

# SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2011

## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK



Mon., Dec. 5	6:30am	TLM ( <i>Feria of Advent</i> )
	8:15am	+Paul Klinger
Tues., Dec. 6	6:30am	TLM ( <i>St. Nicholas</i> )
	8:15am	+Russ Taber
Wed., Dec. 7	6:30am	TLM ( <i>St. Ambrose</i> )
	8:15am	+Richard Loberger
Thurs. Dec. 8 Immaculate Conception	6:30am	TLM ( <i>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> )
	8:15am	+Jamie Dye
	11:00am	Manor Care Nursing Home
	12:10pm	+Eldon Lynch
	7:00pm	+Dave & Miriam Runde
Fri., Dec. 9	6:30am	(TLM) ( <i>Feria of Advent</i> )
	8:15am	+Ann Hammes
Sat., Dec. 10	8:00am	TLM ( <i>Feria of Advent</i> )

Dec. 8—St. Augustine  
Immaculate Conception  
Mass 5:30pm.

**St. Mary's**  
24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration  
Wednesdays

## WEEKEND LITURGIES

Sat., Dec. 11	4:00pm	+Living & Deceased Members of the Trentz Family
Sun., Dec. 12	9:00am	+Lawrence, Grace & James Davis
	12:00 noon	Hispanic Mass

Private Reconciliation  
every day, one hour  
before each Mass.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Second Sunday of Advent:**  
Is 40:1-5, 9-11—2 Pt 3:8-14  
Mt 1:1-8.  
**Monday:** Is 35:1-10—Lk 5:17-26  
**Tuesday:** St. Nicholas, bishop  
Is 40:1-11—Mt 18:12-14  
**Wednesday:** St. Ambrose, bishop  
Is 40:25-31—Mt 18:12-14  
**Feast of the Immaculate Conception:**  
Gn 3:9-15, 20—Eph 1:3-6, 11-12—Lk 1:26-38  
**Friday:** Is 48:17-19—Mt 11:16-19  
**Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11—Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
**3rd Sunday of Advent:**  
Is 61:1-2a, 10-11—1 Thes 5:16-24  
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

**Next Weekend!**  
**Bless Our Priests Collection for Diocesan Retired Priests**  
Please take advantage of this opportunity to offer support to the retired priests of our diocese by helping provide for their healthcare needs. Your donation will help serve those who have faithfully served us! Thank you.

**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.

**REFLECTION** — “John was clothed in camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist.” - Mark 1:6  
St. John the Baptist’s Advent message is, “Prepare, Prepare, Prepare.” This is very different from the media’s Christmas message of “Buy, Buy, Buy.” At this time of the year the good steward is most definitely challenged to embrace the simplicity of St. John the Baptist more than the commercialism of the season.

### 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

### PARISH COOK BOOKS

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

### With Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the families of: Diane Wettstaedt, who died Tuesday, November 22nd; Jeanie (Deacon Bill) Bussan whose father, Deacon Del Ferguson died Wednesday, November 23rd; Msgr. Felix Oehrlein, who died Friday, November 25th and Rachel (Ed) Deneen, whose mother, Gilda Finnegan, died November 28th.

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

### ST. MARY PARISH GIVING Needed to operate each week \$11,500.00 November 27, 2011

Weekly Envelopes.....	\$3,513.00
Weekly Average Electronic Funds	\$1,300.00
Offertory.....	\$ 405.00
School operating Fund (past week)...	\$ 152.00

**Thank you for your generosity!**

Saturday, Dec. 10 4:00pm	Altar Servers	Sunday, Dec. 11 9:00am
Max Frommelt Mick Frommelt		Andy Eggers Nicholas Kunz Christopher Kunz
<b>Lector &amp; Leader of Prayer</b>		
Nekole Frommelt Kent Scheuerell		Mark Ihm Lee Eggers Sue Momot
Fay Stone	<b>Sacristan</b>	Michael Momot
Kathy & Youth Choir	<b>Music Ministry</b>	Classic Choir
<b>Greeters</b>		
Tammie VanNatta		Jerry McCabe David & Donna Swanson
Frommelt Family	<b>Rosary Leaders</b>	Drefcinski Family
Connie Busch	<b>Scrup</b>	Tischa Busch

## WINTER FEST DECEMBER 11

A delicious Pancake Breakfast will be served from 8–11AM. Lots of games for little kids and big kids. Prizes will be awarded. Santa will be arriving at 10am. Council of Catholic Women will have their crafts for sale.

## 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.

## WHY YOU OFFER A MASS

An individual may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. One must never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit one's soul. Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical "*Mirae caritatis*" (1902) beautifully elaborated this point and emphasized the connection between the communion of saints with the Mass: "The grace of mutual love among the living, strengthened and increased by the sacrament of the Eucharist, flows, especially by virtue of the Sacrifice [of the Mass], to all who belong to the communion of saints. For the communion of saints is simply ... the mutual sharing of help, atonement, prayers and benefits among the faithful, those already in the heavenly fatherland, those consigned to the purifying fire, and those still making their pilgrim way here on earth. These all form one city, whose head is Christ, and whose vital principle is love. Faith teaches that although the august Sacrifice can be offered to God alone, it can nevertheless be celebrated in honor of the saints now reigning in Heaven with God, who has crowned them, to obtain their intercession for us, and also, according to apostolic tradition, to wash away the stains of those brethren who died in the Lord but without yet being wholly purified."

If you wish to offer a Mass for a loved one or for a special intention, please stop in at the parish office and Lorraine will help you.

**HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS**—Our list of persons willing to donate to the basket project is about half of what it used to be and so I am going to stop with just 25 Christmas Food Basket requests for Christmas. However, I know that the women that family advocates helps really appreciate the food baskets and if we could come up with 14 people in addition to those already on the donors list who would be willing to purchase hams we could provide their 14 baskets also. (Please call Linda if you are willing to help with this.)

Our Christmas menu will be ham, canned fruit, vegetables, jelly, peanut butter, cake mix and frosting, Mac and cheese, pudding, jello & candy. If you are on our list to be called for food donations you will be called soon. If you are not on the list and wish to be called please notify Linda in the office. If you just want to drop off some food items you can place them in the food bins in the entryways.

Thanks for your help in supplying food for those who are less fortunate in our community. Linda

**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.**

**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!

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Sunday, Dec. 4—Confirmation class, 4:30pm at St. Augustine.

Wednesday, Dec. 7—Grades 1-6; 3:30-4:45pm.

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 will meet in the Blessed Virgin Chapel.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

**Monday**—KC meeting, Monthly meeting at 7:00pm (4th Degree)— 7:30pm (Regular Meeting).

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

**Wednesday**—Religious Education (see below).

**Sunday**—Winter Fest.

LOST—A crystal rosary in a white case. Please turn into the parish office if it is found. Thank you.

**Friday, December 9th** St. Josephs Parish, Dodgeville, is having an All You Can Eat Family Style Fish Fry & Chicken Dinner from 5-7:30 pm

**Quota Club**—Fancy Cookie Sale, Dec 10, 9am-noon—Neal Wilkens School. A variety of gift items for sale by local vendors. Bring the kids to see Mrs. Claus.

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