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December 7, 2025 - Second Sunday of Advent



John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: *A Voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.*

Matthew 3:1-3

St. Mary's Prayer List | Please pray for Roxann Walsh, Marlene McGowan, 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. ***If you or someone you know would like to be included on the prayer list please notify us at bulletin@stmlys.diocparish.org***

Parish Events

Christmas Brunch

Sunday, December 7
After 9am Mass

Immaculate Conception of Mary (HDO)

Mass on Monday
December 8, 7pm

Reconciliation

Wednesday, December 10th
after 6:30pm Mass

Finance Council Meeting

Thursday, December 11,
6:30pm

Pastoral Council Meeting

Thursday, December 11,
7:30pm

Sacred Worship Meeting

Tuesday, December 16
6:30pm

Christmas Decorating

Monday
December 22, 6:30pm

Mass Intentions

December 8 (HDO)

† Mary Jean Cauley

Tuesday,
5:30 pm

December 9

† Marie Senzig
By: Natty Kranz & Rita Hall

Wednesday,
6:30 pm

December 10

† Mary Claire Marshall
By: Elizabeth Mitchell

Reconciliation following Mass

Thursday,
8:30 am

December 11

† Larry Fitzgerald
By: Joe & Ardis Doyle

Friday,
8:30 am

December 12

Juan Figueroavilla
By: Alondra Figueroavilla

Saturday,
7:00 pm

December 13

† James Nate
By: Mary Jane & Linda Nate

Sunday,
9:00 am

December 14

† Doris Nerat
By: Judy & Steve Scott

1:00 pm

Parishioner Mass

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Fr. Cryton!**

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Tues 5:00 pm & Saturday 6:00 pm

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Monday 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

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Saturday 8:00 am - Noon

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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

Rosary

Saturday 6:35 pm

Sunday 8:35 am & 12:35 pm



Advent – A time of Renewal and Repentance

As we continue our Advent journey on this Second Sunday of Advent, the Church invites us to listen once more to the powerful call of John the Baptist: “Prepare the way of the Lord.” His message echoes strongly in our hearts during this sacred season—calling us to renewal, repentance, and joyful expectation as we await the coming of Christ.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – Monday, December 8

We joyfully celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary this Monday, December 8. In Mary, full of grace from her conception, we see God’s great plan of salvation unfolding. Let us honor our Mother by joining together in prayer and giving thanks for her “yes,” which opened the way for the coming of our Savior.

Advent Confession – Wednesday, December 10

In the spirit of John, the Baptist’s call to prepare our hearts, the parish will hold a special Advent Confession on Wednesday, December 10. This is a beautiful opportunity to receive God’s mercy and ready our souls for the celebration of Christmas. All parishioners are warmly encouraged to take part.

Like Mary, who’s “yes” made room for Christ, and like John, who prepared the way, we too are called to prepare — not only for Christmas, but for the Lord’s coming into our daily lives. May this Advent be a time of grace, renewal, and joyful expectation.

Note:

- **Monday:** Solemnity of Immaculate Conception of Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)
Mass @ 7.00 pm
- **Tuesday** Mass @ 5.30 pm
- **Wednesday:** Mass @ 6.30 pm, Confession for CCD Children & parishioners, after mass till 8.00 pm (Couple of priests will be available)



Jesus is Our Hope (1 Tim 1:1) | The Advent hymn Come, O Long Expected Jesus is a prayer of hope, asking that He come because we need a Savior. Jesus came to set us free from our attachment to bad habits, which creates barriers and can even separate us from our friendship with Him. Due to His unconditional love for us, Jesus desires to help us break away from sin so that we can be more closely united to Him. During Advent, set aside time for quiet prayer, to watch and wait for the coming of the Christ Child into our heart at Christmas. Let us allow Jesus to spiritually renew us with greater hope, peace and joy, even amidst difficulties. The first verse: Come, O long expected Jesus; Born to set Your people free; From our fears and sins release us; Free us from captivity.

