

Saint Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church

December 6th, Second Sunday of Advent

Mass Times:

RECONCILIATION IS BY APPOINTMENT

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:30 AM

Sunday 11:00 AM



WEEKLY ADORATION AND MASS TIMES

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

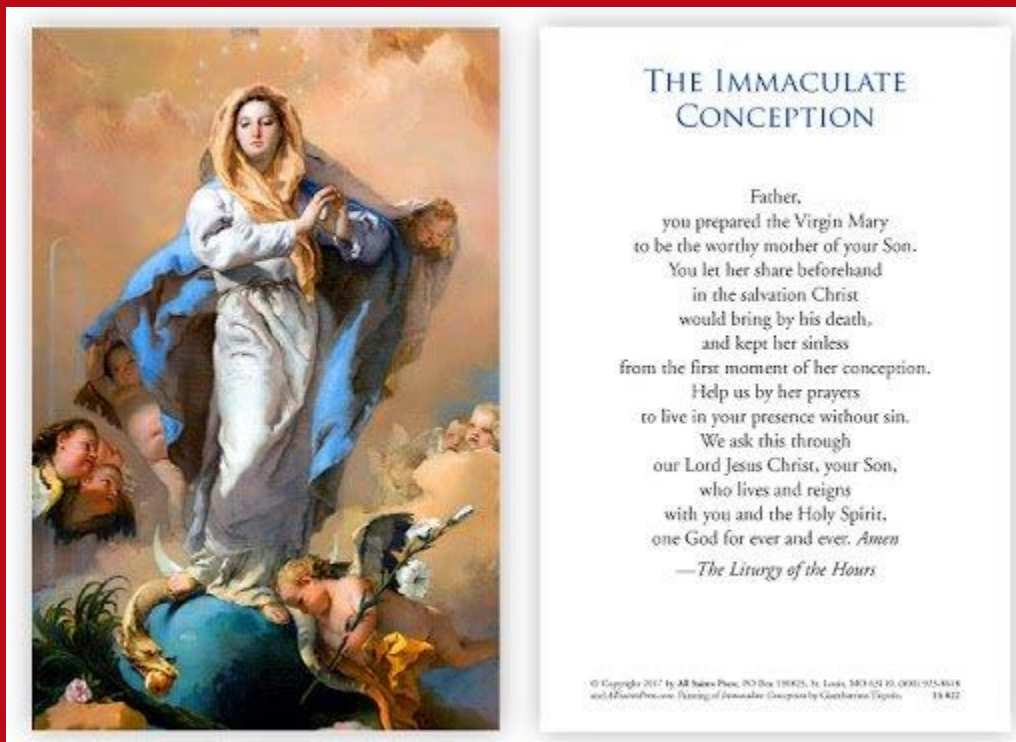
Wednesday - Adoration 8:30 AM, MASS 9:30 AM

(+Dorothy Mimnaugh requested by Diane and Bob Buchanan)

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

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass will be live streamed on Tuesday, December 8th, at 10:00 AM



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

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

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

INTRODUCING SEMINARIAN IAN GROSSKOPF

Ian Grosskopf is a first-year seminarian at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Born to Ruth Grosskopf and William Grosskopf in Virginia, Ian has grown up in the Catholic Church and has always had a deep love and admiration for the sacraments and traditions of the Church. After having discerned the priesthood for a number of years, Ian requested an application for entry into seminarian formation and was accepted by Bishop Knestout in the spring of 2020 to begin seminary formation that fall. Ian graduated from Christopher Newport University in 2016 with majors in History and Political Science, and has been heavily involved in the Church in a number of ministries prior to his entrance into seminary including lectoring, Confirmation class instructor, altar serving, and high school youth ministry. Ian is the nephew of Anne and Tres Bradshaw, and is the godfather of their son Burt.

STARTING THIS WEEKEND, IAN WILL INTRODUCE HIMSELF AT MASS AND SHARE A REFLECTION ABOUT HIS VOCATION STORY.

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:

12/6 - Building Fund 12/25 - Christmas
12/8 - Immaculate Conception 12/25 - Catholic Charities

Saint Mary of the Annunciation		
Weekly Offertory Summary		
Nov 15 - Nov 21		YTD
Sat/Sun/Holy Days	\$ 1,444	
On Line Giving	\$ 2,573	
Total Actual Receipts	\$ 4,017	\$ 80,335
Budgeted Receipts	\$ 4,500	\$ 90,375
Over/Under	\$ (484)	\$ (10,040)



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.

Thank you for all that purchased our handmade wood items. While those have sold out, you can still have a chance to get items by purchasing a raffle ticket! Tickets are \$10 and are available after Masses.

4 Items (150.00 value)

Large Hardwood Cutting Board, Hardwood Cheese Board, Christmas tree, Animal Puzzle

Drawing on Sunday December 6th



Daily Readings

2020 Dec 7 Mon: St. Ambrose: Is 35: 1-10/ Ps 85: 9ab and 10. 11-12. 13-14/ Lk 5: 17-26

2020 Dec 8 Tue: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: Gn 3: 9-15. 20/ Ps 98: 1. 2-3ab. 3cd-4/ Eph 1: 3-6. 11-12/ Lk 1: 26-38

2020 Dec 9 Wed: St. Juan Diego: Is 40: 25-31/ Ps 103: 1-2. 3-4. 8 and 10/ Mt 11: 28-30

2020 Dec 10 Thu: Is 41: 13-20/ Ps 145: 1 and 9. 10-11. 12-13ab/ Mt 11: 11-15

2020 Dec 11 Fri: St. Damasus I: Is 48: 17-19/ Ps 1: 1-2. 3. 4 and 6/ Mt 11: 16-19

2020 Dec 12 Sat: Our Lady of Guadalupe: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/ Ps Jdt 13:18bc, 19 / Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

2020 Dec 13 SUN: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Is 61: 1-2a. 10-11/ Lk 1: 46-48. 49-50. 53-54/ 1 Thes 5: 16-24/ Jn 1: 6-8. 19-28

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That we are called to live holy lives and invite others to do the same.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

"Prepare the way of the Lord..." - MARK 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well.

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!

THANK YOU FROM OUR FOOD PANTRY

Thank you to everyone who donated food and their time to help make our Thanksgiving meals a great success. We really appreciate all your donations.

Prayers for the Sick

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

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, 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, Marianna Porter, Barbara Purks, Duane Riden, Wayne Scott, William Simulcik, Susan Smith, Hadley Spacht, Faye Spartz, David Stanion, The Tate Family, Kathleen Waites, 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!](#)

