

Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception & St. Joseph Catholic Church

**Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 18, 2022**

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Masses This Week

Sat. Dec. 17	4:00 p.m.	(St. Joseph) <i>Ray and Agnes Laufenberg Families and Deceased Members</i>
	5:45 p.m.	(St. Mary) <i>Deceased Family of Monte Williams</i>
Sun. Dec. 18	8:30 a.m.	(St. Mary) <i>Judith Hanson</i>
	10:30 a.m.	(St. Joseph) <i>St. Joseph & St. Mary Parishioners</i>
Mon. Dec. 19		<i>No Mass</i>
Tues. Dec. 20	11:00 a.m.	(St. Mary) <i>Funeral: Lester DeMott</i>
Wed. Dec. 21	8:30 a.m.	(St. Mary) <i>Chuck Hanauska</i>
Thurs. Dec. 22	8:00 a.m.	(St. Joseph) <i>Mark Jacob</i>
Fri. Dec. 23	8:00 a.m.	(St. Joseph) <i>Special Intention</i>
Sat. Dec. 24		CHRISTMAS EVE
	4:00 p.m.	(St. Joseph) <i>Poettgen and Kronau Families</i>
	4:00 p.m.	(St. Mary) <i>For All Parents Who Have Lost a Child</i>
	6:00 p.m.	(St. Mary) <i>Duane Langer</i>
Sun. Dec. 25		CHRISTMAS DAY
	8:30 a.m.	(St. Mary) <i>St. Mary & St. Joseph Parishioners</i>
	10:30 a.m.	(St. Joseph) <i>Living & Deceased Members of the Vogl & Winiecki Families</i>

All Masses are in-person

Special Livestreaming For Christmas:

- St. Mary on Saturday, Christmas Eve at 4:00 p.m.
- St. Joseph on Sunday, Christmas Day at 10:30 a.m.



Join us on Facebook to view Mass streaming live (access available from each parish website):

- St. Mary: www.saintmarymilton.org
- St. Joseph: www.stjoeedgerton.org

Pray for the Sick

Please keep these parishioners and family members in your prayers:

Rich Addie
Delores Alm
Dorothy & Ken
Bomkamp
William Burdick
William Butzke
Frank Daniels
Joyce DeMott
Bart DiMattina
Aaron Ellis
Carole Evans
Pat Finucan
Esther Folk
Jane Folk
Elizabeth Frye
Anna Furlano
Jim Furlano
Helen Goerke
Lynette Hammil
Jared Hanson
Duane
Hendricks
Bud Hoff
Nick Hoff
Bill Hupp
Don Hyng
Trish Jarzynski



Marion Kaiser
Barb Keefe
Matt Keller
Kathleen Knight
Jeff Kraus
Loren Krueger
Mary Ann
Langer
Lisa Meyers
Lillian Moreno
Mary Kay
Mullen
Bob Murphy
Scot Nelson
Jeffrey Pipitone
Bill Rice
Diana Riesterer
Joe Riesterer
Phil Riesterer
Rob Rosa
Mike Ryder
Rosemary
Schafer
Kathy
Trimberger
Paul Warren
Ron Yoss

Stewardship: A Way of Life

4th Sunday of Advent

“When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.”

Matthew 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

WORD OF LIFE: “Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother.” Learn ten tips at [respectlife.org/support-her](https://www.respectlife.org/support-her)



*USCCB
Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities*

St. Joseph Parish

This Week at St. Joseph

Sun. Dec. 18:

- 10:30 a.m. Junior Disciples
- 11:30 a.m. Confessions

Wed. Dec. 21:

- 3:30 p.m. Faith Formation Gr 1-5
- 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
- 6:30 p.m. Faith Formation Gr 6-9

Sat. Dec. 24:

- 8:00 a.m. Rosary - Cenacles of Life
- NO Confessions

Sanctuary Candle

is burning this week

In Memory of

Deceased Members of the McCue
and Kisting Families



In Sympathy

Heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of **Marilyn Nielsen**, who recently died.



Please keep these parishioners and family members in your prayers.

