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 We do need your support and your stewardship. For your safety and convenience, you may donate on the parish [web-site](http://stmary.church/masses) or start your phone camera and scan this QR Code.

May God continue his blessings upon us. If you have questions, call Deacon John at 660 265-4110.

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We lift up to the Lord all who have died. We are especially grateful for those who feed, house and clothe the world, and those who labor selflessly for our safety, growth and well being.

Happy Birthday / Feliz Cumpleaños...December/Diciembre 3, Emir Bahena; **6**, Susie Gardener; **7**, Elena Bueno; **9**, Cody Weter; **10**, Mary Bohle; **11**, Jazelle Bahena; **12** Maira Gomez; **14**, Leslie Bahena, Jessica Perez; **17**, Maria Castaneda; **19**, Daniel Hatcher; **23**, Xavier Bahena, Paula May; **25**, Rodrigo Martinez; **28**, Jennifer Bahena.

Anniversaries / Aniversarios...December/Diciembre 1, Felipe y Consuelo Bahena, 29 años; **5**, Efren y Teresa Lopez, 28 años; **7**, Benjamin y Veronica Ochoa, 18 años.

Todos son dispensados de su obligación dominical de asistir a misa por parte del obispo Shawn, siempre que vean la misa dominical transmitida desde Santa María, la Catedral o el Vaticano; o leer y meditar en las lecturas dominicales y rezar el rosario o la Coronilla de la Misericordia. Las personas en riesgo durante esta crisis, especialmente las de 65 años o más, deben considerar seriamente el uso de la dispensación. La transmisión de la liturgia de cada semana continúa en stmary.church/masses, [facebook.com/stmary.life](https://www.facebook.com/stmary.life).

Necesitamos su apoyo y su corresponsabilidad. Puede donar en el sitio web de la parroquia o enciende la cámara de tu teléfono y escanea este Código QR. Si tiene preguntas, llame al 660 265-4110.

El 11 de noviembre, el obispo Shawn revisó su Decreto Pastoral sobre la Actividad Parroquial para incluir una directiva que hasta nuevo aviso, los eventos parroquiales públicos se restringirán únicamente a los eventos que incluyen la celebración de la Santa Misa.

Seguimos elevando al Señor a todos los que han muerto. Estamos agradecidos por quienes alimentan, albergan y visten al mundo, y por quienes trabajan por nuestra seguridad y bienestar.



Weekly Readings

www.usccb.org/bible/readings

Dec. 20, Sunday-Domingo
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Cuarto Domingo de Adviento
2 Sm/Sam 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Rom 16:25-27
Lk/Lc 1:26-38

