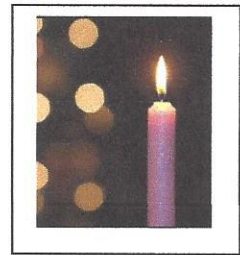




ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

DECEMBER 13, 2020

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. December 12 – Nancy Franklin + 5:00pm
 Mon. December 14 - Robert Briggs + 8:00am
 Tues. December 15 – Marty Marshall + 8:00am
 Wed. December 16 – Rev. Remigius Kozak+ 6:00pm
 Thurs., December 17 – Nancy Franklin + 8:00am
 Fri. December 18 – Rev. Msgr. John Martin+ 8:00am
 Sun. December 20 – Dr. Edwin Essien+ 11:00am

 If you would like to schedule a Mass intention for your loved one, please call the church office.

In your prayers

Please remember the soul of

Mary Elizabeth Funk

Funeral Mass at St. Mary's

Saturday, December 19 at 10:00am

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS

Ron Adams, Jr., Adrienne Ankerson, Tommy Ankerson, Fred Anglin, C.L. Ates, Deatra Bigelow, Judith Bono, Abby Bosarge, Sandra Briggs, Terry Carsten, Carol Coggin, Betty Cox, Michael Colburn, Kristin Dale, Lisa Danley, Dorothy Dersch, Betty Devera, John Devera Jr., John DeVeau, Elaine Edison, Dotsie Fountain, Hillary Frey, Walter Grady, Dudley Grantham, Horst Grasz, Ionne Guillotte, Mark Guillotte, Jackie Howard, Huynh Family, Rebecca Joiner, Steve Jones, Eugene Keaney, Norma Baker LaMar, Gary Loudenslager, Ronald Leter, Walter Lewis, Jerome Littleton, Walter Maderski, Greg Mansfield, Shirley Martell, Alisha Martin, Garry May, Frankie May, Marie McNemar, Robert McNemar, Ruth Melancon, Pyrrha Meyers, Tommy Moffat, Rob Myers, Mary Moir, Billy Mosley, Jackie Muller, Harrington Murphy, Susal Parol, Louise Peden, Eileen Pelusi, Andy Pineta, Ronnie Raggio, Matt Roberts, Rucks Robinson, Jordan Salisbury, Norman Samuels, Robert Sellers, Edna Storey, Lane Todd, Timmy Tue, Sheila Vannoy, Cathy Ward, Kenny Wible, Kyson Zitzelberg.

St. Mary Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil – 5:00pm
 Sunday – 11:00am (Facebook Live)
 Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. – 8:00am
 Wed. - Adoration and Confession – 5:00pm
 Mass – 6:00pm
Masks are still required.

CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS SCHEDULE

Anointing of the Sick

At all Masses on the weekend of Dec. 19 and 20

Christmas Eve – Thurs. Dec. 24

Masses at 2:00pm, 4:00pm and 6:00pm

Christmas Day – Fri. Dec. 25

Mass 9:00am

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

New Year's Eve Vigil – Thurs. Dec. 31

Mass 5:00pm

New Year's Day – Fri. Jan 1

Mass 8:00am

CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays in December – 5:00pm – 6:00pm

After the Saturday 5:00pm Vigil Mass.

TOY DRIVE



Thanks for the gifts that were donated to the boys and girls of Jackson County for our annual toy drive. There were two pick-up trucks full from St. Mary alone!

RETIRED RELIGIOUS FUND

December 12/13 – This Weekend

Your gift to this collection helps provide prescription medications, nursing care and more for elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have given a lifetime of service to their communities.

AGED AND INFIRMED PRIESTS

January 2-3

MEMORIAL POINSETTIA

If you would like to remember your loved ones with a Christmas Memorial Poinsettia, complete the envelope that is located on the tables in the vestibules and place it in the collection baskets no later than December 20.

The flowers will be part of our Christmas church decorations.



ADDRESS CHANGES

A few of the Advent letters that went to all parishioners came back with an invalid address. Please call or email the church office if you have any updates. Thank you!

228-497-2364 or stmarygautier@yahoo.com

CCD CLASSES

Classes are held in the Activity Center at 9:45am – 10:45am. Refreshments are served before classes begin.

There will be no class on December 27th and January 3rd due to the Christmas holidays.

Children's Sunday School



Christmas Decorating

If you would like to donate an ornament for our St. Mary Christmas Tree this year, please drop it in the box in the north vestibule before Dec. 23. Times for decorating will be in next week's bulletin. Please join us!

PRAY FOR OUR PARISH MEMBERS

Kathy Perez and Family

Joe/Kathy Salisbury and Family

Ruben Dupre and Family

Jan Gregor and Family

Cathy Ward and Family

Deacon Tomasz Powroznik and Family

"Rejoice; the Lord is nigh." As Christmas draws near, the Church emphasizes the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of our Savior means for us. The great joy of Christians is to see the day drawing nigh when the Lord will come again in His glory to lead them into His kingdom. The oft-repeated Veni ("Come") of Advent is an echo not only of the prophets but also of the conclusion of the Apocalypse of St. John: "Come, Lord Jesus," the last words of the New Testament.

Today is known as Gaudete Sunday. The term Gaudete refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice". Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near and we also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath.

The Christmas season extends through Sunday, January 10, 2021 - Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Vatican City leaves the Nativity scene in St. Peter's Square up for viewing until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd.