

December 23, 2018

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 – (315)853-5280, or Pat – (315)853-5229.

Sunshine

For a card of get well, support or cheer, call Peggy Jury at (315)853-4438 (peggyjury@gmail.com)

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 22 - Vigil Mass
 5:15 PM Kathleen Phillips by Her Estate
Sunday, December 23 - 4th Sunday of Advent
 8:00 AM Bob Auert (13th) by Judy & Family
 10:30 AM Benjamin Burdick by John & Family
****Monday, December 24 - Vigil of Christmas**
 5:15 PM Joseph & Josephine Slivonik
 by the Slivonik Family
 11:00 PM For the People of the Parish
****Tuesday, December 25 - Christmas**
 9:30 AM Gerald O'Bryan (2nd) by His Family
Wednesday, December 26 - St. Stephen
 7:00 AM NO MASS
Thursday, December 27 - St. John the Evangelist
 7:00 AM NO MASS
Friday, December 28 - Holy Innocents
 7:00 AM NO MASS
Saturday, December 29
 8:00 AM NO MASS
 5:15 PM Jane Bolan (B'day) by John & Brenda Fields
**Sunday, December 30 - Holy Family of
 Jesus, Mary & Joseph**
 8:00 AM Joan Reichard by Ken & Michelle Denison
 10:30 AM Joseph Yanchan by Maryann & Family

Collection for Last Weekend

Ordinary Collection.....\$8,838.00
 Holy Day.....20.00
 School Assessment.....56.00
 Memorial Fund.....510.00
 Christmas Flowers.....40.00
 Faith Formation.....136.00
 Cathedraticum.....115.00

Christmas Masses
 Monday, December 24, 5:15 PM & 11 PM
 10:30 PM - Choir Presentation
 Tuesday, December 25, 9:30 AM
(note: One Mass on Christmas Day)



Country Pantry

From all the individuals, families and volunteers of the Country Pantry, to all of our wonderful St. Mary's families and friends, may your Christmas season be filled with joy and peace. May the Christ Child bestow His many blessings on you and yours. Merry Christmas!

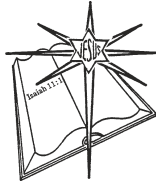
Altar-Rosary Cleaners (12-29)

Carole Byrne & Amy Franz

Counters (12-30)

Evelyn Micciche, Bill & Linda McComb

Liturgical Ministers			
Time	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:15 PM (12/24)	Michael, Carina & Joey Pascucci	Annemarie Moffitt	Host - Brianne Siepiola & Sue King Cup - Melinda Leising, Mary Paul, Rick & Carla Pascucci
11:00 PM (12/24)	Raine Boehlert, Lauren Chesebro & Montana Decker	Pearl Gapp	Host - Annette Foley & Jim Winkler Cup - Karen Ostinett, TBA, TBA & TBA
9:30 AM (12/25)	Melina Korfonta, Alicia & Joseph DeTraglia	Pam Sprague	Host - Nan Labrecque & Carole Byrne Cup - TBA, TBA, TBA & TBA
5:15 PM (12/29)	Stephanie O'Neil, Ian & Julia Nessel	Mary Lou Lauchert	Host - Mary Paul & Barb Bohrer Cup - Pearl Gapp, Brianne Siepiola, Bill & Bonnie Waldron
8:00 AM (12/30)	Raine Bohlert, Eli & Bianca Siepiola	Kate Krumdieck	Host - Joe & Tina Lallier Cup - Kate Krumdieck, Bob Burns, Sally Glouse & Jeanne Roback
10:30 AM (12/30)	Luke Shaw, Montana Decker & Victoria Maier	Karen Ostinett	Host - Don & Jane Conniff Cup - Jim Suchy, Maryalice Hogan, Rosemary Wadas & Karen Ostinett



A Christmas Prayer

*May Christmas this year be a reminder
to you of how much God loves you.
May the holy day of our Lord's birth be a
beautiful day of grace for you, for the Lord
came to make you His very own and gave
His life for you and to you.*

**Merry Christmas from Fr. Croghan and
all the folks at St. Mary's.**

Good News!

December 23, 2018
Fourth Sunday of Advent (C)
Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

God is often present in the little, hidden things of life. Take for example the small town of Bethlehem. This place barely appeared on the maps of the time. Yet in this dull town, overlooked by all, God wished to be born. God isn't into bling.

In her womb the Virgin Mary quietly carried the Light of the World, but it happened in a way unknown to anyone. He is the Light of the World, shining to catch our attention, but he does so in silence, humility, and intimacy.

There is a second aspect of the Incarnation to learn here. Christmas was about a real sacrifice. Mary and Jesus offered their very selves. Hebrews says it wasn't an animal or a wheat offering but Jesus' very body and blood. The same for Mary, as it was her life, her virginity, her very intimacy, that she was opening to God when she agreed to be the mother of the Lord. It's easy to be generous when it doesn't touch too close to home.

So try not to look for glitz and externals this Christmas but for God's hidden presence. And imitate Jesus and Mary by giving of your very self. It's not about a fast, a donation, or extra prayers—as good as those Advent practices are. But all of this prepares us to give our very selves to him in trust through the hidden acts of love of every day.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

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Faith In Action

In the final days of Advent, let us commit ourselves to working harder to listen to what God's will is for us. We often think of God's will as something hard to do, but this is not necessarily so. God's will does not always mean big things or major decisions. God's will is something that exactly fits the talents and abilities God gave you.

Extending the warmest wishes for a peaceful and joyous Christmas to all of you!

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. Our next gathering will be December 30.

Baptized in Christ

We welcome Charlotte Abigail Baisley, daughter of Matthew & Kathryn, to our Catholic faith community.

Name: _____

Address: _____

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