

Joy Advent

ST. MARY OF THE ANNUNCIATION PARISH

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday	9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sundays with C.C.D.	9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Saturday	9:00 a.m.
Saturday, Vigil	4:30 p.m.
Sunday	8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

HOLY DAYS MASS SCHEDULE

Evening Vigil	7:00 p.m.
Day	9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday - Friday	8:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. <i>(Before Daily Mass)</i>
Saturday	8:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. <i>(Before Daily Mass)</i> 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor	Fr. Robert A. Van Kempen
Business Manager & Secretary	Calla Patka
Building & Grounds Manager	Roger Harmon
Director of Religious Education	Mary Stutzman
Music Director	Jessica Springer

LOVE & BLESSINGS GIFT SHOP HOURS

Monday - Thursday	9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Saturday	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Sunday	9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

FROM OUR PASTOR

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MY DEAR PARISH FAMILY,

O Come, O Come Emmanuel! Rejoice! We rejoice as we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday. We are at the half way mark as we continue to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus in glory as we celebrate His birth. It is a time of preparation, both spiritually and worldly. As life get busy around the house remember to take time to pray and most importantly prepare a place in your heart for Jesus!

During the summer, many times we are blessed to have a seminarian with us for a little “on the job training”. Last summer Noah Isch was assigned to us for a short time, but with my health issues Fr. Andrew, the Vocation Director, thought it would be best for him and for me if they move him to another parish. I am thankful that he was here, even if it was only for a short time. This weekend Keeton Lockwood, who was ordained a Deacon last May will be with us at each Mass and he will spend a few days here with me. I invite you all to remember the seminarians in a special way during this Advent/Christmas Season. In the back of Church there are Christmas cards available to send to them. Please take a few cards and a list of seminarians and Sr. Joan, fill out the cards and return them in the basket on the table or drop them off at the Parish Office. Your encouragement, support, and prayers mean so much to them.

Looking ahead to the Christmas schedule... as always we know attendance will be up at the Masses, especially the 4 pm. Mass. We are making arrangements for additional seating. With the increased numbers and social distancing the church will reach capacity quickly. We will have Ushers at each Mass directing you to a seat and maintaining the distancing for single attendance and families large and small. We will fill the Church first before directing people to Annunciation Hall where we will Live-Stream the Mass from the Church. Holy Communion will be brought to those in Annunciation Hall. We are trying to be as prepared as possible, and we appreciate your flexibility working with the Ushers as they follow the directions. Masks are REQUIRED at all of the Mass and Social Distancing must be observed (Per State Regulations and Directives of the Bishop).

Another change for the 4:00pm Mass this year is that there will be no Children’s Nativity Play or Children’s Choir because of Covid-19 regulations. Hopefully next year we can all celebrate again as we are accustomed, but for this year, it is important that we do everything we can to stem the spread of this pandemic.

A gentle reminder, that we, as a congregation are currently not allowed to sing. We know this is a hard thing to ask, and that we miss singing together. However, we implore you to SILENTLY sing joyfully in your hearts. (Otherwise we will have to eliminate music altogether again.)

Thank you, once again for all the prayers, Masses, cards, and gifts. I appreciate all your concern and support. I continue doing dialysis on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays, and I can feel the difference in my body.

Have a Blessed Week. Rejoice!
Fr. Bob



FRIDAY ADORATION

There will be no Adoration in the Church, on Friday, December 25th or Friday, January 1st.

LOVE & BLESSINGS GIFT SHOP

Monday - Thursday: 9:30am - 1:00pm
Saturday: 5:30pm - 6:30pm / Sunday: 9:30am - 12:30pm

Christmas is in the Air!

Stop in and see the new arrivals for Christmas!
Get your shopping done early with that perfect gift filled with faith. Nativities, ornaments, cards, books, videos, and so much more!



CCD NEWS & UPDATES

FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

Change in CCD Schedule

Due to the rising number of cases of the virus in our area, please refer to the following new CCD class schedule:

- December 13: NO CLASS--Extended Break
- December 20: NO CLASS--Christmas Break
- December 27: NO CLASS--Christmas Break
- January 3: Classes resume

BULLETIN INFORMATION DEADLINE

If you have information for the Bulletin for a Parish Event or Meeting, please submit all pertinent information to Jessica Springer in the Parish Office no later than **Noon on Sunday** in order to ensure publication in the upcoming weekend bulletin. Submissions may be made in person at the Office or email to: stmarybristolmusic@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

ADVENT PRAYER SERVICES

Every Sunday of Advent | 2:00 p.m. | In the Church

Please join us during Advent for a time of prayer and reflection each Sunday or Advent at 2:00 p.m. Scripture, prayer, and music meditations provided by some of our Parish Choir. These Prayer Services will be Live-Streamed to our Parish Facebook page.



ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

Monday, December 14, 2020 | 7:00 p.m. | St. Vincent's, Elkhart



Scripture readings, reflections, and music of the season
Performances by our parish musicians and a professional quartet/soloists.
No tickets or admission fee -
Social distancing and masks necessary!
All are welcome!

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

Tuesday, December 15, 2020 | 6:00 p.m. | St. Vincent's, Elkhart

We welcome all Catholic women above the age of 16 to join us for our Christmas carry in meal beginning at 6:00 p.m. We will also have a social time and spiritual activity prior to our business meeting which will begin around 7:15.

Please come and meet us, ask us how to become a member, and join an international organization of Catholic women.

Our motto is Unity, Friendship, and Charity.

All members are asked to bring a dish to share.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

December 31 | 9:00a.m. - 1:00p.m. | Annunciation Hall



Annual Blood drive sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Please call 1 (800) RED-CROSS or go to redcrossblood.org, sponsor code: **stmccb** to schedule your blood donation appointment.

(When you donate between December 19th - January 5th receive a Free Long-Sleeved Red Cross T-shirt while supplies last.)

STAY CONNECTED TO ST. MARY'S!



You can stay in touch with your St. Mary's parish family by logging in to our Website:

www.stmarysbristol.com



Alternatively, visit our Facebook Pages by searching and "Liking":

St. Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

Find announcements, links to our 11:00a.m. Live-Stream of the Mass, or other parish events and information.

WORSHIP AND PRAYER IN OUR PARISH

SCHEDULE OF MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12 4:30 p.m.	VIGIL: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT + Jeff Babcock
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT + Matthew Hughes For the People
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14 9:00 a.m.	ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS + Allan Ludwig
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15 9:00 a.m.	WEEKDAY IN ADVENT + Art Decio
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16 9:00 a.m.	WEEKDAY IN ADVENT + Francis & Alice Weber
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17 9:00 a.m.	WEEKDAY IN ADVENT + Pour Souls in Purgatory
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18 9:00 a.m.	WEEKDAY IN ADVENT + Mary Kay Froschauer
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19 9:00 a.m.	WEEKDAY IN ADVENT + Esther Lantz
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19 4:30 p.m.	VIGIL: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT + Steve Platz
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT + Judi O'Malley For the People

With Heartfelt
Sympathy



TO THE FAMILY OF:

Gail Sadowey on the loss of her Mother,
Alice Boomershine

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
And let Your perpetual light shine upon them.**

PAPAL INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

For a Life of Prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

Spark Corner

Around the dinner table one night this week, put your phones away and spark a conversation with the following topic:

**Check back when CCD
Resumes in January
for more Spark Corners!**