



# ST. MARY

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

*St. Mary Mission Statement:*  
To be companions with Christ  
our Savior

Sunday Masses  
Saturday Vigil -5:30pm  
Lord's Day -8:30am & 10:30am

Sacrament of Forgiveness  
(Confession)  
Sat. 4-5pm or by appointment  
Sun. 8:00-8:25 am

December 15, 2019

Third Sunday  
of Advent

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9am-4:30pm; Fri.: 9-12:30 pm  
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Bill & Carrie Weber – 212-0137

**Legion of Mary- President**  
Steve Holub – 316-836-7822

**Knights of Columbus**  
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**Parish School of Religion**  
Mandy Casey-(620) 200-7278



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending  
my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way  
before you.” - Mt 11:10

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### Adoration Chapel

**Open Hours:**  
**Tuesday: 10am**  
**Thursday: 1am**  
**Friday: 3pm & 8pm**  
**Saturday: 1am**

**Mass Schedule This Week:**  
**Tuesday: 5:30pm; Wednesday,**  
**Thursday and Friday: 8am**  
**Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 9-4:30**  
**Friday: 9-12:30pm**



# Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday	Dec. 17
5:30 p.m.	✠Dolores McNeill
Wednesday	Dec. 18
8:00 a.m.	Aleah Carson
Thursday	Dec. 19
8:00 a.m.	Barbara Bunting
Friday	Dec. 20
8:00 a.m.	✠Roger Baer
Saturday	Dec. 21, St. Peter Canisius
8:00a.m.	Charlene Fitzmorris
5:30p.m.	✠Juanito (Johnny) Buniao
Sunday	Dec. 22, Third Sunday of Advent
8:30a.m.	✠Duane Haxton
10:30a.m.	People of the Parish

Please Pray For our Home-Bound & Care Home Parishioners:

Geraldine Adkins	Gertrude Mahoney	Lois Silvernale
Carmen Alvarado	Stella Miller	Virginia Schierling
Charmaine	Sara Quinones	Sharon Story
DeMezza	Bryan Sahlfeld	Ethel Wetschensky

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

A warm welcome to our newest members & families:  
*Trent & Erin Shepherd and children James, Elizabeth, Abigail & Stella*

## Stewardship Message—Empowered! “Fully Alive as Missionary Disciples”

Third Sunday of Advent  
Is 35:1-6A, 10 Jas 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11

“Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord” (James 5:7). This is the point in Advent when we might begin to grow impatient. We are halfway there and it is likely that Christmas celebrations are already beginning. Resist the urge! Slow down, quiet your mind, and seek Jesus in the silence. Seek Him in prayer. Seek Him in the Eucharist. Seek Him in Adoration and in the Holy Mass. The world is noisy and impatient, and it has been pushing Christmas at us for weeks now. Don’t give in to the temptation to bypass the Advent season! “Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand” (James 5:8). Enjoy the WAIT!

## Parish Events

**DAILY MASS: Tues: 5:30pm; Wed—Fri: 8am**

**Scheduled this week:**

Tuesday: Fr. Voelker class on Joel/Hosea 7:30-9:00-PC; SMCS Christmas Program, 6:45pm

Wednesday: PSR-6:30; CYM-7pm

Thursday: Legion of Mary-6:30; RCIA-7pm ; SVdP 7pm-PC; SMCS 8th grade play-6pm

Friday: Family Home Rosary (316) 570-7455 for info

### ST. MARY SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

The Scholastic Book Fair will open Tuesday, December 10th and close on Thursday, December 19th. Come on by to purchase some great books for Christmas!

Our music program will be held on Tuesday, December 17th starting at 6:45 PM. All are welcome!

Our 8th Grade Play will present "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe" on Thursday, December 19th at 7:00 PM. All are welcome!

St. Mary Catholic School will be closed from Friday, December 20th at 12:30 PM until Monday, January 6th for Christmas break. Merry Christmas!

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights will be serving an all-u-can-eat breakfast, Sunday, December 15th from 8am to 11am at St. Mary’s in the gym. The proceeds to benefit St. Vincent de Paul Society. Biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, hash browns, coffee-milk-or juice. \$6.00 dine in or carry out.

The Knights of Columbus will be serving a Pork Chili Supper, Saturday, January 4th from 4pm to 7:30pm at OLG in the parish hall. The proceeds to benefit Seminarian Matt Dollecek and Seminarian Joseph Mick. The menu: pork chili, rice, beans, tortillas, dessert and drink. The cost: \$7.00 large plate, \$4.50 small plate. Dine in or carry out.

