

Saint Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

December 13th, Third Sunday of Advent

Mass Times:

RECONCILIATION IS BY APPOINTMENT

Saturday 5:00 PM

(All Souls in Purgatory)

Sunday 8:30 AM

(Deceased members of the Ho Family requested by Holly Nguyen)

Sunday 11:00 AM

(+David Phillips requested by Jennifer Kost-Phillips)



WEEKLY ADORATION AND MASS TIMES

Tuesday - Adoration 9:00 AM, MASS 10:00 AM

(Deceased members of the Roussel and McGinn Families requested by Clare and Alan Roussel)

Wednesday - Adoration 8:30 AM, MASS 9:30 AM

Thursday - Adoration 8:30 AM, MASS 9:30 AM

PENANCE SCHEDULE FOR ADVENT

During the Advent season this year, the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation has been extended to allow parishioners to be spiritually nourished for Christmas.

Please observe this schedule during Advent.

Wednesdays: 8:30 AM to 9:20 AM

Thursdays: 8:30 AM to 9:20 AM

Saturdays: 3:30 PM to 4:50 PM

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, 12/24 - 4:00 PM - The Nativity of the Lord for Children (Children's Mass)

Thursday, 12/24 - 6:00 PM - The Nativity of the Lord

Friday, 12/25 - 10:00 AM - The Nativity of the Lord (will be live streamed)

Friday, 1/1/2021 - 10:00 AM - Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
(COMMUNION SERVICE ONLY)

COVID 19 Phase 3 is in Effect

For COVID 19 guidelines and Mass Sign Ups, please go to our [Parish Website](#) for more detailed information

Saint Mary Online Sundays 8:30 AM!

Live Streaming of the Mass is being offered via the [St. Mary Public Facebook](#) page. Have you visited? Please note that you don't need a Facebook account to participate.

This week look for the following:

Daily Readings, Weekly Mass Times & Homily Fr. Muddu - sent via St. Mary Flocknote and on Facebook

Church Financials' & Giving

Thank you for your continued support of our community. If you have any questions, please email Sue at sbrim@saintmarycc.org. To give on line go to the [St Mary Online Giving website](#). God Bless you all!

Second collections for the month of December are as follows:

12/25 - Christmas

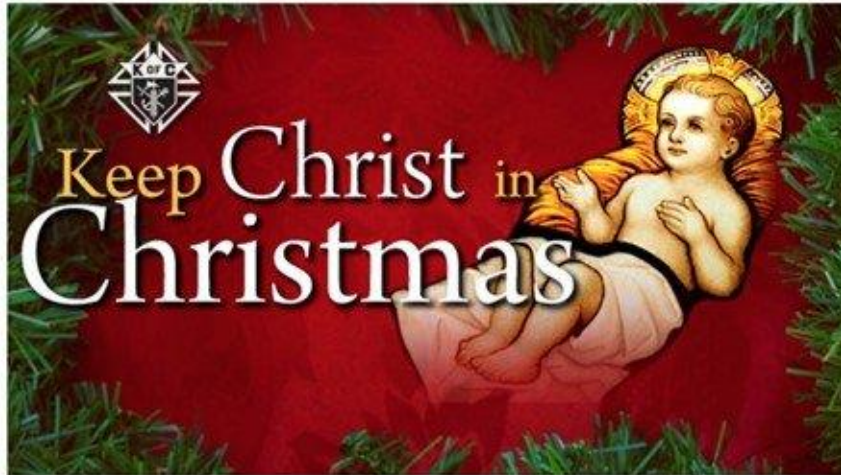
12/25 - Catholic Charities

Saint Mary of the Annunciation		
Weekly Offertory Summary		
Nov 22 - Nov 28		YTD
Sat/Sun/Holy Days	\$ 1,894	
On Line Giving	\$ 1,778	
Total Actual Receipts	\$ 3,672	\$ 84,007
Budgeted Receipts	\$ 4,500	\$94,875.00
Over/Under	\$ (829)	\$ (10,868)
Nov Building Fund Collections		
Actual Receipts Nov	\$ 3,027	



The 2020 Giving Tree is Online! Sign-ups are available now on Flocknote. We are adopting families from Caroline County. Please see the Giving Tree Flocknote announcement to sign-up to provide for any item(s) needed. New and unwrapped gifts need to be returned by **Noon on December 16th**. Thank you to those who have already signed up and thank you all for your generosity.

