

# ST. MARY

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#### CONFESSIONS:

Saturday – 9 AM

Other times by request, privacy is assured

BAPTISM: Please contact Sr. Joanne at the parish office

#### MARRIAGES:

Congratulations on your engagement! Please contact Deacon Gerry at the parish office at least 6 months before your planned wedding date.

#### MASSES:

Daily: Tues. & Fri. 8:30 AM / Wed. & Thurs. 12:05 PM

Saturday evening: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM

Holydays: see bulletin

#### Summer Mass Schedule:

Saturday evening: 4:30m, Sundays: 8:30 & 10:30 AM

*A Catholic Community  
to Call Home*



# Our Lord JESUS CHRIST KING of the UNIVERSE



*November 26,  
2017*

**The solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe**

## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Mon., Nov. 27	12:05 PM	Mass at St. Joseph
Tue., Nov. 28	8:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Mary
Wed., Nov. 29	12:05 PM	Bill Hoffman
Thurs., Nov. 30	12:05 PM	Mark Chelsky
Fri., Dec. 1	8:30 AM	Bill Polley
Sat., Dec. 2	4:30 PM	Sue, Gail, Todd & Bill Morgan
Sun., Dec. 3	8:00 AM	Ed & Mary Holtz/Heenan Family
	9:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Mary
	11:00 AM	Vernon & Alice McGinnis

### Prayer Needs

Contact Luanne Witthuhn ([dlaawi@gmail.com](mailto:dlaawi@gmail.com)) or Anne Walkowski (830-1534) if you have a prayer need. Please remember the needs in our prayer baskets.

### Contributions

Office— \$2,017.00    Weekend— \$9,564.25  
Children's Collection: \$12.00

## In Joy & Sorrow

### Pondering Together the Treasures of Our Faith

As we prepare to greet the holy season of Advent, I thought maybe a poem from the pen of Ann Weems (*Kneeling in Bethlehem*) might be fitting. She titles her poem "Angel-Filled Advent."

Wouldn't it be wonderful  
if Advent came filled with angels and alleluias?  
Wouldn't it be perfect  
if we were greeted on these December mornings  
with a hovering of heavenly hosts  
tuning their harps and brushing up their fa-la-las?  
Wouldn't it be incredible  
if their music filled our waking hours  
with the promise of peace on earth  
and if each Advent night we dreamed of nothing but goodwill?  
Wouldn't we be ecstatic  
if we could take those angels shopping,  
or trim the tree or have them hold our hands  
and dance through our houses decorating?  
And, oh, how glorious it would be  
to sit in church next to an angel  
and sing our hark-the-heralds!  
What an Advent that would be! What Christmas spirit we could have!  
An angel-filled Advent has so many possibilities!  
But in lieu of that, perhaps we can give thanks  
for the good earthly joys we have been given  
and for the earthly "angels" that we know  
who do such a good job of filling with Advent alleluias!

Sadly our consumer culture pre-empts any observance of Advent, which is a time of waiting in joyful hope for Jesus to come again more fully into our hearts and world at Christmas time. We seem to skip Advent and enter into the Christmas Season even before it truly arrives, and once Christmas does arrive, we are tired of the whole thing and really don't enter into that holy season either. We jump the gun and the real purposes of Advent and Christmas are lost.

## ST. MARY WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

### November 27 (Mon)

6:30 PM Handbell Choir Practice/Choir Loft  
8:00 PM AI-Anon Meeting/L6

### November 28 (Tue)

8:30 AM Mass/Chapel  
11:35 AM Children's Choir Practice/McDonald St. Campus  
2:00 PM Rosary & Perpetual Help Devotions/Chapel  
6:00 PM First Reconciliation/St. Joseph Church

### November 29 (Wed)

11:45 AM Children's Choir Practice/Marquette St. Campus  
12:05 PM Mass  
4:30 PM & 6:30 PM Behold the Lamb/Church  
5:45 PM IPRF Children's & Youth Choir Practice/St. Anne  
6:30 PM Adult Choir Practice/St. Anne Room

### November 30 (Thurs)

11:25 AM Youth Choir Practice (1) / Xavier Middle School  
11:45 AM Youth Choir Practice (2) / Xavier Middle School  
12:05 PM Mass  
6:00 PM First Reconciliation/Church  
6:30 PM CRHP Continuation Committee Meeting/Large Conference

### December 1 (Fri)

8:30 AM Mass/Chapel

### PARISH ADVENT PROJECT WEEK 1: HOPE

**December 2 (Sat)** 9:00 AM Confessions/Church

4:30 PM Mass—**St. Nick Gift-Giving Weekend**

**December 3 (Sun)**

8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM Masses

**St. Nick Gift-Giving Weekend at all Masses  
Needs Tree Gifts due back!**

9:15 AM RCIA/L1-3

*Coffee & Donuts after 8:00 & 9:30 AM Masses*

*Babysitting available during 9:30 AM Mass*

Advent does require the practice of the art of pausing. In the stillness and quiet, we realize the touch of the Lord upon our hearts and lives. We open the Scriptures, especially the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, to get in touch again with our hopes and dreams for ourselves and for our world. Jesus, our Hope, assures us that life here on earth can be better than it is. Jesus assures us that what is needed is more tenderness as we share life with our sisters and brothers of every race and creed and with our common home, the earth itself. Mean-spiritedness has no place in the Reign of God, and sadly, there seems to be so much mean-spiritedness all around us and maybe even within us.

The prayer that we will say together as a people who wait in joyful hope during our Masses this Advent captures a bit of what I am trying to convey. Here it is. Cut it out from this bulletin and keep it close to your heart during this holy season.

