



SAINT MARY PARISH

130 West Cedar St., Platteville, WI

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULES

St. Mary

Saturday: 4:00 PM - English
Sunday: 9 AM - English
12:00 Noon - Spanish



SAINT AUGUSTINE University Parish

135 South Hickory St., Platteville, WI

St. Augustine

Sunday: 8:00 AM - Traditional Latin Mass
10:30 AM - English
6:00 PM - English

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WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULES

Monday - Friday: 8:00am

Saturday, 8:00am (TLM)

Monday - Friday: 6:30am (TLM)

Tuesday - Thursday: 5:00pm

CONFESSION

Monday - Friday: 7:00 - 7:50am

Saturday: 7:00 - 7:50am & 3 - 3:50pm

Sunday: 8-8:50am

Monday - Friday: 6:00 - 6:30am

Tuesday - Thursday: 4:15 - 4:55pm

Sunday: 7:15-8am, 5:15 - 6:00pm

ADORATION

Every Thursday: 8:30am - 7:30pm

Monday - Friday: 7am - 5pm

4th Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2020



SAINT MARY PARISH

Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 20

9:00am † Justin Tranel

12:00pm For the People (Spanish)

Monday, December 21

8:00am † David & John Klaas

Tuesday December 22

8:00am President Donald J. Trump

Wednesday, December 23

8:00am † Sandy Stienstra

Thursday, December 24

8:00am Elvin & Lois Martin Family

Christmas Eve

5:00pm † Eugene Leuth

9:00pm John Dockery

Friday, December 25

Christmas Day

9:00am † Loretta "Sis" Duggan

12:00pm President Donald J. Trump (Hispanic)

Saturday, December 26

8:00am Matthew Valentine (TLM)

4:00pm † Betty Mook & Sharon Mook

Sunday, December 27

9:00am † Phyllis Runde

12:00pm For the People (Spanish)

St. Mary Parish Giving December 13

Weekly Envelopes \$3402.00

Offertory \$ 314.00

Weekly Average Electronic Funds \$ 900.00

Sunday Readings

2 Samuel 7:1-5; 8b-12, 14a, 16

Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29

Romans 16:25-27

Luke 1:26-38

Thank you

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the Thanksgiving baskets and to Adopt-a-Family this year. You have given joy and relief to many people this holiday season. God bless you!

Adoration Canceled

Adoration is canceled on December 24 & 31.

The church will still be open for prayer on those days.

St. Mary Calendar

Office Hours:

Our office will be closed:

December 23 - 28

Tuesday, December 22

Confession available: 5:00-7:00pm

Wednesday, December 23 & 30

Religious Education: **Canceled**

Confession available: 5:00-7:00pm

Thursday, December 24 & 31

Adoration : **Canceled**

Thursday, December 24: Christmas Eve Masses

5:00 PM & 9:00 PM

Friday, December 25: Christmas Day Masses

9:00 AM & Noon (Spanish)

Looking Ahead

December 31, 4:00pm

Mary Mother of God Vigil Mass

January 1, 9:00am (English) & Noon (Hispanic)

Mary Mother of God Mass

Extra Confession Times Before Christmas

Tuesday, December 22, 5:00-7:00pm

Wednesday, December 23, 5:00-7:00pm

Readings for the week of December 21-26, 2020

Monday:

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21
[1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday:

1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd]/Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday:

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

Thursday:

Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25.

Friday:

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/
Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14.

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/
Lk 2:15-20.

Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/
Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Saturday:

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22

Message from Father

Dear Parishioners,

We have but a few days left until Christmas. Don't let them go by without some sort of attention toward God. Maybe an extra prayer or stopping by church for a short visit with the Blessed Sacrament or some extra sacrifice made. The great feast is near, let us make everything ready!

God bless!

Fr. John Blewett

Catechism of the Catholic Church

We are breaking from our series on the sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation to share information about this season.