For any questions, please contact Adam Spacht by e-mail at Adam.Spacht@gmail.com or phone/text at (301) 305-5814).



Send Religious Christmas Cards

Your Knights of Columbus invite you to Keep Christ In Christmas through our religious Christmas cards! For more than 40 years, KofC councils across the country have helped people Keep Christ in Christmas by making religious-themed Christmas cards available at very reasonable prices. Our assortment of beautiful classic and modern art, printed on high quality card stock, celebrates the birth of Christ and reminds both senders and recipients that JESUS is The Reason for the Season. Christmas Cards are available after Masses. For more information on the cards that are available or to make arrangements to purchase cards please email: pbrim01@gmail.com.

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Daily Reflections and Enrichment for Advent

Sign up at FORMED.org/advent



There is still time to join us this Advent for a journey on *The Road to Bethlehem*, an opt-in digital discipleship program designed to guide you through this important season of preparation.

The Road to Bethlehem includes:

- daily Advent reflections by Dr. Tim Gray;
- weekly videos, audio talks, and book excerpts on FORMED related to the weekly theme;
- email reminders every morning;
- Brother Francis Advent reflections for kids; and
- a weekly action item to help you put the Advent message into practice.

Advent starts November 29. Sign up today for free! FORMED.org/Advent

Not yet on FORMED?

FORMED is being provided by the Parish so there is no charge to our Parishioners. Registering is easy! Go to [FORMED.org</st...](https://FORMED.org/st...) to **Sign Up** and **click I belong to a Parish or Organization. Search for St. Mary's by entering our zip code – 22546. No passwords are needed.**

Daily Readings

2020 Dec 14 Mon: St. John of the Cross: Nm 24: 2-7. 15-17a/ Ps 25: 4-5ab. 6 and 7bc. 8-9/ Mt 21: 23-27

2020 Dec 15 Tue: Zep 3: 1-2. 9-13/ Ps 34: 2-3. 6-7. 17-18. 19 and 23/ Mt 21: 28-32

2020 Dec 16 Wed: Is 45: 6c-8. 18. 21c-25/ Ps 85: 9ab and 10. 11-12. 13-14/ Lk 7: 18b-23

2020 Dec 17 Thu: Gn 49: 2. 8-10/ Ps 72: 1-2. 3-4ab. 7-8. 17/ Mt 1: 1-17

2020 Dec 18 Fri: Jer 23: 5-8/ Ps 72: 1-2. 12-13. 18-19/ Mt 1: 18-25

2020 Dec 19 Sat: Jgs 13: 2-7. 24-25a/ Ps 71: 3-4a. 5-6ab. 16-17/ Lk 1: 5-25

2020 Dec 20 SUN: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: 2 Sm 7: 1-5. 8b-12. 14a. 16/ Ps 89: 2-3. 4-5. 27. 29 (2a)/ Rom 16: 25-27/ Lk 1: 26-38

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we realize suffering is a gift and helps us build empathy for others and build our dependence on God.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

“Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” – 1 thessalonians 5:16 - 18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. “Rejoice always” means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. “Pray constantly” means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. “Give thanks in all circumstances” means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

Gift Shoeboxes for Needy International Children – Samaritan’s Purse

Since 2000, some St. Mary’s parishioners have looked forward to sending gift boxes to boys and girls, ages 2 to 14, who truly need this loving and personal gesture.

For this pandemic year 2020, Samaritan’s Purse is encouraging online donations:

- Go directly to this website: samaritanspurse.org/op...
- Follow the online directions. You can select items for your gift box or have a box built for you.
- The cost for one gift box and international shipping is \$25. (A donation bargain!)
- An additional \$6 for the *Greatest Adventure* (Christian booklet in native language) is requested, but optional.
- This is a tax-deductible donation.
- Usual deadline: Before Thanksgiving Day, Mon, Nov 23. This may be extended for online donations.

