-21 Annual Appeal

Goal: \$15,810

Total Pledged & Received: \$6,605.00

Percent of Goal pledged: 41.78%

Where's Fr. Clayton?

2nd Sunday Advent - Page 4 Upper Rt

1st Sunday Advent - Page 4 Middle left


Christ the King - Page 2 Lower Left

33rd Sunday - Page 2 Lower Left

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