Gracie
Theresa Amundson
Fran Barrett
Lois Bongle
Betty Bosben
John Bovard
Larry Burns

Joan Chesmore
Pat Chiumenti
Donna Dahl
Sue Dahms
Grace Farrington
Judy Fugate
Lynsey Gruna
Mya Harwood
Rosie Hatlen
Linda Hatton
Julie Hoff

Marge Hollenberger
Marian Jacob
Christian Kelsey
Robert Koch
John Kociolek
Annanell Krausse
Agnes Manhart
Annette Nagle
Jeanne N.
Maureen Plautz
John & Mary Pratt

Jane Raatz
Elliot Rademacher
Bob (Seamons)
Siemienkovicz
Jacinta Tinoco
Serrano
S. Severson
Sonja P.
Pat Spray
Frank Vogl
Darnell Ziegler

Financial Stewardship

Collection from December 11, 2022

Envelopes	3,324.20
Offertory	305.09
On-Line Giving	<u>2,139.00</u>
Total	5,768.29
Weekly Income Needs	5,150.00

Thank you for your continued financial support of our parish!

If you would like to contribute electronically, please sign up at

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stjoeedgerton>



Baptism: Scheduled after weekend Masses. Baptismal Preparation Class is required. They are offered the first Sunday of March, July, and November after 10:30 a.m. Mass

Marriage: Please contact the priest at least 6 months prior to the wedding date.

Reconciliation: Every Saturday at 3:00 pm before 4:00 pm Mass and the second and third Sunday after 10:30 am Mass.

St. Mary Parish

Financially Speaking

Collection From Last Week (December 11, 2022)

Weekly Income Needs	7,788.00
<i>based on income from budget</i>	
Envelopes	7,020.00
Offertory	129.00
ACH & On-Line Giving	720.00

Fiscal Year-To-Date Contributions

YTD Envelopes & ACH	194,710.16
YTD Offertory	3,860.05

Collection from last year (December 12, 2021)

Envelopes	7,546.00
Offertory	79.00
ACH & Online Giving	610.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH!

This Week at St. Mary Parish

Sun. Dec. 18:

- 9:30 a.m. Decorate church after Mass

Tues. Dec. 20:

- 9:00 a.m. Rosary following Mass
- NO K-6 class
- 5:00 p.m. Confessions

Wed. Dec. 21:

- 9:00 a.m. Rosary following Mass
- NO K-6 Class

Thurs. Dec. 22:

- 11:00 a.m. Senior Stockbox distribution

In Sympathy:

Heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of those who recently died.

- *Rodney Brandt father of Barry Brandt*
- *Mary Lou Chesmore*
- *Darlene Cunningham*
- *Lester DeMott*
- *Charles Mathews*
- *Robert "Bob" Urban*

Special THANK YOU to parishioners Gail & John Nordlof for the donation of altar wine at St. Mary Parish.

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ST. MARY CEMETERY NEWS: A big thank you to all of those who donated time and/or materials for the maintenance of the St. Mary Cemetery this past year. All of the day-to-day maintenance tasks were done by volunteers. Those tasks included, but are not limited to: mowing, trimming, weeding, seeding, watering, leaf pick-up and tending to the flower beds. A special thank you goes to the Knights of Columbus who were always there to step in on short notice when needed. God Bless!

THANK YOU FROM ST. MARY CCW: GREAT NEWS! We raised \$1,220 for scholarships for our high school seniors, and actually sold out! A big thank you to St. Mary volunteers who worked at the Cookie Walk last weekend and those who donated or bought goodies. We had a nice variety of cookies and candy! If you would still like to donate, please make check payable to St. Mary CCW and drop off at St. Mary parish office. Thank you!

SANCTUARY CANDLE AT ST. MARY: Mass intentions are a popular way to remember a loved one. With each intention, a loved one is benefitted in the purification process in purgatory (see 2 Maccabees 12). A limited number of Mass intentions are available each year (only one per Mass are allowed). Mass intentions at St. Mary are spoken for through the end

of 2023. As is currently done at St. Joseph, we will offer the option of burning the sanctuary candle for loved ones. Although the sanctuary candle will not offer the purification process for souls of the deceased, the sanctuary candle is another way to honor your loved one. It will burn for one week for a loved one, living (in Honor of) or deceased (in Memory of). You will be limited to 2 candles per year for a specific person. We will begin honoring loved ones in this way beginning January 1.

