



# ST. MARY

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

### 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

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

December 19, 2021

The Fourth Sunday  
Of Advent

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### Altar Society

Sue Schmidt – 620-327-7455

### CYM (Catholic Youth Ministry)

Bill & Carrie Weber – 212-0137  
Jonathan & Kasey Weber –  
316-217-4367

### Legion of Mary- President

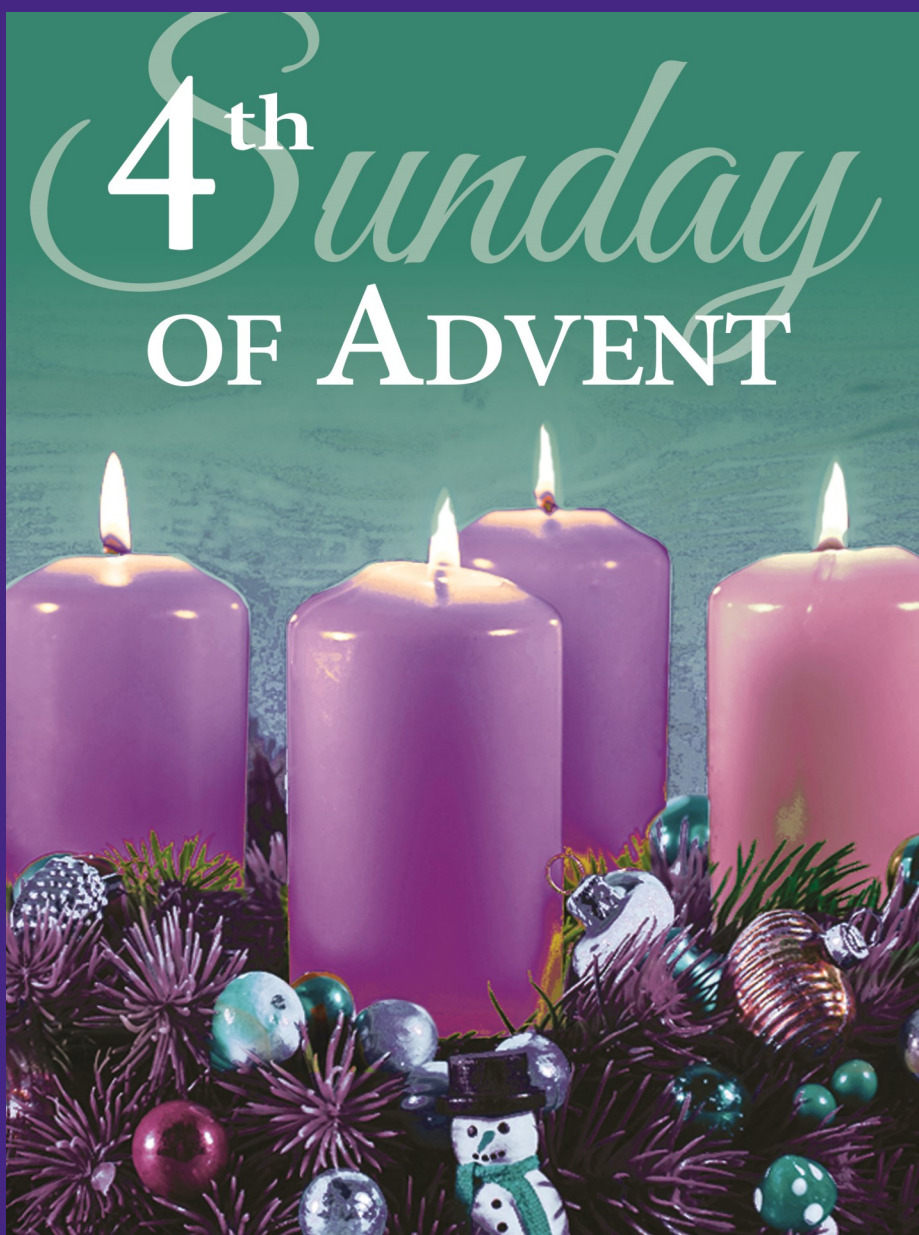
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### Knights of Columbus

Chris Kitzke-316-217-4541

### Catechism Class (Formerly PSR)

Mandy Casey-620-200-7278



# 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday OF ADVENT

### OPEN ADORATION HOURS:

Sunday: 5pm & 6pm  
Tuesday: 5pm  
Thursday: 2am & 3am  
Please call OLG at 316-283-3499 if interested in taking an hour or being a substitute!

