

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2013

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK



Monday, Dec. 16	8:00am	In Thanksgiving	
Tuesday, Dec. 17	8:00am	The Oscar Haas Family	
Wednesday, Dec. 18		† Barney McDermott & Debbie McDermott Specht	
Thursday, Dec. 19	8:00am	† Joe Meloy	
	10:30am	Manor Care Nursing Home	
Friday, Dec. 20	8:00am	† Craig Abing	Eucharistic Adoration on Thursdays
Saturday, Dec. 21	8:00am	For John Kunz	TLM (BVM)
WEEKEND LITURGIES			
Saturday, Dec. 21	4:00pm	† Dean Ostendorf	Private Reconciliation every day, <u>one hour</u> before each Mass.
Sunday, Dec. 22	9:00am	† Paul Moen	
	12noon	Hispanic Mass	

3rd Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6a, 10—Jas 5:7-10—Mt 11:2-11.

Monday: Advent Weekday

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a—Mt 21:23-27.

Tuesday: Late Advent Weekday

Gn 40:2, 8-10—Mt 1:1-17.

Wednesday: Late Advent Weekday

Jer 23:5-8—Mt 1:18-25.

Thursday: Late Advent Weekday

Jgs 13:2-7—24-25a—Lk 1:5-25

Friday: Late Advent Weekday

Is 48:17-19—Mt 11:16-19.

Saturday: St. Peter Canisus, Priest & Doctor of the Church—Is 7:10-14—Lk 1:26-38.

4th Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14—Rom 1:1-7—Mt 1:18-24.

ST. MARY PARISH GIVING

Dec. 8, 2013

Weekly Envelopes.....	\$4,538.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$ 75.00
Weekly Average Electronic Funds.	\$1,000.00
Offerory.....	\$ 323.00

REFLECTION-3rd Sunday of Advent

“Go walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, and the dead are raised...” Matthew 11:4-5
When Jesus cured the sick we called it a miracle. Yet God has blessed us with many good things – our eyesight, our hearing, our talents, our health and so much more – and we often take it all for granted. The good steward recognizes every blessing in life as a miracle from God and strives to use those gifts for God’s honor and glory.



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 Church, 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 someone who can play an organ or guitar to play 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!

With Sympathy

—We extend our sympathy to the families of:
Dana Lau, whose brother-in-law, Jim Barnett died Friday, December 6;
Rose Kuhn, whose husband, Jim died Friday, December 6 and
Jeanette Klaas, whose son-in-law, Mark Taylor, died Monday, December 9.
*Eternal rest grant on to them Oh Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.*

Jamaica Building Material Collection

On January 8 through 17, I will once again lead a group of missionaries from the Platteville and Cuba City faith communities 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 21. All of the money collected will be used to buy building materials and supplies 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



Saturday, Dec. 21 4:00 pm		Sunday, Dec. 22 9:00am
David Drefcinski John Drefcinski Ben Drefcinski	Altar Servers	Gabe Tashner Joseph Vystrcil Dushan Vystrcil
	Lector & Leader of Prayer	
Angie Boldt Nekole Frommelt		Terry Woolf Christ Brunette Mark Ihm
	Sacristan	
Dan Frommelt		Jeanette Klaas
	Music Ministry	
Kim		Open Ensemble
	Greeters	
Carol Henry Linda Schmidt		Rita Eversoll Terry & Dee Woolf Drefcinski Family
	Rosary	

The Collection for Christmas Food Baskets will be taken this weekend

We would like to be able to give a \$50 certificate to each family and with your generosity this can be accomplished. Thank you.

FOOD PANTRY

Our next Mobile Food Pantry is Friday, December 20th. Help is always needed to unload, distribute food and clean up.

Food will be distributed from 10am –11am.

Fresh produce, canned goods, breads, meat.

Free—no qualifications—all welcome. Bring your own container to take food home.

A 90TH BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER

We wish Merlin Mellor a Happy 90th Birthday on December 27th.

His address is: Upland Hills Nursing, P.O. Box 800, Dodgeville WI 53533

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!

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Sunday—Homemade Cinnamon Roll Sale.

Tuesday—Mission Sewing, 8:30-10:30am.
CCW Christmas Party, 6:00pm.

Wednesday—Cemetery meeting, 10am.

Discussing the upcoming Sunday Readings
with Fr. Faustino, 2-3pm.

For Religious Ed News—see below.



Terri Lynn Nuts/Candy and St. Mary's Badger Brothers Coffee along with SCRIP will be for sale after all the weekend Masses. The items make nice Christmas gifts. Thank you!!

The Madison Diocesan Choir will present its popular Festival of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 22 at 4 p.m. at the Bishop O'Connor Catholic Pastoral Center in Madison. Bishop Robert Morlino will preside. All are invited and admission is free. Please bring a non-perishable food item to share with the Catholic Multicultural Center food pantry. The Choir will repeat this program on Saturday, January 4, the Vigil of the Epiphany, at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Cross Plains, with Fr. Tom Kelley presiding. Lessons and Carols in Cross Plains will begin at 3:30 p.m. The choir also will provide music for the 5 p.m. Saturday evening Mass. For more information, go to www.diocesanchoir.org.

Church Family Movie Night - Millennium Cinema is please to announce, through a partnership with Christie Digital and Mountaintop Entertainment, Church Family Movie Night. Every Tuesday , Thursday and Sunday evening the Millennium Cinema will present family friendly, faith based films. Every two weeks we will feature a new film. Please visit Statheatres.com for more details or click at <http://churchfamilymovienights.com/trailers.html>

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PRAYER NETWORK

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

Spaghetti Dinner

December 15 from 6-8pm at St. Augustine University Parish.

All proceeds will help send 7 students from PGL to the March for Life in January.



CCW CHRISTMAS PARTY—This year's Christmas Party will be Tuesday, December 17th at 6pm featuring a dessert gathering. Ladies are asked to bring their favorite dessert. Snacks, beverages and table service will be provided. A short meeting will follow. All ladies are welcome.

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 18 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.