"The entire year is divided by the Church into periods and seasons, some of rejoicing, some of penance, and others of ordinary prayer and work. By following the cycle of feasts and fasts, and living in the spirit of each time, we shall sanctify the whole year and make it bear fruit pleasing to God. In observing the seasons, we should look upon the events as actually occurring. The Church is the Mystical Body of Christ; she lives over every year the mysteries of His life. Thus we unite ourselves with Christ" (My Catholic Faith, Pg. 240).

Advent is one of the six seasons of the ecclesiastical year. It is a four week period of expectation and preparation for the Solemnity of Christmas. "Advent means coming. It begins with the first Sunday of Advent, and embraces the four Sundays before Christmas. It is a season of penance in preparation for the birth of the Redeemer" (My Catholic Faith, Pg. 241). Purple vestments are worn by priests for Mass during the Advent season as a sign of penance. Gaudete Sunday is the third Sunday of Advent. It is a day to rejoice; the coming of the Lord is near. The penitential aspect of Advent is relaxed on Gaudete Sunday and priests wear rose colored vestments.

Christmas is near indeed, and will be discussed in our next column.

Pastoral Council Column

The Antidote

The world has gone mad. Perhaps it always has been, but now it openly and insistently is making

sure that its collective marbles are forever mislaid.

But there is an antidote. Sit for a while before the Eucharist in Adoration and you'll see what I mean. The Host, housed in the monstrance, graced by the two angels in perpetual adoration, and flanked by rows of lit candles never fails to catch me off my guard. For while the Eucharist is always the same, there is a contextual difference: at Mass the Eucharist is freely given and consumed, at Adoration it is equally given but withheld.

I experience God's presence at Adoration as a physical force, both invitation and barrier; as God's call to all mankind to participate in His love, but also as His absolute refusal to admit any evil or sin, any heresy or desire-for-self into the Holy of Holies. The invitation far exceeds our human ability to answer it, the barrier in place lest we try to breach the wall without Him. That the wall is porous – as it surely is – in no way means that we don't need Christ's help to enter in, and even less does it suggest that evil can pass through.

And there the madness has found purchase in the Church, amongst men who would have us believe that the barrier against evil never existed, or that it has been removed, or that it at least bends to fit our desires. Thus, love "accompanies" the woman on her way to kill her child while high placed government officials – self-professed Catholics – promote her right to do so; and they, in turn, are welcomed to the Communion table by prelates who accuse those who notice their moral error – and who are brave enough to speak out about it – of "politicizing the Eucharist." *Prophesy not to us what is right; speak to us smooth things...let us hear no more of the Holy One of Israel* (Isaiah 30:10).

It is not good to stare for too long into the abyss. Go to Adoration where Love obliterates all confusion and destroys all the lies and uncertainties that Satan and his minions would have us believe. For his (the devil's) main strength lies in the power of fear, bending us to his will by ratcheting up our anxieties over what might happen if we don't comply.

But we won't go for it! For even if Satan were to reward us, his rewards are temporary and would cost us everything. And the fact that we are timid, that we may well be afraid, and that we are sinners not worthy of God's love only the more brings us glory if we wait upon Christ, if we don't give up now, as we look forward to His coming. For God's rewards are eternal, beautiful, and true. Come, let us Adore Him and see!

(Gregory Merrick is on the Evangelization Committee.
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Message from Father

Dear Parishioners,
Christmas is undoubtedly the most exciting feast of the year. The only one so great that we start celebrating months in advance. The only one so special that its music flows through the air for more hours than could fit in the feast and its octave.

And the greatest part is that Christ is at the center of all our celebrations. All the Walmarts and Amazons of the world will never be able to remove the very reason for our celebration: the baby born among animals that was God himself. The one who loved us so much, He came and saved us and gave us the true reason for any celebration.

May Christ be at the center of all of our festivities this year. As we share the love of our families, let us remember that God, who is love, lived for us. As we spend time at peace in our homes and dinner tables, remember the peace that God came to give. As we experience the positive feelings of friendships, remember the one who will never abandon us.