Dec. 21, Monday-Lunes
Sg/Can 2:8-14

Lk/Lc 1:39-45

Dec. 22, Tuesday-Martes
1 Sm/Sam 1:24-28

Lk/Lc 1:46-56

Dec. 23, Wednesday-Miércoles
Mal/Mi 3:4, 23-24

Lk/Lc 1:57-66

Dec. 24, Thursday-Jueves
Christmas Eve/Vigilia de Navidad

Is 62:1-5

Acts/Hch 13:16-17, 22-25
Mt 1:1-25

Dec. 25, Friday-Viernes
Christmas Day / La Navidad

Is 52:7-10ñ Heb/Hb 1:1-6
Jn 1:1-18

Dec. 26, Saturday-Sábado
Acts/Hch 6:8-10; 8:54-59

Mt 10:17-22

Dec. 27, Sunday-Domingo
Feast of the Holy Family

Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14

Col 3:12-21

Lk/Lc 2:22-40

Mass Intentions

Sat, December 19, 4:30 p.m.
Michael Bovy

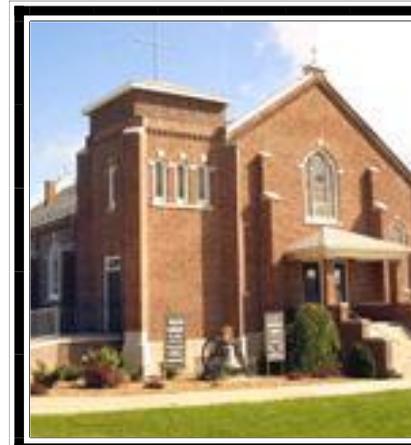
Sun, December 20, 8:30 a.m.
Parish

Sun, December 20, 11:00 a.m.
Hispanic Deacons

Sat, December 26, 4:30 p.m.
Parish

Sun, December 27, 8:30 a.m.
Youth of the Parish

Sun, December 27, 11:00 a.m.
†Roberto Osorio Peña



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**Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year B
Cuarto Domingo de Adviento, el año B
Gospel of St. Mark / El Evangelio de San Marcos
December / Diciembre 20, 2020**

From Deacon John...

Five days remain until we celebrate Christmas. May we live these final days to full advantage. We hear from Luke the words of the Blessed Mother's "yes" to God. "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." These are among the most beloved words in the Gospel. But what follows is also important in the steward's. After Mary's fiat, is the simple statement, "Then the angel departed from her." Mary was left with many unexplained details and doubts about God's plan for her! Yet, she followed God's will perfectly, giving her life fully to God as a gift. She was the first disciple. We too, are called to follow this example. This Christmas let us resolve to make the way we live life a gift to the One Who has given us everything. We can do this, we have the promise of all the help and strength we need.

Quedan cinco días para la celebración de la Navidad. Que vivamos estos últimos días al máximo. Escuchamos de Lucas las palabras del "sí" de la Santísima Madre a Dios. "He aquí la esclava del Señor. Hágase en mí según tu palabra". Estas se encuentran entre las palabras más amadas del Evangelio. Pero lo que sigue también es importante en el administrador. Después del fiat de María, está la simple declaración: "Entonces el ángel se fue de ella". ¡María se quedó con muchos detalles inexplicables y dudas sobre el plan de Dios para ella! Sin embargo, siguió la voluntad de Dios a la perfección, entregando su vida plenamente a Dios como un regalo. Ella fue la primera discípula. Nosotros también estamos llamados a seguir este ejemplo. En esta Navidad, resolvamos hacer de la forma en que vivimos la vida un regalo para Aquel que nos lo ha dado todo. Podemos hacer esto, tenemos la promesa de toda la ayuda y la fuerza que necesitamos.

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Background on the Gospel Reading

This Sunday we read the story of the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary about the birth of Jesus. This story is found only in Luke's Gospel. On this fourth Sunday of Advent, the liturgy shifts our attention from John the Baptist to Mary, the mother of Jesus. Both John and Mary serve as important figures for our reflection during the season of Advent; they both played instrumental roles in preparing the way for Jesus. Last week we reflected on John the Baptist's announcement that the Savior was among us, although not yet recognized. This week we reflect upon Mary's example of faith and obedience to God, traits which permitted her to receive the angel's message that God's Son would be born as a human person, as one of us.

We are familiar with the story of the Annunciation, and it is fitting that we recall how God announced the birth of Jesus as we make our final preparations for our celebration of the Incarnation. The angel Gabriel visited Mary, a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph. Mary greeted the angel's news with awe and wonder and asked

how it could be possible that she could give birth to a child. In his reply, the angel Gabriel announced the seemingly impossible reality: the child to be born would be conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and would be God's own Son. The angel reported to Mary another miracle; her relative Elizabeth was also pregnant despite having been thought to be unable to have a child. Mary's response to the angel, which is called her fiat, is an example of complete faith and obedience to God.

The story of the Annunciation calls to our attention God's wondrous action in human history. God chose a human person to give birth to his Son so that all humanity would know God's salvation. Mary, already full of God's grace, was able to cooperate in this great plan for our salva-



Bishop McKnight's December prayer intention for our Local Church

For the sons and daughters of the Church: that we may be the light of God's love for the world by our sacrificial gifts for those in need, especially the children of our world.



