



**Second Sunday of Advent**  
**12/05/2020 - 12/13/2020**  
*Welcome to Mater Dei Parish!*



**DAILY & WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

**DAILY MASSES**

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY:  
 9:00 AM, 12:00 NOON, & 4:00 PM  
 & SATURDAY MORNING AT 9:00 AM  
 ALL MASSES ARE AT ST. MARY'S

**DURING THE MONTHS OF NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER, AN ADDITIONAL MASS IS BEING CELEBRATED AT ST. MARY'S MONDAY - FRIDAY AT 12:00 NOON FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE MATER DEI PARISH FAMILY.**

**WEEKEND MASSES**

SATURDAY: 4:00 PM @ ST. MARY'S  
 5:30 PM @ ST. BENEDICT'S  
SUNDAY: 8:30 AM @ ST. EDWARD'S  
 9:30 AM @ ST. MARY'S  
 10:30 AM @ ST. JAMES  
 11:00 AM @ ST. MARY'S



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER ARE AVAILABLE IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCHES. MANY DATES ARE STILL AVAILABLE.

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT (802) 334-5066 IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SCHEDULE A MASS IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE OR TO MARK A SPECIAL OCCASION.



**Thank You for Your Generosity to our Mater Dei Parish Churches**

*Week of November 29, 2020*



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| Envelopes:       | \$ 3,918.30        |
| Loose:           | \$ 3,906.00        |
| Online:          | \$ 331.00          |
| <b>TOTAL:</b>    | <b>\$ 8,155.30</b> |
| Budget:          | \$10,439.00        |
| Surplus/Deficit: | \$- 2,283.70       |

There is a special collection next weekend for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**. Our religious priests & sisters dedicate their lives to God and to bringing His message to us. They deserve our support in their retirement. Please be as generous as possible.

Have you ever wondered how your Christmas collection gift is divided? The Vocationist Fathers receive 35% of the collection, 20% goes to the diocese, and Mater Dei receives the remaining 45%. You are invited to bring your Christmas Collection envelope on any Sunday during the Advent season.

***Blessing the Symbols of Christmas***

Each Sunday during Advent, we bless a symbol of the Christmas season.



Next Sunday, December 13, is the Third Sunday of Advent. You are invited to bring a figure from your manger scene to be blessed during Mass.

On the Fourth Sunday of Advent, we bless the most important symbol of the Christmas season - baby Jesus. Please bring your baby Jesus to Mass to be blessed on December 20th.



**St. Edward's Christmas Giving Tree**

There are still a few ornaments listing gift ideas for a resident at Michaud Manor left on St. Edward's Giving Tree.



If you have not already done so, please consider taking an ornament now. Your wrapped or bagged gift must be returned by **next Sunday, December 13th** so they can be delivered to Michaud Manor timely. Don't forget to place the ornament gift tag on the gift as well. We ask that you take all sanitary precautions when purchasing and wrapping your gift. The gifts will be sent to Michaud Manor and put in isolation for at least a week before distributing them to the residents to be sure there is no contamination.

Thank you to everyone for your generosity and participation to help make this Christmas season a more joyful one for the residents.

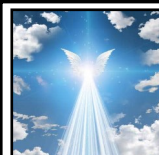
May God bless you all and Merry Christmas!!

***Latin Mass to be Celebrated at St. Elizabeth's in Lyndonville***

You are cordially invited to attend the celebration of a traditional Latin Mass at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church at 160 Hill Street in Lyndonville on

**Sunday, December 13th at 5:00 pm**

All are welcome to attend this special Mass.



*Please pray for the repose of the soul of † Jeanne Henry and for her grieving family.*

## God calls on us to proclaim the Good News.

YOUR LIFE  
HIS CALL



How do you share that Good News? Pray for the grace to be a faith-filled witness of God's love. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, please contact

Fr. James Dodson, Director of Vocations, at the Vocation Office at **(802) 658-6110 X 2275** visit **vocations@vermontcatholic.org**.

## Christmas Masses at St. Mary's

The 4:00 pm & 7:00 pm Masses on Christmas Eve at St. Mary's are full. There is still space available to reserve your seat for the Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve and the 9:30 am Mass on Christmas morning, but **YOU MUST SIGN UP IN ADVANCE**. Please call the parish office at (802) 334-5066 if you wish to attend one of these Masses. Thank you for your cooperation.



## ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Many opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation have been scheduled at all our parish churches during the Advent season.

### St. Mary's

Sunday, **December 6th:** 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm following 11:00 am Mass

Friday, **December 11th:** after 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, **December 13th:** 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm following 11:00 am Mass

Friday, **December 18th:** after 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, **December 20th:** 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm following 11:00 am Mass

### St. Edward's

Monday, **December 7th:** 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Monday, **December 14th:** 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Monday, **December 21st:** 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

### St. James

Sunday, **December 13th:** 9:30 am - 10:30 am before 10:30 am Mass

Sunday, **December 20th:** 9:30 am - 10:30 am before 10:30 am Mass

### St. Benedict's

Saturday, **December 5th:** after 5:30 pm Mass

Saturday, **December 12th:** after 5:30 pm Mass

Saturday, **December 19th:** after 5:30 pm Mass

You are also invited to call the parish office at (802) 334-5066 to schedule an appointment for Confession with one of our priests.

## STOP THE SPREAD

It is up to all of us to help slow the spread of COVID-19. Bishop Coyne has mandated that everyone, including young and healthy people must wear a mask at Mass. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please Wear a Face Mask



Help Stop the Spread

## VOCATIONIST'S CORNER

### Important Dates in December

Dec. 8: Fr. James Birthday

Dec. 8: Fr. Shiju's 13th Anniversary of Ordination

Dec. 31: Fr. Thomas Kuttikkatt's 9th Anniversary of Ordination

Please pray for these priests who have faithfully served our Mater Dei Parish Family.



## K of C December Meeting

All Knights of Columbus members are asked to attend their monthly meeting on **Thursday, December 10th at 6:30 pm in St. Mary's Church basement**. Social distancing and mask wearing will be practiced. We will discuss the Christmas raffle and other current projects. A light social will be enjoyed and Christmas gifts will be given away. All for the Glory of God! See you there!

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

### K of C CHRISTMAS CHARITY RAFFLE



Drawings for the 51 prizes begin on December 13th. Live daily drawings will be posted on the K of C Gibbons Council #2285 Facebook page. We thank everyone who has supported the raffle and wish you all good luck!

### KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS CARDS

Religious Christmas cards are still available in the Tree of Life alcove at St. Mary's, in the entrance at St. Edward's, and at St. James. Select the cards you want and mail your payment in the envelope provided.



Thank you for your support of the K of C & their mission.



## Christmas Flowers Envelopes

CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL OUR PARISH CHURCHES. YOU ARE INVITED TO FILL OUT AN ENVELOPE WITH THE NAME(S) OF A LOVED ONE YOU WOULD LIKE REMEMBERED DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON. ANY OFFERING TO HELP DEFRAY THE COST OF THE FLOWERS WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

## FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES POSTPONED

Due to the increase in Covid-19 cases in Orleans County and the Governor's recommendation against group gatherings, **Family Formation First Holy Communion Classes have been postponed until further notice**. The teachers will let you know when classes will resume.



Please contact Mary Nolin at (802) 766-8829 if you have any questions.