**Come, Lord Jesus. Come, we cry, and do not delay! Come into our lives. Come into the pain and suffering of these days within us and across our troubled world. Come to bring light to the darkness of our minds and hearts. Come to free us from every compulsion and addiction that keep us captive. Come to reveal your deepest desires for us, here and now. Come to embrace us so profoundly that we will embrace your desires for all people. So purify our longings and animate our choices that we, by our very living of the Advent mystery, will hasten the day when your promises are fulfilled. Amen. (Sister Kathleen Hughes, RSCJ)**

Father Bill +



# Annual Parish Advent Project

## Week 1: HOPE

### Service opportunity

Bring in Needs Tree Gifts or St. Nick Gifts next weekend (December 2 & 3) to help spread HOPE in our community!



Coming up next . . . Week 2: LOVE

Tie fleece blankets for Harbor House after all Masses Dec. 9 & 10 in the Community Room, or between IPRF sessions on Dec. 6

Don't forget to pick up a packet in the Marian Way and to add your good deeds to our Jesse Tree throughout the season of Advent!

**GREAT GIFT IDEAS!**

- Hot Wheels cars
- Journals
- Hand-held toys
- Mini Lego sets
- Night lights
- Mini flashlights
- Coloring pencils
- Activity books
- Hats, mittens, or socks
- Playing cards (Uno, picture/word cards, Go Fish, etc.)



Baptized in water, this precious child has been clothed in Jesus.  
+ Isabella Christine, daughter of Matthew & Jenna Treder

**IPRF NEWS**  
Inter-Parish Religious Formation

**First Reconciliation Celebrations**  
Our 2nd graders will be celebrating their First Reconciliation this week! There are two evening celebrations:  
Tuesday, November 28 • 6 PM • St. Joseph Parish  
Thursday, November 30 • 6 PM • St. Mary Parish  
They can attend whichever celebration fits best in their schedule. **REMINDER: Students need to return their books that evening.** Parishioners, please pray for these young people as they participate in this healing sacrament.

**Behold the Lamb of God**  
All are invited to join us for the presentation of Andrew Peterson's, **Behold the Lamb of God: the TRUE tall tale of the coming of Christ** on Wednesday, November 29 at 6:30 PM in St. Mary Church.

## ST. NICK BASKETS

for our Homebound and Nursing Home Parishioners

We need your help to recognize parishioners who are unable to be with us because of health reasons. St. Nick baskets will be available for pick up next weekend, December 2-3, after all Masses. Names and addresses of recipients will be attached to baskets. If you are delivering to a homebound person please call before you deliver. Please plan to spend at least 10-15 minutes visiting when you deliver the basket (it is best to make this visit by Nov. 27 since the basket contains fruit).



## ANNUAL ST. NICK GIFT GIVING WEEKEND-DEC. 2/3

Calling all kids, and all who are young at heart! Bring a small unwrapped gift to any Mass next weekend, and our volunteers will deliver it to a local child in need. Share the love this season! See posters in church entrances and the Marian Way for more details & suggested gift items.

## NEEDS TREES

Needs Trees are up in the Marian Way. Please take a card and return gifts no later than **Sunday, December 3.** Thank you for helping our Human Concerns Committee spread love and joy this Christmas!



# MIDWINTER MAKEOVER

Starting in January, we will be painting, fixing pews, improving lighting and flooring and refurbishing the Stations of the Cross in church. If you have questions or comments, contact Brian at [bdresang@stmaryparish.org](mailto:bdresang@stmaryparish.org) or 739-5119.

## RCIA Rite of Welcoming

At the 8 AM Mass this past weekend, we happily welcomed Lang Nguyen and Jacob Gerlach into the second stage of full communion in the Catholic Church. Starting next weekend, they will attend the 8 AM Sunday Mass. After the homily, they will leave with catechists & Sr. Joanne to study the Sunday Gospel, sacraments, prayer and teachings of the Catholic Faith. Please keep them in your prayers.

## LAST CHANCE FOR SURVEYS!

Be a part of the planning as we seek to live out God's Mission here at St. Mary Parish—fill out our parish needs assessment survey. **Return completed surveys by December 3!** Return in the mail, drop off in the parish office, put in our drop box, or place in the collection basket. Thank you!

## Fox Cities Catholic Young Adults Upper Room Collective

December 7 • 6:30 PM

Taproom @ Stone Arch Brewpub  
(1004 S. Olde Oneida Street, Appleton)

Stone Arch Brews • Mac & Cheese Buffet •  
Speaker • Door Prizes

RSVP requested: [fcyacatholic@gmail.com](mailto:fcyacatholic@gmail.com)

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## Christmas Flower & Worship Fund

Our church is especially beautiful during the Christmas season. If you would like to contribute to our Christmas flower & worship environment fund, you can use the special envelope provided with your monthly envelopes, or cut out this form and return to the parish office with your contribution. Please return by **Sunday, December 17** so we can include names in the insert of our Christmas bulletin.

Please print!  
In memory of:

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash: \_\_\_\_\_ OR Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

Donated by:



Let's get the church ready for Christmas!

Sunday, December 17 @ 1:00 PM

Monday, December 18 @ 9:00 AM (big trees)



High school students:  
earn service hours

## ADVENT BAKE SALE DEC. 9-10

We need your best cookies, cakes, pies, and breads! See posters in entrances & Marian Way for full details.



### In Loving Memory

In the spirit of Christian charity, please pray for the family of Zeny Duenas, David Piette & Mary Hawley Shelton. May fond memories comfort you during this time. If you have lost a loved one and would like to have him or her remembered in the bulletin, please call us at 739-5119.

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