

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2010

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, Dec. 27	6:30am	Special Intention	Latin Mass
	8:15am	+Wilma Leamy	
Tuesday, Dec. 28	6:30am	+Claire Pinton	Latin Mass
	8:15am	+Charles Banwarth	
Wednesday, Dec. 29	6:30am	For the Diaz Family	Latin Mass
	8:15am	+Dolores Margan	
Thursday, Dec. 30	6:30am	+Alphonse Pinto	Latin Mass
	8:15am	+Rosella Hesselting	
	10:30am	Manor Care Nursing Home	
Friday, Dec. 31	6:30am	+Edmund & Nana Lopez	Latin Mass
	8:15am	Jim Schreck Family	
Saturday, Jan. 1	9:00am	+Rosella Hesselting	
	11:00am	For Father Paul Check	Latin Mass
	12:30pm	Hispanic Mass	
WEEKEND LITURGIES			
Saturday, Jan. 1	4:00pm	+Dolores Margan	
Sunday, Jan. 2	9:00am	+Allan Tressel	
	11:00am	+Harold A. Pryor	Latin Mass
	12:30pm	Hispanic Mass	

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: The Holy Family: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/mt 2:13-15, 19-23.
Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8.
Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5;2:2/Mt 2:13-18.
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35.
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40.
Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18.
Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
The Epiphany of the Lord:Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12.

ST. MARY PARISH GIVING

Needed to operate each week \$11,500.00
 December 19, 2010

Weekly Envelopes	\$5,961.00
Weekly Average Electronic Funds	\$1,300.00
Offertory	\$ 369.00
School operating Fund (past week)	\$8,191.00
Total contributed since account opened	\$43,736.00
Thank you for your generosity!	

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

Parish Office is closed Friday, December 31.

Wishing you a joyous
and blessed New Year!!

REFLECTION

"Over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts." - Colossians 3:14-15

Jesus is God's ultimate gift of love to us. The countless other blessings that God shows upon us are nothing compared to the gift of His only Son. And the only appropriate way for us to respond to such generous love is with our own generous love. When we dedicate our lives to sharing all the many gifts that God has placed within our hands, the peace of Christ truly will control our hearts. We will know Christmas joy every day.

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.

With Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the families of: Jane Pluemer, whose sister-in-law, Eileen Pluemer, died Sunday, December 19th; and Lola Dye, whose husband, Jamie, died Monday, December 20.

Eternal rest grant unto them Oh Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

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.

PRAYER LINE

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

Saturday, January 1 4:00pm	Sunday, January 2 9:00am
Altar Servers	
Max Frommelt Mick Frommelt	Nicholas Kunz Christopher Kunz Vince Momot
Lectors & Leader of Prayer	
Angie Boldt Andy Frigo	Kevin Bernhardt Lee Eggers Mark Ihm
Sacristan	
Connie Busch	Barb Peterson
Music Ministry	
	Deb & Choir
Greeters	
Please Volunteer For 4pm	Kim Schmelz Jan Siegert Terry & Dee Woolf
SCRIP	
Linda Murphy	Dianne Jentz

UPDATE ON FINANCIAL SITUATION OF THE PARISH

A team *composed of members* from the Home & School Association, Parish Council, Finance Council, Fr. Lope and Mr. Hood *are* working together to develop a plan to keep St. Mary School open long term. This team sent a letter to the parish about the School Operating Fund a few weeks ago. Though there has been very good response, 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 of *students*. Please feel free to call any of the members listed on the Operating School Fund letter with ideas you might have in these areas. *A survey will be sent out to parents looking for input regarding the future of the school*, so please watch for it 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, Joe Hood, Father Lope and Lee Eggers.

CHRISTMAS BASKET THANKS

Thanks so much to every one who so generously gave food for the Christmas Baskets. We provided for forty community baskets. Special thanks to our St. Mary School children and parents who donated a large amount of our needed food and to the eighth grade for helping to carry all of the food baskets out to the garage for pick-up. Thanks to Pat Cullen for making the food request calls, to Jerry Cullen for doing food deliveries and Roger Hauser for helping to pack baskets. Feeding the hungry is the first corporal work of mercy and all of us are called to do something to provide for those in need. So, thanks again, for all of your charity and have a very blessed and Merry Christmas and Happy 2011 too. Linda

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY REPORT

Thanks again to everyone who came out to help with the Mobile Food Pantry last Friday. Our numbers went down from last time but we still helped 78 families with food and the number of seniors coming has grown to 32. The total number of individuals was 201 with 62 under the age of 18 and sixty of families reported being unemployed. Special thanks again go out to our St. Mary students and to Tom Cullen and the Four Season Landscape crew who helped lay out the tarp and set up tables. This is great for us that Tom and his crew can help out this winter but come April he will be too busy to help out so I really need four additional people to volunteer to help set up the tables when our pantry moves outside for the Spring. Pray about this and let me know if you will be able to volunteer your services for this very worthy ministry.

SCHOOL NEWS The faculty and staff would like to thank everyone who donated from the Advent tree. We would especially like to thank those who donated anonymously. We would also like to wish our students, their families, and all parishioners a very blessed and joyful Christmas season.

A Day of Reflection with Maureen Kuhn. God's Presence, God's Love and God's Faithfulness to Us. Sunday, January 9 at Sinsinawa Mound. Come join us for a day of renewal conducted by Maureen Kuhn, Spiritual Director and former Pastoral Associate of St. Mary Parish. Our day will start with Mass at 10:30am in the Sinsinawa Chapel. The Cost is \$20 and includes lunch. To register, contact Joyce Seng at 348-9624 or Fay Stone 348-9393 by Sunday, January 2. Scholarships are available. All are welcome. See you there!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Grades 1-6: Classes resume January 5, for grades 1-6.

This Week at St. Mary's

Wednesday: Rel. Ed (see below).

Friday: Parish Office Closed.
No Scripture Sharing, 9am.

HOPE HOUSE

Thank you to the Platteville Catholic Community for your on-going support of the Hope House meals on the first Monday of each month. Meals are always warmly received and prayers are sent back to our community. Sign up sheets for this month are in back of church. Walt Wisnewski 348-9928 is filling in for Theresa while she is gone

INTRODUCTORY LATIN CLASS beginning February 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.

The next **Knights of Columbus** meeting is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 3. 4th Degree meeting--7pm., Council meeting---7:30pm. All members are encouraged to attend.

Seat of Wisdom Institute is a diocesan program in of adult faith formation and catechetical certification in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Madison. Based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church, it serves to draw participants into a deeper communion with Jesus Christ enabling them to be more effective witnesses and teachers of the Gospel. Course Title: Celebration of the Christian Mystery (Sacraments) *. Instructor: Mrs. Chris Smelzer, Date: January 8th. Times: 9am to 4pm. Location: Bishop O'Connor Catholic Center, Madison. Course Title: Natural Law & the Church's Teaching on Social Justice. Instructor: Msgr. James Bartylla. Date: January 15. Time: 9am—4pm. Location: Bishop O'Connor Catholic Center, Madison. Cost: \$10/course (for those able to pay). For a full course schedule, more information, and to register: www.madisondiocese.org/seatofwisdom or 608-821-3160. *Course requires prerequisites for certification.

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