DECEMBER 17, 2023 • THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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OUR PARISH

MASSES

Sunday Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil.......4pm
Sunday......7:30am, 9am, 10:30am

Daily Mass Schedule

RECONCILIATION

Wednesdays	7am
Fridays	2-5pm
Saturday	8:30am

HOLY DAYS

Mary Mother of God	Jan. 1	
Assumption	Aug. 15	
All Saints	Nov. 1	
Immaculate Conception	Dec. 8	
Christmas	Dec. 25	
Mass schedules for Holy Days are		
announced in the bulletin.		

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Monday-Thursday9am-3:30pm Friday...... 9am-noon

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EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers, especially at the 7:30am and 10:30am weekend Masses. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Liz Steybe at the Parish Office, 262-782-4575 ext. 129 or lstey-be@stmaryeg.org.

THANK YOU ANGEL TREE CONTRIBUTORS

Sincere thanks to all those who donated to our Angel Tree Program this year. Your generous donations will provide love in a tangible way to children and families who have experienced stress and hardship and have resiliently pre-



vailed. Your care serves as recognition that their efforts to get through hard times are not unnoticed. Although a humbling and hard experience for many, there is also genuine gratitude that comes forward from each family. It is heartwarming to know that someone who they have never met really cares. Thank you for paying whatever blessings you have been given forward in this way. It is always incredible to behold.

VISITATION INSTITUTE AND ADULT FORMATION UPDATE



Visitation Institute Bible Encounter (VIBE) is back again, beginning Thursday, January 4 through February

15, from 9:30-11:15am in the Senior Center. We will study the *Gospel of Mark* using Dr. Scott Hahn's Ignatius Catholic Study Bible resource. Classes will be taught by both Josh Dieterich and Fr. Schumaker. For more information, and/or to register, please contact Josh Dieterich, 262-782-4575, ext. 109 or jdieterich@stmaryeg.org.

Lenten Book Study: Beginning February 22, we will continue participating in the USCCB's Eucharistic Revival by reading Dr. Scott Hahn's modern classic *The Lamb's Supper*. Come join other adult parishioners in learning how to read the mysterious symbols of the Book of Revelation in light of the Holy Eucharist. Classes will be from 9:30-11:15am in the Senior Center, an evening class from 6:30-8:15pm will also be offered if there is enough interest. For more information and/or to register, please contact Josh Dieterich, 262-782-4575, ext. 109 or jdieterich@stmaryeg.org.

END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS

St. Mary's Visitation Parish, school, and other ministries owe their success to the generous donations of its parishioners. We appreciate your contributions throughout the calendar year. Were you aware that historically 16% of all general stewardship donations are received in the month of December? We count on and appreciate being included in your end of year giving again this year, thank you! According to IRS regulations, all contributions must be physically received by the close of business on December 31st or postmarked via U.S. mail by December 31st in order to be considered donations in the 2023 calendar year. St. Mary's Parish Office will be open until noon on Friday, December 29th. Donations received at the New Year's Day Masses on January 1, 2024 will be recorded as 2024 contributions.

2023 Donations From Your IRA

Did you know you can satisfy all, or part, of your annual Required Minimum Distribution from your IRA by making a gift to St. Mary's Visitation? Feel free to contact the Parish Office for an IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution Form.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 18, Advent Weekday 6:30am † Gladys Sensenbrenner Stilp

Tuesday, December 19, Advent Weekday

6:30am † Sally Creegan 8:00am † Elaine Ostrowski

Wednesday, December 20, Advent Weekday

6:30am † Gary Barry

Thursday, December 21, Advent Weekday

6:30am Special Intention of the Adams and Gehringer

Families

Friday, December 22, Advent Weekday

6:30am † Bernard Kearney 8:00am † Mary Rae Klein

Saturday, December 23, Advent Weekday

8:00am † Jerome Gull 4:00pm Parishioners

Sunday, December 24, Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30am † Tom and Fehr Malloy 9:00am † Marie Protz-Wienszczak

Sunday, December 24, Christmas Vigil

4:00pm Parishioners (Children's Choir)

5:30pm Parishioners

12:00am Parishioners (Caroling Choir begins at 11:30pm)

READINGS

Readings for the week of December 17, 2023:

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is

61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25 Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38 Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56 Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

Next Sunday: 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



We are glad to offer prayers for your intentions and consider it a privilege to pray for you and your needs. Please email your requests to smvprayerrequest@stmaryeg.org.