Contact Becky at 608-868-3335 or becky.krier1@gmail.com for more information.

EDGERTON CARE CENTER TREE: Thank you to everyone who took a tag from The Edgerton Care Center Christmas tree! A reminder: the Care Center requests the items be placed in gift bags only (no wrapped boxes), attach the tag and **return no later than December 18th**. Thank you so much and Merry Christmas.

EDGERTON OUTREACH COLLECTION AT ST. JOSEPH: Thank you to all that contributed to the second collection for the Christmas Dinners last weekend. Through your generosity we raised \$1,272.97 to benefit Edgerton Community Outreach and those they serve.

St. Mary Safety & Security Committee

Seeking your help!

We are looking for volunteers to be “Outside Ushers”. These ushers would:

- Arrive a minimum of 30 minutes prior to Mass.
- Make sure sidewalks, entryways, etc. are free of snow, and ice melt is applied, if necessary.
- Assist older parishioners from their vehicles to and from the building. *As we all know, parking lots can be treacherous.*
- Additionally, the “Outside Usher” would tour the parking areas and surrounding buildings ensuring a safe environment for everyone. *You will not be expected to stay outside during the entire time Mass is being celebrated.*

We realize mother nature does not always play nice. It may rain, or the temps could be downright frigid. We would not want anyone put in danger due to bad weather. What we are suggesting is that once everyone is safely inside, take a walk around all the parking areas to be sure nobody has slipped or fallen, determine if more ice melt is needed, shovel any accumulated snow, and keep an eye out for anything that looks out of place.

In case of severe weather, we do not want anyone to feel they need to stay outside. Please come into the Gathering Space to warm up, or sit in your vehicle with the heater on.

10 to 15 minutes before Mass ends, the “Outdoor Usher” would determine if the walkways, and the parking areas need additional shoveling or salting to avoid any accidental slips or falls, (i.e. the steps and the approaching sidewalk at the historical entrance, the sidewalk at the main entrance, the walkway at the East entrance to the rear parking area is also a major area of concern.)

The Safety and Security Committee have ensured that the salt boxes at all three entrances are well stocked, as well as adding two additional trash cans filled with ice melt, located at the midpoint of the parish center on the West and East side of the building.

If you notice an ice patch, please feel free to spread some ice melt for the safety of others that may still be coming to or from Mass.

With that in mind, our “Outdoor Usher” would assist parishioners back to their vehicles safely. No slips and falls on our watch!

If you could help, we would greatly appreciate it. We could use at least 1 person for each Mass. But feel free to buddy up to lighten the load. Anyone interested in helping, please contact Vicki to sign up for a Saturday evening or Sunday morning Mass time.



Lights for Loved Ones

Jesus Christ is the light of the world, a light which no darkness can quench. We remember before God, those who have died, and light these Christmas lights to symbolize the light of Christ, which eternally shines upon those we love and miss this Christmas season.

We remember:

Joe Allen	Robert & Verona Dugenske	James O. Jenkins
Jon Allen	Grandparents of the Dugenske Family	Richard A. Johnson
Glenn W. Anderson	Bryant Ellingson	Michael Keegan
Mercedes Arcilla	Robert & Catherine Elliott	Ken Kerchoff
Tom Arnold	Louie & Agnes (Fanning) Hanauska	David Kerchoff
Tom & Mary Margaret (Beggs) Kennedy	Mary Fiedler	Rita Koopman
Al & Dee Bentz	Henry Joseph Fitzpatrick	Rita Koopman
Rose Bertulfo	Sarah Gallagher	Peter Korell
Richard Brewer	Jim Garbe	Kristy Koster
Cathy Burchfield	Mr. & Mrs. Forrest Gray	Thomas Krausse
The Burki/McKeown Family	Joanne Habersetzer	George & Laura Kruger
Larry Cain	Nick Habersetzer Jr.	Colleen Kunkel
Dan Calhoon	Ina & Al Hageman	Duane L. Langer
Primo & Dora Canete	Claris Hanson	Joseph Langer
Jun & Beth Canete	John Hiestad	Margaret Langer
Marcela & Renzo Canete	Gabriel Heistad	Lee & Anderson Families
Cris & Laurdes Canete	Ariel Heistad	Betty Leonard
David & Mary Carroll	Michael Heistad	Frank Leonard
Leon & Mildred Churchill	Ray Heisz	Angeline Leonard
Laura Cobetto	Adele Heisz	Lyle Levknecht
Frank Cobetto	Gerald Hensgen	Bob Levknecht
John Cobetto	Frank Joseph Hines	Raymond Lieder Family
The Cowan Family	Robert Hoganson	Alex Loper
Glenn Cunningham	Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Holecek	Jerry & Leonore Malkauski
Bruce & Gene Curler	Kris Houge	Mr. & Mrs. Donald Mantley
The Residents of Curler Home	Lowell & Jeannette Houge	Charles Marsoun
Lucy Dewey	William Richard Hull	Loren Mayfield
James & Margaret Drew	Vivian L. Hull	Fr. Jim McEnery

