

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2010

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, Dec. 20	6:30am	+William Pennekamp, Sr.	Latin Mass
	8:15am	+Marian Hammes	
Tuesday, Dec. 21	6:30am	+William Kunz Family	Latin Mass
	8:15am	+Steve Jenkins	
Wednesday, Dec. 22	6:30am	+Maricel & Pierre Bretault	Latin Mass
	8:15am	+Bill Hying	
Thursday, Dec. 23	6:30am	+Pour Souls In Purgathory	Latin Mass
	8:15am	+Leonard Vosberg	
	10:30am	Manor Care Nursing Home	
Friday, Dec. 24	6:30am	Living & Deceased of the Bernard J, John & Gerard Soley Families	Latin Mass
	8:15am	+Kathryn Bartling	
Christmas Vigil	5:00pm	+Joe Timmerman	
	9:00pm	+Beverly McCabe	
	Midnight	Eliezer Pinto	Latin High Mass
Christmas Day	9:00am	+Debbie McDermott Specht	
	11:00am	For Rose Vallone	Latin Mass
	12:30pm	Hispanic Mass	
WEEKEND LITURGIES			
Sunday, Dec. 26	9:00am	+Frank Dunn	No 4pm Mass Saturday, December 25.
	11:00am	Jacinto Family	Latin Mass
	12:30pm	Hispanic Mass	

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

4th Sunday of Advent: Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24
Monday: Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38/Lk 1:26-38.
Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45.
Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56.
Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66.
Friday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79.
 Vigil of Christmas: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25
Saturday: The Nativity of the Lord/Christmas
 Midnight: Is 9: 1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 .
 Christmas: Is 62:1-5/Ti 3-4/Lk 2:15-20.
Sunday: The Holy Family: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/mc 2:13-15, 19-23.

ST. MARY PARISH GIVING

Needed to operate each week \$11,500.00
 December 5, 2010

Weekly Envelopes	\$2,793.00
Weekly Average Electronic Funds	\$1,300.00
Offertory	\$ 168.00
School operating Fund (past week)	\$5,205.00
Total contributed since account opened	\$35,545.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Anyone requesting prayer may call 348-6041. If no answer call 778-5949. Please call in the morning between 8am & 9am.

SICK or HOMEBOUND

The people who are homebound, sick, or in the hospital are visited on Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays. If you know of anyone who would like a visit at home or in the hospital, please call Lorraine at the parish office 348-9735 to let the priests know.

REFLECTION "The Lord's are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it. For he founded it upon the sea and established it upon the rivers."- Psalm 24:1-2

How can we take credit for the good things in our lives when Psalm 24 reminds us that God created absolutely everything and everyone on the earth? Surely we all have an obligation to return a portion of our good fortune to the Lord, for without Him nothing would be possible.

Would you like to be a Greeter?

Greeters are needed for the Saturday 4:00 Mass and the Sunday 9:00 Mass. Offering hospitality to those who arrive at Mass is so important. Greeting is something that you and your family can do to welcome parishioners and visitors to St. Mary's. If interested in joining our Greeter Ministry, please call Jerry & Connie McCabe, 348-8336. Training is provided.

ALONE FOR CHRISTMAS 24th Annual Free Christmas Dinner

Will you or your family be alone for Christmas?

Several Platteville churches have joined together to serve a Free turkey dinner with all the trimmings, 12 noon on Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25th at St. Augustine University Parish. The church is handicap accessible. Crafts and activities will be available for children, while adults socialize after dinner. Music and caroling will make the Christmas spirit come alive. In-town transportation is available for those in need. Please call 348-7530 by December 23rd to make dinner reservations or transportation arrangements or email thomas@uwplatt.edu. Walk-ins are welcome! Our thanks to the following contributors: Country Kitchen; Wal-Mart; JAS Candies; Morrissey Printing; Weber Paper.

Sign up sheet for Alone for Christmas Dinner Please check the sign up sheet on the table in back of church and see where you can help out. **Deadline is this Monday, Dec. 20.**

Bulletin Deadline for Dec. 26
 Is Monday, Dec. 20, 10am
 Parish Office closed Friday, Dec. 24

Altar Servers, Lectors and Leaders of Prayer, And Sacristans for Christmas, Sign up sheets are on the table in back of church for the Christmas Masses.

