

Church of St. Mary

Delavan, Illinois

DIocese of Peoria

Mission of St. Joseph

Hopedale, Illinois

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Reconciliation: St. Mary: 2:30 to 3:00 P.M. Saturday | St. Joseph: 3:30 to 3:50 P.M. Saturday (Call for an appointment)

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The "Angel Tree" will be here again this year, located in the rear of church. For a \$5 donation, you can have your loved ones name on the angel wings and placed on the tree as part of the holiday season. All proceeds from the Angel tree, will go to St. Mary's Cemetery fund. Last year your contributions brought in over \$700! Envelopes will be available or you can drop your loved one's name in the collection basket with your donation. Any questions see JoAnn Beymer.

During Advent, as we await the birth of Jesus and our spiritually adopted babies, we invite you to welcome them with a baby gift, clothing, diapers, etc. to be placed in the crib in the rear of church. On the Feast of the Epiphany the gifts will be brought to the altar and then given to new mothers in need.



Soon, our parishes will be conducting the appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious, an annual collection that benefits some 34,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. As I reflect on the service of our women and men religious, I recall the words of Jesus in John's Gospel: "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be" (Jn 12:26). Through their prayer and ministries, religious can be found wherever Jesus is found—not just in Catholic parishes, schools, and hospitals, but also in service to the poor, the lonely, and the oppressed. In a profound way, we also find Jesus in the ongoing witness of our elder religious. While many continue in active and volunteer ministry, others are frail and need assistance. Yet they remain wholly committed to their vocations, accepting the limitations of aging and embracing the opportunity to focus more fully on praying for our Church and world. Most elder religious worked for years for small stipends, leaving a substantial gap in retirement savings. With the ever-rising cost of health care and the increase in the number of those needing care, many religious communities now struggle to provide for their senior members. The Retirement Fund for Religious offers vital financial assistance to help meet day-to-day needs for prescription medications, nursing care, and more. The annual collection is an opportunity for each of us to be the presence of Jesus to our senior religious. I ask simply that you give what you can. Please join me in supporting the Retirement Fund for Religious and in praying for God's continued blessing on our nation's elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Sincerely yours in Christ, Bishop Daniel R. Jenky

December 1, 2019

✠ Mass Intentions ✠

Saturday Nov. 30 St. J 4:00 PM
Virginia Venier by Bernadette McGrath

Sunday: Dec. 1 St. J. 8:30 AM
For the Parishioners

St. M. 10:30

Gerald Rians by Scott & Kathleen Lowery

Tuesday: Dec. 3 HMC 4:00 PM
Larry Noreuil by Mark & Marla Rossi

Wednesday: Dec. 4 St. M. 8:00 AM
Frank & Vi Dempsey by Bernadette McGrath

Thursday: Dec. 5 St. M. 8:00 AM
Mike Nolan by Fern Lovins

Friday: Dec. 6 St. M. 8:00 AM
Gary Stedman by Kelly Kruse

Saturday: Dec. 7 St. J. 4:00 PM
The Rossi Doctors by Joe Sondag

Sunday: Dec. 8 St. J. 8:30 AM
For a special intention by Bernadette McGrath

St. M. 10:30 AM

Mark Brosnahan by JoAnn Beymer

Last Weeks Collection

St. Joseph \$1642.00 St. Mary \$917.00
320.00 CHD 71.00

Thank you

Altar Servers

St. Mary: Dec. 8 Levi & Lydia
St. Joseph: Dec. 7 Aidan & Alex
Dec. 8 David & Ryan

All are welcome come join in the fun. TODAY the St. Mary's choir will go Christmas caroling. We will meet at the church to make up Christmas plates at 2:00 pm.



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Reconciliation Service:

Blessed Sacrament, Morton Dec. 16 @ 7 PM

Christmas Mass Schedule:

December 24, St. Mary's 4 PM
St. Joseph 7 PM

December 25, St. Joseph's 7:30 AM

St. Mary's 9:30 AM

December 31, 6 PM St. Joseph

January 1, 8 AM St. Mary



St. Mary's Men's Club will host a

FREE BINGO on Saturday, December 7 as a part of Delavan's community-wide "WINTER CELEBRATION".



Bingo cards will be free but there will be monetary prizes. Refreshments and light meals are available. Ten games will be played. Doors open at 530 at St. Mary's church with bingo beginning at 6 pm. Call 840-2073 with questions.

St. Mary's Men's Club is selling tickets to the Bradley – Illinois State basketball game on Wednesday, January 22, 2020. Tickets are \$12 each. See or call Walt Dare at 309-840-2073.

Saint Joseph: is collecting food pantry items for the Hopedale food pantry. There is a box in the back of Church.

Delavan Food pantry December's items, Personal care items.

Thank you for your continued support.