

# St. Mary Catholic Church

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... since 1860

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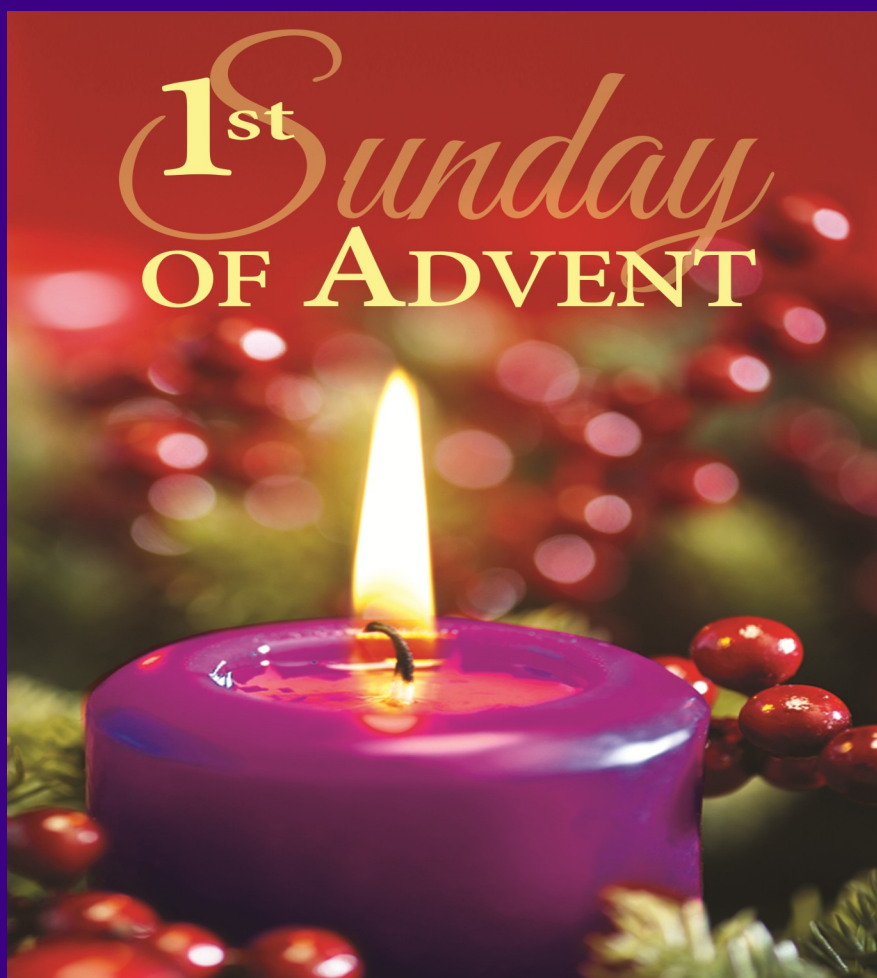
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## VISION:

Love God, Love others, and form disciples for Jesus.

## MISSION:

To build a Catholic Community that discovers Jesus, follows Jesus, worships Jesus, and shares Jesus with others.



December 1, 2019

## Call Parish Office For Sacramental Prep

Baptism • Marriage • RCIA

(920) 487-5005 Ext #100

Confessions according to schedule  
and Confessions and Sacrament of Anointing  
anytime by request.

Contact Father Amadi (920) 487-5005 Ext #3

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Code:

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[https://  
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# St. Mary Mass Schedule



## Saturday, November 30

- 7:00 am **Adoration**  
 8:05 am † Marvin Vandervest  
 8:45 am **Confessions**  
 4:00 pm † Marvin & Marie Schiesser

## Sunday, December 1 - 1st Sunday of Advent

- 8:15 am For the People of the Parish

## Tuesday, December 3

- 7:00 am **Adoration**  
 8:05 am For the People of the Parish

## Wednesday, December 4

- 8:05 am **Mass at Holy Rosary, Kewaunee**

## Thursday, December 5

- 8:05 am Marie Ancheta Meyers

## Friday, December 6

- 7:00 am **Adoration**  
 8:05 am † Wallace Englebert

## Saturday, December 7

- 7:00 am **Adoration**  
 8:05 am † Harold Ebert  
 8:45 am **Confessions**  
 4:00 pm For the People of the Parish

## Sunday, December 8

- 8:15 am Leonard & Marie Feuerstein

## PREPARE YOUR

*Heart*



## Readings for the Week of December 1, 2019

- Sunday: Is 2:1-5/ Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 1]/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44  
 Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11  
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24  
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37  
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118: 1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27  
 Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31  
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8  
 Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 19 [cf. 7]/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12



## Saint Mary Parish Lights

Dec. 1 - 7

Steeple Light will burn for:

Rosary Society Members who are ill or shut-in.

## This Week at St. Mary

**Sunday, Dec. 1** - Knights of Columbus

Christmas Party

**Tuesday, Dec. 3**

**4:00 pm - Worship Committee Meeting**

**5:15 pm - Finance Council Meeting**

**Wednesday, Dec. 4**

**3:35 pm—5:00 pm**

K—6th grade Faith Formation Classes

**6:45 pm—8:30 pm**

7th—11th grade Faith Formation Classes

**6:45 pm - 8:15 pm** - Confirmation Class

**Thursday, Dec. 5**

**9:00 am** - Bible Study “The Sunday Scriptures” in the Rosary Society Room.

All are invited, come join us every

Thursday!

**6:15 pm - ALPHA**



If you haven't picked up your “Giving Tree Ornament” get one today. If you have an ornament, thanks for your kindness. **Gifts are due back December 7th or 8th.** THANKS!

**Attention Men:** One of the biggest issues that destroys our own happiness, and rips apart marriages and families is pornography. It's estimated that 60-70% of men are engaging porn with some frequency. If this is an issue you or a loved one deals with, we have a powerful solution for you.

It's called **STRIVE** and it's an **ANONYMOUS** 21-day challenge that men all around the world are taking to break free from pornography.

The normal cost is \$49, but STRIVE is being provided for FREE for a limited time for all the men at our parish. All you need to do is sign-up at [strive21.com](http://strive21.com) and you can begin right away.

## Homebound Ministry

We want to make you aware of our Homebound Ministry here at St. Mary. If you or someone you know are unable to attend Mass, we have volunteer parishioners who can bring Communion to you in your home on a regular basis. The day and time of these visits can be scheduled at your convenience.

Please call Sara Guth (920-255-2264) if you would be interested in having someone bring you Communion. We are hoping that we can help you in your spiritual journey. You are an important part of our faith community.

**Advent Penance Service  
Friday, December 6  
6:00 PM.**

**Mass times for the holidays:**

Christmas Eve Children's Mass - 4:00 pm  
 Christmas Eve Mass - 8:00 pm  
 Christmas Day Mass - 8:15 am  
 New Year's Day Mass - 8:15 am



Bake & craft sale sponsored by Rosary Society, Sat & Sun; Dec. 7th & 8th, after both masses. Bring baked item down to the cafeteria by 3:00 pm Sat., Dec 7th. Cinnamon rolls after mass on Sun. Dec 8th; treat to the Parish from the Rosary Society.

**Algoma Knights of Columbus News  
2019**

Each month during the year, the Algoma Knights of Columbus select and acknowledge special people of our parish who are working hard for our parish and community. They are giving of their time and with extra effort are serving us and the Lord so very well. We want to say a big "Thank you" for all that you do, and to let them know that their work and efforts are really appreciated!! So, for the year 2019 here are the special people:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Special Person (s)</u>
January	Rob Reinhart
February	Jean Haucke
March	Mary Mocco
April	Don & Sara Guth
May	Karen Theys
June	Gary & Laura Krzysiak
July	Tom & Kathy Romdenne
August	Jane Feuerstein
September	Tom Ulatowski
October	Richard Broerman
November	Donna Zastrow
December	Dale & Sharon Wahlers

May God Bless each and everyone of you!  
Thank you!

**Advent is here**

Welcome to the Holy Season of Advent! God gives us the grace to celebrate advent each year. We are thankful for this wonderful gift.

Advent is a time to spiritually prepare ourselves to welcome Christ at Christmas. Why is this important? Here is the reason: Just as we prepare for visitors and guests by vacuuming the floor, cleaning the bathroom, doing the dishes and wiping the countertops so that our homes will be clean and presentable to our guests, so also in the spiritual order.

To welcome the Lord who comes, we need to prepare our hearts and souls to receive him. As the line from the Christmas carol, 'Joy to the World,' says so well, "let every heart, prepare him room." Advent is the time to do precisely this, 'to prepare our hearts spiritually to receive the Lord who comes.'

We do this by listening to God's word, by prayer, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Penance and Almsgiving. Our Advent Penance Service is scheduled for Friday December 6 at 6PM. I look forward to celebrating this season of grace and mercy with you, as we prepare for Christmas. If you have been away for a long time, I invite you back and look forward to welcoming you to the merciful embrace of the Father who sent his son to save us. "For God so loved the world that He gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life" (John 3:16).

During this holy season, may our faith be strengthened, our hope renewed and our love nourished as we await the Lord who comes. In the ancient prayer of the Church and with grateful hearts we pray: *Maranatha* – "come Lord Jesus" (Rev. 22:20).

Happy Advent!  
Fr. Alvan Amadi