### EARLY BULLETIN SUBMISSION TIMES:

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29th is due Dec. 18th.**

**SUNDAY, JAN. 5th is due Dec. 27TH**

### Our Gifts to God & Parish

Fiscal Year: July 2019-June 2020

Collections for: **Dec. 8, 2019**

*Regular collection.....	\$ 10,491.95
Children’s collection.....	\$ <u>84.80</u>
	\$ 10,576.75
Building Fund....	\$ 1,024.00
Budget per week is.....	\$ 15,186.92

Collections year-to-date compared to budget through Dec. 8, 2019..... \$ (14,265.96)

**Your contributions are appreciated! If you are behind, please make every effort to catch up and do your part. Thank you**  
~Fr. Voelker

## DOCTRINAL SECTION

In this Advent Season we shall be granted once again to experience the closeness of the One who created the world, who guides history and who cared for us to the point of deigning to become a man. This great and fascinating mystery of the God-with-us, indeed, of the God who becomes one of us, is what we shall celebrate in the coming weeks journeying towards holy Christmas. During the Season of Advent we shall feel the Church which takes us by the hand and — in the image of Mary Most Holy, expresses her motherhood, enabling us to experience the joyful expectation of the coming of the Lord, who embraces us all in his love that saves and consoles. While our hearts look forward to the annual celebration of Christ's Birth, the Church's Liturgy directs our gaze to the final goal: our encounter with the Lord who will come in the splendour of glory. For this reason in every Eucharist we "announce his death, proclaim his Resurrection until he comes again", we watch in prayer. The Liturgy does not cease to encourage and support us, putting on our lips, in the days of Advent, the cry with which the whole of Sacred Scripture ends, on the last page of the Revelation to St John: "Come, Lord Jesus" (22:20). Precisely, the beginning of the Liturgical Year helps us live anew the expectation of God who took flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary, God who makes himself little, who becomes a child; it speaks to us of the coming of a God who is close, who chose to experience human life from the very beginning in order to save it totally, in its fullness. And so the mystery of Lord's Incarnation and the beginning of human life are closely and harmoniously connected and in tune with each other in the one saving plan of God, the Lord of the life of each and everyone.

~Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

### CHURCH DECORATING!!

Please join us in decorating the church after 10:30 Mass on Dec. 22nd. Many hands make light work!! Any and all help is greatly appreciated!!

### STEWARDSHIP PACKETS 2020

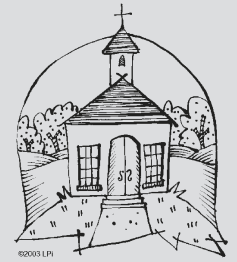
Please pick up your packet in the back of church. Any packets not picked up this weekend must be picked up at the parish office.

Readings for the week of December 15, 2019  
Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/ Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 [Is 35:4]/Jas 5:7-10/  
Mt 11:2-11  
Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt  
21:23-27  
Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17  
Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt  
1:18-25  
Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17  
[cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25  
Friday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and  
10b]/Lk 1:26-38  
Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a;  
3a]/Lk 1:39-45  
Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/ Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom  
1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

## Parish Information

### Communion to the Sick

If you are unable to attend Mass due to age, illness, or are recovering from surgery, call the parish office so that Communion may be brought to you.



### Bulletin Deadline

Must be submitted in writing no later than 10am on Tue.

### Religious Education Class Times (PSR)

Grades 1st- 8th - Wednesday 6:30 - 7:40pm Mandy Casey (620) 200-7278

### Catholic Youth Ministry (CYM)

Wednesday: 7pm; Grades 9-12 Greg & Resa Davenport/Bill & Carrie Weber.

### Perpetual Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Chapel is located at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 415 S. Ash. If interested in a permanent hour call coordinator, Lettie Kruse at 727-1200 or 283-0026.

### Rosary Prayer Line

To activate, call Michelle Stump at 620-386-0421 or if she is not available call both Barbara Fayette 283-6467 & Lou Kuestersteffen 283-6414 to activate both prayer lines.

### Welcome/Registering

Welcome to St. Mary's Catholic Parish. Please register by calling or dropping by the parish office. Please keep us informed of changes of names, addresses, numbers, etc.

### Interested in the Catholic Faith

A warm invitation is extended to non-Catholics to attend any of our religious services. They are particularly invited to learn more about the beliefs and practices of the Catholic Church. For more information, call the parish office at 316-282-0459, or Mark Frazier at 316-727-6287.

## Information About Sacraments

### Sacrament of Baptism

Parents are required to be registered in the parish. Call the parish office to make arrangements.

### Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

In an emergency of serious illness, if sick and confined to a home, entering a hospital or local nursing home - please notify the rectory.

### Sacrament of Forgiveness (Confession)

Sat. 4:00 -5:00 p.m. Tuesday 5:00-5:20 p.m. and Sunday at 8:00-8:25 a.m. Any time by appointment.

### Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples intending to enter into Christian Marriage are asked to call the parish office for an appointment. The first appointment must be scheduled at least nine months prior to the proposed date of marriage.



### St. Vincent DePaul Society Third Sunday of Advent

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that the good news can be seen, touched felt and heard through the lives of God's people. We are now charged to take up the ministry of Jesus's, but we can't just ask people to take our word for it; our actions must speak for us. Since Christmas is a time of love and gift giving, please share in Jesus ministry by giving a monetary gift to your St. Vincent de Paul Society so that those who are poor can know the good news of Jesus. Donations can be left in the collection baskets at Mass or dropped off at the parish office.



Adult choir is meeting on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 in the choir loft. We are working on Christmas music!! We are looking for more singers: bass, tenor, alto and sopranos. If you're unsure but want to try singing, join us! Several of our members don't read music and are still learning the music. Looking forward to Christmas music and new members for the choir.

### The National Alliance on Mental Illness

The National Alliance on Mental Illness local affiliate group, NAMI Mid Kansas, will conduct the NAMI Family-to-Family Education Program specifically for families affected by mental illness. The 12 weekly sessions will begin in Newton on Monday, January 6 and end on March 24, 2020. Persons may join the class as late as the third session. The classes will meet every Monday from 6:30p.m. to 9:00p.m. at Newton Nazarene Church, 1000 N. Main in Newton. The course will cover information about schizophrenia, the mood disorders (bipolar disorder and major depression), panic disorder, obsessive compulsive disorder, borderline personality disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder; coping skills such as handling crisis and relapse; basic information about medications; listening and communication techniques; problem-solving skills, and self care around worry and stress. Look for pamphlets in the back of church.

### New to the Parish?

Welcome to St. Mary's Parish, we are pleased to have you join us in worship. If you would like to join the parish please complete the information below and return it to us in the collection basket, or by mail. We will send you registration information or you may come by the parish office and register.

Welcome and God Bless!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

### Liturgical Role

#### Altar Servers

Wed. 12/18 8:00am L. Littlejohn, A. Segura, L. Maxwell  
Thur. 12/19 8:00am C. Marsden, E. Romero, A. Cox  
Fri. 12/20 8:00am G. Navarro, A. Salas, D. DeLeon  
Sat. 12/21 5:30pm Wilson Eustace, Alex & Luke Littlejohn  
Sun. 12/22 8:30am David & Pat. Graham, A. O'Halloran  
Sun. 12/22 10:30am Andrew Guyer, Ryan & Jacob Antle  
Dylan Petz \*Dominic

#### Greeters & Gift Bearers

Sat. 12/21 5:30pm Steven Rusche family  
Sun. 12/22 8:30am Marshall & Linda Kendrick  
Sun. 12/22 10:30am Don & Shelly Hageman

#### Cantor/Accompanist

Sat. 12/21 5:30pm M. Eustace, E. Herdler  
Sun. 12/22 8:30am B. Nguyen, S. Koerner  
Sun. 12/22 10:30am J. Damon, E. Stabler

#### Lector

Sat. 12/21 5:30pm Sylvia Yoder, Richard Mick  
Sun. 12/22 8:30am Betty Lanzrath, Monica Davis  
Sun. 12/22 10:30am Carrol Langenhorst, David Englestad

#### Sacristans

Weekday—Dec. 17-21—Dixie Pomeroy  
Sat. 12/21 5:30pm Charlotte Gehrer  
Sun. 12/22 8:30am Paula Blann  
Sun. 12/22 10:30am Mary Ann Bruggeman

#### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC)

Weekday—Dec. 18—20— Sue Schmidt  
Sat. 12/21 5:30pm Barb Bunting, Paul O'Brien, K. McAnulty  
Sun. 12/22 8:30am \*  
Sun. 12/22 10:30am

**Nursing Homes:** (Pres. & Shut ins) Dec. 21-Barbara Bunting

**EMHC-Hospital**—Month of December covered by OLG

#### Ushers

Sat. 12/21 5:30pm Gary Littlejohn, Steven Rusche  
Rik Ozbun & Avery Dutcher  
Sun. 12/22 8:30am Alan Pitts, Raymond Schmitt  
John Sommers, Warren Wiens  
Sun. 12/22 10:30am Adam Haag, David Vinduska  
Earl & Annabelle Smith

#### Church Cleaners Dec. 20

Emily, Ella, Lily Baier, Brenden Powell, Steve Powell

#### Wash Server Albs December—

Linda Guhr & Marcia Mathews

Our advertiser of the week is  
**Great Plains Pet Hospital**  
Mary Zogleman, DVM

Please check their ad in  
the back of the bulletin.

