

Catholic Churches of **Sts. Mary & Luke**

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November 30--December 8, 2019

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Weekend liturgies:

Saturdays:

Good Samaritan, 9:30 a.m.
St. Mary, 5 p.m.

Sundays:

St. Luke, 8 a.m.
St. Mary, 10 a.m.

RCIA: Mondays, Dec. 2, 9 & 16, 6:30
p.m., Rectory Living Room.

Individual Reconciliations: Thursday,
Dec. 5, and Tuesdays, Dec. 10 & 17, all
at 7-8 p.m., St. Mary's.

Exposition: Friday, Dec. 6, after 7:30
a.m. liturgy until Noon. Sign-up sheet is
in the South Entrance/Exit.

KC Breakfast: Sunday, Dec. 8, 10 a.m.
to 1 p.m., Parish Hall, St. Mary's. Pan-
cakes. See poster attached.

**Communal
Reconciliation
Thursday, Dec. 12**
7 p.m., St. Mary's



Watch: Flyers on Bulletin Boards and in
your Bulletin for Advent events!

Liturgies Sept. Nov. 30-Dec 8:

Saturday, Nov. 30 – Andrew

Readings: Romans 10:9-18, Matt 4:18-22

9:30 a.m./Good Sam – Pat McFarren

5 p.m./St. Mary – + Kiptyn Krile

Sunday, Dec. 1 – First Sunday Advent/A

Isaiah 2:1-5, Rom 13:11-14, Matt 24:37-44

8 a.m./St. Luke – + Cy & Donnie Houska

10 a.m./St. Mary – + Michael Muhs

Monday, Dec. 2

Readings: Isaiah 4:2-6, Matt 8:5-11

9 a.m./St. Mary – + Merv Simon

Tuesday, Dec. 3 – Francis Xavier

Readings: Isaiah 11:1-10, Luke 10:21-24

NO Liturgy Today!

Wednesday, Dec. 4 – John Damascene

Readings: Isaiah 25:6-10, Matt 15:29-37

12:10 p.m./St. Mary – Jon Beneda

Thursday, Dec. 5

Readings: Isaiah 26:1-6, Matt 7:21, 24-27

9 a.m./St. Luke – In Thanksgiving

Friday, Dec. 6 -- Nicholas

Readings: Isaiah 29:17-24, Matt 9:27-31

7:30 a.m./St. Mary -- + Barbara Jarolimek

Saturday, Dec. 7 – Ambrose

Readings: Isaiah 30:19-26, Matt 9:35—10:1

9:30 a.m./Good Sam – Rose Marie Kerner

5 p.m./St. Mary – + Dan Dub

Sunday, Dec. 8 – 2nd Sunday of Advent/A

Isaiah 11:1-10, Romans 15:4-9, Matthew 3:1-12

8 a.m./St. Luke – The Parishioners

10 a.m./St. Mary – + Trudy & Jerry Cicha

**Donations
needed at
both parishes!**

Cash Flow

Nov. 23-24

at St. Mary:

Envs: \$3,858

Plate: \$115

Children: \$1

Total: \$3,974

Year to date

Actual: \$129,971

Budget: \$131,800

Need:

\$2,800 per week

at St. Luke:

Nov. 24:

Envelopes: \$1,160

Plate: \$65

Candles: \$6

Total: \$1,231

Year to date

Actual: \$26,370.44

Budget: \$39,950

Need:

\$850 per week

Tithing Norm:

**10% of income
back to God:**

Parish: 5-8%

Diocese: 1%

Community: 1-4%

Prayer List:

Breckston Krile, Brenda Rose,
Spike Lothspeich,
Barb Ellefson, Judi Witt,
Ken Sweeney, Tim Daley
Danny Houim, Jennifer Aure,
Carla Sletten, Jeremy Steiner,
Damian & Ron Dvorak,
Ken Jarolimek,
Theresa Moen,
Jane Grzadzielewski.

*Please advise Fr. Bert
when you have improved
at FrBert@polarcomm.com*

Things to Know:

Bulletin Deadline:

Tuesday Noon
Note that anything submitted will
be edited, cut and shortened.