Project Seed Sales Coming in the Spring | Farmers, mark your calendars for a Forage & Seed Corn sale that will be coming to several locations in spring of 2026, supported by the Diocesan Rural Life Committee, offering high-quality, low-cost seed. Seed corn is offered in both conventional and glyphosate tolerant varieties. There will be alfalfa and clover ready for sale and non-GMO seed can be ordered. Comparable yields make this seed an attractive alternative.

Sale dates and locations:

- March 14 - 10:00 AM-1:00 PM at St. Mary’s Church in Richland Center
- March 21 - 10:00 AM-2:00 PM in Holy Family Hall in Stanley
- March 28 - 10:30 AM-1:00 PM at Fourments Farm Home Store in Colby
- April 11 - 11:00 AM-1:00 PM at Sacred Heart Church in Cassel

For more information, call Scott Mohr at 608-769-2764, or Steve Mohr at 608-780-5460.

Christmas Set-up - we will be setting up the church for the Christmas season on Monday, December 22nd at 6:30pm. It takes many hands to accomplish this task and your help is needed! Please join us!

Christmas Memorial Poinsettias

Christmas will be here very soon! If you would like to donate to the Christmas Flowers in memory or in honor of someone, we are now taking donations. Please be sure to have your donation to the parish office no later than December 17th.

This will give the office time to compile the list of donors and put the list in the Christmas Bulletin.

“Called and Gifted” Workshop | March 21, 2026 | Our Lady of Peace Parish in

Marshfield: An in-person “Called and Gifted” workshop will be offered on Saturday, March 21, 2026. The Office for Catechesis & Evangelization and the Marshfield parishes will be hosting the workshop. The “Called & Gifted” discernment process offered by the Catherine of Siena Institute has been used since 1993 by over 200,000 Catholics around the world. It is designed to help Christians discern specific charisms in their lives. Charisms, or spiritual gifts, are special abilities given to all Christians by the Holy Spirit. God calls each of us to (and gifts us for) the work that we most love. We want to know what gifts God has given to us because when we use them, our life is enriched with purpose and joy. The “Called and Gifted” workshop will be held at Our Lady of Peace Parish in Marshfield.

Further details to follow.



How Real is Jesus to You? Do you have a personal relationship with Jesus?

We Catholics tend to dismiss that as a Protestant question. If we answer it at all, we have learned to say that of course we have a personal relationship with Jesus, because He comes to us through the Sacraments, and most profoundly in Communion. But the question goes deeper. It asks: do we have a sense of connection, of familiarity, with Jesus, like the feeling of connection we have with a spouse, a family member or a close friend? Sadly, it is possible to experience our sacramental encounters with Jesus in a way that is mechanical, impersonal, detached from the heart. Of course we can see, touch, and speak with family members and friends in an immediate way, while God is invisible to us, or hidden under the appearances of bread and wine. And yet God has a powerful key to our hearts. A mind-boggling invitation In the Gospel of John, Jesus tells us that He is the Vine and we must be joined to Him as branches. Listen to the intimate language He uses: "Remain in Me, as I remain in you.... Remain in My love" (15:4,9). Then consider the invitation in the Book of Revelation: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with Me." It really is stunning – Jesus, the Only-Begotten Son of God, is knocking on the door of our lives, inviting us to the most profound friendship. He will not force His way in, but if we open, He is sure to respond. Others have gone before us Men and women throughout history have opened that door and remained in Jesus' love. They have

embraced Him as the center of their lives and experienced the joy and fulfillment our hearts were made for. St. Francis of Assisi, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, St. Padre Pio, St. Faustina – the list goes on and on. Did they sometimes experience spiritual dryness and suffering? Of course, but Jesus never stopped being the center of their lives. It is false modesty to say that their path is not our path, that we are just "ordinary" people. There is only one real path in life, that of a living, breathing friendship with Jesus, Who told us, "I am the Way and the Truth and the Life" (Jn 14:6). After much wandering, St. Augustine finally discovered that truth and cried out with joy, "O Lord, you have made us for Yourself, and our hearts are restless till they rest in You." Keys to deepen that relationship Let's start by simply asking, "Jesus, please help me to know You better. I don't want to just know about You, I want to know You." Begin and end your day by giving yourself to Him, and talk to Him often, telling Him your joys, your troubles, your hopes. Read slowly from the Gospels, meditating on Jesus' words and deeds, asking Him to help you see how they apply to you. Then rest in silence and listen. Do this for a few minutes each day. Visit Jesus in Eucharistic adoration, awakening your devotion with prayer, Scripture and silent contemplation. Find inspiration in reading about the saints. Ask Jesus to help you see and touch Him in works of mercy toward the poor, the homeless, the lonely. Ask His forgiveness in Confession. Make your heart ready each time you receive Him in Communion. Ask Mary to help you. In all this, you will not be perfect, you will stumble. Keep going. Yes, you are busy but set aside some time each day. Because He is EVERYTHING, and in your heart of hearts you know that remaining in His Love is exactly what your life should be about.

