

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, December 26, 2021

## Parish Staff:

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## Office Hours: 9-1 Monday—Friday

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## Mass Schedule

Sat.— 5:30 pm Mass  
Thurs.— 8:30 am Mass

## Reconciliation:

Before Mass or by Appointment

**Sacrament of Baptism** – Baptisms are celebrated during the Saturday 5:30p.m. Mass. Please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

**Marriages** – Diocesan Policy require at least a six month preparation process. Couples who are planning to marry should speak directly with the Pastor before setting a date. No Weddings are scheduled on Sundays.

**Hospitalized Parishioners** – Due to a change in the privacy law, Father cannot go to the hospital and ask for a list of parishioners for him to visit. As a patient, you must ask the hospital to notify the Rectory that you are requesting a visit. For our homebound parishioners, if you would like Father to visit, please call the Rectory and Father will be more than happy to come and visit you. Thank you!

## Mass Intentions:

**12/24/21 Fri. 5:30pm Christmas Eve—For Parishioners**  
**12/25/21 Sat. No Mass**  
12/30/21 Thurs. +Arnold Fritz (M/ M Phil Villari)  
+Mary Jo Murphy  
1/1/22 Sat. 5:30pm +Lucille Christensen (Altar & Rosary)

**Remember in Prayer** our deceased relatives and friends, the ill of our parish and community, nursing home residents, the homeless, hungry and unemployed, those living alone and our own special intentions we hold deep in our hearts. Keep in prayer all men and women serving our country, the injured and those being held prisoners. Let us not forget all men and women who gave up their lives so that we may live in freedom and peace!

## Liturgical Schedule for Lectors

12/24/21 Fri. 5:30 pm-Lector-Mary K.  
1/1/22 Sat. 5:30 pm-Lector-Bridget



**Holy Father's Intention for the month of December:** *General Intention:* Catechists. Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

## Weekly Income:

Sunday Collection \$ 350.00

Your Offering is most appreciated!

## Prayers for Sick

Heidi Ehrhardt, Donna Masching, Debbie Turner, and Michael Mullen

**Welcome!** We welcome all new individuals, couples and families to St. Mary's Parish. If you haven't already done so, please register with the rectory office. Registration forms can be found on the bulletin board or on our website swkrcatholics.org Thank you!

No Mass on Saturday, December 25th.

The Parish Office will be closed on December 30th & 31st.

January 1st—Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God. This is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

St. Mary's will be collecting new or slightly used mittens, scarves, and hats for the winter season from **December through January 1<sup>st</sup>**. If you would like to donate something, please put them into the marked box placed in the back of the Church. We will be donating the collected items to Catholic Charities in Kankakee for distribution among needy families. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity and warm hearts!

Dear brothers and sisters, God became man; he came to dwell among us. God is not distant: he is "Emmanuel", God-with-us. He is no stranger: he has a face, the face of Jesus. Merry Christmas to All of you! Fr. Stanley

**2022 Offering envelopes** are available. If you do not see a box with your name on it, please call the office and we will be happy to provide a box to you. In order to receive a tax statement, you will need to use a box of envelopes.

**Feast of the Holy Family** – We begin to understand Christian Stewardship in our families. We are called to live out the great commandments of loving God and loving our neighbor. The family is God's holy ground in which we strengthen each individual born in His image and likeness. May all families, always strive to live lives of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience and forgiveness as children of God.

Our Church looks beautiful thanks to our parishioners for taking the time to decorate and those parishioners for making donations towards our Christmas Poinsettias.

**I Said a Prayer for You at Christmas-** I said a special prayer for you, As Christmas Day drew near, That God would bless you richly Throughout the coming year. I did not ask for Him to send You gifts of worldly wealth; But prayed that He would fill your life With peace and joy and health. I asked that you would know His love; Be comforted in strife; Seed wisdom and His guidance, and have abundant live. God sent His Son at Christmas, That happiest of days, And most of all I pray that you Will walk with Him always.

**The Nativity of the Lord [Christmas], Solemnity, Saturday, 25 December 2021 Vigil Mass:** Isaiah 62:1-5. Psalm 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29. Acts 13:16-17, 22-25. Matthew 1:1-25. **Mass during the Night:** Isaiah 9:1-6. Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13. Titus 2:11-14. Luke 2:1-14. **Mass at Dawn:** Isaiah 62:11-12. Psalm 97:1, 6, 11-12. Titus 3:4-7. Luke 2:15-20. **Mass during the Day:** Isaiah 52:7-10. Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6. Hebrews 1:1-6. John 1:1-18. **Today.** This first coming of Jesus is the promise that this Christ will come again. He is with us now – but also coming at some unknown time to complete all things in the perfect Reign and Kingdom of God. Today we marvel over God's good grace. How will I behave with family and friends because Jesus Christ is with me and us today?

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Feast – Sunday, 26 December 2021** 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28. Psalm 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10. 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24. Luke 2:22-40. **Family Life.** Even the pre-teen Jesus astonishes and worries his parents as they fret over their child! Those of us who are parents know this stress. But all of us, even us aged ones, are still children of God, dearly loved and called to be obedient. How will I obey God this day? What commandment will I keep? What mercy work will I do?