Lights for Loved Ones

Fr. Jim McEnergy
Tom McNally
Kaye Meyers
LaVerne Meyers
Bill Miller
Grace Miller
Jeanette Moebius
William Moebius
Clarence Morrissey
Kathryn Morrissey
Jack Mullen
Andy Mullen
Dwayne (Murf) Murphy
Don Murphy
Thomas Murphy
Elsie Murphy
Gordon Nelson
Gary Norder
Sidney & Esther Noss
Donald Nowacki
Cheryl E. Nuzzo
Frank Ochs
Family of Roland O'Connell
Kathryn O'Donnell
Ellen O'Malley-Herbner
The Ostrowski Family
Donald Owens
Bob Pakes
Lawrence Palzkill Family
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Pehl
Fred Pfau
Jim Pins

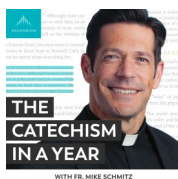
Eileen Pins
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Platts
Hazel & James Powers
James Rademacher
Patricia Rademacher
Pat Rademacher
Laura Reilly
Ron Reilly
Leonard Riesterer
Phil Riesterer Sr.
Zenaida Ruiz
Alfred Russell
Roger Saunders
Betty Saunders
Joseph Schafer
David Schafer
Eleanor Scheel
Peggie Sersch
Dennis Sitter
Nils Sleppekis
Marlene Slowey
Bill & Gloria Slowey
Jim Starr
Benjamin F. Steely
The Stockhausen Family
Jared Swenson
Jim Tieglman
Walter Timmerman
Stella Timmerman
Dave Timmerman
Lucille Tira
John Tira

Patrick Tracey
Mr. & Mrs. Ambrose Tracey
James & Jae Tracey
Bishop Ben Tuftud
Brett Urban
Sandy & Bill Urban
Irv & Irene Voss
Marlene Wagner
Jim & Lucille Wagner
Scott Warren
Dodie Weberpal
Ralph Weberpal
Ethan Barclay Weberpal
Elmer Wegner
Richard Wegner
Dan Wendler
Kathy Wendler
Shelia Whitney
Monte Williams
Family of Clarence & Rosie Witek
Ruth Ann Witek
Family of Don Witek
Jason Zinzow
Deceased Members of the Martin
& Gotto Families



NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE ENVELOPE AT ST. MARY: In the early stages of the capital campaign at St. Mary, the Finance Council discussed adding a contribution envelope in the monthly packet for capital campaign pledge payments. The envelope would serve as a reminder for those who receive monthly envelopes. Although the campaign has been paused, the envelope company that we use requires several months advance notice when adding new envelopes to the monthly packets. Beginning with the January, 2023 monthly packet, there will be an additional envelope included "Other Capital Expenditures" with a section to check whether your contribution should be used for "General Capital Needs" or transferred to the funds already reserved for the "Capital Campaign". For those who contribute via ACH, an additional line will be added to the form asking if you would like to include a contribution for either of these. If you have any questions, please contact Vicki at 608-449-6530.