Bulletin boards & Reading tables:

Please submit all items to Fr.
Bert for approval and placement.

Baptisms & Marriages:

Please call Fr. Bert before
you make any plans!!!

Hospital Visits, Communion calls, & Anointing of Sick:

Please make contact with
Fr. Bert (numbers on Page 1)
or at FrBert@polarcomm.com

Reconciliation:

Saturdays: 4-4:30 p.m./St. Mary
Thursdays: 8:30 a.m./St. Luke
Anytime by request.

***** FAITH FORMATION *****

Dec. 4 & 11 Grs. 1-12, 7 p.m.

Dec. 18 "Prepare the Way"

Check Event Poster attached

Advent Continues: Saturday &
Sunday, Dec. 7-8. Please wear
Purple.

Food Donation: Saturday & Sunday,
Dec. 7 & 8. Please bring boxed and
canned food items and place them
before the altar. Thank You!

Prayer Blankets: Will be blessed at
liturgies on Dec. 7 & 8. Diane Schmitz
will speak about how the blankets will
be distributed, etc.

Insurance bill: The cost to insure the
St. Mary's Church facility and Rectory
is \$6,085 for 2020. This bill is being
paid from the Fall Dinner income.

Food for Poor House: Need is
\$3,800; Given: \$2,585. Thank you to
those who have donated. Extra given
will be used to purchase water pumps
and student giving for smaller items.

Altar Society Party: Instead of going
out for dinner, the Altar Society mem-
bers will join in the fun of the "Prepare
the Way" celebration on Wednesday,
Dec. 18. Among their duties for the
evening will be serving the treats!!!
Thank You for joining us and volun-
teering for kitchen duty!!!

Advent Preparations:

At St. Luke's: You got new missalettes on the First Sunday of Advent. Please leave them at the end of your pews. If you cannot find things in the book, please see Fr. Bert.

At St. Mary's: The Giving Tree has ornaments on it to benefit the St. Gianna Maternity House and the Walsh County Food Pantry Backpack program. If you are asked for an item, please return it unwrapped, but with the tag on it. Wrapping is planned for later. (See in this Bulletin the "Prepare the Way" poster.) If your tag asks for cash, put it in the envelope provided & return it in the weekly collection.

*** Reconciliation Services ***

Grafton St. John Sunday, Dec. 8, 7 p.m.
 Drayton St. Edward Sunday, Dec. 8, 7 p.m.
 Cavalier St. Bridget Friday, Dec. 13, 5:30 p.m.
 Pisek St. John Sunday, Dec. 15, Noon
 Warsaw St. Stanislaus Sunday, Dec. 15, 4 p.m.

Mass Stipends: Being accepted through the end of December. Send name and \$10/name to Fr. Bert at the Parish Office. Limit: \$50 for each name. Thank You!

See flyers on Bulletin Boards!



**PARK RIVER
DENTAL CLINIC**

FAMILY DENTAL CARE

**DR. NICHOLAS BENEDA
DR. BRIAN LARSON**

701-284-6131

Pregnancy Help Center



Help 24 Hrs
 PO Box 628
 Park River, ND 58270

284-6601

or
 888-280-6303 24 Hr



Park River—284-7676
 Drayton Drug—454-3831

Dec. 7-8, 2019 – 2nd Sunday of Advent/A Ministries of Service

Serving
the Assembly
at St. Luke's:

Lector
for December:
Brian Schanilec

Cleaner
notice:
A cleaner can
be contracted
by parishioners

Cemetery
Worker
needed: See
Michael Dvorak

Music Leader
Needed: See
Fr. Bert Miller

Masses	5 p.m. Saturday	10 a.m. Sunday
Proclaimers	L Alkofer	C Clapp
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	* MA Kostohris, P & L Kadlec	* D Helt, E & BA Kachena, P Langerud, Volunteer
Gift Bearers	J & T Bata	N & L Beneda
Commentator	Fr. Bert	Fr. Bert
Servers	Volunteers	J & T Beneda
Ushers	B Brummond, J Kram	T & D Lien
Greeters	J & H Bata	E & BA Kachena
Rosary Leader	P Thompson	-----
Sacristan	M Novak	B Nelson
		*Bread Minister



PREPARE THE WAY

Wednesday, Dec. 18

A student, parent, family, parishioner
celebration in the Parish Hall.