Intención del mes de diciembre del Obispo McKnight por nuestra Iglesia Local

Por los hijos e hijas de la Iglesia. Para que seamos la luz del amor de Dios para el mundo a través de nuestra caridad sacrificial por aquellos en necesidad, especialmente los niños del mundo.

tion. Thus Jesus was born as one of us, fully human and also fully divine. This is the mystery we prepare to celebrate at Christmas, the mystery of the Incarnation. In the model of Mary, we pray that we will be people of faith who recognize God's saving plan for us and are able respond with obedience.

The First Reading

King David has resolved to do God a favor by building Him a house in which to dwell. But God reminds David Who is in charge. "It was I who took you from the pasture and from the care of the flock to be commander of my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you went and I have destroyed your enemies before you."

What is true of David is true for all of us. Our God is all-powerful and Love itself. The only proper response is to live our lives as a grateful gift for His goodness to us. How can we possibly live up to this task? Paul instructs us to go to "him who can strengthen you... Jesus Christ."

The truth is, once we recognize that all we have is gift from God, the next step is to acknowledge that we need God's strength and wisdom to guide us in the best use of those gifts for the building of His Kingdom. Hopefully, we go to God in prayer and sacrament to obtain the strength we need to live as His disciples and the guidance to know we are indeed following His will with the gifts He has entrusted to us.

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Giving and Spending	Last 30 Days	Year To Date
Weekly Collections	\$6,474	\$33,508
Bills Paid	\$5,708	\$39,507
Balance	\$766	-\$5,999

Question of the Week

Advent Week Four — Luke 1:26-38

Key Passage:

The angel Gabriel said to Mary, "Hail full of grace! The Lord is with you... Do not be afraid Mary, for you have found favor with God."

Question for adults: Do you have evidence or how else might you know that God is with you?

Question for children: How can you tell God is with you?

Pregunta de la Semana

4° Domingo de Adviento--Lucas 1:26-38

Pasaje Crucial:

Entro el ángel Gabriel a donde ella estaba y le dijo: "Alégrate, llena de gracia, el Señor está contigo... No temas, María, porque has hallado gracia ante Dios."

Pregunta para los adultos: ¿Tiene pruebas o qué otra manera podría usted saber que Dios está con usted?

Pregunta para los niños: ¿Cómo puede saber que Dios está con usted?

Calendar of Events

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Bills Paid	\$1,953	\$13,861
Balance	-\$288	\$966



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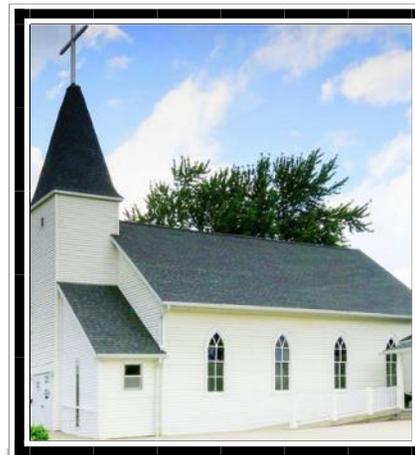
Because of public health regulations, we may not be able to seat everyone who wishes to attend mass. If you have questions, call Deacon John at (660) 265-4110.

We lift up to the Lord all those who have died, may they enjoy the fullness of Christ. As this pandemic continues in our communities, we pray too, for those suffering from illness, disease or stress, especially those touched by this massive public health crisis. May we be strong and persistent in our desire to live our faith. As the gospel reminds us, the kingdom of heaven is an unimaginable reward to be pursued.



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Please make any unmet need of the local community known to Father Pat or one of the deacons. Acting together, we will work to expand the bounty of the harvest for every neighbor.

Birthdays: December 13, Richard Savage; 24, Jenna Knowles.

Anniversaries: December: No Anniversaries recorded

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