Shoebox focus for 2020: To deliver majority of boxes to 4,000 islands (mostly Pacific) where Samaritan’s Purse has never ventured. I think the uniform size and contents of boxes built online will make them easier to ship and to pass through each nation’s customs requirements.

St. Mary's Tally: If you donate, send a quick email to Dot Summers: dotsum@outlook.com.

The stories of children that thrive due to these gift boxes is my personal driving force. Thank you, St. Mary's folks, for your continued interest in this ecumenical effort. *Dot Summers*



POLAR BEAR PLUNGE

If you want to be a Polar Bear Plunger, please email mamiefundchurch@gmail.com for an electronic copy of the packet. The plunge will be on February 6th. There will be time slots for each organization that will coincide with the Governor's regulations at the time of the plunge so everyone will be as safe as possible. Online giving is available.

Thank you
Maria Bridge

POLAR BEAR PLUNGE SPIRIT NIGHT



Roma's

January 5, 2021

5:00PM-9:00PM

Winter is fast approaching “weather” we want to admit it or not

Cold weather is almost here and with it comes the need for warm clothing. This is especially true for the homeless and those who work outside. St. Mary's will be collecting thermal underwear (large sizes) and blankets that will go to the Thurman Brisben and Micah. If you can help, there will be a bin in the Narthex for your donations.

ShopWithScrip



The holidays are coming!! Buy gift cards online with ShopWithScrip and get your shopping done all in one place! Or pick up gift cards to use yourself when you shop in stores or online!

Hard copy gift cards are now available! Order them via the RaiseRight mobile app and have them sent directly to your home! Check out the ShopWithScrip instructions to learn more.

What is ShopWithScrip? It's a fundraising program that rewards organizations with rebates from participating retailers, which St. Mary's has joined along with thousands of other organizations. You, the parishioners, shop like you normally would, and St. Mary's wins!

It's easy! Through ShopWithScrip, parishioners purchase gift cards to retailers they normally patronize. There are hundreds of retailers who participate, including most of those in our own community! St. Mary's

receives a rebate on each gift card purchase, and you use the gift card to shop like you normally do – in person or online. How much the parish gets back depends on the retailer, but usually it's between 2-10%, with some retailers offering up to 20%. That may not seem like much, but with many people making purchases, those small rebates add up!

Although ShopWithScrip makes it possible to order physical gift cards distributed to you in person by the parish, St. Mary's can currently *only support the online purchase and distribution* of gift cards – either e-gift cards or hard copy cards delivered to your home. Check out the instructions to learn more, and please consider giving it a try!

[Scrip Instructions version 2.pdf](#)

Prayers for the Sick

Please feel free to reply to this Flocknote to add or remove anyone from this list.

Carl Ackerman, Eli Ames, Bob Arnold, Mike Arnold, Larry Azzopardi, Estelle Bareford, Donald Barker, The Biddulph Family, Robert Bingaman, Annemarie Bockman, Maria Bridge, Deborah Brooks, Daniel Clarke, Nancy Coffield, Cindy Cook, Levie Edmond, Deacon Dave Geary, Verde Halley, Paula Jane Hass, Celeste Henkel, Jean Johnson, Michael Johnson, Deborah Landsnes, Jennifer Leaming-Lyons, Cindy Lent, Dawn Long, Esther Luiggi, The Matekenya Family, Ed Miskin, Bette Moore, Patrick Moore, Donald Paradis, Marge Polivka, Marianna Porter, Barbara Purks, Duane Riden, Wayne Scott, William Simulcik, Hadley Spacht, Faye Spartz, David Stanion, The Tate Family, Kathleen Waites, The Wheeler Family, Joan Williams

As always, prayer is an important way Catholics can respond to any crisis as we express our dependence on God. We continue to stand in solidarity with all those affected by the disease as well as those health care professionals who care for them. We ask parishioners to keep these people in mind in your daily prayers.

God Bless!

Sign up for the [FORMED](#) platform and join our Parish Community for fantastic faith-based movies, books and more! A great way to share the faith with your families at home.



If you know of someone in the Parish that hasn't subscribed to Flocknote let them know they can sign up via our [Website!](#)