

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2013

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK



Monday, Dec. 2	8:00am	† Mark & Rose Mergen	
Tuesday, Dec. 3	8:00am	Special Intention (I.M.)	
Wednesday, Dec. 4	8:00am	† Harry & Lillian Abing	
Thursday, Dec. 5	8:00am	† Ruth Hentrich	Eucharistic Adoration on Thursdays
	10:30am	Manor Care Nursing Home	
Friday, Dec. 6	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of the Hammes & Althoff Families	
Saturday, Dec. 7	8:00am	For Nicole Bishop TLM (St. Ambrose)	
WEEKEND LITURGIES			
Saturday, Dec. 7	4:00pm	Living & Deceased Members of the Trentz Family	
Sunday, Dec. 8	9:00am	† Lawrence & Grace & James Davis	
	12noon	Hispanic Mass	

1st Sunday of Advent

Is 2:1-5—Rom 13:11-14—Mt 24:37-44.

Monday: -Advent

Is 4:2-6—Mt 8:5-11.

Tuesday: St. Francis Xavier, Priest

Is 11:1-10—Lk 10:21-24.

Wednesday: St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church—Is 25:6-10a—Mt 15:29-37.

Thursday: Advent Weekday

Is 26:1-6—Mt 7:21, 24-27.

Friday: St. Nicholas, Bishop

Is 29:17-24—Mt 9:27-31.

Saturday: St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church. Is 30:19-21, 23-26—Mt 9:35; 10:1, 5a, 6-8.

2nd Sunday of Advent

Is 11:1-10—Rom 15:4-9—Mt 3:1-12.

Private Reconciliation every day, one hour before each Mass.

ST. MARY PARISH GIVING

Nov. 24, 2013

Weekly Envelopes.....\$3,120.00

Weekly Average Electronic Funds. \$1,000.00

Offertory..... \$ 280.00

Thank you for your generosity!

REFLECTION—“For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.” Matthew 24:42
Preparations for the Christmas season remind us how much we all want to be generous. We all want to give good gifts to one another. Yet, often when it comes to giving back to God our response is, “Not yet!” We put off sharing our time, talent and treasure for another day. We say we will give when we have more time or more money. Yet, none of us knows when God will come and ask for an accounting of how we used the gifts entrusted to our care. The start of Advent reminds us not to put off our stewardship. The Lord is coming!



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 St. Mary Churchh, 130 W. Cedar 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. Walk-ins welcome!

CASH DONATIONS: Make checks payable to “Alone for Christmas” and send to: St. Mary Parish, 130 W. Cedar St., Platteville, WI 53818. **BRING:** Pies, salads & cookies to the kitchen of St. Mary Parish on December 24th or on Christmas Day.

A sign up sheet is on table in back of church, if you can help in any way please sign up. Also needed is some musicians who can play the piano or guitar to do sing along Christmas music.

In-town transportation is available for those in need, as are carry-outs for the Homebound. Please call (608) 348-9735 (or email smparish@mhtc.net by December 23rd to make arrangements. Reservations are not needed. All are welcome!

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!

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 retirement needs. Your donation will help serve those who have faithfully served us! Thank you.

You're Invited! OPEN HOUSE—Wednesday, December 11

8:00-10:00am—Catholic Charities—Adult Day Center

2917 International Lane, Madison WI—Holiday Craft & Gift Market 8am-1pm

Accordion players will perform from 10am—11am.

Catholic Charities Adult Day Center provides quality care in a safe and supportive setting where participants can actively enjoy the day. Tour the center and enjoy a Continental Breakfast (parking available). Check out our new website: www.adultdaycentermadison.org.

Saturday, Dec. 7 4:00 pm		Sunday, Dec. 8 9:00am
David Drefcinski	Altar Servers	Vince Momot
John Drefcinski		Gabe Tashner
Ben Drefcinski		RJ Schmitt
Lector & Leader of Prayer		
Barbara Stevenson		Jeanette Klaas
Bob Busch		Jim Rosemeyer
		Lee Eggers
Sacristan		
Rose Kuhn		Connie McCabe
Music Ministry		
Open Ensemble		Classic Choir
Greeters		
Tammie VanNatta		Mike & Julie Tashner
Frommelt Family	Rosary	7/8 Grade boys

Christmas Food Baskets—Next weekend we will have the collection for the Christmas Baskets. Please bring some money to share.

**YOU ARE INVITED
TO THE RITE OF ORDINATION TO THE SACRED PRIESTHOOD of**

Deacon Felipe Andres Alvial
Deacon Vincente Oswaldo Salas
Deacon Jerry Onofre Zhanay

Celebrated by Most Reverend Robert Morlino, Bishop of the Diocese of Madison on
Monday, December 9th at 6:30pm —Here at St. Mary Parish
Reception following the Ceremony in the Parish Hall.

If you and your family plan to attend, please RSVP to Connie and Jerry McCabe 348-8336 or email conjer@centurytel.net. Please indicate the number attending the Mass and Reception.

