

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2011

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Dec. 12	6:30am	TLM (<i>Feria of Advent</i>)
	8:15am	+Bernard & Katherine Rosemeyer
Tues., Dec. 13	6:30am	TLM (<i>St. Lucy</i>)
	8:15am	+David Klaas
Wed., Dec. 14	6:30am	TLM (<i>Ember Wednesday</i>)
	8:15am	+Ray Wall
Thurs. Dec. 15	6:30am	TLM (<i>Feria of Advent</i>)
	8:15am	+Nellie Harty
	10:30am	Manor Care Nursing Home
Fri., Dec. 16	6:30am	(TLM) (<i>Ember Friday</i>)
	8:15am	+Craig Abing
Sat., Dec. 17	8:00am	TLM (<i>Ember Saturday</i>)



Private Reconciliation every day, one hour before each Mass.

St. Mary's
24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration
Wednesdays

WEEKEND LITURGIES

Sat., Dec. 17	4:00pm	+Ervin, Anna Mae & Steve Meyer
Sun., Dec. 18	9:00am	+Eugene, Jeff, Stephen & Julie Leuth
	12:00 noon	Health for Ramiro Ramirez Hispanic Mass

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

3rd Sunday of Advent:

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11—1 Thes 5:16-24
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab
Lk 1:26-38 or 1:39-47

Tuesday: St. Lucy
Zep 3:1-2, 9-13—Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: St. John of the Cross
Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25—Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Advent weekday
Is 54:1-10—Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Advent weekday
Is 56:1-3a, 6-8—Jn 5:33-36

Saturday: Late Advent Weekday
Gn 49:2, 8-10—Mt 1:1-17

4th Sunday of Advent
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16—Rom 16:25-27
Lk 1:26-38

PRAYER LINE — 348-6041

Jamaica Building Material Collection

On January 4-13, I will once again lead a group of missionaries to Jamaica to build and repair the homes of the very poor in the Diocese of Mandeville. A special collection will be conducted the weekend of December 17th. All of the money collected will be used to buy building materials when our parishioners are in Jamaica. Each parishioner pays for their own airfare, food and lodging. Please place your check (addressed to St. Mary's or St. Augustine's) or cash contribution in an envelope clearly marked "Jamaica Building Material Fund". Thank you for your past and present generous support of the very poor in Jamaica!

Christ's peace to you always, Deacon Bill

ALL LADIES OF THE PARISH ARE WELCOME! — St. Mary CCW will hold their annual Christmas party potluck Wednesday, December 14th at 6pm in the parish hall. Bring a dish to pass. Meat, beverage and table service will be provided. This is a nice time to meet other women of the parish.

PARISH COOKBOOKS are on sale for \$10 each. Cookbooks can be purchased at the parish office during office hours. They make nice Christmas or birthday gifts.

ST. MARY PARISH GIVING

Needed to operate each week \$11,500.00

December 4, 2011

Weekly Envelopes.....\$4,769.00
Weekly Average Electronic Funds \$1,300.00
Offertory.....\$ 333.00
School operating Fund (past week)..\$ 3,236.26

Thank you for your generosity!



The 6:00pm Adoration

spot will be open beginning on December 21. Please consider coming to spend an hour with Jesus at this time. The sign-up sheet is in the back of church.

**HOME AND SCHOOL
Homemade
Cinnamon Roll Sale
Sunday, December 18th
after Mass**

REFLECTION—"The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted..." - Isaiah 61:1

The Lord God has anointed all of us through Baptism and He has sent each of us on a mission. Each of us has been given unique gifts and talents so that we can help fulfill God's mission here on earth. Are you doing the things Jesus sent you here to do?

CHRISTMAS DECORATION DONATION

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!

With Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of Joe (Marlene) Schmitz, whose brother, Ken died, November 30th. *Eternal rest grant unto him Oh, Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.*

Saturday, Dec. 17 4:00pm		Sunday, Dec. 18 9:00am
David Drefcinski John Drefcinski Matthew Busch	Altar Servers	Noah Tashner Gabe Tashner
	Lector & Leader of Prayer	
John Pluemer Fay Stone		Jim Rosemeyer Terry Woolf Connie McCabe
Connie Busch	Sacristan	Connie McCabe
Kathy & Youth Choir	Music Ministry	Classic Choir
	Greeters	
Rosie Hying		Rita Eversoll Jan Siegert
Linda Schmidt	Rosary Leaders	Terry & Dee Woolf Joel Schaefer
Julie Wodarz	Scrip	Sharon Bartels

ADVENT RETREAT—FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN

Saturday, Dec. 17, 8:00am – 1:30pm—Come join Deacon Bill, Father Jared and Father Pedro for a day of talks and silent reflection. The day begins at 8:00am with Mass in English followed by coffee and an opening prayer by Deacon Bill. A \$5 donation will be collected for lunch. Child care will be provided. Father Faustino & Father John will be in the confessional all morning for reconciliation.