Saturday, Dec. 25 - 4:00pm NO 4pm Mass

Sunday, Dec. 26, 9:00am

Altar Servers—Vounteers are need

Lectors & Leaders of Prayer: Anne Donovan,

Mark Ihm, Jim Rosemeyer

Sacristan: Barb Peterson

Music Ministry: Deb & Choir

Greeters: Jerry McCabe, Connie & Cynthia Powers

Scrip: Julie Tashner

UPDATE ON FINANCIAL SITUATION OF THE PARISH

There is a team of Parents, Pastoral Council, Finance Council, Fr. Lope and Mr. Hood working together to develop a plan to keep St. Mary School open long term. This same team sent a letter to the parish about the School Operating Fund a few weeks ago. Though there has been very good response to the School Operating Fund, the pledges are still slightly short of our goal. The team is working very hard and may ask for your help on a committee. Please help with your time and talent if asked. This team is looking at revenue increases, fund raising ideas, cost control measures and long term recruiting. Please feel free to call any of the members listed on the Operating School Fund letter sent with ideas you might have in these areas. There will be a few surveys sent out to parents and parishioners to extensively understand the situation so please watch for them and respond as quickly as possible. There will be a meeting on **Monday, February 21st at 6:30** for the entire parish to communicate the results of the surveys, the financial status of the parish, and answers about St. Mary School for the school year 2011-2012. The location will be established at a later date. The parishioners involved are Myron Tranel, Jim Rosemeyer, Kelly Shea, Tischa Busch, Dianne Jentz, Sheila Kelley, Chuck Runde, Tim Budden, Julie Wodarz, Gary Pothour and Lee Eggers.



Ho, Ho, Ho!!! We are making our list and checking it twice to see who will be in Kindergarten in 2011-2012. Mrs. Wodarz and the Kindergartners are gearing up for the new Class of 2011-2012. We are sending out Christmas letters to our friends to introduce ourselves to them. If you have a child or know of a child who would like to be a part of St. Mary's Family, please contact the School Office at 348-5806.

CHRISTMAS DECORATION DONATIONS

Envelopes are on the table near the center entrance of church for donations for Christmas flowers, wreaths, etc. for our church. You may donate for the cost of a specific item or any amount. The donation may also be given as a memorial to a deceased loved one. Be sure to indicate the name if it is a memorial. Thank you for your great response every year!

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA UPDATE—As a result of the combined efforts of the Knights of Columbus, the CCW, and the Home-School Association at both the Nov. 14 breakfast and the Dec. 12 Christmas party/breakfast, a total of \$2,852.75 was raised and has been donated to the "Save Our School" fund. Thanks to all who contributed to the generous support of these fund-raising activities.

A special THANK YOU to the following religious education students and confirmation students who volunteered to clean St. Mary's church on their early release afternoon, December 8th: Connor Feyen, Logan Henry, Nicole Statz, Anthony Whisenant, Klayia Jackerying, Zoe Meier, John Donovan, Jacob Fisher and Heather Obershaw.

CHRISTMAS EVE 5 PM MASS—Once again, the children will be invited to process in, and decorate the tree. If your child will be in attendance, please have them make an ornament, and plan to participate. As in the past, I will need to depend on a few parents to ensure this goes as planned. If you can be of assistance, please call Deb at 778-7237. **Prelude Music will begin at 4:30 pm.** I hope many of you will be with us to celebrate Christmas Eve, the blessings of the season, and enjoy the music we have prepared.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Confirmation meeting: Sunday December 19th, 4pm.

Grades 1-6: Wednesday, December 22nd, Class, 3:30pm. Christmas Program 4pm. All are welcome to attend. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Classes resume January 5, for grades 1-6.

This Week at St. Mary's

Tuesday: RCIA, 6:45pm.

Wednesday: Rel. Ed (see below).

Friday: Parish office closed.

No Scripture Sharing, 9am.

*May you have a blessed
and joyous Christmas!*

PRIVATE RECONCILIATION

St. Augustine

Wednesday, Dec. 22—5:30pm until all are heard

St. Mary

Thursday, December 23—6:30pm until all heard

Private Reconciliation is celebrated one half hour before each Mass at St. Mary and St. Augustine.

GIVING TREE

Please stop by the GIVING TREE near the north entrance of the church if you are interested in donating an item for St. Mary Parish and School. You may select an ornament and either purchase the item or place the monetary amount in an envelope with your name on it (some of the items need to be ordered). Items purchased or cash donations may be brought to the Parish or School Office.

Thank you for your continued generosity during this season of giving!

Bless Our Priests Collection Envelopes

This collection is used to directly support all retired priests welfare including the rising cost of health-care, long-term care and medical costs. Your generosity supports retired priests from all 11 counties of our Diocese! Envelopes are in your packets or on the table in back of church.

INTRODUCTORY LATIN CLASS beginning Feb. 8, 2011 from 7:00-8:15 PM in the St. Mary School Library. The course will be taught by Fr. Lope and will run for 10 weeks. High School students through adults are welcome to register at the parish offices. A donation of \$25 to St. Mary Parish will help cover costs. Registration deadline is January 30. Contact Diane Drefcinski at 348-3937 if you have questions.

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