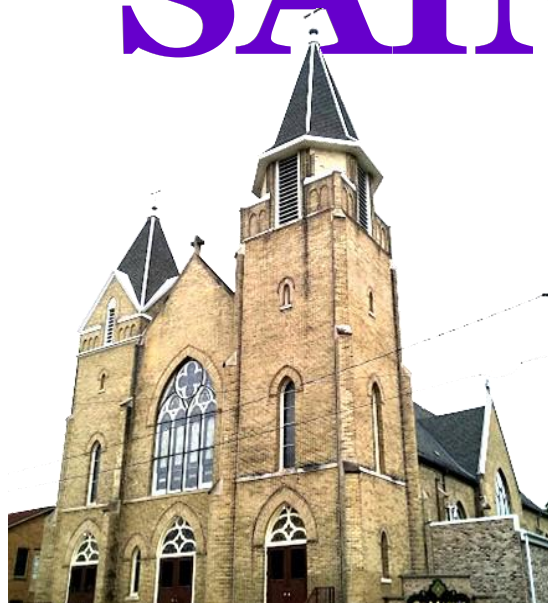


December 18, 2022 - 4th Sunday of Advent

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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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Wed, Thurs, & Fri 8:00 - 8:25 am

Confessions

Tues 5:00 pm & Saturday 6:00 pm
Also by appointment

Rosary

Saturday 6:35 pm
Sunday 8:35 am & 12:35 pm



*"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,
which means "God is with us."*

When Joseph awoke,
he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded
him
and took his wife into his home.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, 5:30 pm	December 20 †William Zenk By: Zenk Family
Wednesday, 8:30 am	December 21 †Ralph Hamm By: Hamm Family
Thursday, 8:30 am	December 22 †Rosemary Lupo By: Don & Marcy Krogh
Friday, 8:30 am	December 23 † Michael Gruszka By: Darlene Gruszka
Saturday, 7:00 pm	December 24 All Priests & Religious By: Terri Donnelly
Sunday, 9:00 am 1:00 pm	December 25 Parishioner Mass Walsh Family



Upcoming Events

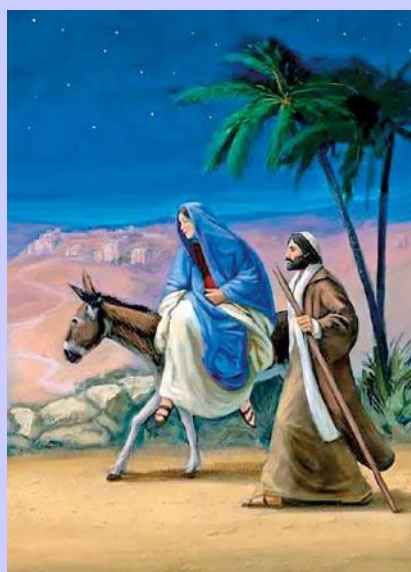
Christmas Masses
December 24th @7pm
December 25th @9am & 1pm

New Year's Masses
December 31st @ 7pm
January 1st @ 9am & 1pm

Decoration Take Down
January 8th @2pm

Prayer Shawl Ministry
January 14th @ 10am

Finance Council Meeting
January 24th @6:30pm



A Message from Fr. Cryton

St. Joseph A man of Dreams

We enter into the fourth week of Advent. We are given another character for our reflection today. Its none other than St. Joseph. Let me share some thoughts on him specially the role of Dreams in his life. ***"I HAVE a great love for Saint Joseph, because he is a man of silence and strength. On my table, I have an image of St. Joseph sleeping... So, when I have a problem, a difficulty, I write a little note and I put it underneath St. Joseph so that he can dream about it! In other words, I tell him, 'Pray for this problem,'"*** says Pope Francis.

Everyone dreams of finding fulfillment in life. Saint Joseph has much to tell us in this regard, because, through the dreams that God inspired in him, he made of his life a gift. The Holy Father noted that in the Bible, "dreams were considered a means by which God revealed Himself." Dreams, he said, symbolize "the spiritual life of each of us, that inner space that each of us is called to cultivate and guard, where God manifests Himself and often speaks to us."

