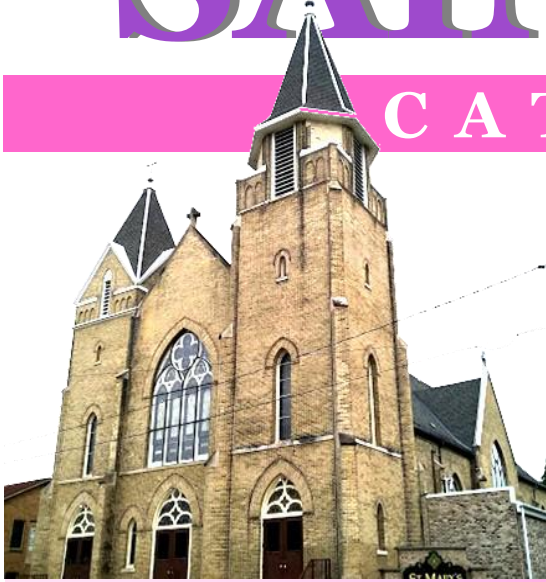


December 12, 2021 - The Third Sunday of Advent

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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

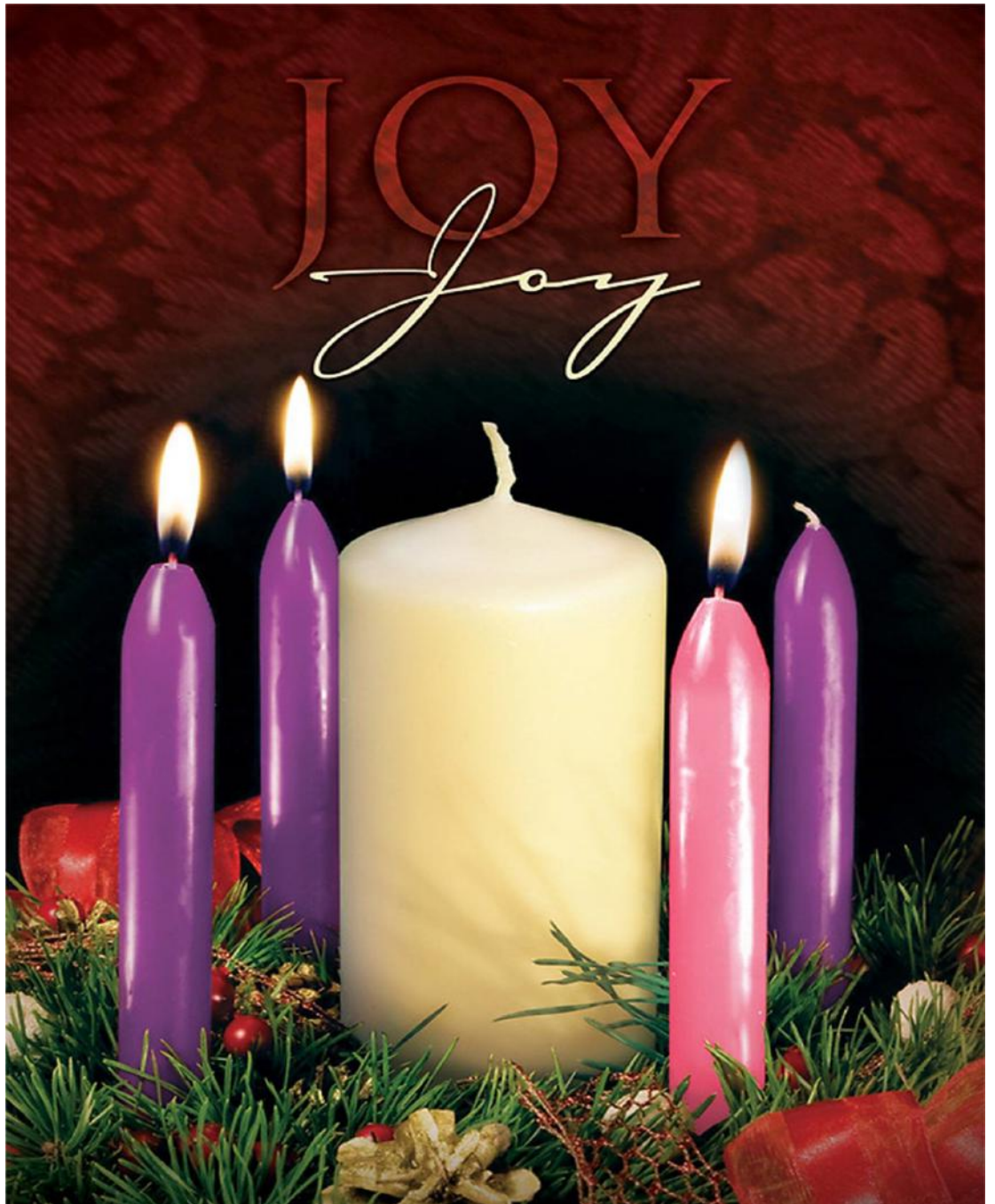
Confessions

Tues 5:00 pm & Saturday 6:00 pm

Rosary

Saturday 6:35 pm

Sunday 8:35 am



*"The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a mighty savior;
he will rejoice over you with gladness,
and renew you in his love,
he will sing joyfully because of you,
as one sings at festivals."*

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 14
5:30 pm † Kathleen Kobylski
By: Carol & Jim Cauley

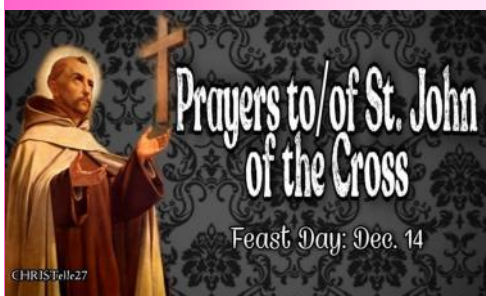
Wednesday, December 15
8:30 am † Holy Souls in Purgatory
By: Angela Dziewior

Thursday, December 16
8:30 am † James (Bucco) Nate
By: Mary Jane & Linda Nate

Friday, December 17
8:30 am † Linda Mancinelli
By: Mike & Darlene Gruszka

Saturday, December 18
7:00 pm † Anna McGowan
By: Rita Hall

Sunday, December 19
9:00 am Parishioner Mass
1:00 pm Walter Postana
By: Family



Upcoming Events

Finance Council Meeting
December 14th @ 6:30 pm

Pastoral Council Meeting
December 14th @ 7:00 pm

Additional Confession Times
Dec. 18th 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Dec. 21st 4:30 pm - Mass

Christmas Decorating
December 20th @ 6:00 pm



This season of Advent, of conversion and preparation, of waiting for the coming of the Messiah, is a full one. We began the month with the arrival of Fr. Cryton. He is settling in and this weekend celebrating with us here at St. Mary. Please stop and say "Hi" after Mass.

This past Monday was the feast day of St. Nicholas. What a great story of faith and witness. He was a martyr of the early church. Coke may have given us the image of what we think of when we think of Santa Claus, but the red is for the shedding of his blood.

