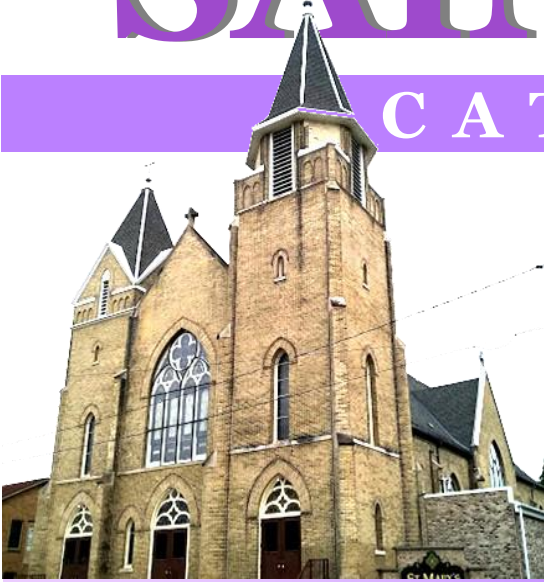


December 19, 2021 - The Fourth Sunday of Advent

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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



*When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting,
the infant leaped in her womb,
and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit,
cried out in a loud voice and said,
"Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb."*

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 21

5:30 pm † Mildred Blank
By: Rita Hall

Wednesday, December 22

8:30 am † Leo Schneider
By: Friends & Family

Thursday, December 23

8:30 am † Bob & Joan Koscal
By: Joe Buttner

Friday, December 24

7:00 pm For all Priests
By: Terri & Dave Donnelly

Saturday, December 25

9:00 am Parishioner Mass

Sunday, December 26

9:00 am † Mary Buttner
By: Joe Buttner

1:00 pm **No Mass**



The Nativity of the Lord
December 25

Upcoming Events

Additional Confession Time

Dec. 21st 4:30 pm - Mass

Christmas Decorating

December 20th @ 6:00 pm

Christmas Masses

December 24th @ 7:00 pm

December 25th @ 9:00 am

Feast of the Holy Family

December 26th @ 9:00 am

Solemnity of

**the Blessed Virgin Mary,
the Mother of God**

Saturday, January 1st @ 9:00 am

Finance Council Meeting

January 25th @ 6:30 pm

Pastoral Council Meeting

January 25 @ 7:00 pm



Time flies when you are having fun, is the old phrase. Advent seems to have flown by so there must be a lot of fun going on. We are entering the fourth Sunday of Advent. The time we need to prepare for the birth of Christ is short. We should maintain and build on that gift of Joy that we recalled last Sunday. All the worries and details of the season can be overwhelming for some. For others the idea of Christmas without their loved ones is a heavy burden to their heart.

On the level of faith it is also a time to prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ. Not in a manger, not only in our hearts, but for Jesus to return in glory. Since it has been 2,021 years since His coming in the flesh that idea can seem like a pious thought but not a reality. Yet each day that God gives is a blessing and opportunity to welcome Jesus in glory.

So perhaps we have put up Christmas decorations and found that station that is playing Christmas music 24/7. Yet on the inside, what have we done?

Two saints in December give us great examples of getting ready on the inside. On December 14th was the feast of St. John of the Cross. He is a doctor of the Church. He brought about a great reform of the Carmelite order. From his mystical writings he has brought about reform of many souls. His use of poetry to look more deeply into the faith and the effect of Jesus entering deeply a soul on fire with love for God, has touched the hearts of many over the centuries.

St. John of Kanty is also a great example. He was a teacher of scripture at the university level. But he is remembered for his humility, service and generosity. Three great things we all need to work on. In our social media world, humility is far from the minds of many as they present themselves as the center of everything. So many are too busy to be of service, especially to those that can not pay us back or do not seem worthy of our time. With inflation and costs going up, being generous seems harder to do. Yet in all three of these actions they prepare the heart to truly welcome Jesus.

