

# SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2012

## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Mon., Dec. 17	6:30am Harold Stelpflug TLM ( <i>Feria</i> ) 8:00am +Jim Schreck
Tues., Dec. 18	6:30am In reparation and salvation for Jim Stelpflug TLM ( <i>Feria</i> ) 8:00am Leo Doser Family
Wed., Dec. 19	6:30am Fr. Faustino TLM (Ember Day II CI) 8:00am +Ervin, Anna Mae & Steven Meyer
Thurs., Dec. 20	6:30am Fr. Blewett TLM ( <i>Feria</i> ) 8:00am +Ray Wall 10:30am Manor Care Nursing Home
Fri., Dec. 21	6:30am +Harold Stelpflug TLM ( <i>St. Thomas</i> ) 8:00am +Beverly McCabe
Sat., Dec. 22	8:00am Fr. Miguel TLM (Ember Day II CIV)
<b>WEEKEND LITURGIES</b>	
Sat., Dec. 23	4:00pm +Barney McDermott & Debbie McDermott Specht
Sun., Dec. 23	9:00am +Dave & Marion VanNatta 12 noon Hispanic Mass



*Thursdays Eucharistic Adoration*

Private Reconciliation every day, one hour before each Mass. And Thursdays, December 6, 13, & 20th from 5pm to 8pm or by an appointment.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**3rd Sunday of Advent**  
Zep 3:14-18a—Phil 4:4-7—Lk 3:10-18.  
**Monday—Weekday**  
Gn 49:2, 8-10—Mt 1:1-17.  
**Tuesday—Weekday**  
Jer 23:5-8—Mt 1:18-25.  
**Wednesday—Weekday**  
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a.  
**Thursday—Weekday**  
Is 7:10-14—Lk 1:26-38.  
**Friday—St. Peter Canisius, priest and doctor**  
Common of Pastors or Doctors  
**Saturday—Weekday**  
1 Sm 1:24-28—Lk 1:46-56—Lk 3:10-18.  
**4th Sunday of Advent**  
Mi 5:1-4a—Heb 10:5-10—Lk 1:39-45.

### St. Mary Parish Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve  
5pm & 9pm English Mass  
12 midnight Latin Mass  
Christmas Day  
9am English Mass  
12noon Hispanic Mass

### St. Augustine University Parish

Christmas Eve  
7pm English Mass  
Christmas Day-  
10:30am English Mass

**REFLECTION**—“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.” (Philippians 4:6-7) St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.

### With Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of Sara Gassman-Randall whose sister, Sandra Mester, died Tuesday, December 4.  
*Eternal rest grant on to her Oh, Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.*

### 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!

### Attention Greeters

Greeters are not scheduled for the Christmas Eve and Day Masses. If you are able to greet at the Mass you attend, that would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact us. Dave and Donna Swanson 348-4754

### ST. MARY PARISH GIVING

*December 9, 2012*

Weekly Envelopes.....\$5,778.00  
Immaculate Conception.....\$ 240.00  
Weekly Average Electronic Funds. \$1,000.00  
Offertory..... \$ 416.00

**Thank you for your generosity!**

### PRAYER NETWORK

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

### LITURGICAL MINISTER AND ALTAR SERVERS

sign up sheet for Christmas and New Years Day is on the table in back of church.

Saturday, Dec. 22 4:00pm		Sunday, Dec. 23 9:00am
Max Frommelt Mic Frommelt	<b>Altar Servers</b>	R.J. Schmitt Vince Momot
<b>Lector &amp; Leader of Prayer</b>		
Linda Schmidt Kent Scheuerell		Connie McCabe Jim Rosemeyer Sue Momot
<b>Sacristan</b>		
Christine Del Priore		Mike Momot
<b>Music Ministry</b>		
Open Ensemble		Classic Choir
<b>Greeters</b>		
		Jack Fogel Connie Powers Cynthia Powers
<b>Rosary Leaders</b>		
Linda Schmidt		Jeanette Klaas

**SAVE RECEIPTS**—Save your receipts from shopping at Piggly Wiggly during the month of December (Dec 1 thru Dec 30). After shopping, get your receipt stamped at the Courtesy Counter at Piggly Wiggly. Bring your receipts and place in the marked gift bags in church or at Parish office. At the end of December Piggly Wiggly will give St. Mary's 1% of the total amount turned in from your receipts.

**GIVING TREE**—Parish and Child Care Staff have compiled a wish list of items and they adorn the Giving Tree in the north entrance of church. Parishioners are invited to donate items by taking the ornament. You may give a monetary donation toward that item or purchase the item yourself and bring it to the parish office.



**MOBILE FOOD PANTRY**—Friday, December 21, the truck arrives at 9:30am; food will be distributed from 10am –11am. Help is always needed to unload, distribute food and cleanup. Food will be distributed from 10:00am-11:00am on the school playground (Bonson Street); inclement weather in school gym. Fresh produce—canned goods—breads—meat. Free—no qualifications—all welcome. Bring your own container to take food home. Mobile Food Pantry sponsored by Catholic Charities and Second Harvest.

**OUR SISTER PARISH, OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION, PORUS JAMAICA**

On January 2 through 11, I will once again lead a group of missionaries from St. Mary, St. Augustine, St. Rose and St. Patrick, 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 16. All of the money collected will be used to buy project building materials when our parishioners are in Jamaica. Each parishioner on the trip pays for their own airfare, food and lodging. Please place your check (addressed to St. Mary or St. Augustine) or cash contribution in an envelope clearly marked "Jamaica Building Material Fund". A heartfelt thank you for your past and present support of the very poor in Jamaica!  
Christ's Peace Always To You And Your Family, Deacon Bill



**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 Lutheran Church of Peace, 1345 N. Water St., Platteville.

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!

**CASH DONATIONS:** Make checks payable to "Alone for Christmas" and send to: Lutheran Church of Peace, 1345 N. Water St., Platteville, WI 53818. **BRING:** Pies, salads & cookies to the kitchen of Lutheran Church of Peace on December 24th or after 9:00 am. on Christmas Day.

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

Contact Joan Riedle to arrange for both rides and carryouts. [rriedle@gmail.com](mailto:rriedle@gmail.com) or 608-778-5461.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S**

**Sunday**—Cinnamon Rolls Sale.

**Tuesday**—Mission Sewing, 8:30am.

**Wednesday**—Study & reflection on the Sunday readings, 2pm-3pm.

See Religious Ed announcements below.

**New Funeral Palls**

A beautiful new set of white Funeral Palls, one for a casket and one for an urn, have been purchased for St. Mary's by Matt Melby. St. Mary's thanks Matt for these much needed items.

**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



Hark the herald, angels sing! A choir of angel singers are needed for the 9:00 AM Christmas Day Mass. Diane Drefcinski is willing to lead a group in music from the choir loft for the Christmas Day Mass. There will be a practice on Tuesday, December 18 at 6:30 PM in the choir loft. Young and old singers are welcome. Please contact Diane at 348-3937 if you would like to join your voice with the angels.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

Classes Wednesday, December 5th.  
Grades 1-6, 3:30pm—Grades 7-10, 7pm.  
Christmas gathering at classes.

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