

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2014

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, Dec. 1	8:00am	† Geraldine Dieter
Tuesday, Dec. 2	8:00am	† Ruth Hentrich
Wednesday, Dec. 3	8:00am	† Jeanette & Donald Fritz and Maynard Reisen
	10:30am	Perpetual Care Adoration, Fennimore Manor Care Nursing Home
Thursday, Dec. 4	9:00am	† Rick Even
Friday, Dec. 5	8:00am	† Wilma Leamy
	11:00am	Perpetual Care Adoration, Fennimore Park Place
Saturday, Dec. 6	8:00am	† Perpetual Care Adoration, Fennimore (TLM)
WEEKEND LITURGIES		
Saturday, Dec. 6	4:00pm	† Murt & David Shea
Sunday, Dec. 7	9:00am	† Lawrence, Grace & James Davis
	12 noon	Misa



*1st Sunday
in Advent*

REFLECTION—"Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come." - Mark 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. Our lives are so busy, many of us are planning our time - our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, everyday, and listen to what God is saying to you.

Private Reconciliation—every day, one hour before each Mass & Thursdays after morning Mass until 9:30am.

Eucharistic Adoration on Thursdays beginning after 8am Mass and concluding with Rosary and Benediction at 8pm.

CHRISTMAS DECORATION DONATIONS

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!

SCRIP—Just a reminder that the holidays are approaching and 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.

Plan ahead and pre-order all cards that you may need for the holidays so that they will be here in time for your gift giving.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Mass Schedule for Monday, December 8

St. Mary

7am & 12:10pm & 7pm.

St. Augustine

6:30am (TLM) & 5:30pm

Looking for additional singers for the Youth Choir. Must be 3rd grade or older and able to read music. Available to sing on Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. Mass. Call Dana at 348-9134.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

1st Sunday of Advent

Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7—1 Cor 1:3-9
Mk 13:33-37.

Monday: Is 2:1-5—Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10—Lk 10:21-24.

Wednesday: St. Francis Xavier, Priest
Is 25:6-10a—Mt 15:29-37.

Thursday: St. John Damascene, Priest
Is 26:1-6—Mt 7:21, 24-27.

Friday: Is 29:17-24—Mt 9:27-31.

Saturday: St. Nicholas, Bishop
Is 30:19-21, 23-26—Mt 9:35; 10:1, 5a, 6-8.

2nd Sunday of Advent

Is 40:1-5, 9-11—2 Pt 3:8-14—Mk 1:1-8



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

ST. MARY PARISH GIVING

November 23, 2014

Weekly Envelopes.....\$ 3,334.00

Offertory.....\$ 396.00

Weekly Average Electronic Funds \$ 900.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Saturday, Dec. 6 4:00 pm		Sunday, Dec. 7 9:00am
Max Frommelt	Altar Servers	Vince Momot
Mic Frommelt		Joseph Vystroil Dushan Vystroil
Lector & Leader of Prayer		
Barbara Stevenson		Sue Momot Jim Rosemeyer
Nekole Frommelt		Dee Woolf
Sacristan		
Rose Kuhn		Connie McCabe
Musicians		
Kim & Youth		Classic Choir
Greeters		
Carol Henry		Rita Eversoll Jan Siegert
Rosary		
Barbara Stevenson		Ave Vystroil

Mini-Retreat at St. Mary's-

Join us for a morning of prayer on Wednesday, December 17th.

The day begins with Mass at 8:00 am and is followed by a short time of fellowship with juice and rolls. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at 9:00 am. and we will enjoy both private prayer and communal prayer. A short reflection will be given by Fr. Faustino. The retreat ends at noon with Benediction and everyone is welcome to join us for lunch at a local restaurant. Advent is a beautiful time to spend more time with our Lord Jesus. Please contact Ruth Becker at 563/580-3565 or Trina Hingtgen at 563/543-0089.

Christmas Basket Outreach

The envelopes for the Christmas basket collection are on the tables in the back of church.