Confidentiality is always respected.

REGISTRATION & SACRAMENTS

PARISH REGISTRATION

St. Mary's Visitation is always happy to welcome new members! If you are interested in joining the parish, please visit www.stmaryeg.org/grow-with-us.html and complete our registration form. Please contact nmihm@stmaryeg.org with any questions.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Children ages 6 and under: Those seeking to have children baptized should be registered, active members of St. Mary's Visitation Parish. Parents are expected to complete a preparation class, preferably before the birth of the child. The class is offered bi-monthly, upcoming classes include:

Saturday, January 6th from 10:30-11:30am in church Saturday, March 2nd from 10:30-11:30am in church

If you have attended a session within the last five years, it is not necessary to retake the class. To schedule a baptism, please view the baptism dates on the parish website, www.stmaryeg.org/baptism. Please contact Liz Steybe at 262-782-4575 or lsteybe@stmaryeg.org with questions.

Children ages 7-12: Please contact Josh Dieterich, 262-782-4575 or email jdieterich@stmaryeg.org.

Adults ages 12 and up: Adults who wish to join the Catholic Church and were not baptized can participate in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). Please contact Josh Dieterich, 262-782-4575 or email jdieterich@stmaryeg.org.

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

The Catholic Church takes preparation for the Sacrament of Matrimony very seriously. Generally at least 6 months should be allowed for this preparation. Engaged couples themselves should visit our website, www.stmaryeg.org/contact-us.html and go to the weddings section to fill out a Marriage Request Form. Contact Liz Steybe for more information, 262-782-4575 or lsteybe@stmaryeg.org.

FUNERAL MASSES

The death of a loved one represents a deep loss, and at times, a tragic event. The Church recognizes the need both to remember the soul of the deceased and to assist in healing the human anguish of those who remain behind. At the time of death, the family, directly or through the funeral director, will contact the Parish Office to schedule the day and time of the funeral or Memorial Mass. Once the time has been set, the family will meet with the priest, at which time they will be given the necessary materials to help them plan the funeral liturgy. Contact the Parish Office, 262-782-4575.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

This ministry connects St. Mary's Visitation with parishioners who are unable to celebrate Mass with us due to age, illness or physical limitations. Family members are encouraged to participate. Please contact the Parish Office for more information, 262-782-4575.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

If you know of someone who is in the hospital or is in need of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please contact the Parish Office for more information, 262-782-4575.

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, December 17

7:30am Mass 9am Mass 10:30am Mass

12pm CF Teen, Attic

4:30pm Children's Choir Practice 5:30pm Adult Choir Practice

Monday, December 18

6:30am Mass

9am-4pm Thrift Shop Open

5pm SMV Men's Group, Senior Center

7pm Opus Dei Evening of Recollection for Men

Tuesday, December 19

6:30am Mass 8am School Mass 9am Thrift Shop Open

6:15-7:45pm 5th-8th Grade Catholic Formation, Attic

Wednesday, December 20

Thrift Shop Closed 6:30am Mass

7am Reconciliation 9am Patriotic Rosary

9am Christian Women Adore Program, Sr. Center

2:30pm Choir Rehearsals

4:15pm Little Flowers Club, Senior Center

6:30pm RCIA, Attic

Thursday, December 21

6:30am Mass

9am Thrift Shop Open

9:30am Visitation Institute, Senior Center

5pm Children's Choir Practice 6pm Adult Choir Practice

Friday, December 22

6:30am Mass

8am School Mass

8:30am Kiwanis, Senior Center

8:45am Living Nativity
9am Holy Dusters
9am Thrift Shop Open
2pm Reconciliation

Saturday, December 23

7am Recovery Meeting, Senior Center

8am Mass

8:45am Reconciliation 9am-1pm Thrift Shop Open

4pm Mass

Sunday, December 24—Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30am Mass 9am Mass

Sunday, December 24—Christmas Vigil 4pm Mass—Children's Choir

5:30pm Mass

Midnight Mass—Caroling Choir begins 11:30pm





LITTLE FLOWERS GIRLS CLUB

Little Flowers Girls' Club, a Catholic club for girls ages K3-8th grade, will be starting at St. Mary's. Founded by Catholic homeschooling mothers and based on The Catholic Girl's Guide by Fr. Francis X. Lasance, the club teaches girls about Catholic virtues through the lives of the saints and the Catechism, and the girls earn a flower badge for each virtue. The club has groups all over the country, all operating independently.

