



ST. MARY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

Dec. 6, 2020

Second Sunday
of Advent

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

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2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of
repentance for the forgiveness of sins. - Mk 1:4

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Open Adoration Hours:
Tues: 12am, 1am
Wed: 7am & 12pm
Thurs: 2am, 3am, 4am, 6am
Please consider an hour, or
becoming a substitute!!

OFFICE HOURS:
Monday – Thursday 9am-4:30pm
Friday: 9am-12:30pm
DAILY MASS SCHEDULE:
Monday 5:30pm; Tuesday 8am &
5:30pm ; Wednesday, Thursday
& Friday 8:00am



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday	Dec. 7, St. Ambrose	
5:30pm	✠J.T. Kelso	
Tuesday	Dec. 8, The Immaculate Conception	
8:00 a.m.	People of the Parish	
5:30 p.m.	✠Gertrude Mahoney	
Wednesday	Dec. 9, St. Juan Diego	
8:00 a.m.	✠Robert McNeill	
Thursday	Dec. 10	
8:00 a.m.	✠Ruby Sutton	
Friday	Dec. 11, St. Damasus	
8:00 a.m.	✠Roger Gillispie	
Saturday	Dec. 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe	
8:00 a.m.	Karen Mosqueda	(Latin)
5:30 p.m.	Brett Roufs	
Sunday	Dec. 13, Third Sunday of Advent	
8:30 a.m.	✠Duane Haxton	
10:30 a.m.	People of the Parish	

Please Pray For our Sick, Home Bound & Care Home Parishioners:

Geraldine Adkins	Karen Mosqueda	Norman Salmans
Carmen Alvarado	Sara Quinones	Walt & Lois
Nancy Budde	Brett Roufs	Silvernale
Elesa Garcia	Bryan Sahlfeld	Ethel Wetschensky

Stewardship Message—Fiat

“Let Your Fiat Be Your Gift”

Is 40:1-5, 9-11 2 Pt 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8

In today's Gospel, we reflect on the Fiat of John the Baptist. Like Mary, John the Baptist understood that his mission was not to amplify his own voice, but to connect his followers to Jesus Christ. He served, then, as a sort of conduit. What a beautiful gift of self! He gave up all of the comforts we tend to seek in life, including beautiful clothing and delicious food, and he put his own will aside to do the will of God. As we enter the Advent season, we should all consider the sacrifices made by these first disciples of Jesus. How can we use the coming weeks to put our own will aside in order that we might be used as instruments in God's grand design? Let your Fiat be your gift to God and His people in this holy season of the year.

COVID-19 SCHEDULE & INFO

We are committed to taking every precaution for our parishioners and their safety.

- Social distancing is practiced in the church.
- Hand sanitizer is available in the vestibule.
- New hardbound Journey Hymnals are available to purchase through the office for \$20.
- The church is cleaned & sanitized twice a week.
- There is a safety screen between parishioner and priest/extraordinary minister for distribution of communion.
- There is no offertory at this time, so please place your envelope/offering in the box in the vestibule on the right side. Thanks!

eGiving

is now available online at www.stmarynewton.org e-giving is another way to give using a debit or credit card. You may make a one time gift or recurring, it's up to you!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Envelopes will be in the back of church if you would like to give a donation in memory/honor of a loved one.

Our Gifts to God & Parish

Fiscal Year: July 2020-June 2021

Collections for: Nov. 22, 2020

*Regular Collection	\$ 23,011.00
Children's Collection	\$ -
	\$ 23,011.00

Other:

*Building Fund.....	\$ 1,129.00
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Budget per week is.....	\$ 14,584.60
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***includes 11/20 ACH payments**

Collections year-to-date compared to budget

Through November 22, 2020 \$ (38,041.77)**

Collections for: Nov. 29, 2020

Regular Collection	\$ 5,236.50
Children's Collection	\$ -
	\$ 5,236.50

Other:

Building Fund.....	\$ 552.00
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Budget per week is.....	\$ 14,584.60
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Collections year-to-date compared to budget

Through November 29, 2020 \$ (47,389.87)**

****Your contributions are greatly appreciated and very important to the operation of the parish and school. If you are behind, please make every effort to catch up and do your part. Thank you! —Father Voelker**

ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS

Altar Society will have our Annual Christmas Social on Thursday, December 10, beginning at 6:30 PM. Due to this, we will NOT have a regular meeting on December 3. We will be playing Bunco and having an Ugly Christmas Sweater Apparel Contest. There will be an entry fee of \$5.00 to participate in Bunco. To have enough tables for Bunco, please RSVP to C.J. Sutton at 620-446-2664. You are encouraged to bring a beverage and an appetizer. The Social will take place at 2111 N. Main, North Newton. We hope to see you there!

ST. MARY SCHOOL

Substitute Teachers Wanted: If you or someone you know is interested in substituting at St. Mary Catholic School, please contact Joshua Bargdill at (316)282-1974. Substitutes need to have a teacher license or an emergency substitute license. To obtain an emergency substitute license one needs a minimum of 60 college credits. Our school can help you apply for the license.

ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP

Please pick your 2021 Stewardship packets up to save us the cost of mailing them. To ensure that the parish ministries continue to perform at their best and to keep the ministry and tithing records accurate, we ask that you turn your forms in as soon as possible! You may do so by mailing or dropping them off at the parish office, or putting in collection box in church, or filling it out and submitting it online at www.stmarynewton.org

The Social Justice/Respect Live Commission

If you took an envelope off of the tree, **please return it this weekend, (Dec. 5 & 6)** so that the Salvation Army can purchase the gifts. You may place your envelope in the collection box, or mail directly to the Salvation Army. We appreciate your understanding of this change, and pray that we can get back to normal in 2021!

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR

Harvest House will not be meeting in December, however, we would like to encourage our parishioners to give someone who you think may feel lonely this holiday season a call, a card or a note of encouragement. Ask your children to draw a picture, write a poem or short story. Let's love thy neighbor, especially during this difficult time.

CHRISTMAS CALL TO SHARING

We can't fully practice our Catholic faith without the life and ministry of priests. You will soon receive an invitation to consider a gift to the Christmas Call to Sharing—a gift of gratitude to support retired priests and the education of seminarians. God has blessed us this year with 33 men in the seminary and continues to bless us with so many retired priests who serve the Church in many ways. I would ask that you be as generous as you possibly can be at this most holy time of year.

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.

Catechism Class (Formerly PSR)

Grades 1st- 8th - Wednesday: TBD 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, call Laurie Kimere at (417)531-8904.

Rosary Prayer Line

To activate, call Mickey Stump at 620-386-0421 or if she is not available call Barbara Fayette at 283-6467 to activate the line.

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.

Information About Sacraments

**PLEASE CALL FR. VOELKER AT 316-282-0459 EXT. 1

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)

Saturday 4:00 -5:00 p.m. 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.