Any money that is over and above what we need for these gifts will be added to our Outreach Fund. Just to give you an idea about our outreach, this is how the Outreach Fund money was used from July 1, 2014 through October, 2014. We helped a total of 62 families/individuals with \$250 in food vouchers, \$870 in gas vouchers, \$250 for lodging, \$140 in security deposits and \$250 in utilities.

Your generous monetary donations make it possible for us to continue to help area residents and the homeless that come to our door. Linda

HOPE HOUSE—The sign-up sheet for Hope House December 1st meal will be at St. Mary's from November 23 to 30. You can email Walt or call him any time to volunteer waltwis@centurytel.net

Outside Christmas Decorations

St. Mary's is looking for someone to put up the outside Christmas decorations around the church and rectory. We have the lights and other decorations. This would also involve taking down the decorations after Christmas. Please call the parish office (348-9735) if you can help do this.

Holy Name Breakfast at St. Joseph's Parish, Sinsinawa, WI
Sunday, November 23 8:30-12:00. Sponsored by Holy Name Society

First English Lutheran Church is hosting the ALONE FOR CHRISTMAS DINNER this year. Each church is asked to help supply certain items. The sign up sheet is in back of church. The dinner is served at 12 noon on December 25th.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU..... to everyone who helped make the Annual Christmas Bazaar a success.

The Raffle Winners are: Bob Schmidt (Quilt); Darlene Langkamp (\$100 SCRIP Gift Certificate); Madeline Wall (Cathedral Window with Christmas Décor); Joan Ostendorf (Snowman Painting on Window); Lorraine Hottenstein (Warco Gift Certificate); Helen Jenkins (Large Christmas wall hanging); Jean Bussan (Pair of large Santas); Tilly Weigel (\$250 Cash).

Religious Education News
Classes resume this week.

Classes Wednesday:
Grades 1-5 (6-7pm) —Grades 6-11 (7:15-8:25pm).

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Monday—Hope House Meal

KC Monthly meeting.

Wednesday—Cemetery meeting, 10am.

Bible Study, 2:30pm.

Religious Education see below.

Friday—First Friday.

Father Faustino will be facilitating session on "How to Pray" 6:30-7:30pm in the church hall. All are welcome.

Sunday—Second Sunday of Advent

PASTORAL COUNCIL COLUMN

Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it... (Ps. 127)

The other day, I was reading a letter from Dr. Scott Hahn. He began by posing the question:

"How do you change the world? Some would say through politics. Others through military might. And they're right. Governments do change the world. So do armies. But they don't heal worlds. They don't make broken people whole.

"In our culture, many people have forgotten that. They've placed their trust in the wrong people and hoped in the wrong things. And the results? More brokenness and more despair."

Then I read these paragraphs from Reclaiming Catholic Social Teaching by Anthony Esolen:

"How else can we presume to bind people in a real society, with the felt bonds of brotherhood, outside of the Church of Jesus Christ? Peace on earth is not to be had without recourse to the Prince of Peace. Unity — as opposed to uniformity, conformity, conglomeration — derives from the Sacrament of Unity.

"Some there are, says Leo [Pope Leo, 1878-1903], who, when they hear the Pope recommend the Eucharist as the solution for the troubles of our times, will turn aside with 'a certain peevish disgust.' But that is only the result of pride, which darkens the mind and hardens the heart....

"Our society, said the Pope, is astray, wayward, out of the right road. It must return to the Way, if it is to recover the way. For the Christian faith leavens both the individual and the society: 'It assuages sorrow, it calms hatred, it engenders heroes.' The Church 'has freed humanity from the yoke of slavery in preaching to the world the great law of equality and human fraternity.' This equality... is not ideological or political, but reaches to the core of man's being and demands reverence" (reproduced with permission from sophia institute.com).

Jesus is the builder of our house. Without Him, our efforts are in vain. We must give our lives to Him, and come to know Him through the true teachings and traditions of His Church.

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