As we come ever closer to Christmas perhaps we can look to the saints and see ways that we can emulate them. In this way we are truly preparing ourselves for the coming of Christ. Take the time in the remaining days of Advent to truly prepare. Time is such a great gift that God gives us. It moves so fast but how do we return that gift to God? How much time do we give Him? Each day? Each week?

Please look ahead to see what time you will be able to make the Christmas Masses. Then note on Sunday, the feast of the Holy Family, time for Sunday Mass that you will be able to attend giving God your valuable gift of time back to Him. The "Holidays" come and go pretty quickly. Please allow the time necessary to enter the feasts and season of Christmas with prepared hearts and minds so we can declare with the angels, "Glory to God in the Highest", for the gift of baby Jesus.

-Fr. John Potaczek

Join the Pilgrimage for Life to Washington, D.C.
*** January 19-23, 2022 ***

With two Special Guests! There has never been a more important time to join the March for Life in our nation's capitol, with the Dobbs case being heard by the Supreme Court and the possibility of Roe v. Wade being overturned. Plus, our pilgrims will be addressed by two amazing speakers, before and after the March: Terry Beatley, Founder of Hosea Initiative, and Valentyna Pavsyukova, Founder of Chalice of Mercy.

*For the registration letter, tentative schedule,
and details, visit diolc.org/M4L.*

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St. Mary's Prayer List

Vinnie Bellock, Kathy McGowan Bermeo, Braun Family, Joan Burch, Mary Jean Cauley, Karen DeLange, Jamie Donnelly, Fr. Clayton Elmhorst, Mike, Mikey, Lori, Morgan & Alan Gruszka, 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!!!



Gift Bearer Sign-up

Please take a few moments to check out the upcoming Mass intentions, located at the back of the church. The list includes weekend Masses from now through February so please take a look to see when you can help out and sign up!

Please come help!

**Church decorating for
Christmas is this
Monday, December 20th
@ 6:00 pm**

The NEW YEAR is fast approaching! The 2022 offertory envelopes are ready to be picked up in the back of church. Please find yours and take it home. If you don't see a box or would like to get envelopes to make contributions, please contact the parish office by phone 608-666-2421 or email office@stmlys.diocparish.com

* **New Office Hours** *

As of January 3, 2022, the parish office hours will be:

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 be closed Mondays and Fridays

One of our part time office assistants has decided to completely retire at the end of the year.



Christmas is next Saturday!!!

Mass times for Christmas @
St. Mary's are as follows:

Vigil Mass Friday, Dec. 24th @ 7:00 pm

Saturday, Dec. 25th @ 9:00 am

The Feast of the Holy Family is next Sunday!

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass is still in effect next weekend in addition to attending Christmas Mass.

Our Mass time is 9:00 am Sunday, December 26th

***There will be no 7:00 pm vigil Mass Saturday
(12/25) or 1:00 pm Mass Sunday (12/26)***



Financial Stewardship

December 12, 2021

Adult Envelopes.....	\$1345.00
Student Envelopes.....	\$11.00
Offertory.....	\$272.00
Holy Days.....	\$486.00
Votive Candles.....	\$87.00
Total	\$2,201.00

Weekly Budget \$3,047.27

(161 registered families)

Fiscal year-to-date

Budgeted	\$73,134.48
Contributed	\$62,520.70

2021-22 Annual Appeal

Goal: \$17,155.00

Total Pledged & Received: \$10,510.00

Percent of Goal Pledged: 61.26%



Liturgical Roles

Friday, Dec 24, 7:00 pm

Lector.....Christine Kobylski
Servers.....Katelyn Browne
.....Aron Browne
Ushers.....**Needed**
Gift Bearers.....**Needed**
Musician.....Heidi Finucan

Saturday, Dec 25, 9:00 am

Lector.....Terri Donnelly
Servers.....Karina Strzemecka
.....Amanda Strzemecka
Ushers.....**Needed**
Gift Bearers.....**Needed**
Musician.....Jade Pusel

Sunday, Dec 26, 9:00 am

Lector.....Kenny Engevoid
Servers.....Karina Strzemecka
.....Amanda Strzemecka
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Gift Bearers.....**Needed**
Musician.....Jade Pusel

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