



# 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 26, 2021  
The Holy Family of  
Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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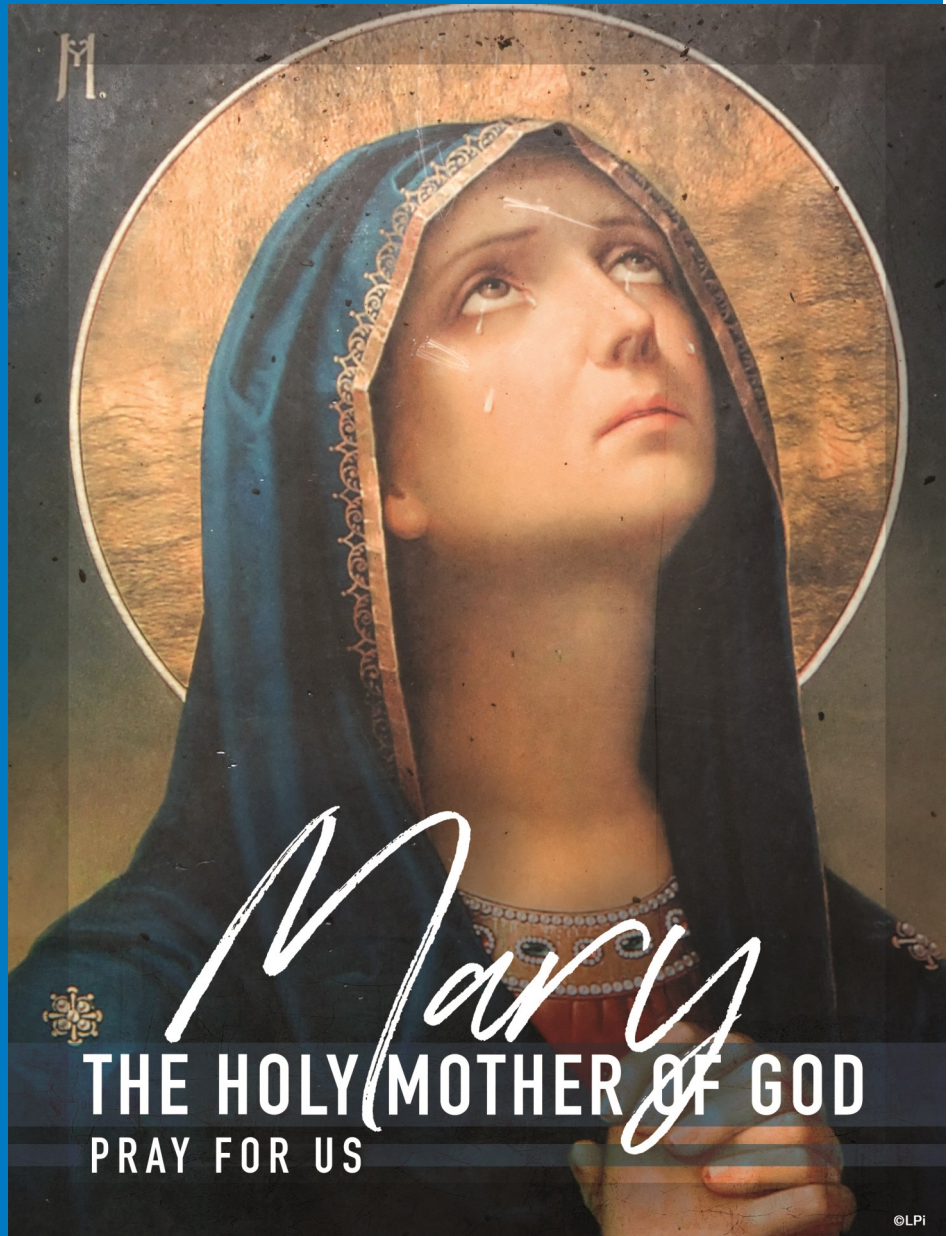
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Knights of Columbus  
Chris Kitzke-316-217-4541

Catechism Class (Formerly PSR)  
Mandy Casey-620-200-7278



**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!

**Office Hours:**

Monday — Thursday 9am-4:30pm  
Friday: 9-12:30pm

**WEEKDAY MASS:** Tues-5:30pm;  
Wed., Thurs. & Friday 8am



# Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday	Dec. 28, The Holy Innocents
5:30pm	✠Charlie Lanzrath
Wednesday	Dec. 29, St. Thomas Becket
8:00am	✠Art & Artie Borst
Thursday	Dec. 30, 6th Day Nativity of the Lord
8:00am	✠John Holub
Friday	Dec. 31, St. Sylvester
8:00am	No Mass
Saturday	Jan. 1, The Holy Mother of God
8:00am	No Latin Mass
5:30pm	Godchildren of K. & L.A. O'Halloran
Sunday	Jan. 2, The Epiphany of the Lord
8:30am	People of the Parish
10:30am	✠David Winter