Please call the parish office to register. Registrations appreciated by December 16. Any questions call 348-3937. The schedule for the rest of the day follows.

9:00 –9:30, Grace in our Lives—Deacon Bill

9:30–10:00, Time for silent reflection, rosary, confession and break

10:00–10:30, Preparing for Christmas, Father Jared

10:30– 11:00, Time for reflection, rosary, confession and break.

11:00–11:30, Intimacy with Jesus Christ through Prayer, Fr. Pedro

11:30–12:00, Time for reflection, rosary, confession and break. 12:00 noon, Angelus,

12:10-1:00, Lunch and discussion

ST. MARY PARISH FOOD PANTRY sponsored by Catholic Charities and Second Harvest ***This Friday, December 16—Help is always needed to unload, distribute food and cleanup.*** Food is distributed from 11:15am-12:15 in School gym. Fresh produce, canned goods, breads, meat, free, no qualifications, all welcome. **Bring your own container to take food home.**

On Friday, December 16th at the Bishop O'Connor Center all young adults are welcome to come out for an Advent Adoration Event – Venite Adoremus – where Bishop Morlino will be presiding. This is an event you do not want to miss. Prepare for the coming of Christmas with others in their 20s and 30s by hearing a beautiful meditation, going to Confession, listening to good music and spending time in silence before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. The event is from 7:00 – 8:30pm, and all young adults are welcome to spend time socializing at a local establishment afterwards.



THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Tuesday—Mission Sewing, 8:30am.
RCIA, 6:45pm.

Wednesday—Cemetery meeting, 10am.
CCW Christmas Party, 6pm.
Religious Education (see below).

Friday—Food Pantry.

Christmas Program, 7pm.

Saturday—Advent Retreat.

Sunday—Homemade Cinnamon Roll Sale

Thank You

I would like to thank my family, friends, Fr. Faustino, Fr. John and Deacon Bill Bussan for the visits, food, cards and prayers after my stroke. These acts brightened my hospitalization and recovery at home.

Evelyn Lange

Scrip sales for November were \$40,770 and profits were \$2,097.50. This was our biggest November (sales and profits) ever! We are now in our busiest time of the year and we encourage everyone to use scrip for your Christmas shopping and gift giving needs along with your everyday purchases such as groceries, gas, and dining out. Do your shopping with us! St. Mary's benefits every time you do!

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS—Packing Baskets December 12th. Our Christmas menu will be ham, canned fruit, vegetables, jelly, peanut butter, cake mix and frosting, Mac and cheese, pudding, jello & candy. You may drop off other food items and place them in the food bins in the entryways. Thanks for your help in supplying food for those who are less fortunate.

Alone for Christmas? - Free Christmas Dinner - Will you or your family be alone for Christmas? Several Platteville churches have joined together to serve a free turkey with all the trimmings at 12 noon on Christmas Day at the United Methodist Church.



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 available for those in need. Please call the parish office (348-9508) to make reservations or transportation arrangements. Walk-ins welcome!

A sign up sheet is on table in back of church, if you can help in any way please sign up.

TEC Retreat Coming to Monona: Dec. 28-30, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. Fr. Bart Timmerman will be the Spiritual Director of this retreat. TEC (Together Encountering Christ) is a profound and unique retreat designed specifically for those who are at least a junior in high school, but all young and not so young adults are also highly encouraged to attend. The Kairos TEC program started in our diocese in 1985. We in the TEC community hope you will consider being a part of this awesome experience. Applications and much more information about TEC can be found at www.kairostec.org. Applications are on bulletin boards. If you'd like even more information, please contact Jean Jozefowicz, the coordinator of the next TEC retreat, jeanjoze1@tds.net or 608.732.2647

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Sunday, Dec. 11—Confirmation class, 5:30pm at St. Augustine.

Wednesday, Dec. 14—No Class for Grades 1-6;
Class for Grades 7-10, 7-8pm.

Hispanic First Communion and Confirmation Classes

First Communion classes for ages 7 and older are Sundays, 1:00—1:30pm
Classes are in the Hospitality Room.

Confirmation Classes for ages 14 and older—Sundays, 1:30pm.
Classes meet in the Blessed Virgin Chapel.

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