The group will meet from 4:15-5:15pm in the Senior Center on December 20, January 17, February 7 and 21, March 6 and 20, April 17, and May 1 and 15. The group will be led by parish and school moms Jackie Knabel and Jen Nicolosi.

The cost is \$24.50 for the Member Guide, sash and badges for each girl. Cash or check can be paid at the first meeting in December, checks should be made payable to St. Mary's Visitation. Volunteers will be asked to donate snacks for meetings starting in January, and craft supplies throughout the year depending on the activities for each virtue.

To sign up your daughter(s) please fill out the sign up genius, https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0449AEA72BA3FA7-46399295-smvlittle. Email jaknabel@gmail.com or nicolosi.jl@gmail.com for more information.



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ADORATION CHAPEL

We need coverage:

- Sundays, 1-2am. Call Colleen Schwarz, 414-795-3153.
- Sundays, 3-4am (add'l. adorer needed). Call Colleen Schwarz, 414-795-3153.
- Sundays, 5-6am. Call Colleen Schwarz, 414-795-3153.
- Thursdays, 2-3am. Call Mary Schwarz, 414-771-8738.
- Thursdays, 3-4pm. Call Mary Schwarz, 414-771-8738.
- Fridays, 3-4am. Call Rita Dragani, 262-796-1162.
- Fridays, 6-7pm. Call Mary Schwarz, 414-771-8738.
- Saturdays, 4-5am. Call Nancy Frazer, 262-786-0617.

Advent is a time of waiting. In the words of Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, "Active waiting for the Lord means not allowing ourselves to be lulled into purely private interests in our home, but donating our attention, time and talents." What a wonderful time of year to take advantage of all the opportunities to practice the Corporal Works of Mercy: feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, bury the dead, and visit the imprisoned. We should also practice the Spiritual Works of Mercy: admonish the sinner, instruct the ignorant, counsel the doubtful, comfort the sorrowful, bear wrongs patiently, forgive all injuries, pray for the living and the dead. What an awesome place we have to do the praying! Take advantage of the St. Mary's Perpetual Adoration Chapel to pray for others — and yourself. Spend time there preparing the way of the Lord! Make use of it often during this last week of Advent. "If we wish to serve God and love our neighbor well, we must manifest our joy in the service we render to God and them. Let us open wide our hearts. It is joy which invites us." (St. Katharine Drexel) Offer a Holy Hour for a family member and/or friend and present him/her/them with a "Gift of Love" card which you can pick up in the vestibule of the Chapel. The cards are free and there is no limit to the number you can take and use. This is one gift which anyone could use, and no one can ever have too many prayers!

PICK UP YOUR PARISH CALENDAR

Our 2024 parish calendars, sponsored by Becker Ritter Funeral Home, have arrived! Please pick up your complimentary copy in the Atrium or west vestibule of church, or stop in the Parish Office.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Tuesday, December 19

8am School Mass

Wednesday, December 20

Spirit Wear Day

Friday, December 22

8am School Mass 9am Living Nativity

11am Dismissal for Christmas Break



2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR ENROLLMENT IS OPEN FOR PARISHIONERS

St. Mary's Visitation School is now accepting enrollments from parish members for children who will be new to the school for the 2024-25 school year. Please visit our website, stmaryeg.org/tours-tuition-and-admissions.html for more information. There you will find a link to meet our teachers and take a virtual tour of our school. All are invited to join us for our Open House on January 28 from 8:30-11:30am. Contact the school office at 262-782-7057 with any questions or to request enrollment information.

Auction for Education Tailgate Extravaganza

The auction team is busy planning our tailgate extravaganza! During this holiday season we ask you to think SMV! Did you receive a gift basket with trinkets you will never use? Did you receive a gift card for a place you



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Recurring donations may be made via direct debit from your checking or savings account and are also fee-free to St. Mary's Visitation. Please complete the form on the SMV website and return it to the Parish Office: www.stmaryeg.org/donate.

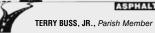
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