This past Wednesday was our patronal feast day; the Immaculate Conception. Mary was conceived without the stain of Original Sin and was kept sinless her whole life. What a great gift that Jesus gave her. She had total freedom to say "Yes" to the Archangel.

Perhaps there are things that keep us from that freedom to say "Yes" to what God asks of us. We can be very focused on ourselves or our plans in our very busy lives. That is where the gift of the sacrament of Reconciliation comes in to play for all of us. That gift is not one we will find under a tree but was won for us on the tree of the Cross.

So as a reminder confessions are heard at St. Mary's on Tuesdays from 5 pm till Mass at 5:30. (You could receive two sacraments in one day!) Also on Saturdays at 6 pm until Mass. Those two times happen every week, so God's mercy is always there for us.

In this season of Advent there will be additional time for confessions:

December 18th from 11:30 to 1:30 pm.

December 21st from 4:30 pm until Mass that evening.

Nothing like last minute shopping, I mean confessing, to get ready for the celebration of Christmas.

Our readings focus us on Joy, a gift of the Holy Spirit. The people ask St. John the Baptist, "what should we do?" Always a good question to ask, especially of Jesus in our daily lives. Is what we are doing bringing us joy? Which is different from happiness or satisfaction. The Rose candle and vestments are that outside manifestation and reminder of the joy we are to have in our lives. Advent is a time of preparation to receive the source of joy, Jesus. So in these remaining weeks, where is our joy or what do we need to change to live joyfully? To freely say "yes" to all the good that Jesus has planned for us because of His birth, death and resurrection.