The Gospels tell us of four dreams (cf. Mt 1:20; 2:13,19,22). They were calls from God, but they were not easy to accept. After each dream, Joseph had to change his plans and take a risk, sacrificing his own plans in order to follow the mysterious designs of God, whom he trusted completely. We may ask ourselves, "Why put so much trust in a dream in the night?" Although a dream was considered very important in ancient times, it was still a small thing in the face of the concrete reality of life. Yet Saint Joseph let himself be guided by his dreams without hesitation. Pope Francis reflected on each of the four dreams of Joseph recounted in the Gospels.

The first Dream, God shows us the right thing to do: Beginning with the appearance of the angel in his sleep, who helped Joseph resolve the conflict that arose when he learned of Mary's pregnancy. He immediately heeded the angel's words and took Mary as his wife. Life often puts us in situations that we do not understand and seems no solution. Praying in those moments means letting the Lord show us the right thing to do.

The second Dream, God gives us courage: In the second dream, Joseph is warned that the life of the child Jesus is in danger; and once again, Joseph promptly obeys God's voice, fleeing with Jesus and Mary into Egypt to his family. Pope Francis said that when we experience dangers that threaten ourselves or our loved ones, "praying means listening to the voice that can give us the same courage as Joseph."

The third Dream, Prayer brings light to darkness: While in exile, Joseph waited patiently for a sign from God that it was safe to return to his homeland. In the third dream, he learned that those who sought the life of Jesus had died.

The fourth Dream: This made him change plans once again, bringing him to Nazareth, the place where Jesus would begin his preaching of the Kingdom of God., while the fourth directed him to settle in Nazareth, for fear of Archelaus, the successor of Herod. *Fear is also a part of life, and it too needs our prayer. Joseph experiences fear, but God guides him through it. The power of prayer brings light into situations of darkness.*

Please Note:

✓I will be out for my vacation from January 3rd to February 3rd next year. You will have weekend masses as usual. There won't be daily mass in my absence but Deacon Tom will conduct communion service on Wednesdays and Fridays at 8.30 am. Fr. John Potaczek will help for any emergency, contact the office.

St. Mary Parishioners Pass Away

Eternal rest , grant unto them, O Lord. And the Perpetual Light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.



Robert Aloysius Walsh passed away December 7th. His funeral mass will be celebrated Tuesday, December 20th @11am at St. Mary's



Roseann Pecore passed away December 2nd. Her funeral mass was celebrated on December 10th here at St. Mary's.

Please see Christmas and New Years Mass Times



Attention All Knitters & Crocheters

We would like to start a Prayer Shawl Ministry here at St. Mary's. It's a ministry that one can do from your home. Come to a **Meet and Greet** on the 2nd Saturday in January (January 14th) at 10am in the church basement. Members from the Praying Hands Prayer Shawl Ministry at Sacred Heart will be here to exchange ideas about the ministry. Would you like to learn how to crochet or knit? Come to the meeting. Please contact Deacon Tom for more information or questions.



Week#4 Advent Candle

This candle name is "The Angel's Candle". Representing "Love" During this final week of Advent we rejoice in the endless love that God has for us, which is made apparent with the birth of his Son. We reflect on the good news of God's love brought to us from the angel Gabriel.

Mass Offerings

There are many weekday Masses available! Masses can be said for almost anything; the soul of a deceased loved one, for a special intention, or a friend who is suffering. There is also no better way to show our gratitude to God! Masses can be said for birthdays, anniversaries, in celebration of the reception of the sacraments, or for prayers that have been answered. The reason that this tradition has been passed on for centuries is because of the many spiritual fruits that result from this form of prayer. The celebration of the Eucharist is the highest form of worship in the Catholic Church because we unite ourselves with Christ's sacrifice on the cross in worship of His Father.

