

# St. Mary Catholic Church

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... since 1860

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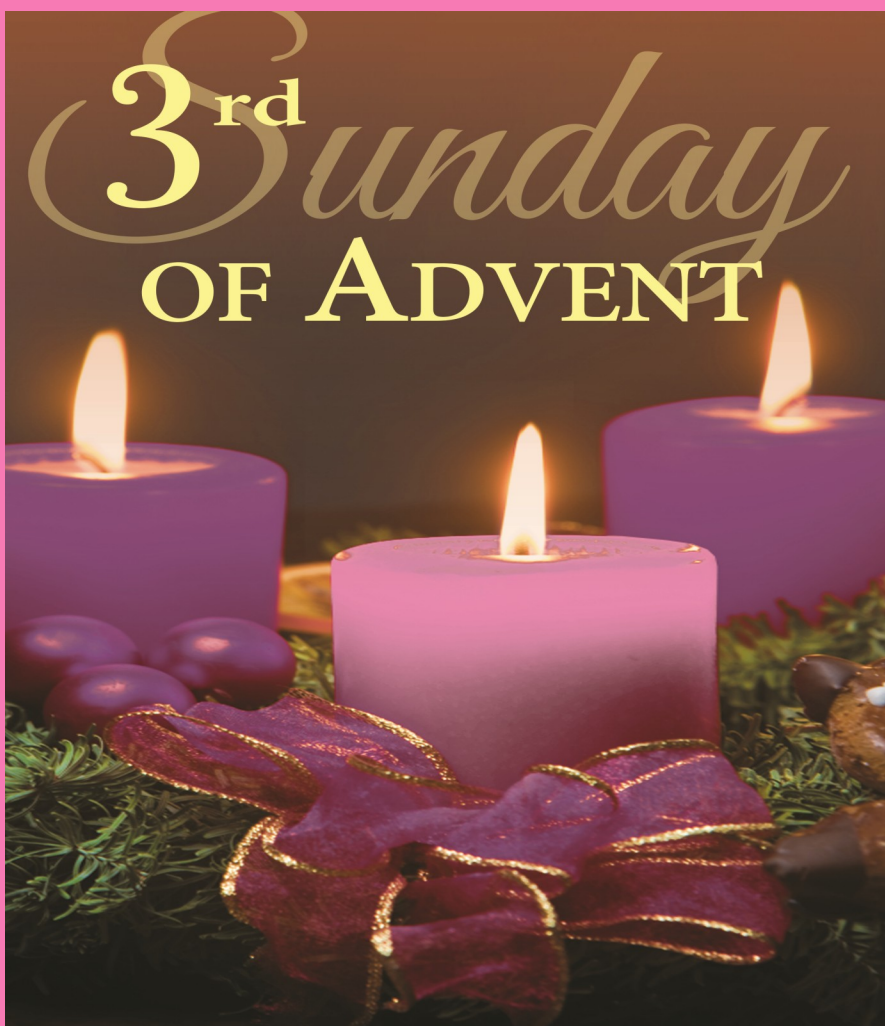
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## VISION:

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 15, 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

Check out  
Formed.org

Parish Access  
Code:

**C3F6DM**

Parish Website:

[https://  
stmaryalgoma.com](https://stmaryalgoma.com)

## St. Mary Mass Schedule



### Saturday, December 14

4:00 pm † Mary Jane Ebert

### Sunday, December 15

8:15 am For the People of the Parish

### Tuesday, December 17

**\*\*No Mass**

### Wednesday, December 18

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

### Thursday, December 19

7:00 am **Adoration**  
8:05 am † Maisie Cal Ray

### Friday, December 20

7:00 am **Adoration**  
8:05 am † Erwin LaLuzerne

### Saturday, December 21

7:00 am **Adoration**  
8:05 am † Matthew Wehausen  
8:45 am **Confessions**  
4:00 pm For the People of the Parish

### Sunday, December 22

8:15 am † Francis Pierre



## Saint Mary Parish Lights


**Dec. 15 - 21**

Steeple Light: **Liz Westrich**

Tabernacle & Grotto Light:  
**Honor of all Rosary Society Members  
who are ill or shut-in.**

## This Week at St. Mary

### Monday, Dec. 16

**10:00 am** – Scrip order is due in the parish office; pick-up will be the following week-end after masses. 

When school is in session, on hand scrip is available for sale on Wednesdays in the school office from 2:50 - 3:20 pm.

