

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2011

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Dec. 19	6:30am	TLM (<i>Greater Feria of Advent</i>)
	8:15am	+Ruth Gish
Tues., Dec. 20	6:30am	TLM (<i>Greater Feria of Advent</i>)
	8:15am	+Joe Meloy
Wed., Dec. 21	6:30am	TLM (<i>St. Thomas, apostle</i>)
	8:15am	+Ruth Abing
Thurs. Dec. 22	6:30am	TLM (<i>Greater Feria of Advent</i>)
	8:15am	+Clarence Berning
	10:30am	Manor Care Nursing Home
Fri., Dec. 23	6:30am	(TLM) (<i>Greater Feria of Advent</i>)
	8:15am	+Jane Marie Budden
Sat., Dec. 24	8:00am	TLM



Private Reconciliation
every day, one hour
before each Mass.

St. Mary's
24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration
Wednesdays

REFLECTION

“Do not be afraid, Mary.” - Luke 1:30

It can be a little scary to do as God asks – to give Him the first fruits of our time, talent and treasure. The comforting words the angel spoke to Mary can comfort us, too, when we strive to be good Christian stewards – “Do not be afraid.”

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!

CHRISTMAS LITURGIES

Sat., Dec. 24	5:00pm	+Debbie McDermott Specht	No 4pm Mass
	9:00pm	+Mark & Rose Mergen	
	12 Midnight	Jim & Jane Stelpflug for the reparation of our sins and salvation of our souls TLM	
Sun., Dec. 25	9:00am	+Beverly McCabe	St. Augustine Christmas Eve 7pm Christmas Day 10:30am
	12:00 noon	Hispanic Mass	

With Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the families of: Cliff VanNatta, whose son, David VanNatta died, December 11th. And Wayne (Jackie) Dieter, whose father, Clarence Dieter, died Tuesday, December 13th. *Eternal rest grant unto them Oh, Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday: Late Advent Weekday
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a—Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday: Late Advent Weekday
Is 7:10-14—Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Late Advent Weekday
Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45

Thursday: Late Advent Weekday
1 Sm 1:24-28—Lk 1:46-56

Friday: Late Advent weekday
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24—Lk 1:57-66

Saturday: Late Advent Weekday
Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16—Lk 1:67-79

Christmas Eve:
Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25—Mt 1:18-25

Christmas Day:
Is 52:7-10—Heb 1:1-6—Jn 1:1-18

Parish office will be closed Friday, December 23rd and Monday, December 26th

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

SCRIP will not be
sold Christmas weekend.

LITURGICAL SIGN UP SHEETS for
Christmas and New Year's weekend are
posted in back of church. Please sign up.



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ST. MARY PARISH GIVING

Needed to operate each week \$11,500.00

December 11, 2011

Weekly Envelopes.....	\$6,269.00
Weekly Average Electronic Funds	\$1,300.00
Offertory.....	\$ 463.00
School operating Fund (past week)..	\$1,899.25

Thank you for your generosity!

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.

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.

HOPE HOUSE sign-up sheet will be at the back of church this weekend. The date of the meal will be January 2nd.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S
Tuesday—No Mission Sewing
Wednesday—Religious Education (see below).
Sunday—Wishing you a very blessed Christmas!!

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS today, Sunday, December 18 at 1pm. If you are free please come and give a hand.

THANK YOU
Thanks to everyone who donated food and made monetary donations for our Christmas Food baskets. With your help we provided food for 121 individuals. Any extra money that we have in the basket account goes to help people year round as we get requests for gas, food, diapers or other needs.

New inspiring Religious CD's available in the north entrance. Just \$2.50 each. Buy them to listen to in the van, at work, or at home. Great stocking stuffers too. These CD's are provided by the Adult Faith Committee.

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.



Platteville Family Al-anon Group meeting is every Monday evening from 8pm to 9pm at the Westview Methodist Church on the corner of Madison and Hathaway. Please use the back door of the church and the meeting is upstairs.

CHILDREN—a reminder to make your ornament and plan on processing up with your ornament to decorate the tree at the 5pm Christmas Vigil Mass

Natural Family Planning Class at St. Mary's in Bloomington to be held Saturdays, Feb. 4, Mar. 3 and 31 from 10:00am to Noon. To register go to www.madisondiocese.org/nfp or contact Alison Hetue at (608) 821-3134 or nfp@straphael.org. Additional classes available in Madison.



PARISH AND SCHOOL GIVING TREE is located in the north entrance of church. Parishioners are invited to donate items by selecting the item as printed on displayed labels and returning it to the parish or school office. Thank you!

HOME AND SCHOOL
Homemade
Cinnamon Roll Sale
Today
Sunday December 18

PRAY FOR OUR PARISH—Bishop Morlino has asked our parish to fast from meat on all Fridays. The purpose of this request is to strengthen our prayers and reunify our parish. Please remember to fast and pray on Fridays.

PRAYER LINE Anyone requesting prayer may call 348-6041. Please call in the morning between 8am & 9am. If there is no answer please leave your prayer.

No Mission Sewing December 20 or 27th

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS
Sunday, Dec. 18—Confirmation class, 4:30pm at St. Augustine.
Wednesday, Dec. 21—Class for Grades 1 - 6; 3:30-4:45pm
Class for Grades 7-10; 7-8pm.

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The sponsors of our bulletin are shown on the back of the bulletin each Sunday. We invite you to consider these businesses and thank them for their support.
This week we recognize:
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