

November 28, 2021 - The First Sunday of Advent

# SAINT MARY'S

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**MASS SCHEDULE****Weekdays**

Tue, 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**

Tues 5:00 pm & Saturday 6:00 pm

**Rosary**

Saturday 6:35 pm

Sunday 8:35 am



*"Be vigilant at all times  
and pray that you have the strength  
to escape the tribulations that are imminent  
and to stand before the Son of Man."*



## Mass Intentions

**Tuesday, November 30**  
5:30 pm NO MASS

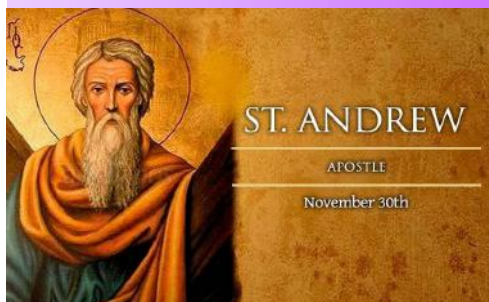
**Wednesday, December 1**  
8:30 am NO MASS

**Thursday, December 2**  
8:30 am † Dan Scully  
By: Joe Buttner

**Friday, December 3**  
8:30 am † Holy Souls in Purgatory  
By: Angela Dziewior

**Saturday, December 4**  
7:00 pm † Anna McGowan  
By: Margaret Socha

**Sunday, December 5**  
9:00 am † Calvin Neubauer  
By: Jim & Judy Hall  
1:00 pm Parishioner Mass



## Upcoming Events

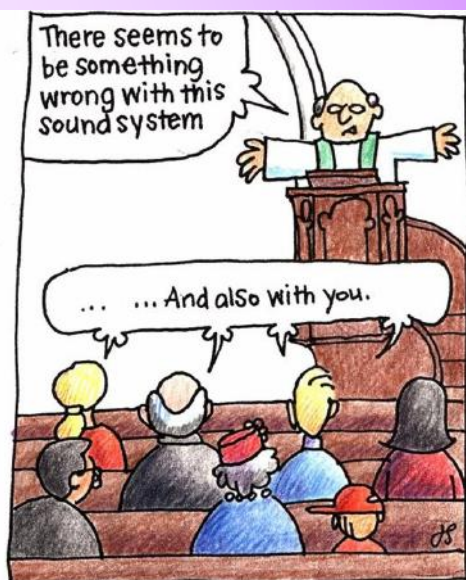
**Bake-Less Bake sale**  
**Donations Due**  
December 1st

**Christmas Brunch**  
December 5th after 9:00 Mass

**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**  
Dec. 8th Holy Day of Obligation  
Mass @ 8:30 am & 7:00 pm

**Finance Council Meeting**  
December 14th @ 6:30 pm

**Pastoral Council Meeting**  
December 14th @ 7:00 pm



## My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I wish to extend my greetings and my thanks to everyone. You have been so good and so kind to me during my stay here.

When I got the letter from my Bishop, the Late Dr. Soundarraju, informing me of my departure to the USA for my ministry, there was this cold shiver down my spine because coming here was like moving to an Island and I found it difficult to accept the invitation which came my way. Well, when I regained composure, I sought consolation from The Bible in which Isaiah 41:10 says,

*"Fear not, for I am with you;  
Be not dismayed, for I am your God.  
I will strengthen you,  
Yes, I will help you,  
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."*

That verse set my soul on fire and I could feel the Holy Spirit reminding me that he will always stand by me and that I am more than a conqueror!

There is an eminent personality amidst us who deserve my sincere gratitude in abundance. He is a person throbbing with joy in service, vibrating love for the needy. He is none other than our dear Fr. John Potaczek, who gives warmth to many hearts with his gentle and thoughtful deeds. He consoles and guides everyone who approaches him.

I have managed to see the hand of God at work in my life. Especially Deacon Tom and Dick Schwab who taught me how to drive. I will be forever grateful for your support, kindness, and love. You are such amazing personalities. I am continually blown away by your compassion generosity and willingness to serve. You are an inspiration to me.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my deepest appreciation and heartfelt thanks to the secretaries in Mauston and Lyndon station for all their support and timely help. I am indeed glad to express that, "Dedicated hearts like yours are not so easy to find. It takes a special person to be so generous and kind." I say thanks to the Parish Councils, Building and Grounds, Finance Councils, Youth (Boys and Girls), Choirs, Musicians, Cantors, Teachers, Knights of Columbus, Ushers, and all the faithful in St. Patrick and St. Mary's with whom I have collaborated. Thank you for your ministry, your love for God, and your willingness to remind all of us that we are the beloved of God, too... You care for others deeply and lift them in prayer. As you share in the ministry of Christ, may you be filled with the sure knowledge of his love and open to the power and grace of the Holy Spirit.

It is with humble gratitude that I thank all the staff for the wonderful service that you render. I appreciate your dedication and commitment, in imparting your knowledge to the students by going the extra mile, taking the extra time...every student needs a school and a teacher as Justice Bantil says...."you treat your students like hidden pearls and guide them towards their aims". Thank you for your incredible work!