By Christopher Ruff, Office for Ministries & Social Concerns

Church Restoration Project

Goal: \$230,000

Total Pledged: \$ 242,230.47

Total Received: \$ 175,174.47

Percent of Goal Pledged: 105.32%

Percent of Goal Received: 76.16%

Number of Donors: 84

Total Pews Pledged: 61

Total Pews Needing a Pledge: 0

Inspired By the Spirit

Goal: \$160,000.00

Total Pledged & Received: \$96,245.00

Percent of Goal Pledged: 60.15%

Number of Donors: 36

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Goal: \$23,545.00

Total Pledged & Received: \$12,935.00

Percent of Goal Pledged: 54.94%

Number of Donors: 34

Financial Stewardship

November 30, 2025

Adult Envelopes.....\$1,605.00

Offertory.....\$553.00

Student Envelopes.....\$3.00

Votive candles.....\$57.00

Total \$2,218.00

(163 registered families)

Fiscal year-to-date

Contributed.....\$61,594.72

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, December 13, 7:00 pm

Lector.....Steve Hesprich

EMC.....Steve Hesprich

Servers.....Katelyn,

.....& Aron Browne

Ushers.....Jim McGowan,

.....Dennis Franek & Dan McGowan

Gift Bearers.....Jim & Vicki McGowan

Musician.....Ella Franek / Andrea

Sunday, December 14, 9:00 am

Lector.....Ken Engevold

EMC.....Ken Engevold

.....Melissa Schanke

Servers.....Elouise,

.....Nellie Jo & Anton Erickson

Ushers.....Jim Cauley, Tony Oldigs,

.....Pete Cauley & Gary Skolarz

Gifts.....Pete & Linda Lochner

Musician.....Jade Pusel

Sunday, December 14, 1:00 pm

Lector.....Terri Donnelly

EMC.....Terri Donnelly

Ushers.....Rodney Senzig

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Stewardship Bulletin Reflection December 7, 2025 - Second Sunday in Advent IS 11:1-10; PS 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; ROM 15:4-9; MT 3:1-12 On this Second Sunday of Advent, our second reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans encourages us to focus our Advent preparations like this: "Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God." And how does Christ welcome us? With unconditional love. This captures the essence of Christian hospitality, a key part of living as a good steward. When fully practiced, it can not only transform our lives but also those of others who experience it through us, encouraging and inspiring us to keep this transformative journey going. The practice of Christian hospitality is also a way for us, as stewards, to answer the call of John the Baptist, as seen in our Gospel passage from Matthew. His words apply just as much to us today as they did to the people awaiting the Savior's arrival. John says, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" and he recalls the words of the prophet Isaiah, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." There is a deep and enlightening connection between repentance and effective hospitality, guiding us on our spiritual journey. So, how can we make repentance a regular part of our daily lives? We can include an "examination of conscience" in our daily prayers, thanking God for when we said "yes" to Him and asking for forgiveness for when we chose our own will. We should go to Confession this Advent. We can also reach out to a family member or friend when there is distance or discord and work to make peace. This support and encouragement in our journey of repentance are essential for our spiritual growth. As we "straighten the paths" of our own hearts and minds, we become more welcoming people, better stewards of God's grace and mercy, and much more open and prepared to invite others into our lives, homes, and parish. This is preparation fitting for our merciful Savior.

Do you have something you'd like to see in the bulletin? Submit your ideas to: bulletin@stmlys.diocparish.org