### Christmas Office Hours:

Monday—Wednesday 9:00-4:30  
Thursday 9-12, closed Friday  
WEEKDAY MASS: Tues-5:30pm;  
Wed & Thurs 8am; Friday 4pm &  
11pm; Christmas Day 7:30am  
(Latin) & 10am (No Incense)



# Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday	Dec. 21, St. Peter Canisius
5:30pm	✠Charlie Lanzrath
Wednesday	Dec. 22
8:00am	✠John Wise
Thursday	Dec. 23, St. John of Kanty
8:00am	✠John Holub
Friday	Dec. 24
4:00pm	✠Jeanette Boston
11:00pm	Thomas Patterson
Saturday	Dec. 25, The Nativity of the Lord
7:30am	Arnold & Connie Segobiano (LATIN)
10:00am	People of the Parish
Sunday	Dec. 26, Holy Family Jesus Mary Josph
8:30am	People of the Parish
10:30am	✠Ken McGuire

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

Nancy Budde	Alma Gordon
Virginia Holub	Lou Kuestersteffen
Maggie Morgan	Stacy Morris
Bryan Sahlfeld	Norman Salmans
Silvernale	Jonah Wagner

## Stewardship Message—

Leap With Joy

Mi 5:1-4a Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

The astonishment of Elizabeth in today's Gospel is easily understood when we know that the visitor in Mary's womb was the Son of God Incarnate. So great was Elizabeth's joy that the child in her own womb, John the Baptist, leaped at the sound of Mary's voice. Our own hearts should be aflutter as the Nativity of Our Lord approaches. Just as Elizabeth and the infant John were blessed by the visit of their Lord and Redeemer, we too have been blessed by the gift of Our Savior. Let us leap with joy and receive Him.

MASS AND CONFESSION TIMES THIS WEEK:  
 CONFESSION WITH ADORATION  
 WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22nd & THURSDAY  
 DECEMBER 23rd at 7pm  
 MASS TIMES FOR THIS WEEK ARE:  
 TUESDAY 5:30PM  
 WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY 8:00AM  
 CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL TIMES: 4PM & 11PM  
 CHRISTMAS MORNING 7:30AM (LATIN)  
 10AM (NO INCENSE)

### CHURCH DECORATING

TODAY (DEC. 19) AFTER 10:30 MASS  
 PLEASE HELP! MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!

### CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

The donation forms for the Christmas Poinsettias are on the table in the vestibule. Please take one and fill it out and put it in the collection box by December 23rd if you want to donate in memory of or in honor of a loved one!!

### CHRISTMAS CALL TO SHARING

"The priesthood is the love and the heart of Jesus. When you see a priest, think of our Lord Jesus Christ."  
 Please consider a gift this year to Christmas Call to Sharing for the benefit of the education of seminarians and our retired priests.

### OUR SUNDAY VISITOR

The parish office is thinking about changing from our weekly **Our Sunday Visitor** paper to providing **The National Catholic Register**, which is bi-weekly publication. If you have any thoughts or concerns, please let Fr. Voelker know, or call the parish office at 282-0459. Thank you!

## Our Gifts to God & Parish

Fiscal Year: July 2021-June 2022

**\*\*Due to early bulletin submission, numbers for Dec. 12 will be in the Dec. 26th bulletin.**

Collections for:	<b>Dec. 12, 2021</b>
*Regular Collection	\$
Children's Collection	\$ _____
	\$
Other:	
*Building Fund.....	\$
Budget per week is.....	\$ <b>14,584.60</b>
*	
Collections year-to-date compared to budget	
Through Dec. 12, 2021	\$ <b>(29,367.45)**</b>

**\*\*Your contributions are greatly appreciated. If you are behind, please make every effort to catch up & do your part. Thank you! —Father Voelker**

## DOCTRINAL SECTION

The child to be born of you will be called holy, the Son of God, the fountain of wisdom, the Word of the Father on high. Through you, blessed Virgin, this Word will become flesh, so that even though, as he says: *I am in the Father and the Father is in me*, it is still true for him to say: "I came forth from God and am here." *In the beginning was the Word*. The spring was gushing forth, yet still within himself. Indeed, the Word was with God, truly dwelling in inaccessible light. And the Lord said from the beginning: *I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction*. Yet your thought was locked within you, and whatever you thought, we did not know; for *who knew the mind of the Lord, or who was his counselor?*

And so the idea of peace came down to do the work of peace: *The Word was made flesh and even now dwells among us*. It is by faith that he dwells in our hearts, in our memory, our intellect and penetrates even into our imagination. What concept could man have of God if he did not first fashion an image of him in his heart? By nature incomprehensible and inaccessible, he was invisible and unthinkable, but now he wished to be understood, to be seen and thought of. But how, you ask, was this done? He lay in a manger and rested on a virgin's breast, preached on a mountain, and spent the night in prayer. He hung on a cross, grew pale in death, and roamed free among the dead and ruled over those in hell. He rose again on the third day, and showed the apostles the wounds of the nails, the signs of victory; and finally in their presence he ascended to the sanctuary of heaven. ~St. Bernard

### St. Vincent dePaul Reflection

The mystery of the Incarnation was the permanent inspiration of St. Vincent's life. It must be ours, too. We shall only fully see Christ in the poor when we have fully seen God in Christ. That is why all that we do and say will have meaning only if it is born of our relationship with Jesus Christ, truly God and truly man. What we bring to the poor must be more than a program for the betterment of their material and economic condition. We must bring something of the peace, the joy and the spiritual freedom which we ourselves have experienced from being present to Jesus Christ through prayer and the sacraments of the Eucharist and Penance. I hope that through giving some time this Christmas to the poor and lonely—often a listening heart is of more value than money—you will have enriched the lives of some of those millions of people who have so much less to eat than we have, and so much less to live for.