CATECHISM IN A YEAR (with Fr. Mike Schmitz): For those of us who have enjoyed listening to Fr. Mike and the Bible in a Year, you might also enjoy The Catechism in a Year! Beginning January 1, Fr. Mike will read the entire



Catechism in 365 days. Follow along by signing up to download the reading plan at: ascensionpress.com/pages/catechisminayear

ROSARY AT ST. MARY ON MONDAY MORNINGS: Our rosary group is still going strong. The rosary will be said outside by Our Lady (corner of Parkview and St. Mary St.) at 11:00 a.m., weather permitting. Time commitment is only 15 minutes. Please bring your own chair. If raining or other bad weather, we will meet inside church. The rosary is also recited immediately following Mass every Tuesday and Wednesday. On Wednesday we follow the rosary with Divine Mercy Chaplet. Won't you join us?



“Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced.”
James Baldwin, American Author

When shopping for Christmas gifts this year, why not try [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com)? It's free to use and each purchase supports your favorite charity—ST. MARY and ST. JOSEPH qualify!

ST. MARY AMAZON SMILE: Consider supporting St. Mary Parish at no additional cost to you!

- Use our unique charity link: [Smile.amazon.com/ch/39-0838102](https://www.smile.amazon.com/ch/39-0838102)
- OR type Smile.amazon.com and search for St. Mary Parish, Milton, WI
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Simply:

1. Visit [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com)
2. Search for St. Joseph Church Edgerton
3. Select it for your charity
4. Start shopping and St. Joseph's earns .5% rebate from eligible purchases.

Please contact Laura in the office, 608-884-3038 or admin@stjoeedgerton.org if you have any questions.

Easy Ways to Support Our Parishes!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION GUARDIANS AT ST. JOSEPH: Thank you to everyone who serves as a Guardian during Adoration on the First Tuesday of every month. We are preparing the 2023 schedule and there are a few openings left to fill. Please consider being a guardian for the **6:30-7:30 p.m.** time slot in **January, February, March, and April.** The Sign-Up sheet is on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Edgerton Community Blood Drive
St Joseph Catholic Church

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

In the Parish Hall

For an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [Redcrossblood.org](https://www.Redcrossblood.org) and enter Sponsor Code: Edgerton

St. Mary Faith Formation



Thank you to
Leah and Logan
for assisting with
the Christmas
gift distribution
for Milton
Community
Action!

NO CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER PLANS? Do you find yourself without a place to go for Christmas? A parishioner of St. Joseph and her husband are opening their home to you, Christmas Eve, December 24th, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. A light dinner, snacks/munchies, and refreshments will be available. Activities one can be part of: Christmas caroling, a Hallmark Christmas movie, and/or a short prayer for all attendees' wishes. Individuals, families, and children with their parent(s) are welcome. The more, the merrier! In order to plan for food, reservations are needed, by calling Tracy at 608-469-5866, and to get the home address.

MANDALA STONE PAINT NITE at ST JOSEPH: Alexis Johnson from the Fellowship Committee will introduce you to this unique way of painting stones. Please join us for an evening of fellowship and fun, Thursday, January 19th starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Several design options to choose from that are easy to do. There is no cost for materials. Please call Alexis if you have any questions: 608-206-9504.



End of Year Tax Contributions

The Parish financial books will close on Friday, December 30, 2022. Anyone wishing to make contributions for the **YEAR 2022** must do so **ON OR BEFORE FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2022**. All checks received at the parish after December 30, 2022, will be recorded as contributions for the year 2023.

An excellent way to lower your tax payment is by making an additional contribution to a charity. Contributions to your parish qualify!

SPECIAL LIVESTREAM FOR CHRISTMAS:

Please note that for Christmas Only:

- St. Mary will livestream Saturday, Christmas Eve at 4:00 p.m.
- St. Joseph will livestream Sunday, Christmas Day at 10:30 a.m.



BULLETINS MAILED HOME: Would you or someone you know benefit from having our weekly bulletin mailed to your home? If so, please contact:

- **St. Mary:** Vicki at 608-449-6530 or email victoria.kersten1@gmail.com
- **St. Joseph:** Laura at 608-884-3038 or email admin@stjoeedgerton.org



Advent Week 4: Purple Advent Candle, PEACE

On the fourth and final Sunday of Advent, the last candle is lit, which is purple. This candle represents peace and reminds us of the importance of Peace as the true savior of the world is coming.