Holiday Fair—Platteville United Methodist—Saturday, December 7, 8am—1pm
Lunch from 11am-1pm. — Check bulletin board for more details.

Potosi-Tennyson Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a “Back Home for Christmas” day on Saturday, Dec. 7 starting at 9am. Craft and vendor shows, look for the signs downtown Potosi.

Sinsinawa Mound—Nativities featured at Sinsinawa Art Gallery—Sinsinawa Art Gallery presents “Nativities of the World” Dec. 3, 2013–Jan. 1, 2014. This exhibit features handcrafted nativities from lands near and far including the United States. The art gallery is open 10 a.m.–5 p.m. daily. More art, gifts, and books are available in the Sinsinawa Book & Gift Gallery, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For more information, contact Michelle Till at (608) 748-4411. **Book & Gift Gallery hold**Religious Education

Holiday open house—Sinsinawa Book & Gift Gallery invites you to come to its 5th Annual Holiday Open House Saturday, Dec. 7. There will be holiday treats, door prizes and special sales. Sinsinawa Bakery items will be available, and “Nativities of the World” will be on display in the gallery. You will find gifts for any occasion.

Mound hosts holiday tea for mothers, daughters—Moms, daughters, and other loved ones of all ages are invited to Sinsinawa Mound for our 2nd annual Christmas Tea celebration, “Mother/Daughter Christmas Nativi-Tea,” Saturday, Dec. 14, 2–4 p.m. Put on your favorite holiday dresses, and, girls, bring your dolls, too! We will be offering tea, hot chocolate, canapés, and holiday desserts served on the Mound’s Heritage Collection of porcelain plates and silver services. The afternoon will also include a guided tour of the Sinsinawa Art Gallery exhibit, *Nativities of the World*. The registration deadline is Dec. 6, and the fee is \$8 for adults and \$5 for girls 12 and younger.

St. Joseph's Parish, Dodgeville—fish fry December 13th—St. Josephs Parish, Dodgeville, is having an All You Can Eat Family Style Fish Fry & Chicken Dinner, 5-7:30 pm.

Holiday Cookie & Candy Sale—Dec. 7 (after 4:30pm Mass) & Dec. 8 (after 9:00am Mass) @ Ss. Anthony & Philip Church, Highland



PRAYER NETWORK

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

Religious Education—The children in grades 1st -5th will be starting Advent off this year by putting an Advent Promise to Jesus in the manger in our Crèche. We will be learning O Come, O Come Emmanuel. On December 18 we will conclude our Advent celebration with a short set of Christmas readings and songs lead by each class. Parents are invited to attend this simple celebration beginning at 6:25 in the church hall rotunda.

We will be starting each class session in Advent by lighting our Advent candles and singing in the rotunda so if students are late to class they will be starting out in the church hall.

Religious Education Class:

Wednesday, December 4 Grades 1-5 from 6pm-7pm.

Grades 6-10 from 7:15 pm-8:30pm.

Confirmation classes are on Wednesdays from 7:15-8:30pm at St. Augustine.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Tuesday—Mission Sewing, 8:30-10:30am.

Wednesday—Discussing the upcoming Sunday Readings with Fr. Faustino, 2-3pm.
For Religious Ed News—see below.

Thursday—Sacristan meeting, 5:30pm.

CINNAMON ROLL SALE NEWS

Thanks to everyone who has been supporting the Cinnamon Roll Sale and all the helpers. Next sale will be December 15th. Anyone who would like to donate ingredients (such as powdered sugar and brown sugar, butter and flour) you may leave them in the church kitchen. Any questions give Diane a call 348-3937. For the next sale if you would like to pre-order rolls; you may bring a container with your name attached and what quantity and kind you would want and leave in the church hall kitchen by Saturday. Or give Diane a call; to call your order in. The order will be ready for you on Sunday.

ITALIAN DINNER on Friday, December 6th, Serving 5-7 pm, at St. Augustine University

Parish. Meal of Lasagna (with or without meat), Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert and Beverage. Carry Outs available. Adults \$8, Senior Citizens \$7, UWP & H.S. \$7, Children age 4 thru middle school \$5, 3 yrs & under Free. \$1.00 discount for advance ticket purchase. For tickets or more information call 348-7530.

SCRIP makes good Christmas gifts.

Also, it can be used for everyday needs such as gas, groceries, prescriptions, dining out and much more. No order is too little. Every SCRIP card earns a profit for St. Mary's. SCRIP is for sale after Masses on the weekend and in the parish office during the week.

WANTED—If any one would have a ping pong game they no longer use, please call the parish office.

Will Work for Life!—UWP Students in the new campus organization, Promoting the Gift of Life, are willing to do cleaning, yard work, and other jobs in exchange for a donation to defray costs of their Jan. 2014 pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. to attend the March for Life. Contact Lauren at 515 360 6614 or goodalel@uwplatt.edu.

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