I enjoyed being with you all, my dear children. It was a great pleasure for me to join you in playing games...And I do appreciate all the effort you put into your studies. I am sure you will go on to do great things since you are talented and super smart, too. You are such bright and cheerful students. I am certain that your love of learning will take you far in life. You have tons of potential and are eager to learn, so I am sure you will have a wonderful future ahead of you. Keep learning and keep trying new things! I know you will do great things in the future. Best of luck, my dear all.

Be assured of my prayers. Please continue to pray for me! God bless!

Fr Chinnappan



## Novena to conclude the Year of St. Joseph

November 29 – December 7

A novena is nine days of prayer focused on a particular theme. This novena to St. Joseph is a fitting conclusion to the Year of St. Joseph declared by Pope Francis for the Universal Church and celebrated by the Diocese of La Crosse. Each day, you will reflect on a particular title given to St. Joseph. You're encouraged to begin on Monday, Nov. 29 and conclude on Tuesday, Dec. 7, with the consecration to be made on Wednesday, Dec. 8, the feast of the Immaculate Conception and the closing of the Year of St. Joseph. As you pray, begin with the reflection, consider what intention(s) you would like to offer and conclude with the Memorare to St. Joseph.



There are paper copies of the novena in the back of church.  
You can also go to <https://diolc.org/year-of-st-joseph/>

### Next Sunday!!!!

### Christmas Brunch

The Christmas Brunch will be **next Sunday, December 5th** in the church basement after the 9am Mass. Everyone is welcome- **please try to join us!** The sign-up sheet is in the back of church. If you have any questions, call Linda Lochner @ 847-867-4941.

## CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS

If you would like to donate to the flowers in memory or honor of someone, we are now taking donations. Be sure to have your donation into the parish office by **December 15th**. This will give the office time to compile the list of donors and get it in the Christmas Bulletin. Thank you!

## St. Mary's Prayer List



Vinnie Bellock, Kathy McGowan Bermeo, Braun Family, Joan Burch, Mary Jean Cauley, Karen DeLange, Jamie Donnelly, Fr. Clayton Elmhurst, Jim & Adela Hagen, Elizabeth Hall, Roseanne Kenneth, Gloria Kramer, Helena Kwit & Family, Mary Claire Marshall, Bud Miller, Courtney Miller, Lizzie Mitchell, Tony Oldigs, Karen Patton, Charlotte Rybicki, Preston Shields, Jeri Smith, Jane Torgerson, Rosalee Verette, Jackie Zenk, Bob Walsh, Marion Walsh, Nancy, those who are sick, unemployed, in need, & all families who are suffering in any way; from illness, cancer, uncertainty, anxieties & for the end of the COVID-19 pandemic; Families & Friends please...PRAY THE ROSARY!!!

## Bake-less Bake Sale

The donations for the bake-less bake sale will go toward the Christmas bags that we prepare and deliver to all of the home-bound of our parish and the Lyndon Station Elementary School with much-needed supplies. Please consider donating, by using the green envelopes found in the vestibule. Unfortunately, no food donations will be accepted for the home-bound bags. You may drop the envelope in the weekly offertory basket or mail to the parish office. Please make checks payable to "**St. Mary's Ladies Sodality**". We would appreciate all donations by **this Wednesday, December 1st** for shopping convenience. We cannot tell you how much the home-bound bags were appreciated and the teachers and the children were so happy to receive our donation last year! Thank you for your past support!

## Marjorie Senzig passed away on Saturday, November 20th

She was a wonderful, long-time St. Mary's member and well-known lady in our Lyndon Station community. Her funeral was this past Friday, November 26th here at St. Mary's. Please keep her and her many family members in your prayers!



## Financial Stewardship

November 21, 2021

Adult Envelopes.....	\$2627.00
Student Envelopes.....	\$5.00
Offertory.....	\$503.45
Holy Days.....	\$25.00
Votive Candles.....	\$92.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,252.45</b>

Weekly Budget \$3,047.27

(161 registered families)

### Fiscal year-to-date

Budgeted	\$63,992.67
Contributed	\$55,146.70

## 2021-22 Annual Appeal

Goal: \$17,155.00

Total Pledged & Received: \$8,600.00

Percent of Goal Pledged: 50.13%



## Liturgical Roles

Saturday, Dec 4, 7:00 pm

Lector.....	J Fuller
Servers.....	K & A Browne
Ushers.....	G Fuller, J Arens, D Franek
Gift Bearers.....	<b>Needed</b>
Musician.....	Jade Pusel

Sunday, Dec 5, 9:00 am

Lector.....	L Mueller
Servers.....	E Cauley, B Fox
Ushers.....	J Cauley, P Cauley, P Cauley
Gift Bearers.....	S Mitchell & C Dreisen
Musician.....	Heidi Finucan

Sunday, Dec 5, 1:00 pm

Lector.....	T Donnelly
Servers.....	<b>Needed</b>
Ushers.....	R Senzig
Gift Bearers.....	<b>Needed</b>



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