

# St. Mary Catholic Church

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... since 1860

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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 13, 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 12

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

## Sunday, December 13

8:15 am For the People of the Parish

## Tuesday, December 15

8:05 am † Helen Massart

## Thursday, December 17

8:05 am † Dr. Val Ancheta & Marie Ancheta Meyers

3:00-4:00 pm **Adoration & Confessions**

## Friday, December 18

8:05 am † Daniel Zastrow, Alois & Betty Seidl

## Saturday, December 19

8:45 am **Confessions**  
4:00 pm † Erwin LaLuzerne

## Sunday, December 20

8:15 am For the People of the Parish

Thank you to all who took ornaments from the Alice Moran Giving Tree and returned the gifts. 2020 has been a difficult year for many people and the gifts will be especially appreciated. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. May God bless you! We ask everyone in the parish to pray for all the recipients and ask God to give them hope and peace.



## Readings for the Week of December 13, 2020

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  
Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27  
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32  
Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23  
Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17  
Friday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25  
Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25  
Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

## This Week at St. Mary

### Sunday, December 13

8:15 am Mass—Livestream  
<https://www.facebook.com/Stmaryalgoma/live/>

### Wednesday, December 16

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm  
2nd grade Faith Formation Classes & Confirmation Class



### 6:45 pm - 8:30 pm

7th—11th grade Faith Formation Classes

## 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.

The 3:00 PM Mass will be live-streamed, as well as the 9:00 AM Christmas Mass.

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

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## 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



## Volunteer(s) Needed!

During our current global health pandemic, our Parish's ministry to the homebound has become more important than ever. A valuable piece of this is our ongoing mission to live-stream our Sunday Mass and record it for future broadcast on local cable. We currently have only two faithful ministers sharing this responsibility, and would love to have an additional volunteer or two. On-the-job training will happily be provided. Please contact the Parish Office if interested.

920-487-5005

## Parish Support



Dec. 5 & 6

Stewardship	\$ 5,897.50
School Support	\$ 0.00
Building & Grounds	\$ 10.00
Auto WD Stewardship 12/5/2020	\$ 2,655.00

Still need some Christmas gifts?

The Rosary Society will be selling knives, dishcloths and cookbooks after the masses on December 12 & 13 and December 19 & 20, in the church basement.

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



Germaine Blaha  
December 1, 2020

Evelyn R. Granius-Lindley  
December 6, 2020



**Saint Mary Parish Lights**  
Dec. 13 - 19  
Steeple & Grotto Light  
**Dandois & Boucher Family**  
Tabernacle Light  
**Francis Pierre**

**Parish/School Office Holiday Hours**  
**Closed** - Dec. 24 - Jan 3, 2021

Phone: (920) 487-5005 Ext# 1

**Parish Website: [stmarysalgoma.com](http://stmarysalgoma.com)**

### 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 to make your contribution (Please specify where). Please be generous in helping those who have given so much over the years.



### Help Needed!

St. Mary Parish/School is looking for an individual that would be interested in the responsibility for snow removal of the parish and school sidewalks. This is a paid position at the rate of \$10 an hour. No benefits are included. Call the Parish office if you are interested. 920-487-5005



### Advent

Human beings cannot live without hope. Unlike the animals, we are blessed - or cursed - with the ability to think about the future and to fear our actions to shaping it. So essential is this to human life, that human beings cannot live without hope, without something to live for, without something to look forward to. To be without hope, to have nothing to live for, is to surrender to death in despair. But we can find all sorts of things to live for and we can hope for almost anything: for some measure of success or security or for the realization of some more or less modest ambition; for our children, that they might be saved from our mistakes and sufferings and find a better life than we have known; for a better world, throwing ourselves into politics or medicine or technology so that future generations might be better off. Not all these forms of hope are selfish; indeed, they have given dignity and purpose to the lives of countless generations.

But one of the reasons why we read the Old Testament during Advent is to learn what to hope for. The people of the Old Testament had the courage to hope for big things: that the desert would be turned into fertile land; that their scattered and divided people would eventually be gathered again; that the blind would see, the deaf hear, the lame walk; that not only their own people, but all the peoples of the earth, would be united in the blessings of everlasting peace. Clearly, their hopes were no different from ours or from any human being's: lasting peace, tranquil lives, sufficiency of food, and end to suffering, pain and misery.

Thus we hope for the same things as the Old Testament people, for their hopes are not yet realized. But we differ from them in two ways. First, the coming of Jesus in history, as a partial fulfillment of God's promises, immeasurably confirms and strengthens our hope. Secondly, we differ from the Old Testament people because Jesus has revealed to us that God is not afar off, but is already in our midst. Hence the importance in the Advent liturgy of John the Baptist and of Mary: because they recognized the new situation, they serve as models for the Church in discerning the presence of our Savior in the world.

Taken from "The Spirit of Advent," Mark Searle, in *Assembly*, Volume 7:1.  
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