

December 6, 2015

St. Mary's Parish

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Eucharistic Liturgies

Weekend Mass Saturday Vigil 5:15 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Weekday Mass Wednesday – Friday 7:00 AM
Saturday 8:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 – 4:45 PM

Sacrament of Baptism

We joyfully welcome all into our Church family through this sacrament. Parents are asked to please call the rectory 853-2935 to make arrangements. Baptismal preparation meetings are held with the Baptismal Team the first Sunday of the month at 9 AM at St. Mary's School.

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples planning to be married are asked to schedule an appointment with Fr. Croghan at least 6 months before the desired date. Wedding dates cannot be scheduled over the phone. One of the parties being married and/or their parents must be registered members of St. Mary's (Pre-marriage instruction is required).

Prayer Line

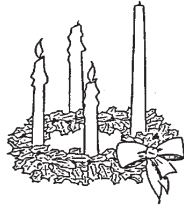
If you or any of your loved ones are in need of prayer, please call Margaret – 853-5280, or Pat – 853-5229.

New Parishioners

Welcome! Please introduce yourself after Mass. We invite you to become an active member of our parish community. Please call the parish office to register.

Bulletin Deadline

All announcements for the bulletin should be in writing and submitted to the parish office by Monday noon.



Saturday, December 5 - Vigil Mass
 5:15 PM Eric Wiedmer by His Family
Sunday, December 6 - 2nd Sunday of Advent
 8:00 AM Joseph & Josephine Slivonik
 by Joe, Kris & Family
 10:30 AM Frank Santoli by His Family
**Tuesday, December 8 - Immaculate Conception of
 The Blessed Virgin Mary**
 7:00 AM - Laura Atkinson by Her Family
 6:30 PM - Robert Stricker by His Family
**Wednesday, December 9 -
 St. Juan Diego Cuauhtloatzin**
 7:00 AM For the People of the Parish
Thursday, December 10
 7:00 AM Nora Reynolds by Her Family
Friday, December 11 - St. Damasus I
 7:00 AM Donna Walker by Sally Majka
Saturday, December 12
 8:00 AM Michael Falk by Jan & Janice
 5:15 PM - John & Eleanor Calidonna by Their Family
Sunday, December 13 - 3rd Sunday of Advent
 8:00 AM Charlotte Heintz by Her Family
 10:30 AM Jeanne Jones by Carl

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED,
 HOSPITALIZED, SICK & SHUT-INS
 OF OUR PARISH**

Altar-Rosary Cleaners - 12-12
 Barb Kennard & Kristen Dombrowski
Counters - 12-13
 Pat Knapp, Barb & Pat Grimes

Collection for	(11/22)	11/29
Ordinary Collection.....	(\$5,864.00).....	\$5,269.00
Holy Day.....	(10.00).....	1.00
School Assessment.....		20.00
Memorial Fund.....	(71.00).....	253.00
Christmas Flowers.....	(33.00).....	207.00
Country Pantry.....	(60.00).....	786.00
Human Development.....	(105.00).....	5.00
Faith Formation.....	(125.00).....	
Diocesan Collections.....	(10.00).....	

Second Collection Next Weekend

The annual Cathedral collection for the support of our Bishop will be taken up at Masses next weekend. Thank you for your generosity!

Holy Day This Tuesday

This Tuesday, December 8, is the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Masses will be held at 7 AM and 6:30 PM on the 8th.

Country Pantry

Did you notice the flyers on the bulletin boards at each entrance to the church? Next Sunday is the final day to bring in your towels and/or gift cards for our Christmas distribution which will be Tuesday, December 15.

We are collecting towels, bath towels, hand towels and washcloths. These items may be left at Mary's altar. For our kids we are requesting \$10 gift cards to a kid-friendly store such as WalMart, Target, Five Below, Dollar General, etc. Gift cards may be placed in an envelope marked Country Pantry and placed in the regular Sunday collection. Monetary donations may also be placed in an envelope marked Country Pantry and placed in the regular collection or mailed to the Country Pantry. PO Box 76, Clinton.

Thank you to those who have already donated to our Christmas requests. Our 250 families and 170 kids will be pleased to receive your gifts at our distribution. If you have not already contributed, please consider doing so. God bless!

Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
6:30 PM (12-8)	Madeline Surace, Matt & Madison Steates	Joseph Ellis	Host - Patty McComb & Julie Wagner Cup - Sue King, Pearl Gapp, Bonnie & Bill Waldron
5:15 PM (12-12)	Melina Korfonta, Kate Schweitzer & Montana Decker	Bill Waldron	Host - Barb Blatz & Mary Paul Cup - Sue King, Annette Foley, Jim Winkler & Pearl Gapp
8:00 AM (12-13)	Alicia Amuso, Ian Nessel & Will Eisenhut	Kate Chute	Host - Patty McComb & Pam Sprague Cup - Ed Kaido, Bob Burns, Evelyn Micciche & Julie Wagner
10:30 AM (12-13)	Raine Boehlert, Lauren & LeeAnn Chesebro	John Burdick	Host - Karen Brewer & Carol Fobes Cup - Mary Stuttard, Joanne Joseph, Melinda Leising & Peggy Schweitzer

Faith Formation

We all know what it is like to clear a path--perhaps through snow, or through a dense undergrowth of vines or weeds? It's hard work! This is what John is asking us to do—to clear a path in our lives to welcome Christ.

Saturday Suppers Return!!

Join us for a Christmas celebration on **December 19**, following the 5:15 PM mass, which will include children's liturgy. Pasta and sauce provided, please bring a complimentary dish or desert to share.

"Faith in action is love and love in action is service"- Mother Teresa

Many of us have found ways to share the love of God as individuals within our community. But think of the power in putting our *faith in action* as a united group of St. Mary's parishioners! If you have an interest in meeting once per month to volunteer locally or have contact information/ideas for places needing help, please contact Amy Bashant 853-4537, amybashant@verizon.net

Liturgy of the Word for Children

Your children, ages 4-9, are invited to join in Liturgy of the Word for Children at the 10:30 AM Mass this Sunday. The next gathering will be Saturday, December 19.

The Light is On For You December 14, 4-7 PM

Fr. Croghan will be in the Church Reconciliation Room during the above times for anyone wishing to celebrate the sacrament before Christmas. He will also be available at the normal time EVERY Saturday from 4-4:45 PM.

There will also be a penance service Sunday, December 20, 3 PM, at St. Bernard's Church, Waterville.

A Family Perspective

Today's gospel shows John the Baptist and parents have similar vocations. Like the Baptist, parents are asked to make "rough ways smooth" and to "prepare the way of the Lord" for their families. This Advent ask: "Does my life hinder or help my family to know Jesus?"

Christmas Gifts For The Shut-Ins

Sister Ruth would be grateful if the following donations could be given for the people she visits in Nursing Homes and their own homes: Large print Word Search Books, Pencil, Pen, Small note book, small Kleenex packages, slipper socks, sugarless candy bar, comb and/or brush, or a tooth brush.

There will be a basket at the Front Entrance of church where you can leave your donation. Thank you.

Good News!

December 6, 2015

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

Bar 5:1-9 / Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 / Lk 3:1-6

One of the most memorable questions I have ever been asked came out of a conversation with a spiritual director. During my marriage-preparation retreat, he asked about the upcoming wedding. I told him about all the preparations and how I felt like I was on top of things. He gently said, "I know you are prepared, but are you ready?" It was the first time I really thought about the difference. We were certainly prepared. The flowers had been ordered, the ceremony set, and the caterer knew exactly what we wanted. We were in control. But being ready for the great unknown of marriage, a lifelong vocation, was another thing altogether. Being ready suggested that we won't always be in control and that, no matter what happens, we were in it for life and would face whatever comes together.

The prophet Isaiah describes John the Baptist as the one who prepares the way of the Lord. He will do this by preaching to and baptizing those who come to him. The preparation for the coming Messiah is in his hands. He poses the question, "Are you ready for the one who is to come?" Thinking beyond our religious practices and Christmas preparations, what does that really mean for us? Maybe this year it means looking into our own hearts for the longing for Christ. Perhaps we will make a room for him in our busy lives and our busier thoughts. We might even stop our preparations long enough to remember just who is coming and invite him in. Are you ready?

Mary Katharine Deeley
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Baptized in Christ

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