

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2012

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK



Mon., Dec. 24 6:30am For Fr. Alex TLM
 8:00am +Catherine Klein
 Christmas Vigil 5:00pm +Paul Moen
 Christmas Eve 9:00pm +Major Chris Splinter
 Midnight Mass 12:00pm For Jim Stelpflug TLM (Traditional Latin Mass)

Thursdays Eucharistic Adoration

Tues. Dec. 25
 Christmas Day 9:00am +Jennifer Weigel
 12noon Hispanic Mass

Wed., Dec. 26 6:30am For Margaret Stefanowicz TLM (St. Stephen)
 8:00am +Yvonne Merkes (Anniv)

Thurs., Dec. 27 6:30am For Fr. John Del Priore TLM (St. John)
 8:00am +Richard Loberger
 10:30am Manor Care Nursing Home

Fri., Dec. 28 6:30am For Barbara Stevenson TLM (Holy Innocents)
 8:00am +Gertrude Wiederholt

Sat., Dec. 29 8:00am Joe & Nancy Hood TLM (Octave of th
WEEKEND LITURGIES

Private Reconciliation every day, one hour before each Mass.

Sat., Dec. 29 4:00pm +Ardell Craugh

Sun., Dec. 30 9:00am +Jane Marie Budden
 12 noon Hispanic Mass

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

4th Sunday of Advent

Mi 5:1-4a—Heb 10:5-10—Lk 1:39-45.

Monday—Weekday

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16—Lk 1:67-69.

Tuesday—The Nativity of the Lord.

Wednesday—St. Stephen, First Martyr

Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59.—Mt 10:17-22.

Thursday—St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

1 Jn 1:1-4—Jn 20:2-8.

Friday—Holy Innocents, martyrs

1 Jn 1:5-2:2—Mt 2:13-18.

Saturday—Weekday

1 Jn 2:3-11—Lk 2:22-35.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14—Col 3:12, 21—Lk 2:41-52.

*Wishing you abundant blessings
 this Christmas
 and through out the New Year.*



*The Parish Office will be closed
 Monday, December 24th and
 Monday, December 31st.*

REFLECTION—"You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah, too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel." (Micah 5:1)

We may think that the gifts we have to offer may be too small or too inconsequential to give to God. Today we are reminded that God brought forth His greatest gift to mankind, His own Son, through the humble town of Bethlehem. He can also accomplish great things through us if we generously offer our gifts to Him.

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 16, 2012

Weekly Envelopes.....\$3,240.00
 Immaculate Conception.....\$ 396.00
 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.

St. Augustine University Parish

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

**Saturday, Dec. 29
 4:00pm**

**Sunday, Dec. 30
 9:00am**

David Drefcinski
 John Drefcinski

Altar Servers

R.J. Schmitt
 Noah Tashner
 Gabe Tashner

Lector & Leader of Prayer

Angie Boldt
 John Pluemer

Dee Woolf
 Terry Woolf
 Lee Eggers

Sacristan

Rose Kuhn

Karla Melssen

Music Ministry

Open Ensemble

Open Ensemble

Greeters

Dave & Donna Swanson

Rob & Kelly Erickson
 Mike & Julie Tashner

Rosary Leaders

Lorraine Flogel

Joel Schaefer

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 Pantry Food Donations

Our food collection for our pantry this month will be on January 12 & 13. Here are some suggestions for needed items. Families with last names beginning with A-F might donate canned fruits or vegetables; last names from G- K pasta, rice or boxed potatoes; L-P boxed dinners (Hamburger Helper etc.), canned meat or fish and R-W, cold cereal or hot cereals (oatmeal, cream of wheat etc.), pancake mix. We hope that you can help out our pantry in this way. Thanks Linda

Recycle Fundraiser—Saint Mary Parish and Preschool will conduct a recycling fundraiser beginning in mid January. You can drop off your old cell phones, digital cameras, laptop computers, inkjet cartridges and other items in the bin in the hospitality room after Mass, or at the parish rectory or preschool. You might also see if your workplace would be willing to partner with us in this recycle venture. We will collect items through the end of April and the money raised will be donated to help make needed improvements on the St. Mary School. Recycle fundraising slips are on the tables in back of church. Thanks for your support. —Linda

Prayers for those attending the TEC Retreat at St. Peter's in Madison next week.

BAPTISM—Congratulations to Domingo Martinez Gomez and Maria Del Rosario Garcia Perez whose twins, Milena and Paula were baptized last weekend. May they always find joy in being part of God's family!

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.



HOPE HOUSE

The sign up sheet to help with the meal on Jan. 7 will be on the front entrance table at St. Mary's this weekend.

We are looking for a new coordinator as Theresa Kraemer is stepping down as coordinator of the Hope House meals after the January meal. If you are able to take on this mission, please let the parish office know. Theresa has lots of information for the new coordinator and would be happy to work with him/her for the first few months in figuring out the ropes.

THANK YOU THERESA FOR ALL OUR WORK!

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. 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!



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!

Contact Joan Riedle to arrange for both rides and carryouts. rriedle@gmail.com or 608-778-5461.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

May you have a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!!

Classes resume January 23rd.

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