

# SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2014

## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, Dec. 22	8:00am	† Emmerich Auer
Tuesday, Dec. 23	8:00am	† Cletus Wunderlin
Wednesday, Dec. 24	8:00am	† Mark Taylor
	10:30am	For a Happy Holy Death of Jerome K. Nicpon Manor Care
Christmas Eve	5:00pm	† William Hying
Midnight Latin Mass	Midnight	For Father Alfonso Galvez
Christmas Day	9:00am	† Major Chris Splinter
	12noon	Misa
Friday, Dec. 26	8:00am	† Rosalyn Apple
	11:00am	For a Happy Holy Death of Bernadine A. Nicpon Park Place
Saturday, Dec. 27	8:00am	For Fr. John Del Priore (TLM)
<b>WEEKEND LITURGIES</b>		
Saturday, Dec. 27	4:00pm	† Jim Kuhn
Sunday, Dec. 28	9:00am	† Katherine Rosemeyer
	12 noon	Misa



**REFLECTION**—"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!"  
– Luke 1:28



grace.

Faith is a gift from God. During this Christmas season take time in silence and pray to God. Thank Him for all the gifts He has given you. Try to set aside any anger or resentment you have and really open your heart to receive the gift of God's

**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.

Bulletin deadline for Sunday, December 28th bulletin is Monday, December 22nd at 10am.

The Parish Office will be closed  
Wednesday, December 24th until  
Monday, December 29th.

*Wishing you a very blessed Christmas!*



### St. Augustine Christmas Mass Schedule

Dec. 24— 8pm (English)  
Dec. 25— 10:30am (English)

**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!

### St. Stephen's feast day is December 26th.

Stephen's name means "crown" and he was the first disciple of Jesus to receive the martyr's crown. Stephen was a deacon in the early Christian Church. God worked many miracles through St. Stephen.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**4th Sunday of Advent:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16—Rom 16:25-27—Lk 1:26-38.

**Monday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28—Lk 1:46-56.

**Tuesday:** St. John of Kanty, Priest  
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24—Lk 1:57-66.

**Wednesday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16  
Lk 1:67-79.

**Christmas Day:** Is 62:11-12—Ti 3:4-7  
Lk 2:15-20.

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

**Saturday:** St. John, Apostle and Evangelist  
1 Jn 1:1-4—Jn 20:1a and 2-8.

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**  
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14—Col 3:12-21—Lk 2:22-40.



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

December 14, 2014

Weekly Envelopes.....\$ 3,159.00  
Immaculate Conception.....\$ 130.00  
Offertory.....\$ 399.00  
Immaculate Conception.....\$ 195.00  
Weekly Average Electronic Funds \$ 900.00

**Thank you for your generosity!**

### With Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of Frank Venturelli, who died last week. Eternal rest grant on to him Oh Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

**Saturday, Dec. 27**  
4:00 pm

David Drefcinski  
John Drefcinski  
Ben Drefcinski

**Altar Servers**

**Sunday, Dec. 28**  
9:00am

Jerrison Faulkner  
Gabe Tashner  
Garrison Tashner

### Lector & Leader of Prayer

Christine Del Priore

Dee Woelf

Barbara Stevenson

Greg Merrick  
Jim Rosemeyer

### Sacristan

Rose Kuhn

Linda Hess

### Musicians

Kim & Youth

Classic Choir

### Greeters

Carolyn Henry

Connie Powers  
Cynthia Powers

### Rosary

Rose Kuhn

Joel Schaefer

**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 dinner with all the trimmings at 12 noon on Christmas Day at First English Lutheran Church 215 Pine Street. The church is handicap accessible. 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 for those in need, as are carry-outs for the home-bound. Please call the parish office (348-3022) or email felcoffice@centurytel.net by December 23rd to make arrangements. Reservations are not necessary. All are welcome.

**Please check the bulletin board for the items our parish is responsible for.**



*"And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy--the Son of God.""*  
[Luke 1:35]

**PASTORAL COUNCIL COLUMN**

**Itching Ears**

"For there shall be a time when they will not endure sound doctrine; but, according to their own desires, they will heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears" (2 Timothy 4:3).

And what teachings exactly will these "itching ears" long to hear? Itching ears long to hear startling and permissive ideas that contradict the dreary old ones. They wish to hear:

That there is neither up nor down, good nor bad. It all depends on where you are standing.

That man can decide his own morality, because morality is what feels right to the individual.

That man cannot know the truth... indeed, there is no objective truth to be known.

That gender is merely a matter of plumbing that can be changed to fit our mood.

That marriage between one man and one woman is a cultural prejudice, and it is hurtful to those who do not accept "normative gender roles."

Against these inversions stands the Church of Jesus Christ. His truth does not tickle our ears: it pierces our hearts (Acts 2:37).

But what about this truth? Is it old and dusty? By no means! As Chesterton points out, it is so new that we are running as fast as we can to try to catch up to it. It is so new that most hearers will turn away, preferring the world of sin and death. But to those who can hear, the truth has "the words of eternal life" (John 6:68).

Those who "will not endure sound doctrine," think that they are advanced, smart, and courageous for staring down tradition. They catch hold of each latest notion for its emotional or intellectual excitement, and adopt whatever scratches their own particular itch. But they, ultimately, are embracing death.

As Christmas approaches, let us rejoice in the knowledge that Jesus Christ is our promised Messiah. Should we find ourselves in a position where we cannot tell up from down – and, Lord knows, just reading the daily news can be like that – we should remain confident that Jesus Christ is our foundation, our goal, and our path. Praise God!

**CHRISTMAS EVE 5PM MASS**

A beautiful Christmas prelude begins at 4:30.

**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.

Please meet in the back of church with your ornaments at about 4:55.



**2015 Frassati Fest – Registration is open!**

Frassati Fest is just around the corner – taking place from Jan. 30 – Feb. 1 at the Kalahari Resort in the Wisconsin Dells! We have an incredible speaking team in store for the youth of the Diocese – with favorites from years past joining together with local stars from Camp Gray and Love Begins Here. All of the information is up to date [on the web](#).

If you have questions about registering your teens as a Parish group, just e-mail Lindsay ([lindsay.becher@straphael.org](mailto:lindsay.becher@straphael.org)).

Individual sign ups are available at [www.tinyurl.com/FrassatiFest](http://www.tinyurl.com/FrassatiFest).

**Jamaica Building Material Collection**

On 21 through 30 January 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 this Sunday. 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

**Today, Sunday December 21 about 4pm.....5 or 6 people are needed to help replace some of the light bulbs in church. If you could help out it would be very much appreciated!**

 **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.

**Religious Education News**  
**No Classes this week. Classes will resume on January 14, 2015.**  
Happy Holidays!

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