

December 4, 2016

St. Mary's Parish

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Parish Center 853-6196
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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 3 - Vigil Mass

5:15 PM Eric Wiedmer (14th) by His Family

Sunday, December 4 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Sarah Beaver by Judy & Ed Bentley

10:30 AM Joe Maxwell by Jacquie & Family

Wednesday, December 7 - St. Ambrose

7:00 AM Tom Moffitt by His Family

Thursday, December 8 - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 AM For the People of the Parish

6:30 PM Nancy Ellis by Hearts & Hands

Friday, December 9 - St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

7:00 AM Kathleen Phillips by Her Estate

Saturday, December 10

8:00 AM Gloria Byrne by Carole Ann Byrne

5:15 PM Charlotte Heintz by Her Family

Sunday, December 11 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM John S. Glouse, Jr. by Sally & Family

10:30 AM Ann Techmanski by Lorraine Humphreys

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

Holy Day This Thursday

Thursday, December 8, is the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Masses will be said on Thursday at 7 AM and 6:30 PM. There will also be a noon Mass on campus.

Altar-Rosary Cleaners (12/10)

Sally Glouse & Sue King

Counters (12/11)

Jim Winkler, Don & Jane Conniff

Collection for Last Weekend

Ordinary Collection.....	\$6,437.00
Holy Day.....	15.00
Christmas.....	30.00
Christmas Flowers.....	206.00
Memorial Fund.....	65.00
School Assessment.....	28.00
Faith Formation.....	373.00
Diocesan Collections.....	135.00
Country Pantry (Thanksgiving).....	1,192.00
Shut-in Gifts.....	20.00

Second Collection Next Weekend

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

2017 Calendars
Copies of St. Mary's 2017 calendars are available at the church entrances this weekend. We thank our friends at Heintz Funeral Homes for providing these calendars again this year.

Country Pantry

Next weekend, December 10/11, is the final time to bring in items for the Pantry Christmas distribution which will take place Tuesday, December 13.

At each entrance to Church, there is a poster showing the items we are collecting for Christmas. These are fleece throws, kitchen towels and pot holders and \$5 and \$20 gift cards to kid-friendly stores. Gift cards may be placed in the regular collection. Throws, towels and pot holders may be left at Mary's altar. No time to shop - monetary donations are also accepted. Help make Christmas brighter for those individuals and families in our area who may be struggling at this time of year. God bless us everyone!

Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:15 PM (12/10)	Michael Pascucci, Victoria Maier & Ella Stephens	Mary Lou Lauchert	Host - Jan Slawson & Annette Foley Cup - Anne Debraggio, Rick Pascucci, Tim Lashinger & Marybeth King
8:00 AM (12/11)	Ian Nessel, Rick & Deanna Heintz	Bob Burns	Host - Patty McComb & Jeanne Roback Cup - Chris Kielar, Joseph Ellis, Kate Krumdieck & Bob Burns
10:30 AM (12/11)	Raine Boehlert, Lauren Chesebro & Taylor Arndt	Susan Yaworsky	Host - Maryalice Hogan & Joanne Joseph Cup - Anita Fitzgerald, Jim Suchy, Karen Brewer & any available

Faith In Action

John the Baptist prepared the way for the people of his time to understand the good news of their salvation. That is the way God normally works; He sends the message of salvation to us through each other. Are you an effective messenger of God's love and mercy through your words and actions?

Please hold in prayer the 29 little ones who experienced God's love and mercy this weekend as they received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the very first time.



Caleb Adams, Katie Bassett,
Andrew Bashant,
Eliana Bentley, Sam Bono,
Tristan Broadbent, Shelby Carfango,
Anthony Cosentino, Rowan Dawes,
Dax Graziadei, Noah Hepler, Andrea Jiminez,
Ella Kelly, Jude Leising,
Kaylee Lopata, Robert (Max) Luke,
Kiersten Majka, Lange Matteson,
Nolan O'Brien, Jayden Palmer, Laura Peck,
Madison Rey, Sawyer Schaap,
Clara Shaw, Eli Siepiola, Salvatore Taurisano,
Sabrina Vogel, Parker White,
Delainey Williams

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 Sunday, December 11..

The Light is On For you December 19, 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.

Car For Sale

A gently used 2011 Toyota Corolla, 53,500 miles, for sale. Please call the parish office at 853-2935 for more information.

A Family Perspective

Like John the Baptist, every parent "prepares the way of the Lord" in the hearts of their children. Advent is a good time to ask; "Do I help or hinder my children to know Jesus?"

Dear Padre

DECEMBER 4, 2016

I have two questions about Christmas. First, why do we use red and green during the season? Second, what does the word Noël mean?

The Church uses colors as symbols to mark the change of liturgical seasons and to remind ourselves of religious themes. White (or gold) is actually the liturgical color for the Christmas season, and violet (purple) for the weeks of Advent.

Red and green were associated with a winter-time feast that predates Christianity. However, since these colors have additional meanings for Christians that relate to this time of year, they are still in use and commonly associated with the holiday (holy) season. December 28 is the feast of the Holy Innocents, the male children of Bethlehem who were slaughtered by Herod's order. It's color is red, the color of martyrs. Poinsettia flowers and candy canes, popular Christmastime accents, also prominently feature red. Green—most visibly found in evergreen trees and wreaths—is the color of life. During Advent, it witnesses to the imminent birth of Jesus, which brings hope for new and eternal life to the world.

In response to your second question, Noël is an old French word meaning "Christmas," "the Christmas season," or "yuletide." The French word comes from the Latin for "birth" or "birthday." As we all know, Christmas is the time when we celebrate the birth of Jesus and the Incarnation of our Lord and Savior.

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Free Children's Breakfast With Santa

The Helmuth-Ingalls American Legion Post 232 on Route 12B, Clinton, will hold a free children's breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 11, 10-noon. *Must sign up by December 8* by calling 853-6638.

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