DOCTRINAL SECTION—ADVENT REFLECTIONS

From the outset, as becomes clear in the New Testament and especially in the Letters of the Apostles, a new hope distinguishes Christians from those who live in pagan religiosity. In writing to the Ephesians, St Paul reminds them that before embracing faith in Christ, they had "no hope and [were] without God in the world". This appears an especially apt description for the paganism of our day: in particular, we might compare it with the contemporary nihilism that corrodes the hope in man's heart, inducing him to think that within and around him nothingness prevails: nothing before birth and nothing after death. In fact, if God is lacking, hope is lacking. Everything loses its "substance". It is as if the dimension of depth were missing and everything were flattened out and deprived of its symbolic relief, its "projection" in comparison with mere materiality. At stake is the relationship between existence here and now and what we call the "hereafter": this is not a place in which we end up after death; on the contrary, it is the reality of God, the fullness of life towards which every human being is, as it were, leaning. God responded to this human expectation in Christ with the gift of hope. Man is the one creature free to say "yes" or "no" to eternity, that is, to God. The human being is able to extinguish hope within him, eliminating God from his life. How can this be? How can it happen that the creature "made for God", intimately oriented to him, the creature closest to the Eternal One, can deprive himself of this richness? God knows the human heart. He knows that those who reject him have not recognized its beginning: it is a gift of God, who once again wishes to reveal himself to us in the mystery of Christ, through the Word and the Sacraments. He wants to speak to humanity and to save the people of today through the Church. And he does so by going out to meet them in order "to seek and to save the lost". In this perspective, the celebration of Advent is the answer of the Church-Bride to the ever new initiative of God the Bridegroom, "who is and who was and who is to come". God offers to humanity, which no longer has time for him, further time, a new space in which to withdraw into itself in order to set out anew on a journey to rediscover the meaning of hope. ~Pope emeritus Benedict XVI

Readings for the week of December 6, 2020

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 & 10 [1]/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15

Fri: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Liturgical Role

Altar Servers (two servers, no cross bearer)

Mon. 12/7 5:30pm Gage Mathews & Anthony Salas

Tues. 12/8 8:00am Wilson & JD Eustace

Tues. 12/8 5:30pm Dom & Joshua Englestad

Sat. 12/12 5:30pm Leah Littlejohn & Allison Weber

Sun. 12/13 8:30am Koelton Erwin & Ryan Ruggiero

Sun. 12/13 10:30am Annabelle Smith & Anth. Holguin *Adrian

Cantor/Accompanist

Mon. 12/7 5:30pm L. Littlejohn, L. Curiel

Tues. 12/8 8:00am B. Nguyen, E. Stabler

Tues. 12/8 5:30pm A. Cox, S. Herdier

Sat. 12/12 5:30pm M. Frazier, L. Curiel

Sun. 12/13 8:30am I. Sutton, S. Koerner

Sun. 12/13 10:30am M. Eustace, E. Stabler

Lector

Mon. 12/7 5:30pm Debra Henning

Tues. 12/8 8:00am Betty Lanzrath

Tues. 12/8 5:30pm David Englestad

Sat. 12/12 5:30pm Lisa Littlejohn

Sun. 12/13 8:30am Sharon Erwin

Sun. 12/13 10:30am Terri Bockhaus

Sacristans

Weekday Dec. 8—12—C.J. Sutton

Mon. 12/7 5:30pm Shelly Oswald

Tues. 12/8 8:00am Sharon McCall

Tues. 12/8 5:30pm Mary Ann Bruggeman

Sat. 12/12 5:30pm Gary Chaffee

Sun. 12/13 8:30am Paula Blann

Sun. 12/13 10:30am Lisa Schmidt

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Weekday Dec. 9th--K. Morris; 10th-D. Henning; 11th-M. Oden

Mon. 12/7 5:30pm Rita Sadowski

Tues. 12/8 8:00am Marshall Kendrick

Tues. 12/8 5:30pm Carl Antle

Sat. 12/12 5:30pm Karen McNulty

Sun. 12/13 8:30am Sue Schmidt

Sun. 12/13 10:30am *Ben Mabry

*sub is needed

Nursing Homes & Shut Ins/EMHC-Hospital—suspended

Ushers

Mon. 12/7 5:30pm Ray Salas & Trent Shepherd

Tues. 12/8 8:00am Robert Peters & Alan Pitts

Tues. 12/8 5:30pm James & Amber Cox

Sat. 12/12 5:30pm Mike Weber & Ron Ferguson

Sun. 12/13 8:30am Ray Schmitt & John Sommers

Sun. 12/13 10:30am Donald Hageman & Benjamin Holguin

Church Cleaners—Dec—11

Urel, Sylvia, James Isaiah, Erica, Adrian Romero

Readings for next Sunday in the new Journey Hymnal:

Third Sunday of Advent (B) #865

The Order of the Mass: 140—165