Our religion is all about these moments of celebration. In the beginning, we celebrated in the garden with God. In the end, we will be together at the wedding feast of the Lamb. Joy is the great symbol of the Christian and what truly sets us apart from the world. Let us remember the joy of being Christian and knowing how a loving God chose to come to us to fill our lives with joy. There is so much good in our lives. The greatest thing and origin of all good is the baby lying in the manger: the one who we met at the time of our conversion, and the one who we hope to meet once again some day. Merry Christmas!

Fr. John Del Priore

Christmas Day Mass Times

Midnight (TLM)
8:00am (TLM)
10:30am (English)

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 20

8:00am President Donald Trump (TLM)

10:30am Sally Kirchbaum

6:00pm For the People

Monday, December 21

6:30am Tom & Cindy Wiker Family (TLM)

Tuesday, December 22

6:30am Bob & Agnes Vorwald (TLM)

Wednesday, December 23

6:30am Living & Deceased Members of the
Paul Weaver Family (TLM)

Thursday, December 24

6:30am Souls in Purgatory (TLM)

Friday, December 25

Christmas Day

Midnight Gary & Norma Wegner (TLM)

8:00am Kathy Thomas (TLM)

10:30am + Margaret Stefanowicz

Sunday, December 27

8:00am Fr. John Del Priore (TLM)

10:30am Sally Kirchbaum

6:00pm For the People

St. Augustine Parish Giving, December 13

Weekly Envelopes \$ 0.00

Offertory \$405.00

Money Counters

December 20 - Ben Ballweg & Morris Schauff

December 27: Priscilla Hahn & Beth Ballweg

Christmas Mass Schedule

St. Mary

Christmas Eve;

5:00pm & 9:00pm (English)

Christmas Day;

9:00am (English) & Noon (Spanish)

St. Augustine

Christmas Day;

Midnight & 8:00am (TLM)

10:30am (English)



St. Mary's Sanctuary is equipped with a Hearing Loop.

Have your hearing aid T-Coil activated or ask an usher how to use the Loop Listener.



Would you like to mark an occasion? For \$12, an arranged rose will be placed near the Blessed Mother statue in the sanctuary at St. Mary's, and your event or memorial will be published in the bulletin.

Envelopes for purchasing a rose are currently at the church entrances. Please make out checks to CCW, and place your envelope in the basket or rectory. The program will run year-round.



Christmas Memorial Flowers

- *Envelopes are available by the baptismal font
- *Please make checks out to "CCW".
- *Envelopes may be put in the collection basket or dropped off at the rectory.

Alone for Christmas

34th Annual Free Christmas Dinner

We will be serving CARRY OUT ONLY and RESERVATIONS ARE NECESSARY.

Hosted by Community Evangelical Free Church
300 Pioneer Road, Platteville, WI

Pick Up Christmas Day with time arranged when you make your reservation. Pickup will be outside of the church, by car or on foot.

For pick up reservation, please call 608-342-2099 or 563-845-1438,
December 21-22, between 10am and 3pm.

For delivery reservation to the Homebound, pls call 608-330-1948,
December 19-23.
Please, homebound only.

We wish you and your family a Merry & Blessed Christmas!



PRO-LIFE WISCONSIN'S MARCH FOR LIFE MADISON JANUARY 2 | MADISON, WI | 11:00 A.M.

March with us on the sidewalks around the State Capitol!

*Pro-Life Wisconsin signs will be available,
but you're welcome to bring your own.*

ProLife
LOVE FOR LIFE. WI.

262.796.1111 ext. 114

Extra Confession Times at St. Mary's

There will be extra confession times available the week of Christmas.

Tuesday, December 22, 5:00-7:00pm

Wednesday, December 23, 5:00-7:00pm

Advertiser of the Week

Dave's Auto Body

Please consider this business and thank them for their support.

Bulletin Deadline

Dec. 28 for Jan. 3 Bulletin

Please email to

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