

St. Mary Catholic Church

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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 6, 2020

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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Parish Access
Code:

C3F6DM

Parish Website:

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

St. Mary Mass Schedule



Saturday, December 5

8:45 am **Confessions**
4:00 pm † Daniel Zastrow, Alois & Betty Seidl

Sunday, December 6

8:15 am For the People of the Parish

Tuesday, December 8

8:05 am † Krystal Johnson

Thursday, December 10

8:05 am † Ron Boucher
3:00-4:00 pm **Adoration & Confessions**

Friday, December 11

8:05 am † Mary & Eric Mayheu
9:00 - Noon **Confessions**
4:00 - 8:00 pm **Confessions**

Saturday, December 12

8:45 am **Confessions**
4:00 pm † Mary Kersten

Sunday, December 13

8:15 am For the People of the Parish

This Week at St. Mary

Sunday, December 6

8:15 am Mass—Livestream



<https://www.facebook.com/Stmaryalgoma/live/>

Monday, December 7

An extra week for ordering Scrip.

9:00 am –Scrip order is due in the parish office



Tuesday, December 8

5:15 pm - Finance Council Meeting
6:30 pm - Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday, December 9

6:00 pm - Knights of Columbus Meeting

Saturday Mass Time Change

As of January 1st, our Saturday evening Mass will change from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM. This is normal for our parish. Sunday Mass will remain at 8:15 AM.

Christmas Mass Schedule

For this year only, Bishop Ricken has given permission to all the parishes of the Green Bay Diocese to start the Christmas Vigil Mass earlier. In line with this provision, we shall have 3 Masses on Christmas Eve at 1:00 PM, 3:00 PM, & 7:00 PM and 1 Mass on Christmas Day at 9:00 AM. Please call or email the parish office to sign up for any of these masses. This is necessary so that we will be well prepared to welcome everyone to pray and to worship safely. There is a **limit of 90 people at each Mass**. Once this number is reached for any of the Masses, any other person calling to sign up for that mass will be directed to the other mass times.

Both the 3:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass and the 9:00 AM Christmas Day Mass will be live-streamed.

***3:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass is full.**

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Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.
Let perpetual light shine on her.

Edward Sticka
November 17, 2020

Advent Confession in preparation for Christmas

There will be confession on Dec. 10 from 3-4 PM and on Dec. 11 from 9-12 noon and 4-8 PM. This is a fruitful way to spiritually prepare for Christmas.



Readings for the Week of December 6, 2020

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8
Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1]/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

New Year's Eve and New Year's Day

New Year's Eve - Holy Hour 4:00-5:00 PM

New Year's Day - Mass at 9:00 AM

Charity Mania SuperMatch

St. Mary School is selling keepstakes tickets for this year's SuperBowl. Just like HoopsMania in the spring, you can support the school and have an opportunity to win up to \$5,000. In March our supporters won hundreds of dollars, with one lucky ticket receiving \$500! The 500 tickets are available from any school family, the parish office, or online at:

<http://www.charitymania.com/give/PB005>.

These tickets must be purchased by Feb. 6th.

Thank you!

Parish Support

	Nov. 21/22	Nov. 28/29
Stewardship	\$ 2,998.44	\$ 2,168.00
School Support	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Building & Grounds	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Saint Mary Parish Lights

Dec. 6 - 12



Steeple Light - **Lloyd & Pearl Junio**

Tabernacle Light - **Ann Schmitt Brodbeck**

Grotto Light - **Maisie Cal Ray**

“Alice Moran Giving Tree”

All gifts from the Alice Moran Giving Tree are due after the 8:15 am Mass on Sunday, December 6. Gifts will then be sorted and delivered to the people. Thank you for your kindness and generosity, something that is always needed, but especially this year.

If you are unable to get the gift to the church by Sunday, please call
Linda Andre (920) 487-2542 or Mary Bohman (920) 487-3197.



Advent is for Spiritual Preparation to Welcome Christ

A story was once told about a young man who was estranged from his father. As a result of the breakdown in their relationship, he left his family and moved away. Growing up, this young man fell in with the wrong crowd and consequently often got into trouble. He dropped out of college and was heavily involved with drugs and alcohol. Having had more than a few run-ins with Law Enforcement, he finally ended up in jail after killing someone as a result of a drunk driving accident.

When he was released, he refused to move back with his family. He was not sure they wanted him back. For many years, he struggled with the shame of having disappointed them. He felt unworthy of their love. He neither visited them nor wanted them to visit him. Many years passed and the burden of shame and guilt weighed heavily on his heart.

Throughout the years, he made several attempts to apologize by letter, but those letters were never sent out of fear of rejection by his parents. He sorely missed his family and the many happy celebrations they shared together. Not knowing how they would react to his presence at family events after all he had done, he kept to himself and would not reach out to his loved ones.

One day, he decided to write a very brief note to his father. He wanted to tell him that he would be driving past their home on a particular day on his way to an appointment in the next town. If they wanted him to stop by, he wrote, they should simply leave a lamp burning by the window.

On that date with his heart pounding with trepidation, he came upon his family's home. To his surprise, instead of a single lamp by the window, every window of the house had a lamp burning by it. Before he could press the door bell, his father and mother ran out of the house to greet him and to welcome him home with open arms. As his parents warmly embraced him, he wept profusely in amazement at his parents' ready forgiveness. He was overwhelmed by a profound sense of relief that the pain and anguish he felt over the years was over. His parents, too, wept for joy that their 'lost' son had returned.

What the young man did not know was through all those years, his parents had long waited for his return. They inquired about his well-being from people that knew him and who lived in the same city as he. But they always respected his freedom and did not want to impose on him or surprise him by arriving at his doorstep unannounced or uninvited. They had been waiting and praying for a long time. His return brought them immeasurable joy.

You may wonder how this story is related to Advent which, as we know, is a time of waiting and preparation for the coming of our savior, Jesus Christ. In order to fully immerse ourselves in the joy of Christ's birth which we shall celebrate at Christmas, we need to spiritually prepare our hearts and minds well. This is the reason for Advent. We need to purify our hearts and center them once again on the only thing that ultimately matters: our friendship with Jesus Christ who saves us from sin and death. The popular advent hymn "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus," speaks of Jesus as the one who is born to set his people free, and the one who will release us "from our fears and sins."

Here are my three recommendations for spiritual preparation this advent:

- Create a time for silent prayer for at least 10 minutes each day. The Words, "Come Lord Jesus" should be prayed slowed as a spiritual breathing exercise.
- Do an Act of Charity daily this Advent.
- Go to Confession. On Dec 11, Msgr Jim Dillenburg and I will be available practically all day for anyone who would like to receive this sacrament while observing required health protocols: social distancing and mask wearing.

The young man's story is our story after all. This has been a strange and challenging year. But God remains faithful and trustworthy. Have a happy and blessed Advent!

Fr. Amadi