THE EUCHARIST VIDEO: Fr. David wants each adult member of St. Joseph and St. Mary to watch “The Eucharist,” an 18-minute video on formed.org, so that we all have a common background of Church teaching about the Eucharist. In the search engine, type “The Eucharist” and click on the option which is 18 minutes and 50 seconds. The main presenter is Edward Sri,



and it is from a series called “Symbolon for Teens.” Or scan this QR code:

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Christmas Masses

	St. Mary, Milton	St. Joseph Edgerton
Saturday, December 24 <i>Christmas Eve Mass</i>	4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
Sunday December 25 <i>Christmas Day Mass</i>	8:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.

A Note from Our Pastor ...



- ✦ The Gospel reading on this last Sunday of Advent is always about God making known to Mary and Joseph that they will have a child who will be the Messiah. I am glad that Christmas is on a Sunday this year—we get a full 7 days to observe the 4th Sunday of Advent!
- ✦ Please be careful on ice, especially when clearing your windshield and when walking on pavement.
- ✦ I am grateful for the safety and security committees at both churches, which have been meeting for several months. Please see the request in this bulletin for volunteer “outdoor ushers” at St. Mary.
- ✦ I invite all of us age 18 and over to prepare and share our three-minute faith stories after Masses January 14-15 in groups of three. The apostles said we are to be ready anytime, any place (I Pt 3:15). It helps to practice in front of other people.

Fr. David

Fr. David on *Into the Deep* Several people have asked why we are making structural changes. Why can't we just continue the way we have been? We are doing well right now, so why change? My answer is that, from another perspective, we are not necessarily doing well, in our parishes (St. Joseph and St. Mary) or in our diocese. On a recent Sunday I spoke about the research which shows that in many important categories, we are trending in unhealthy directions. I think we have all seen Mass attendance and faith formation enrollment decline significantly in recent years. We hope it is not too late to reverse the trajectory. The structural changes will allow more efficient use of resources and enable more attention to be directed to evangelization. Right now many priests in our diocese would love to direct more energy into evangelization, but they are unable due to time constraints. Here is the important condition—we must all work together. A few priests or a few helpers will not be enough to reverse the trend. It must be all of us. That is why the Bishop is emphasizing *Go Make Disciples*, whose goal is to help all of us to grow in evangelization. Together we can do it!

Readings for Week of December 18-25

Sunday, December 18

Isaiah 7:10-14

Psalms 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-24

Monday, December 19

Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a

Psalms 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17

Luke 1:5-25

Tuesday, December 20

Isaiah 7:10-14

Psalms 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6

Luke 1:26-38

Wednesday, December 21

Songs 2:8-14

Psalms 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21

Luke 1:39-45

Thursday, December 22

1 Samuel 1:24-28

Psalms: 1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd

Luke 1:46-56

Friday, December 23

Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24

Psalms 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10, 14

Luke 1:57-66

Sunday, December 25 Christmas Day

Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalms 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25

Matthew 1:1-25



FOUR HOLY HABITS

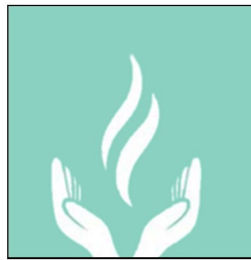
Each of us is called to be holy. Here are four habits that Bishop Hying has identified that will guide you on your path to holiness.

SUNDAY EUCHARIST



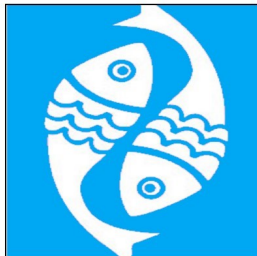
Reclaim the Sunday Eucharist as the center of parish life

PERSONAL PRAYER



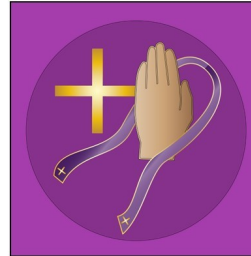
Spend at least 15 minutes per day in personal prayer

FAST ON FRIDAY



Fast from meat or spend the day with some type of penance/mortification

CONFESSION



Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation monthly