



ADVENT 2011

Advent is a time of anticipation. We prepare for that most special guest, Jesus. We celebrate that he came among us as one of us. We prepare for his coming in the Eucharist. We prepare for the time he will come again to take us home. We prepare for Jesus when we see his face in those in need...when we reach out to fulfill their needs. We prepare the home in our hearts for Jesus as we attend Mass, as we come for the sacrament of Reconciliation and Evening Prayer. We encounter Jesus in the quiet times before the celebration.

Advent Calendar at St. Mary Parish

November 26/27 - First Sunday of Advent

Advent Needs Trees in Church

An opportunity for parishioners to fulfill needs of others by way of an anonymous Christmas gift. Return gifts no later than December 4th. Coordinated by St. Mary Human Concerns Committee.

Advent Fair ★ Resources are available in the Marian Way for you to celebrate Advent more fully.

After 8AM & 9:30AM Masses – Coffee & Donuts in the Community Room
 During 9:30AM Babysitting available
 During 9:30AM Liturgy of the Word with Children in LL 2

November 29 (Tuesday) – Advent Evening Prayer – 6:00-6:45PM

Come, experience Advent Evening Prayer. It begins with a prayer in thanksgiving for the light, includes exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, seasonal psalms and readings with a reflection on an Advent theme. Jeff Prickette who is soon to become a deacon will be sharing the reflection and Thomas Walter will accompany us with music. A light sharing of food and refreshment will follow.

December 3/4 - Second Sunday of Advent & St. Nick Gift-Giving Weekend

Children offer presents at the weekend Masses which go to children who might otherwise not have a happy Christmas. St. Nick will be present to lead the children to the altar and will distribute candy canes at the end of all weekend Masses. The children's monetary collection is suspended this weekend...they are invited to place any envelopes they bring in the "grown-up" collection.

St. Mary's Live Nativity

Visit our live portrayal between 3:45PM and 5:45PM on Saturday, December 3.

After 8AM & 9:30AM Masses – Coffee & Donuts in the Community Room
 During 9:30AM Babysitting available
 During 9:30AM Liturgy of the Word with Children in LL 2

December 7/8 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception



This is a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics to attend Mass.

Masses are:

Dec. 7 (Wed.)	4:30PM	at St. Mary Church
Dec. 7 (Wed.)	6:30PM	at St. Joseph Church
Dec. 8 (Thurs.)	8:30AM <i>with our school children</i>	at St. Mary Church
	12:05PM	at St. Mary Church
	6:30PM	at St. Joseph Church

December 10/11 - Third Sunday of Advent

Bake & Craft Sale coordinated by Parish Community Events
 - after all Masses



2nd Collection for Retired Religious

An opportunity to help the religious who have given so much of themselves for us.

No Coffee & Donuts in the Community Room due to Bake & Craft Sale
 During 9:30AM Babysitting available
 During 9:30AM Liturgy of the Word with Children in LL 2

December 12 – Christmas Trees and Crèche go up in Church – Help Needed

9:00AM – 3:00PM Trees & Lights go up in Church and the Crèche is assembled. Many helpers are always needed. If you can spare the time, we would enjoy having you and would appreciate your help. Lunch will be served.

December 13 (Tuesday) – Advent Evening Prayer – 6:00-6:45PM

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December 17/18 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

After 8:00AM & 9:30AM Mass - Coffee & Donuts in the Community Room

During 9:30AM Babysitting available

During 9:30AM Liturgy of the Word with Children in LL 2

1:00PM

Garlands and boughs and final Christmas decorating needs your help if you can come. Christmas cookies provided.

December 20 – Poinsettias unwrapped and arranged

1:00PM – 3:00PM

Poinsettias sorted, watered, and arranged. Help is needed from those who have an interest in flower arranging.



December 22 - Christmas Eve Rehearsals in St. Mary Church

for Christmas Eve 4:00PM Mass

- Rehearsals begin at 4:45PM

for Christmas Eve 6:30PM Mass

- Rehearsals begin at 6:30PM



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Private Confessions:

Saturdays,	November 26	11:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.
	December 3, 10	11:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.
Friday,	December 16	5:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.
Monday,	December 19	Noon - 1:00 P.M.

NO CONFESSIONS ON SATURDAYS, DECEMBER 24 AND DECEMBER 31.

Other times by appointment. Privacy assured.

Interparish Reconciliation Service

at St. Mary Church

Sat., December 17 11:00 A.M. -Noon

at St. Joseph Church

Mon., December 19 6:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

Christmas Masses at St. Mary Church

Saturday, December 24 Christmas Eve

★ 4:00PM Mass (in Church)...*Children of the parish will be participating in this Mass. Additional seating provided in the Chapel and Community Room.*

★ 6:30PM Mass (in Church) preceded by Sacred Music Concert
Music provided by the Emmanuel Choir.

★ 10:00PM Mass (in Church) preceded by 9:00PM Sacred Music Concert
Music provided by the Adult Choir and The Bells of St. Mary Handbell Choir

Sunday, December 25 – Christmas Day

★ 8:30AM & ★ 10:30AM Masses.



Saturday, December 31/Sunday, January 1 - celebrating Mary, Mother of God



Masses: *Regular weekend Mass times apply*

Feast of Epiphany – January 7/8 (Saturday/Sunday)

Masses: *Regular weekend Mass times apply*