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

Nancy Budde	Alma Gordon
Virginia Holub	Lou Kuestersteffen
Stacy Morris	Brett Roufs
Norman Salmans	Walt & Lois Silvernale
	Jonah Wagner

## Stewardship Message—

My Father's House

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/ Col 3:12-21/ Lk 2:41-52

Notice the slight shift created in today's Gospel, stemming from the use of one capital letter. We can only imagine the fear and frustration Mary must have felt when she finally found Jesus after being separated from Him for three days. She says: "Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." The 12-year-old Jesus responds with: "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" The slight shift from *father* to *Father* speaks volumes here. Jesus acknowledges Joseph and Mary as His earthly parents, and He is obedient to them. However, He seems quite aware that He is not "of this world" and must make His way to His Father's house. May we all remember that we should not allow ourselves to get lost or attached to things in this world and that we should, instead, make our way to our Father's house. Like the child Jesus, we are called to obedience in this temporary world, but we were created for holiness in the Kingdom of God!

ST. MARY 2ND GRADERS RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION ON DECEMBER 12, 2021:

Athena Anderson	Avery Reifschneider
Isabelle Baker	Angel Rojas
Lola Barnes	Isaiah Romero
Brayden Bencomo	Beau Scott
Douglas Jackson	Jase Sweasy
Henry Kitzke	Mary Anne Tembei
Andres Montes	

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

GENTLE REMINDERS

- Fr. Voelker & Fr. Max try to take Monday as a day away. Unless it's urgent, please avoid unnecessary calls, etc. until Tuesday.
- When receiving the Eucharist by hand, do NOT step to the side. Please consume the host as soon as it is received in your hand. ~~Thank you for your understanding.

## Our Deepest Sympathy....

To the family of **Betty Meyers**, who passed away on December 12, 2021. She was the wife of Terry Meyers and the mother of Jill Griswold.

—May the love of God comfort you all.

## OUR SUNDAY VISITOR

The parish office is considering changing from the current weekly **Our Sunday Visitor** paper (provided on the table in the vestibule) to offering **The National Catholic Register**, which is bi-weekly publication. If you have any questions, 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. 19 will be in the Jan. 2nd bulletin.**

Collections for:	<b>Dec. 12, 2021</b>
*Regular Collection	\$ 31,924.46
Children's Collection	\$ 61.00
	\$ 31,985.46
Other:	
*Building Fund.....	\$ 520.00
Budget per week is.....	\$ 14,584.60
Collections year-to-date compared to budget	
Through Dec. 12, 2021	\$ (12,027.59)**

**\*\*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

According to the plan of God, marriage is the foundation of the wider community of the family, since the very institution of marriage and conjugal love are ordained to the procreation and education of children, in whom they find their crowning. In its most profound reality, love is essentially a gift; and conjugal love, while leading the spouses to the reciprocal "knowledge" which makes them "one flesh," does not end with the couple, because it makes them capable of the greatest possible gift, the gift by which they become cooperators with God for giving life to a new human person. Thus the couple, while giving themselves to one another, give not just themselves but also the reality of children, who are a living reflection of their love, a permanent sign of conjugal unity and a living and inseparable synthesis of their being a father and a mother. When they become parents, spouses receive from God the gift of a new responsibility. Their parental love is called to become for the children the visible sign of the very love of God, "from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named." It must not be forgotten however that, even when procreation is not possible, conjugal life does not for this reason lose its value. Physical sterility in fact can be for spouses the occasion for other important services to the life of the human person, for example, adoption, various forms of educational work, and assistance to other families and to poor or handicapped children. In matrimony and in the family a complex of interpersonal relationships is set up—married life, fatherhood and motherhood, filiation and fraternity—through which each human person is introduced into the "human family" and into the "family of God," which is the Church. Christian marriage and the Christian family build up the Church: for in the family the human person is not only brought into being and progressively introduced by means of education into the human community, but by means of the rebirth of baptism and education in the faith the child is also introduced into God's family, which is the Church.

~**St. John Paul II**

### St. Vincent dePaul Reflection

In his great joy Frederic wrote about his first-born, Marie, his observations proclaiming the unconscious apostolate of children, which, in God's providence is to make parents richer and stronger spiritually. "We will begin her education early," wrote Frederic, "and at the same time, she will begin ours; for I perceive that Heaven has sent her to us to teach us a great deal, and to make us better. I cannot look upon that face, so full of innocence and purity, without seeing the sacred impression of the Creator...How could I dare teach her lessons that I did not practice? Could God have found a kinder way of instructing me, of correcting me, of setting my feet on the road to heaven?"



