

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2013

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, Dec. 23	8:00am	† Mary and Arnie Schneider
Tuesday, Dec. 24	8:00am	† Bob Klaas
Christmas Eve Dec. 24	5:00pm	Living & Deceased Members of the Ernest & Gertrude Reese Family & Family & † Major Chris Splinter
Christmas Day Dec. 25	12:00am	Midnight Mass
	9:00am	† Clarence Dieter
	12 noon	Hispanic Mass
Thursday, Dec. 26	8:00am	† Yvonne Merkes
	10:30am	Manor Care Nursing Home
Friday, Dec. 27	8:00am	Living & Deceased Members of the Hammes & Althoff Families
Saturday, Dec. 28	8:00am	† Dorothy Kunz TLM (The Holy Innocents)
Saturday, Dec. 28	4:00pm	† Bill Van Natta
Sunday, Dec. 29	9:00am	† Mark Osterholz
	12noon	Hispanic Mass

No Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday, December 26

Private Reconciliation every day, one hour before each Mass.

4th Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14—Rom 1:1-7—Mt 1:18-24.

Monday: St. John of Kanty
Mal 3:1-4. 23-24—Lk 1:57-66.

Tuesday: Late Advent Weekday
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16—Lk 1:67-79.

Wednesday: Christmas

Thursday: St. Stephen, the First Martyr
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59.—Mt 10:17-22.

Friday: St. John, Apostle & Evangelist
1 Jn 1:1-4—Jn 20:1a, 2-8.

Saturday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
1 Jn 1:5; 2:2—Mt 2:13-18.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph
Sir 3:2-6. 12-14—Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17—Mt 2:13-15, 19-23



ST. MARY PARISH GIVING

Dec. 15, 2013

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

Thank you for your generosity!

The Parish Office will close Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24 at noon And will be closed until Monday, December 30th



4th Sunday in Advent

REFLECTION *"The Lord's are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it. For he founded it upon the sea and established it upon the rivers." Psalm 24:1-2*

How can we take credit for the good things in our lives when Psalm 24 reminds us that God created absolutely everything and everyone on the earth? Surely we all have an obligation to return a portion of our good fortune.

With Sympathy—We extend our sympathy to the family of Leroy (Marlene) Jones, whose brother, Ronnie, died Tuesday, December 10. *Eternal rest grant on to him Oh Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.*

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!

Saturday, Dec. 28 4:00 pm		Sunday, Dec. 29 9:00am
Max Frommelt	Altar Servers	Noah Tashner
Mic Frommelt		Vince Momot
Dushan Vystroil		RJ Schmitt
	Lector & Leader of Prayer	
Bob Busch		Jessica Clifton
John Pluemer		Jeanette Klaas
		Jim Rosemeyer
	Sacristan	
Rose Kuhn		Connie McCabe
	Music Ministry	
Kim & Open Ensemble		Classic Choir
	Greeters	
		Connie Powers
		Cynthia Powers
		Jan Siegert
Barbara Stevenson	Rosary	Jeanette Klaas

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

CHILDREN

The 5:00pm Christmas Eve Mass begins with our children hanging an ornament on the children's tree in the front of the church. All children are encouraged to make or bring an ornament to hang on the tree at this time. The procession up to the tree begins before Mass starts so please arrive at least seven minutes before 5:00 p.m. and meet in the back of church with your ornament. Just in case you forget your ornament we have candy canes to hang on the tree. Parents can process up with small children if necessary.



Come early music begins at 4:30.

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!



PRAYER NETWORK

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

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!
Classes resume January 15th!

*Let us rejoice and be merry,
for there must be no sadness or
mourning
on the birth day of Life.*

St. Augustine University Parish

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

8pm English Mass

Christmas Day

10:30am English Mass



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 [Statetheatres.com](http://churchfamilymovienights.com/trailers.html) for more details or click at <http://churchfamilymovienights.com/trailers.html>



HOPE HOUSE

The Hope House Volunteer list will be in St. Augustine's for the week of December 15 and in St. Mary's for the period December 22 to January 5.

Volunteers may also call Walt at 348-9928.

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