How to prepare?

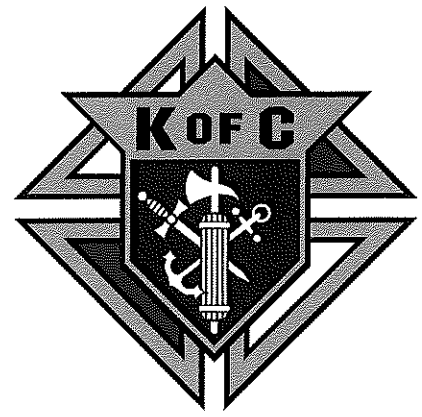
**Bring your family Nativity Scene
& name card to set up on designated tables.
Bring wrapping paper, tape, scissors,
bows & ribbon to wrap gifts.**

Who comes when?

**Students are in classrooms at 7 p.m.
Guests are in Parish Hall by 7:30 p.m.**

Treats to close the evening!

PANCAKE FEED



Sunday December 8th
10AM to 1PM

St. Mary's Catholic Church
Park River, ND

*Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus 5055
In service to One. In service to all.*

*701.331.1491 for more information
Look for us on Facebook!*

ADVENT 2019

Daily Mass Readings and Reflections for the Sacred Season

SUNDAY

1 Salvation Is Near
The day is at hand, put on the armor of light.
Romans 13:11-14

8 For Our Instruction
Through the encouragement of Scripture, we have hope.
Romans 15:4-9

15 Go and Tell John
The poor have the good news preached to them.
Matthew 11:2-11

22 The Son Is the Sign
The virgin shall bear a son and call him Emmanuel.
Isaiah 7:10-14

MONDAY

2 Lord, Heal Me
Lord, I am not worthy, but say the word and I will be healed and forgiven.
Matthew 8:5-11

9 Woman's Offspring
The woman's offspring will bruise the serpent's head.
Genesis 3:9-15, 20

16 A Star Shall Come
A star shall come out of Jacob, a scepter out of Israel.
Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a

23 His Name Is John
Zechariah's tongue was loosed, and he blessed God.
Luke 1:57-66

TUESDAY

3 Branch of Jesse
A branch from the stump of Jesse will bear fruit.
Isaiah 11:1-10

10 Comfort My People
Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Isaiah 40:1-11

17 The Lion of Judah
The Lion of Judah holds the scepter, the ruler's staff.
Genesis 49:2, 8-10

24 Prepare His Way
The sunrise will give light to those who sit in darkness.
Luke 1:67-79

WEDNESDAY

4 I Have Compassion
Jesus had compassion on the crowds that followed him.
Matthew 15:29-37

11 Bless His Holy Name
The Lord is merciful, abounding in steadfast love.
Psalms 103:1-4, 8, 10

18 Call His Name Jesus
Call him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.
Matthew 1:18-25

25 Go to Bethlehem
Let us go to Bethlehem and see what has happened!
Luke 2:15-20

THURSDAY

5 In Perfect Peace
Trust in the Lord God, your everlasting rock, forever.
Isaiah 26:1-6

12 I Will Bless You
In you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.
Genesis 12:1-7

19 Filled With the Spirit
John will turn many in Israel to the Lord their God.
Luke 1:5-25

FRIDAY

6 The Lord Is My Light
Wait for the Lord, be strong, let your heart take courage.
Psalms 27:1, 4, 13-14

13 Peace Like a River
The Lord leads you in the way you should go.
Isaiah 48:17-19

20 The Throne of David
The Lord will give him the throne of his father David.
Luke 1:26-38

SATURDAY

7 Weep No More
You shall hear a word: "This is the way; walk in it."
Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26

14 Elijah Has Come
Elijah has come, and he will restore all things.
Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

21 Blessed Are You
Elizabeth exclaimed, "Blessed are you among women."
Luke 1:39-45

This will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.
— Luke 2:12

Advent to Christmas



Nov. 30 - Dec. 1 – First Sunday of Advent



Dec. 7-8 – Second Sunday of Advent

Dec. 9 – Immaculate Conception
Liturgy at 9 a.m./St. Mary
(Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)