### Wednesday, Dec. 18

**3:35 pm - 5:00 pm**

K - 6th grade Faith Formation Classes

**6:45 pm - 8:30 pm**

7th - 11th grade Faith Formation Classes

### Thursday, Dec. 19

**9:00 am** - Bible Study "The Sunday Scriptures" in the Rosary Society Room. All are invited, come join us every Thursday!

## Need Help!! Christmas Decorating

After 8:15 AM Mass on Dec. 22nd, we are planning on decorating the Church for Christmas. We could use anyone interested in helping out.



## Readings for the Week of December 15, 2019

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/ Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 [Is 35:4]/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11  
Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27  
Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17  
Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25  
Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25  
Friday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38  
Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45  
Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/ Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

## St. Mary Parish - Finance Council Minutes Nov. 12, 2019

Call to order: St. Mary Parish Council was called to order at 5:15 pm.

Members present: Mary Kay Bennett, Diane Massart, Larry Feuerstein, Jake Rabas, Virginia Haske, Jean Haucke, Don Guth, Fr. Alvan Amadi

Members absent: None

Others present: Aoibh Greene, Ameriprise Financial Advisor

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Jean Haucke and second by Don Guth.

Aoibh Green presented the information regarding our Ameriprise funds. A larger amount of funds are currently designated as the Emergency Fund. It was decided to only have 10% of the fund balances designated as the Emergency Reserve Fund. Aoibh will return after the CDs come due in January.

It was discussed not having a board meeting during the month of January.

Don mad a motion to adjourn at 6:10 pm. Motion second by Diane Massart.

Our next meeting will be held on Dec. 3 at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Virginia Haske

## Parish Support



	<b>Dec. 7 &amp; 8</b>
Stewardship & Loose Collection	\$ 4,049.29
School Operating Support	\$ 0.00
Building & Grounds Maintenance	\$ 0.00
Auto Withdrawal 12/5/2019	\$ 2,610.00



### 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

### Advent Tradition:

"I meditated on the short three or four minute reflections (from Formed.org) each day during Advent and found that my anticipation of the coming of Jesus deepened and my enjoyment of Christmas increased. This year I am doing the same and find it just as enriching."

— Sharon Wahlers

### Retirement Collection

Today, through the Retirement Collection, we are able to Share in the Care of our retired sisters, brothers, and religious order priests through the National Retirement Fund for Religious, as well as of the senior priests of our own diocese. Envelopes are available in the church pews to make your contribution. Please be generous in helping those who have given so much over the years.

Dear Parishioners,

I am delighted to share with you this excerpt from a sermon preached by St. Bernard of Clairvaux in the 12th century on the three comings of the Lord. In his day, the holy Abbot Bernard was a renowned preacher and a beloved spiritual guide. May his holy season of Advent be for us all of the time to truly prepare to welcome the Lord who comes.

Peace, Fr. Amadi

### From a sermon by Saint Bernard, abbot

We know that there are three comings of the Lord. The third lies between the other two. It is invisible, while the other two are visible. In the first coming he was seen on earth, dwelling among men; he himself testifies that they saw him and hated him. In the final coming *all flesh will see the salvation of our God, and they will look on him whom they pierced*. The intermediate coming is a hidden one; in it only the elect see the Lord within their own selves; and they are saved. In his first coming our Lord came in our flesh and in our weakness; in this middle coming he comes in spirit and in power; in the final coming he will be seen in glory and majesty.

Because this coming lies between the other two, it is like a road on which we travel from the first coming to the last. In the first, Christ was our redemption; in the last, he will appear as our life, in this middle coming, he is our rest and consolation.

In case someone should think that what we say about this middle coming is sheer invention, listen to what our Lord himself says: *If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him*. There is another passage of Scripture which reads: *He who fears God will do good, but something further has been said about the one who loves, that is, that he will keep God's word*. Where is God's word to be kept? Obviously in the heart, as the prophet says: *I have hidden your words in my heart, so that I may not sin against you*.

Keep God's word in this way. Let it enter into your very being, let it take possession of your desires and your whole way of life. Feed on goodness, and your soul will delight in its richness. Remember to eat your bread, or your heart will wither away. Fill your soul with richness and strength.

If you keep the word of God in this way, it will also keep you. The Son with the Father will come to you. The great Prophet who will build the new Jerusalem will come, the one who makes all things new. This coming will fulfill what is written: *As we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, we shall also bear the likeness of the heavenly man*. Just as Adam's sin spread through all mankind and took hold of all, so Christ, who created and redeemed all, will glorify all, once he takes possession of all.