

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

	Saturday 5:00 PM Dec. 12	Sunday 8:30 AM Dec. 13	Sunday 10:30 AM Dec. 13
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Curt Smith Sandi Smith	Kelly Ferguson Stacy Sieperda	Toni Nicks Cathy Thee
Lectors	Jean Mohr	Sharon Crowley	Danette Tolan
Altar Servers			
Hospitality Ministers	Sam Odendahl	Ron Crowley	Pam Wingert Brian Koppen
Music Ministers	Angela Olsen	Donna Davis	Donna Williams
Videographer	Lisa Odendahl		

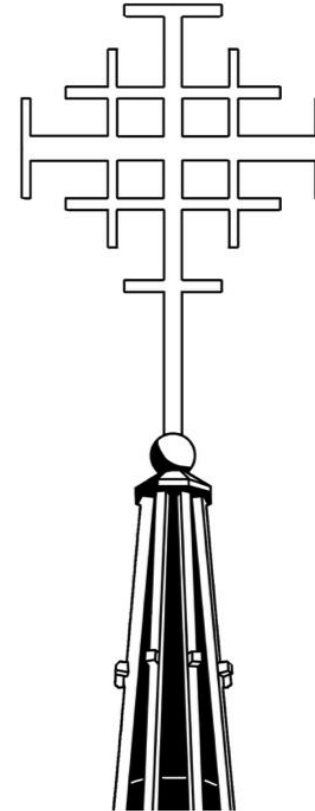
Liturgies and Events This Week

<u>Monday, Dec. 7</u> No Mass	<u>Wednesday, Dec. 9</u> 12:00Noon Mass	<u>Thursday, Dec10.</u> 7:30AM Mass	<u>Saturday, Dec. 12</u> 5:00PM Mass
<u>Tuesday, Dec. 8</u> 12:00Noon +Flora Brown 5:30PM +Cliff Garvey	12:30-4:00Adoration + Lisa Galm	<i>Special Intention (J&J J)</i> <u>Friday, Dec. 11</u> 12:00Noon Mass +Buck & Joan DeWitt	+Steven Jones <u>Sunday, Dec. 13</u> 8:30AM Mass +Richard Grienke 10:30AM Mass + L.&D. of St. Mary's

The sanctuary lamp burns this week for cancer survivors.

Stewardship for November 29, 2020 Adults: \$7,483.00 Online: \$ 841.00 Guatemala: \$ Special: \$	<i>Is God's will in your will?</i>
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Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 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.

Holy Land Olive Art

This weekend, 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.

Immaculate Conception

We will be celebrating the Holy Day of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception with Mass on Tuesday, December 8th, at 12:00Noon and 5:30PM. Our parish is blessed with the love and hope of the season.

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.

Advent Penance Schedule

In order to offer a variety of options for the sacrament of Penance for this Advent, while keeping in mind social distancing and small gatherings, Fr. Kelly will be available for the sacrament on these days: December 14th, 15th, 16th at 6:00PM. December 17th and 18th at 12:30PM. This is in addition to the usual penance schedule of Saturday at 4:00PM, Sunday at 10:00AM, and Wednesday at 3:30PM.

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! 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.

11th and 12 Grade Youth Group Zoom Meeting Next Wednesday

It's YOUTH GROUP like we never wanted to have it, but we are gonna do it anyway! Zoom with us Wednesday evening December 9th at 8:00PM for about an hour. Let's catch up and spend time "together"! The link will be emailed to parents and also texted to those who have cell numbers on file with youth ministry. Want your high school students to receive updates about youth events directly? Let Mary know and we can make it happen!

9th & 10th Grade Youth Group Zoom Meetings Wednesday

Join one, join all! 9th and 10th grade students are asked to attend Zoom youth meetings on Wednesday, December 9th. 9th grade will meet beginning at 6:00PM and 10th will meet at 7:00. We will have a good time catching up and then we will discuss any questions or issues students are having with Confirmation preparation. Don't panic! You won't be graded! Zoom links will be sent to your parent's email. The link will be emailed to parents and also texted to those who have cell numbers on file with youth ministry.

Listen Up! The Gospel of Luke, Narrated

Join Fr. Kelly and the St. Mary's staff in listening to Luke's Gospel this Advent. The staff has recorded the entire gospel for you to enjoy daily. There are 24 days from December 1st until Christmas and 24 chapters in Luke. Individual links to each chapter are available on our parish website. www.stmarysspiritlake.org.

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, works 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! Parents were sent a link by e-mail.

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.

