The Faith Communities of
Remsen - Marcus - Oyens

Fr. Bill McCarthy, Pastor

For the Weekend of December 7 & 8, 2019

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Prayer Chain:
Remsen: Call One
    Christy Pick 786-2655
    Carla Ahlers 786-2612

Marcus: Call Both
    Joan Cronin 376-2288
    Jacque Bird 376-4677

Prayer to Mary Immaculate
You are all-beautiful, O Mary!
In you the Word of God became flesh.
Help us always to heed the Lord’s voice:
    May we never be indifferent to the cry of the poor, or
untouched by the sufferings of the sick and those in
need; may we be sensitive to the loneliness of the el-
derly and the vulnerability of children, and always love
and cherish the life of every human being.
You are all-beautiful, O Mary!
Hear our prayer, graciously hear our plea.

Blessing of an Advent Wreath
Lord God,
Your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its Savior,
who enlightens our hearts and dispels the darkness of
ignorance and sin. Pour forth your blessings upon us
as we light the candles of this wreath; may their light
reflect the splendor of Christ, who is Lord, for ever and
ever.

Baptism: Call parish office for arrangements - pre-baptism class required.
Marriage: Engaged couples are to begin preparations at least 10 months prior to their wedding. Reservations of wed-
ings subject to use fee of $250 at St. Mary’s. Payment due upon scheduling the wedding date.
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Communal penance services during Lent and Advent seasons. Individual Reconcilia-
tion, one half hour prior to weekend Masses or by appointment.
Anointing of the Sick: Please contact the Parish Office.
### 2nd Week of Advent Mass Time Schedule/Intention

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<td>12/9</td>
<td>Mon</td>
<td>6:30 PM - L&amp;D Mary Ellen Ruden Family, L&amp;D Francis &amp; Rita Delperdang Family</td>
<td>St. Catherine</td>
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<td>12/10</td>
<td>Tue</td>
<td>8:00 AM - L&amp;D William J &amp; Merlyn Cronin Family, Red &amp; Bernadine Galles 10:20 AM - Rosie Keffeler, L&amp;D Lloyd Wolf Family</td>
<td>Holy Name</td>
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<td>12/11</td>
<td>Wed</td>
<td>7:45 AM - L&amp;D Floyd &amp; Vera Harvey Family, L&amp;D Ron Ruhlman Family</td>
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<td>12/12</td>
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<td>8:00 AM - L&amp;D Grage Family, Merle Spieler -Followed by Adoration till 2:00 PM 1:20 PM - L&amp;D Arnold Steichen Family, L&amp;D Louie Huewe Family</td>
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<td>12/13</td>
<td>Fri</td>
<td>8:15 AM - L&amp;D Oscar Block Family, Marcel Matgen -Followed by Adoration till 4:00 PM</td>
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<td>12/14</td>
<td>Sat</td>
<td>4:00 PM - L&amp;D Lorne &amp; Audrey Heidesch Family, L&amp;D James Ruden Family</td>
<td>St. Mary’s</td>
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<td>12/15</td>
<td>Sun</td>
<td>8:00 AM - L&amp;D Mark Poeckes Family, L&amp;D Jim Braun Family 10:00 AM - Ivan Theisen, Parish Families</td>
<td>St. Mary’s Holy Name</td>
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### End of Year Giving

With the year end approaching, there are two options available to ensure that your contribution will be deductible for 2019 taxes. 1) If mailing, make sure the envelope is postmarked by Tuesday, December 31. 2) Drop your contribution in the collection basket during the weekend Masses up to December 28th or 29th or on New Year’s Eve Mass on December 31. To comply with the federal law, we cannot accept donations in 2020 for the 2019 tax year. Thank you for your understanding and generosity!

**Scrip** for the past two weeks was $473.94. Tuition earned was $213.09 and Scrip proceeds netted $260.85. **Last Scrip order** will be Tues., Dec. 17, please plan accordingly for those last minute Christmas gifts.

### Sacramental Rites

Please pray for the soul of Grace Ruth Holmes, whose Mass of Christian Burial was held on Wed., Nov. 27, at Holy Name Cemetery in Marcus; also pray for the soul of Velma Garvin, whose Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tues., Dec. 3, at Holy Name in Marcus and for the soul of Eileen Ortmann, sister-in-law of Jeanette Koch and Sandy Ortmann, whose Mass of Christian was held on Sat., Dec. 7, at All Saints Parish in Le Mars. May they rest in the peace of the Lord. Our sympathy to the families.