### 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 Biltz.*

## 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.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE & RESPECT LIFE

The Social Justice/Respect Life Committee would like to thank all those who donated to this year's Salvation Army Giving Tree. You made a young person from our Community have a nicer Christmas. God Bless you all!

### Readings for the week of December 26, 2021

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

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

### 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.

### 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

Sat. 01/01 5:30pm Ben & Matthew Heppler, Caleb Oden  
Sun. 01/02 8:30am Koelton & Maddyx Erwin  
Sun. 01/02 10:30am Evan Steinmetz & Calista Woerner  
\*Anthony

### Greeters

Sat. 01/01 5:30pm John Morgan family  
Sun. 01/02 8:30am Marshall & Linda Kendrick  
Sun. 01/02 10:30am Steve & Ramona Cranston

### Cantor/Accompanist

Sat. 01/01 5:30pm T. Osner, S. Herdler  
Sun. 01/02 8:30am M. Frazier, S. Herdler  
Sun. 01/02 10:30am A. Shepherd, E. Stabler

### Lector

Sat. 01/01 5:30pm Jade Ruiz  
Sun. 01/02 8:30am Betty Lanzrath  
Sun. 01/02 10:30am Tami Carlgren

### Sacristans

Weekday—Dec. 28-30—Dixie Pomeroy  
Sat. 01/01 5:30pm Shelly Oswald  
Sun. 01/02 8:30am Kathleen Morris  
Sun. 01/02 10:30am Tami Carlgren

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Schowalter Villa—Steve Mead  
Sat. 01/01 5:30pm  
Sun. 01/02 8:30am  
Sun. 01/02 10:30am

### Nursing Homes & Shut Ins/EMHC—

Jan. 1—Kathleen Morris

**Hospital EMHC:** Month of January covered by OLG

### Ushers

Sat. 01/01 5:30pm Dennis Alexander, Pat McCreary  
Sun. 01/02 8:30am Alan Pitts, Ray Schmitt  
Sun. 01/02 10:30am James Titah, Trent Shepherd

### Church Cleaners— Dec. 31

Rosa Hernandez, Alondra & Itzel Torres, Jamie Aboyte

### Wash Server Albs Jan. 3

Mary Heinemann & Pam Sims

Our advertiser of the week is

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
Call John Florez-283-0907

Please check their ad in the back of the bulletin.



# Calendar of Events

# January 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					Dec. 31 No Mass Office Closed	1 No Latin  Confessions 4-5pm 5:30 PM Mass  Fr. Mike Baldwin
2 8:30 & 10:30 Masses  Lord's Pantry A-F	3 No Mass Fr. Voelker & Fr. Max—day away  SVdP-meeting 7pm-OLG	4 5:30pm Mass SMCS resumes	5 8am Mass Fr. Jorge	6 8am Mass Fr. Max Legion of Mary 5pm Altar Society 6:30pm RCIA 7pm-PC	7 8am Mass Fr. Voelker	8 No Latin  Confessions 4-5pm 5:30 PM Mass  Fr. Mike Baldwin
9 8:30 & 10:30 Masses  Lord's Pantry G-L	10 No Mass Fr. Voelker away Jan. 8—15  Knights of Columbus 7:30pm—OLG	11 No Mass	12 No Mass	13 No Mass Harvest House 10am—PC Legion of Mary 5pm SVdP-7pm-PC RCIA 7pm-PC	14 No Mass	15 No Latin  Confessions 4-5pm 5:30 PM Mass Fr. Mike Baldwin
16 8:30 & 10:30 Masses  Lord's Pantry M-R	17 No Mass	18 5:30pm Mass  PFA meeting for all Catholic High School students/ parents 7pm- Parish Center	19 8am Mass Fr. Jorge	20 8am Mass Fr. Max SVdP meeting 7pm-PC Legion of Mary 5pm RCIA 7pm -PC	21 8am Mass Fr. Voelker	22 No Latin  Confessions 4-5pm 5:30 PM Mass
23 8:30 & 10:30 Masses Lord's Pantry S-Z  30 8:30&10:30 Masses Catholic Schools Week January 30th—Feb. 5th	24 No Mass   31 No Mass Catholic Schools Week	25 5:30pm Mass	26 8am Mass Fr. Jorge	27 8am Mass  Legion of Mary 5pm RCIA 7pm-PC Finance-7pm PC	28 8am Mass Fr. Voelker	29 8am Latin  VIRTUS Training 10:30am-PC  Confessions 4-5pm 5:30 PM Mass