

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

| | Saturday 5:00 PM Dec. 19 | Sunday 8:30 AM Dec. 20 | Sunday 10:30 AM Dec. 20 |
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| Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion | Linda Hansen Lisa Odendahl | Lauren Cunningham Sharon Crowley | Shawna Ditsworth Kim Kirschbaum |
| Lectors | Jean Mohr | Ron Crowley | Karen Fergen |
| Altar Servers | | | |
| Hospitality Ministers | Ryan Lee | Dale Vortherms | Brian Koppen Michella Koppen |
| Music Ministers | Cain Junkman | Cain Junkman | Donna Williams |
| Videographer | Dave Hansen | | |

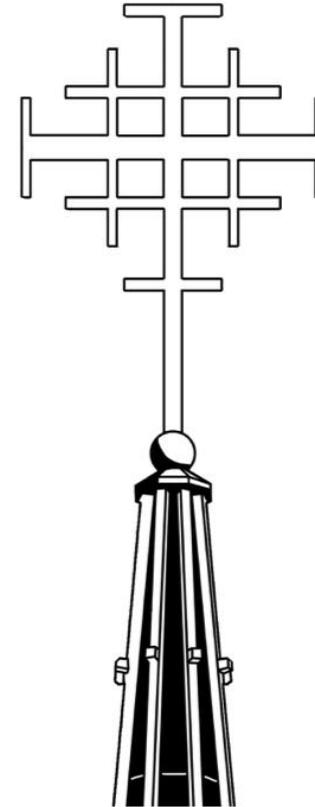
Liturgies and Events This Week

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| Monday, Dec. 14 No Mass | Wednesday, Dec. 16 12:00Noon Mass | Thursday, Dec 17 7:30AM Mass | Saturday, Dec. 19 5:00PM Mass |
| Tuesday, Dec. 15 +5:30PM Mass +Blake Mart | 12:30-4:00Adoration + Bill & Millie Kisting | +Don Kruse Friday, Dec. 18 12:00Noon Mass | +Carol Kirschbaum |
| | | +Cannon Hinnant | Sunday, Dec. 20 8:30AM Mass +Kathryn Crowley 10:30AM Mass + L.&D. of St. Mary's |

The sanctuary lamp burns this week for covid victims and their families.

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| Stewardship for December 6, 2020 Adults: \$10,839.21 Online: \$ 906.30 Guatemala: \$ Special: \$ | <i>Why change a good will?</i> <i>To include a bequest to St. Mary's!</i> |
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St. Mary's Parish



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Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 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.

Advent Lessons and Carols

Join St. Mary's Parish online for an evening of Advent Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 20th at 6:00PM. This virtual-only event will focus on the birth of Christ, sharing scripture readings and songs as we prepare for Christmas. You can find the online event on our parish website, You Tube channel, Facebook page or mobile apt.

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 **5:30PM** 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.

San Lucas Coffee

The CDA are going to discontinue offering the coffee from the San Lucas Mission in Guatemala. They will be selling what they have on hand at a reduced price of 1 bag for \$6.00 or 2 bags for \$10.00. This would make a great Christmas gift. Coffee sales will be before and after the Masses the next two weekends. Thank you for your support. All proceeds will be sent to San Lucas Mission. Coffee will also be available in the parish office.

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.

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.

Congratulations

We would like to say a word of congratulations to Trevor and Lacey Johnson of our parish on the baptism of their daughter, Phoebe Jean, who was baptized here at St. Mary's on Sunday. May God bless her and her family with love and happiness. Welcome, Phoebe!

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.