### Stewardship

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### Advent Reconciliation, Wed., December 18

6:30 PM - Holy Name, Marcus

### Christmas Eve Mass, Tuesday, December 24

4:00 PM - St. Mary’s, Remsen (Children’s Mass) 5:00 PM - Holy Name, Marcus (Fr. Murray)

### Christmas Day Mass, Wednesday, December 25

8:00 AM - St. Catherine, Oyens 9:00 AM - Holy Name, Marcus (Fr. Murray) 10:00 AM - St. Mary’s, Remsen

### New Years Eve Mass, Tuesday, December 31

5:00 PM - Holy Name, Marcus 6:30 PM - St. Mary’s, Remsen

### New Years Day Mass, Wednesday, January 1

9:00 AM - St. Mary’s, Remsen

### Liturgical Ministry

**Saturday, Dec. 14, 4:00 PM, Remsen, St. Mary’s**

**Lector:** Carly Ortmann  
**Hosts:** Dick Homan, Jacquelin Homan, Luke Homan  
**Chalice:** Chuck Herman, Judy Keffeler  
**Altar Servers:** Cole Homan, Jacie Homan, Cael Ortmann  
**Gift Bearers:** Marina Cronin, MaKenna Loutsch  
**Advent Candle:** Lee & Kara Harpenau Family  
**Greeters:** Tori Galles, Maci Gravenish, Ally Sanow  
**Ushers:** Isaac Conover, Dawson Harpenau, Jeremy Koenck, Mitch & Megan Roling, Alex Schroeder

**Sunday, Dec. 15, 8:00 AM, Remsen, St. Mary’s**

**Lector:** Emma Galles  
**Hosts:** Judy Bunkers, Stacy Bunkers, Linda Slota  
**Chalice:** Michelle Gentz, Janelle Schorg  
**Altar Servers:** Sidney & Ty Tritz, Grace Galles  
**Gift Bearers:** Carmindie Ricke, Kennedy Tentinger  
**Advent Candle:** Dan & Lori Sheehan Family

**Ushers:** Jacob Britt, Damen Brownmiller, Jaxon Bunkers, Jacob Gerrietts, Kadden Groepper, Levi Waldschmitt

**Sunday, Dec. 15, 10:00 AM, Marcus, Holy Name**

**Lector:** Youth  
**Hosts:** Francis & Jane Hinspeter  
**Chalice:** Tim & Margie Erdman  
**Altar Servers:** Youth  
**Ushers:** Youth  
**Gift Bearers:** Youth  
**Happy Siesta Dec 15:** Mike Klein, Patty Ruba  
**Happy Siesta Dec 22:** Marv Pottebaum, Mike Tentinger

**Eucharistic Minister the days of:**  
Dec 11: Mike Klein  
Dec 18: Janet Fiedler

**Mass Servers the days of:**  
Dec 11: Emma Galles, Tori Galles  
Dec 18: Carly & Cael Ortmann

**Week Day Lectors/Servers Marcus Holy Name:**  
As Scheduled
### Upcoming Events

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<td>“The Messiah Concert” 7:30 PM at RSM Church</td>
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<td><strong>Sunday, December 8:</strong></td>
<td>Family of Faith Classes 8:30-9:45 AM; “Rejoice” Advent Event Series 4PM; “The Messiah Concert” 3:00 PM at MHN Church</td>
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<td><strong>Monday, December 9:</strong></td>
<td>RSM KC Meeting 7:30 PM; MHN CDA Meeting</td>
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<td><strong>Wednesday, December 11:</strong></td>
<td>RSM 2 Hr Early Out; RSM PK-12 Christmas Concert in RSM Church PK-4 Perform at 6:00 PM and 5-12 Perform at 7:00 PM; RSM KC’s Pinochle Tournament 7 PM VFW Hall; 1st Reconciliation/Confirmation Class 6 PM; HS Small Group 7 PM at MHN</td>
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<td><strong>Thursday, December 12:</strong></td>
<td>MHN Adoration 8-2; Young Adult Group 7:30 PM at MHN</td>
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<td>RSM Adoration 8-4</td>
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<td><strong>Saturday, December 14:</strong></td>
<td>1st Reconciliation 10:30 AM at St. Mary’s and before weekend Masses</td>
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<td>Family of Faith Classes 8:30-9:45 AM; Christmas Program following 10 AM Mass; “Rejoice” Advent Event Series 4 PM</td>
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<td><strong>Monday, December 16:</strong></td>
<td>Catechists Meeting 7 PM</td>
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### From the Desk of Fr. Bill

We typically think of December 8 as the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day with a Mass of obligation to attend. But because it falls on a Sunday, the Feast of Immaculate Conception is moved forward. The United States Council of Catholic Bishops rules that this year:

> “Since December 8, 2019, is the Second Sunday of Advent, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to Monday, December 9, 2019. The obligation to attend Mass, however, does not transfer.”

In summary you do not have to go to Mass on Monday, December 9. But there will be one at 6:30 PM at St. Catherine as Fr. Bill prays his devotional Mass at that time. Please take a look at the upcoming Christmas Mass schedule; the only way that so many Masses are offered is because Fr. Murray helps cover the Christmas Masses. Please thank Fr. Murray when you get the opportunity. Please embrace the Advent call to prepare as we offer an additional Liturgy of Reconciliation on Wednesday, December 18, at Holy Name. God bless! Fr. Bill.