-Fr. John Potaczek

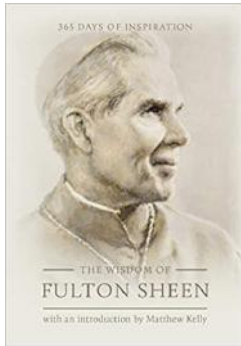
Thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas Brunch last Sunday! There was a great turnout and lots of delicious food! **THANK YOU** to those who organized the brunch, those who helped set up, serve food, and clean up the basement! And **THANK YOU** to a generous family in our parish, who

wishes to remain anonymous, who donated all the gifts on the bottom right photo! Everyone who attended received a ticket for the drawing and when their ticket was called got to go pick out a prize! What a wonderful event!



Christmas Memorial Poinsettias

If you would like to donate towards the flowers in memory or honor of someone, please have your donation into the parish office by **this Wednesday, December 15th**. This will give the office time to compile the list of donors and get it in the Christmas Bulletin. Thank you!



Help yourself! One of our parishioners has purchased ***The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen*** for all families of St. Mary's parish. This parishioner wants to remain anonymous, but was so moved by this book, they thought it would be inspirational to all of you. The introduction is written by Matthew Kelly, another renowned author of the day. These are available on a table in the church vestibule.

Additional times for Confession @ St. Mary's:
Saturday, December 18th from 11:30 to 1:30 pm.

Tuesday, December 21st from 4:30 pm until Mass that evening

Upcoming Area Advent Penance Services:

St. Cecilia's - Wis Dells - Wed, Dec. 15th 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

St. Patrick's - Mauston - Thurs, Dec. 16th at 7:00 pm



* New Office Hours *

As of January 2022, the parish office will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. Wednesdays the office is closed until priest office hours 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm. The office will also be closed on Fridays.

One of our part time office assistants has decided to completely retire as of January 1.



Please come help!
Church decorating for
Christmas is Monday,
December 20th
@ 6:00 pm

St. Mary's Cemetery

2021 is quickly coming to a close. Just a reminder that as of January 1, 2022, the cost of a single cemetery plot for parishioners increases to \$500. Currently the price is \$375. If this was your New Year's resolution for 2021, you still have a little time to make it good. Stop by or call the parish office to inquire about selecting your eternal resting place.

Collection for Retired Religious

Support aging religious. Our second collection this weekend is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for years for small stipends. Today, many religious communities do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps pay for medications, nursing care, and other needs for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders.



Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Financial Stewardship

December 5, 2021

Adult Envelopes.....	\$2468.00
Student Envelopes.....	\$7.75
Offertory.....	\$295.00
Holy Days.....	\$143.00
Utilities.....	\$100.00
Votive Candles.....	\$79.00
Total	\$3092.75

Weekly Budget \$3,047.27

(161 registered families)

Fiscal year-to-date

Budgeted	\$70,087.21
Contributed	\$60,319.70

2021-22 Annual Appeal

Goal: \$17,155.00

Total Pledged & Received: \$10,000.00

Percent of Goal Pledged: 58.29%



Liturgical Roles

Saturday, Dec 18, 7:00 pm

Lector.....	Paul Zajackowski
Servers.....	Katelyn Browne
.....	Aron Browne
Ushers.....	Dennis Franek
.....	Connie Walsh
.....	Dan Patton
Gift Bearers.....	Needed
Musician.....	Tracey Tolzmann

Sunday, Dec 19, 9:00 am

Lector.....	Sheri Guyse
Servers.....	Larry Mueller
.....	Brian Fox
Ushers.....	Tom Guyse
.....	Mark Walsh
.....	Kenny Engevoold
Gift Bearers.....	Pat & Sue Mitchell
Musician.....	Jade Pusel

Sunday, Dec 19, 1:00 pm

Lector.....	Clay DiCioula
Servers.....	Needed
Ushers.....	Rodney Senzig
.....	Needed
Gift Bearers.....	Needed

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