Dec. 12 – Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Dec. 12 – Communal Reconciliation
7 p.m. at St. Mary



Dec. 14-15 – Third Sunday of Advent

Dec. 18 – Faith Formation celebrates the Nativity Scene
Families invited to join us at 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 21-22 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

Christmas Vigil & Day

Dec. 24 -- 5 p.m. Vigil of Christmas at St. Luke

Dec. 24 -- 10 p.m. Vigil of Christmas at St. Mary

Dec. 25 -- 10 a.m. Christmas liturgy at St. Mary

Dec. 28-29 – Feast of the Holy Family

Jan. 1, 2020 – Feast of Mary, Mother of God
8 a.m. at St. Luke
10 a.m. at St. Mary

Jan. 4-5 – Epiphany

Jan. 11-12 – Feast of Baptism of the Lord



Growing in FAITH™

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

December 2019

St. Mary/St. Luke
Rev. Bert F. Miller, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Maria di Rosa

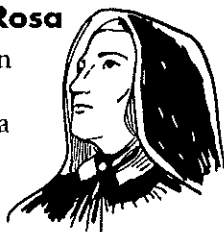
Born "Paula" in Brescia, Italy, Maria di Rosa

was the daughter of a mill owner and a countess. Coming from a wealthy family didn't spare her from difficulty. She lost her mother when young. At seventeen years old, she left school to work with her father at the mill. During the cholera epidemic of 1836, she cared for the sick. In 1840, she founded the Handmaids of Charity to care for the wounded during the wars.

Agent of change

True conversion is the work of the Holy Spirit. Salvation and faith are gifts from God – gifts that are not ours to give. Yet, believers are called to join with the Holy Spirit to bring others to God. When we have a strong and personal relationship with Jesus, we can be his agents of change.

"Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."
(Isaiah 40:5).



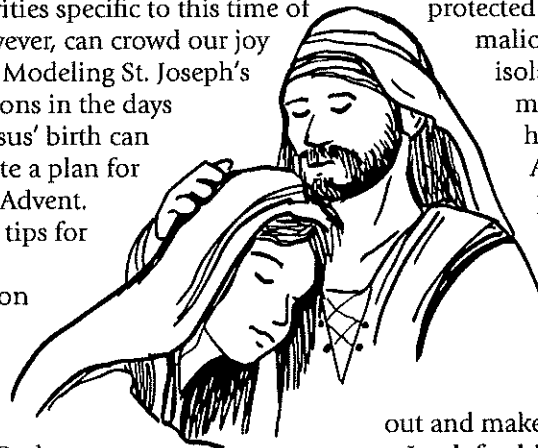
The joyful expectation of Advent

Jesus' birth at Christmas is real and amazing evidence of God's love. The priorities specific to this time of year, however, can crowd our joy and awe. Modeling St. Joseph's preparations in the days before Jesus' birth can help create a plan for our own Advent. Try these tips for joyful expectation of our Savior's birth.

Create silence. God found the quiet he needed in St. Joseph's life to speak and be heard over the noise of the carpenter's shop, the needs of neighbors, the demands of tax collectors. In the silence St. Joseph created just for him, God was able to work miracles.

Keep out the devil. When Joseph found out Mary was pregnant, he protected her from the evil of malicious gossip and isolation. He helped her to make a God-centered home filled with Love. Although the devil is powerful, he cannot go where he is not permitted. When we stay close to the Sacraments and live a God-centered life, we, too, keep the devil out and make room for Love.

Look for him. Can you imagine the joy with which St. Joseph expected Jesus' coming? We celebrate Jesus' arrival in Bethlehem with joy. We can joyfully welcome him into our lives now. And, with joy we can look forward to Christ's coming in glory on the Last Day.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics celebrate Christmas after December 26?

The Catholic Christmas is not just one day but an entire liturgical season. It begins with the vigil Mass on Christmas Eve and ends on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (January 12th this year). During the celebration of Christmas,

we rejoice in the realization of God's plan for our salvation. God became man to save us.

Thus, the Church makes sure we have enough time — almost a month — to fully celebrate such a joyful, hope-filled, destiny-altering event.