We Welcome

Cassidy Grace Crowley into the family of God. Cassidy was born on November 23rd and is the daughter of Rochelle & Jim Crowley and sister of Silas & Isaac. Fr. Bernard Rott did the baptism on Sunday, December 11th and Fr. Cryton assisted. We pray for the Crowley's and all families as they guide their children on their spiritual journey



Did you know?

The O Antiphons

The "O Antiphons" refer to the seven antiphons that are recited each day from December 17 -23. December 24 begins the celebration of Christmas with the Mass of the Christmas Vigil. The importance of "O Antiphons" is twofold: Each one highlights a title for the Messiah, and each one refers to the prophecy of Isaiah of the coming of the Messiah.

Dec. 17: *O Sapientia (O Wisdom)*

Dec. 18: *O Adonai (O Lord)*

Dec. 19: *O Radix Jesse (O Root of Jesse)*

Dec. 20: *O Clavis David (O Key of David)*

Dec. 21: *O Oriens (O Rising Sun)*

Dec. 22: *O Rex Gentium (O King of the Nations)*

Dec. 23: *O Emmanuel (God is with us)*

I hope you enjoyed reading about the O Antiphons and why not invite someone to church! **Deacon Tom**

St. Mary's Prayer List

Vinnie Bellock, Braun Family, Joan Burch, Rick Bornemeier, Mary Jean Cauley, Karen & Chris DeLange, Fr. Clayton Elmhurst, Mikey, Lori, Morgan & Alan Gruszka, Jim & Adela Hagen, Chuck Huber, Roseanne Kenneth, Gloria Kramer, Helena Kwit & Family, Noah, Mary Claire Marshall, Bud Miller, Lizzie Mitchell, Tony Oldigs, Karen Patton, Charlotte Rybicki, Francis Senzig, Preston Shields, Jeri Smith, Bob Walsh, Marion Walsh, those who are sick, unemployed, in need, & all families who are suffering in any way; from illness, cancer, uncertainty, & anxieties; Families & Friends please...

PRAY THE ROSARY!!!

Financial Stewardship

December 11, 2022

Adult Envelopes.....	\$2582.00
Student Envelopes.....	\$6.00
Offertory.....	\$171.00
Holy Day.....	\$364.00
Flowers.....	\$416.00
Christmas.....	\$20.00
<u>Votive Candles.....</u>	<u>\$29.50</u>
Total	\$3588.50

(153 registered families)

Fiscal year-to-date

Contributed \$62,913.31

Inspired by the Spirit Campaign

Goal: \$160,000.00

Total Pledged & Received: \$92,205.00

Percent of Goal Pledged: 57.63%

Number of Donors: 33

There are envelopes in the back of church if you would like to contribute to the campaign.

Every pledge makes a difference and is truly appreciated!

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, December 24, 7:00 pm

Lector.....	Needed
Servers.....	Needed
.....	Needed
Ushers.....	Jim Cauley
.....	Needed
.....	Needed
Gift Bearers.....	Needed
Musician.....	Jade Pusel

Sunday, December 25, 9:00 am

Lector.....	Larry Mueller
Servers.....	Needed
.....	Needed
.....	Needed
Ushers.....	Needed
.....	Needed
.....	Needed
Gift Bearers.....	Needed
Musician.....	Heidi Finucan

Sunday, December 25, 1:00 pm

Lector.....	Needed
Ushers.....	Needed
Musician.....	Jade Pusel

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My Advent 2022 Calendar

4th Sunday of Advent
And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. And we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.
John 1:14

18
Make a Christmas card for your pastor to thank him for what he does for your parish.

19
Bless your family's creche.

20
Light a candle after dinner and sing Silent Night with your family. End with a prayer for Jesus, Light of the World.

21
Invite a friend or neighbor to celebrate Jesus' birth with you and your family.

22
Gather your family or friends and watch a classic Christmas movie.

23
The child to be born will be holy; he will be the Son of God.
Luke 1:35

24