### St. Vincent dePaul Virtual Tea Party

Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Mary's St. Vincent dePaul are having a virtual tea party as part of a fundraiser. You should be receiving your invitation in the mail. No contribution is too small! The SVdP funds are low at this time and can use any amount!

### The Parish Leadership Team

The Movement called "Amazing Parish" has been adapted by many parishes in the Catholic Diocese of Wichita. Its founder is Pat Lencioni, a New York Times best-selling author and who has worked with hundreds of corporations to help them achieve success through organizational health and leadership. This Leadership team meets regularly with the Pastors to assist with the needs of the Parish of St. Mary. Our leadership team members are: *Matt Anderson, Joshua Bargdill, Mary Ann Bruggeman, Amber Holguin, Mike Weber, Fr. Voelker and Fr. Max Blitz.*



## 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 - 1st & 3rd Sunday at 9:30am in the Parish Center. Mandy Casey (620) 200-7278

### Catholic Youth Ministry (CYM)

Wednesday: 7pm; Grades 9-12 Bill & Carrie Weber & Jonathan & Kasey 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. 2

### 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.

## College Nights

Calling all college aged young adults in our community! We're starting up a college ministry here at St. Mary's. Our first meeting will be Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. We'll be providing dinner and fellowship. Please come and bring a friend! Contact Jon (316-217-4367) or Kasey (620-245-4641) Weber if you have any questions.

### Readings for the week of December 19, 2021

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45  
Monday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38  
Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45  
Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56  
Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66  
Friday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79  
Saturday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25  
Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14  
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20  
Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14  
Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

## 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.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

## Liturgical Role

### Altar Servers

Fri. 12/24 4:00pm G. Mathews, A. Weber, K. Erwin  
Fri. 12/24 11:00pm A. Holguin, E. Gerber, R. Ruggiero  
Sat. 12/25 10:00am A. Huelskamp, B. & M. Heppler  
Sun. 12/26 8:30am Ethan & Gavin Stucky  
Sun. 12/26 10:30am E. Shepherd & A.nn. Smith \*Eli G.

### Greeters

Fri. 12/24 4:00pm Randy Mathews family  
Fri. 12/24 11:00pm Justin & Becky Patterson  
Sat. 12/25 10:00am James Cox family  
Sun. 12/26 8:30am Barb Haxton  
Sun. 12/26 10:30am Carl Antle family

### Cantor/Accompanist

Fri. 12/24 4:00pm M. Frazier, L. Curiel  
Fri. 12/24 11:00pm Littlejohn, E. Stabler  
Sat. 12/25 10:00am M. Eustace, S. Herdler  
Sun. 12/26 8:30am B. Nguyen, E. Stabler  
Sun. 12/26 10:30am M. Frazier, S. Herdler

### Lector

Fri. 12/24 4:00pm Susan Morgan  
Fri. 12/24 11:00pm Terri Bockhaus  
Sat. 12/25 10:00am Rodger Graham  
Sun. 12/26 8:30am Marshall Kendrick  
Sun. 12/26 10:30am Trent Shepherd

### Sacristans

Weekday—Dec. 21-23—CJ Sutton  
Fri. 12/24 4:00pm Gary Chaffee  
Fri. 12/24 11:00pm Shari McCall  
Sat. 12/25 10:00am Lisa Schmidt  
Sun. 12/26 8:30am Paula Blann  
Sun. 12/26 10:30am Terri Bockhaus

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Fri. 12/24 4:00pm Karen McNulty  
Fri. 12/24 11:00pm Kathleen Morris  
Sat. 12/25 10:00am Leona Soyez  
Sun. 12/26 8:30am Fred Becker  
Sun. 12/26 10:30am Don Hageman  
Schowalter Villa—Sue Schmidt

### Nursing Homes & Shut Ins/EMHC—

Dec. 4—Shari McCall

**Hospital EMHC:** Dec. 26—Kathleen Morris

### Ushers

Fri. 12/24 4:00pm Kyle & Linda Kientz  
Fri. 12/24 11:00pm Trinity & Austin Muth  
Sat. 12/25 10:00am Donald Hageman & Tim Huelskamp  
Sun. 12/26 8:30am Leroy Koehn & Robert Peters  
Sun. 12/26 10:30am James & Carrie Reid

### Church Cleaners— Dec. 24

Craig, Emily, Ella, Lily Baier, Steve Mead, Jennifer & Kevin Ensminger