

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

	Saturday 5:00 PM Dec. 5	Sunday 8:30 AM Dec. 6	Sunday 10:30 AM Dec. 7
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Jed Skogerboe Eileen Skogerboe	Susan Lynn Renee Quance	Mary Brandt Michela Koppen
Lectors	Phyllis McKeown	Paul Katzfey	John Walz
Altar Servers			
Hospitality Ministers	Josh Zigrang	Andrew Vortherms	Kim Kirschbaum Brian Koppen
Music Ministers	Cain Junkman	Cain Junkman	Donna Davis
Videographer	Scott & Carter Trautman		

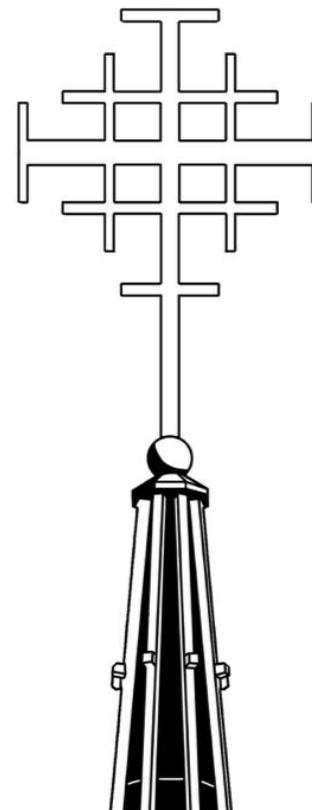
Liturgies and Events This Week

Monday, Nov. 30 No Mass Tuesday, Dec. 1 5:30PM Mass +Henry Fergen	Wednesday, Dec. 2 12:00Noon Mass 12:30-4:00Adoration + Paul Delaney	Thursday, Dec. 3 7:30AM Mass +Elizabeth Giefer Friday, Dec. 4 12:00Noon Mass +Agatha Varnum	Saturday, Dec. 5 5:00PM Mass +Dee Hauber & David Hauber Sunday, Dec. 6 8:30AM Mass +L. & D. of St. Mary's 10:30AM Mass + Mike Hawn
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The sanctuary lamp burns this week for Jeremy Jensen.

Stewardship for November 22, 2020 Adults: \$6,228.49 Online: \$ 346.00 Guatemala: \$ Special: \$	<i>Are you leaving a legacy of "red tape" for your heirs?</i> <i>A legal will can cut confusion. Your will can benefit St. Mary's, too.</i>
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St. Mary's Parish



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First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2020

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Baptism – Contact the office to inquire about pre-baptismal class.

Marriage – Contact the office at least six months before date of wedding.

Confessions – Wednesday 3:30PM, Saturday 4:00PM, Sunday 10:00AM.

Eucharistic Adoration – Wednesday 12:30PM – 4:00PM.

Event Changes at St. Mary's

The governor's mandate of last week means that effective immediately no gatherings are allowed on church property other than liturgical events such as Mass, sacraments and adoration. All Religious Education classes, RCIA, bible studies and gatherings (including rental of the parish hall) are suspended for the time being. We will keep everyone updated on this, and any other changes, as we receive them. If you have any questions, please call the parish office.

Christmas and New Year's Masses

It is hard to believe how quickly Christmas is approaching. We would like to let you know the mass times so you can plan accordingly. Christmas Eve we will have mass at 4:30PM and 7:30PM. Christmas Day is at 8:30AM. New Year's Eve is 5:30 and New Year's Day is at 9:00AM.

Knights of Columbus Raffle

The St. Mary's Knights of Columbus Council 5043 is holding a raffle. Tickets are \$50.00 each. It is a 50/50 raffle; 5 winners are guaranteed. 1 winner of 20% of the gross receipts, 2 winners of 10% of the gross receipts and 2 winners of 5% of the gross receipts. Drawing at 6:00PM on Monday, December 21, 2020. Contact Ron Smith at 712-320-0076 or any Knight.

Important Religious Education for December

Our religious education program will continue throughout the month of December! Our virtual community meeting will be held via Zoom on December 2nd. This is for all families, including children, to join. We will have our virtual parent/guardian informational meeting December 16th at 6:00PM (note time change). These meetings are held to support parents and their children in using the Family of Faith (FOF) curriculum. Please join us as these are helpful in understanding new concepts and ideas within the program. Please contact Mary if you have any questions.

Holy Land Olive Art Next Weekend

On the weekend of December 5th and 6th, a representative of Holy Land Olive Art will have his display of beautiful hand-crafted olive wool figures in the entryway of the church. Your purchase of any item helps support the Christian families of the Holy Land. Also, it is a perfect opportunity to get some Christmas shopping done. Thank you for your support.

Be a Winning Family

Beginning this month, families are encouraged to share their awesome at-home religious education success! When your family completes an activity, prays together, work on its faith journey poster or any activities related to doing religious education work from home, send a picture of it to info@stmarysspiritlake.org for a chance to win one of several monthly prizes. Prizes will vary from month to month but may include gift cards for dining or groceries, at-home movie night fun bags, or family games. Feel free to send your pictures (one per week, maximum four per month) any time. Winners will be announced at our community nights, which are held the first Wednesday of each month. Have fun and keep growing in faith together!

Little Bear's Advent Story

Elementary students are invited to watch and listen as Little Bear listens to the story of a Christmas journey through advent. The narration will be recorded each day beginning December 1st and running through Christmas Eve. It will include beautiful illustrations and messages of God's love and care for us! Watch your emails for links to the videos.

The Gospel of Luke

St. Mary's staff members will be reading the Gospel of Luke one chapter at a time beginning December 1st. Luke has 24 chapters so you can listen each day until Christmas Eve and read the entire gospel in less than a month. Watch for details on how to access these narrations.

Please Keep in Your Prayers

All Confidential Prayer Chain requests may be directed to Jean Mohr, our Prayer Chain Coordinator at 712-336-2559 or 712-320-5433. Prayer intentions may be entered in the Prayer Request book, which can be found in the narthex of the church.

Want to Lower your Iowa Tax Liability?

A great way to save on your Iowa taxes is to support the Monsignor Lafferty Tuition Foundation. Monies contributed to MLTF assist families who send their children to a Catholic school with tuition scholarships. The donor receives a 65% state tax credit. Families benefit and the donor benefits! Contact your tax consultant or call Susan at the diocese at 712-233-7513 for more information. Deadline is December 31, 2020.

The Giving Tree Is Up

All families and individuals are asked to check out this year's "Giving Tree" in the narthex of the church. St. Mary's collects items for charity throughout Dickinson County. Beneficiaries are Upper Des Moines Opportunity, The Discovery House, The Cherish House, Hope Haven and other individuals in need. Simply choose an ornament from the tree and carefully follow the instructions on it. Some items should be wrapped while others should not. Some have a strict deadline for return while others have a more flexible return date. Thank you in advance for your generosity. If you or anyone you know of is in need of assistance this holiday season, talk to Donna in the parish office.

31st Annual Tree of Love at Lakes Regional Hospital

Pay tribute to loved ones, plan now to pay tribute to loved ones with a \$5 heart keepsake ornament hand painted by Arlene Krogman and Esther Jepsen. Tributes can be for a birthday, anniversary, memorial, holiday greeting, etc. Hearts and acknowledgement cards are available at the hospital east entrance or call Willy at 712-339-4012 or Leah at 712-336-4845. Proceeds benefit scholarships from the Lakes Regional Hospital volunteers entering the healthcare field and Meals on Wheels. We will not have a tree lighting ceremony this year, but the tree will be lit nightly in the east LRH courtyard, so please drive by!