Open your heart to the Christmas promise

This time of year reminds us of our hope for a future of peace. But we cannot achieve this peace on our own. We must open our hearts to the promise of Christmas.

"One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again" (Isaiah 2:4). Violence flourishes if the world accepts it as inevitable. The world can change if the love of the Christmas Child takes root in our hearts. Peace flows from hearts that love.

"The poor will eat their fill; those who seek



the Lord will offer praise" (Psalm 22:27). Peace spreads more easily when all have enough. These days the poor are everywhere and people are struggling to hold onto hope. If we each make our holiday charitable efforts a year-round habit, perhaps the words of the psalmist will come true.

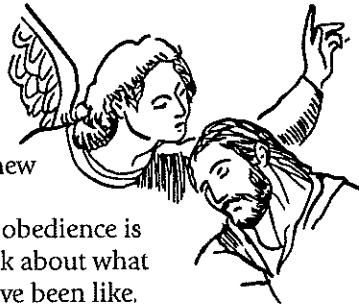
"The virgin shall be with child, and bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel" (Isaiah 7:14). This Christmas we can once again rekindle our own sense of innocence and hope.

from Scripture

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23, Trust God like St. Joseph did

By the time Mary gave birth to Jesus, St. Joseph was used to following orders from God without question. So when the angel appeared to him in his sleep urging him to flee to Egypt, Joseph obeyed immediately. He trusted that God would take care of him and his new family.

Joseph's unquestioning obedience is remarkable when we think about what the birth of Jesus must have been like. Mary and Joseph had traveled in the last stages of her pregnancy from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Whether on foot or donkey, it was a dirty, exhausting journey.



Once there, there was nowhere to stay except with the animals. After a short time, they fled to Egypt to escape danger, and stayed there for some years without family or friends. Through it all, Joseph trusted God to protect his family.

Being perfect didn't shield the Holy Family from experiencing pain and difficulty much like we do. Yet Scripture tells us that Mary and Joseph found strength from their faith in God and were guided by his Word. We can do the same.

Q & A Why does the Church year begin in Advent?

The Church has a liturgical year with its own seasons that help us to mark events that are important to Catholics. However, the Church year doesn't start

on January 1, or even on December 25 — when we celebrate Christ's birthday. Instead, it begins on the first Sunday of Advent, the season before Christmas.



Advent is the perfect season for new beginnings. It's a season of preparation: the King of Kings is coming! There are three "arrivals" of Christ to prepare for and celebrate: as an infant at Bethlehem, at Mass in the Eucharist, and as the King of Glory at the end of time.

In order to properly greet such a Guest, the Church sets aside this time for us to purify our hearts and souls. Whether that means being with God in prayer, attending Confession, volunteering in the community or cleaning house, Advent is the time for it. The Church wants us to begin the year well by preparing to welcome the King who comes to "make all things new" (Revelation 21:5).

Feasts & Celebrations

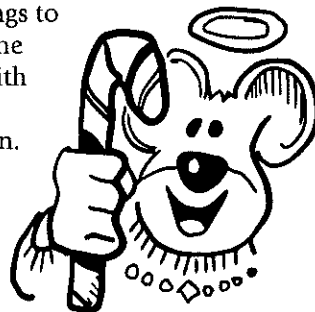
Dec. 1 – First Sunday in Advent. During this season, we anticipate Christ's coming. Catholics around the world light candles in an Advent wreath to signal the coming of the light of Christ.

Dec. 9 – Feast of the Immaculate Conception (1854). This feast day commemorates that Mary was conceived in St. Anne's womb without Original Sin. Attending Mass is a wonderful way to celebrate.

Dec. 9 – St. Juan Diego (1548). St. Juan Diego was visited by the Blessed Mother at Tepeyac Hill in Mexico. She

asked that a chapel be built and sent him to the bishop with roses as a sign. When the roses were emptied from his cloak, it retained the image of Our Lady which can still be seen today.

Dec. 21 – St. Peter Canisius (1597). Born in Holland, he was ordained into the Society of Jesus and worked strenuously through his writings and teachings to safeguard the Catholic faith after the Reformation. His work, *The Catechism*, is still used today.



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