



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2016
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

- 1) Isaiah 7:10-14
- 2) Romans 1:1-7
- 3) Matthew 1:18-24

FOCUS: God is with us, and we are called to live in his presence and take that joy out into the world.

God promised to send a Savior to the world, and Jesus came among us. In return, we are called to serve Christ and proclaim him to all. This is easily overlooked as we get caught up in our own pride, or focus on worldly matters. As we look to the Nativity of the Lord, let us shake off distractions and strive to serve Jesus and share him with others.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The first reading reminds us that the promised Messiah was to be born of a virgin, and was to be named Emmanuel. The second reading exhorts us, as followers of Jesus, to lead lives which are holy and pleasing to God. Today's Gospel tells of Joseph being faithful to the command he received from the angel of the Lord to take Mary into his home as his wife.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF
DECEMBER 3-4**

Sunday Collection.....	\$7,192.00
Loose Collection.....	\$ 572.56
On-line giving.....	\$ 370.00
Total.....	\$8,134.56

DIRECTORY OF MINISTRIES

Altar Servers	Emily Janak	573-1874
Altar Society	Stella Silva	550-0387
Baptism Prep.	Diana Starnes	550-9533
Bereavement Group	Geraldine Jurica	573-3949
Vacation Bible School	Marie Immenhauser	572-3863
Disciples on the Journey	Pam Fanelli	578-1145
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Funeral Meals	Adele Donaldson	573-4455
Liturgical Ministers	Deacon Jim Koenig	935-3811
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Music Ministry	Cathy Lowe	935-1068
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RCIA	Sr. Frances Cabrini	573-5304
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St. Vincent De Paul Society	Faye Culak	649-0614
Wedding Coordinator	Cathy Lowe	935-1068
Weekly Rosary & Divine Mercy Cenacle	Tina Rabalais	541-9295

Class Time: 6:00 – 7:15 pm January 11, 18, 25

RCIA (the Rite CCD NEWS: of Christian Initiation of Adults)

The sessions are held in the AV Room of St. Mary's Activity Center from 7:00 -8:30 p.m.

Tuesday December 20, 2016, Liturgical calendar (Sr. Frances Cabrini)
December 21, 2016-Jan. 3, 2017--Christmas and New Year Holidays.



CHURCH DECORATING - All parishioners are invited to the decorating party on 12/21/16 at 1:30 PM in St. Mary's Church. We need you to assist in decorating the church for the arrival of our Lord on Christmas Day as we all gather to celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 24, (Christmas Eve): Mass at 5:00 p.m. (Christmas Pageant for children - Dec. 24, 4:30 pm before Mass) 12:00 Midnight Mass. (Carols begin at 11:30 p.m.),
Sunday, December 25, (Christmas Day): 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Saturday, December 31, Mass at 5:00 p.m. and **Sunday, January 1, 2017** at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

**2017 Festival Update-MARK YOUR
2017 CALENDARS**

***2-12-17 ST. MARY'S FESTIVAL ***

Our church welcomes and invites all Parish members and all Family and Friends to our 2017 Festival. **Be sure to ask your family and friends during this Christmas season to mark their calendars as well.** We would like the festival to be a special occasion for you, your family and friends to enjoy food, fun, relaxation, visiting and maybe even find that special item to purchase as a gift or for you. We welcome all donations to the Festival.



"Christmas flower donations are now being accepted. Donation forms are located on the back pews of the church as well as on the back table in the Chapel. Your donations will enable us to decorate beautifully for the birth of Christ. Please make checks payable to St. Mary's Altar Society. Thank you for your generosity



A big Thank you to everyone who took an ornament off the Christmas Giving Tree project again this holiday season. You helped make Christmas brighter for over 200 individuals.



The Quarterly Bunco Party hosted by the Altar Society of Holy Family Catholic Church will be Wednesday, January 11, 2017, from 9:30am to Noon. It will be held at St. Peter's Parish Hall.

A free lunch will be served, and game prizes and door prizes will be awarded. Please invite a friend, and enjoy visiting with the ladies from our five local Catholic Churches.

For information and reservations contact Olivia Blanchard at 570-7107; Ginger Wagner at 550-6444, or Betty Frederick at 573-5850

Mark your calendar for the Meal after the 10:30 a.m. Mass on January 8, 2017.

The Rectory will close at noon on Thursday, December 22 and reopen on Monday, January 2, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. If you need a priest please call the rectory.





Mass 
Schedule

Saturday, December 17

7:00 †Cecilia Vrana
5:00 †Earl Schmeltzer

Sunday, December 18, Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 People of the Parish
10:30 †Dec. Mem. of the Louis & Catherine Sitterle Family

Monday, December 19

6:30 †Hedwig Smolka
12:05 †Robert Hyak

Tuesday, December 20

6:30 †Eric Silva
12:05 †Cecile Morris Price (ANNIV)

Wednesday, December 21

6:30 †May Moscatelli
12:05 †Allen Frazer

Thursday, December 22

6:30 †Edward H. Miller
12:05 †Margaret LeJune

Friday, December 23

6:30 †Mr. & Mrs. John Brom
12:05 †Raymond Leita

Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve

7:00 †
5:00 †Dr. & Mrs. George Tyng - George & Vivian Tyng
12:00 Midnight Father Dan Morales

Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day

8:00 People of the Parish
10:30 Priest Intentions

All Who wish to be Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion, Mass Servers and Ministers of Hospitality for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day please call the office by Monday, Dec. 19.

PARISH CHOIR: regular practice after the 8:00 am Sunday Mass, 9:15-9:45 a.m. in St. Mary's Church.

QUILT AND CRAFT CORNER will not meet this week.

Altar Care for December will be - Stella Silva

Grief Group: An on-going Grief Group meets at Holy Family Catholic Church, in the Conference Room, at 7:00 pm, on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month. Before attending please call Sharon at 578-7572.

2017 CALENDARS

Calendars compliments of, **Brown's Air Conditioning Co., Ideal Aluminum Siding and Roofing Co., Texas Drive Inn, Margie Neumann, and Arlon & Patricia Zamzow and Anchor Lumber Yard, Inc.** and will be available at all Masses this weekend. We would like to say a Big Thank You to these very generous people! Please pick up only one per Family

Amor Meus Spirituality Center

Advent Vespers: December 18th from 5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. Incarnate Word Convent Chapel. This liturgical evening prayer of the church focuses on praying the psalms, giving thanks for the day and offering praise to God. Solemn evening praise closes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

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