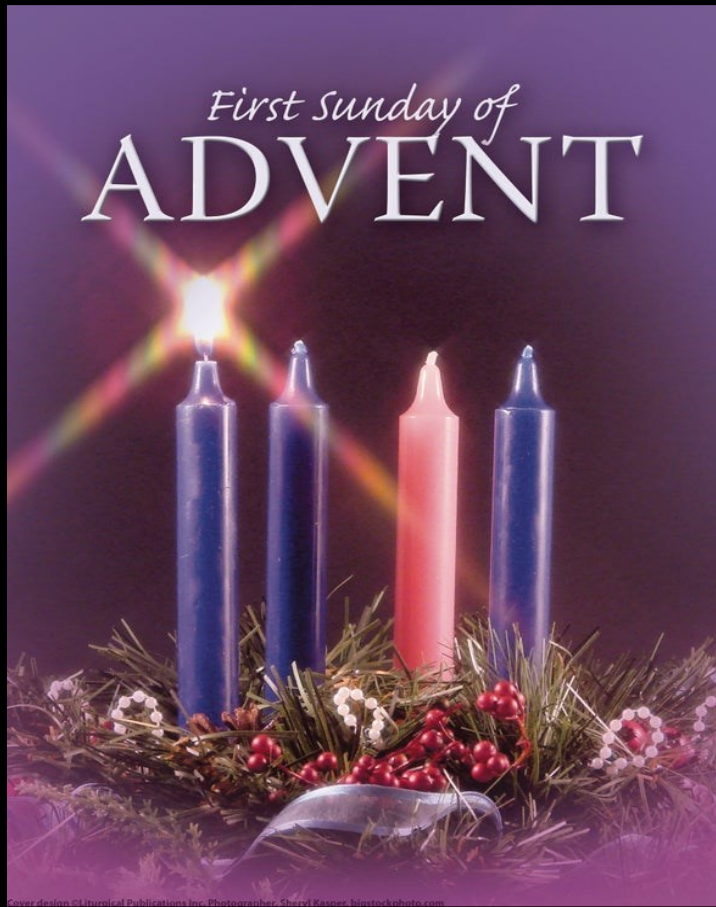


# Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church



**Sunday, December 3rd, 2023**

Saturday, December 9th, 5:15 pm

**Lector:** Students

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:**  
Sara Schultz

**Servers:** Owen Drier, Andrew Mata, Danicka Spencer  
Brielle Weeden

**Ushers:** Knights of Columbus

**Gifts:** Students      **Scrip:** Colleen Pulvermacher

Sunday, December 10th, 8:00 am

**Lector:** John Tennant

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:**  
Joyce Tennant

**Servers:** Thomas Honer, Nicholas Perna,  
Aubrey & Bryce Kohlstedt

**Ushers:** Knights of Columbus

**Gifts:** Timothy Honer Family      **Scrip:** Judy Barnicle  
Sunday, December 10th, 10:30 am

**Lector:** Alisa Weiss

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:**  
Jeffrey Joseph

**Servers:** Connor & Laura Stoltz, Baylee Wertz

**Gifts:** Brian Weiss Family      **Scrip:** Shelly Schmidt

## Mass Schedule

Monday, December 4th      **St. John Damascene**  
No Mass

Tuesday, December 5th  
Mass 8:15 am  
Parishioners of St Mary's

Wednesday, December 6th      **St. Nicholas**  
Mass 8:15 am  
† Bill Schroeder

Thursday, December 7th  
No am Mass  
**Vigil 5:15 pm**      **Immaculate Conception**  
† Mary Lou Urbach

Friday, December 8th      **Immaculate Conception**  
Mass 8:15 am  
Jim McGlynn SP.I.

Mass 5:15 pm  
† Marie Ryan

Saturday, December 9th      **St. Juan Diego**  
Confessions 4:15 pm      **Cuauhtlatotzin**  
Mass 5:15 pm  
† Joyce Sebranek

Sunday, December 10th      **2nd Sunday of Advent**  
Confessions 7:30 am  
Mass 8:00 am  
Our Parish Family

Confessions 9:30 am  
Mass 10:30 am

† Carter & Georgia Harrison

## Parish Calendar Events

12/02 Saturday, Knights of Columbus Bingo 6:30 pm  
12/03 Sunday, Knights of Columbus Initiation degree  
12/07 Thursday, Immaculate Conception 5:15 pm Vigil  
12/08 Friday, Immaculate Conception 8:15 am Mass  
Friday, Immaculate Conception 5:15 pm Mass  
12/13 Wed., St Mary's Christmas Program 1 & 6:30 pm  
12/24 Sunday ... 8:00 am Mass, 10:30 Mass  
12/24 Sunday ... 4:00 pm, Christmas Vigil Mass  
12/24 Sunday ... Midnight Christmas Mass  
12/25 Monday ... 9:00 am, Christmas Day Mass

## **From your pastor . . .**

As we begin the season of Advent, I would like to encourage you to set up an Advent wreath in your home. It is a very good way to help the family stay focused on this time of preparation for the coming celebration of the anniversary of Christ's birth. As you are well aware there are many competing interests for your attention and time during these weeks leading up to Christmas, most of them being secular and commercial in nature. The Advent wreath provides an opportunity for the family to focus "on the reason (Jesus Christ) for the season."

The wreath can be easily assembled by using evergreen limbs from a tree in the yard and four candles. The evergreen, which retains its green, vibrant life throughout the year, signify continuous life, which signifies the eternal nature of God who comes into the world in the person of Jesus Christ. The evergreen boughs should be placed in a circular position. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning and no end, symbolizes God's eternity, as well as the soul's immortality and the everlasting life found in Christ who was victorious over sin and death through His Passion, Death and Resurrection.

The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent. It is not absolutely necessary that three of the candles be violet and one of them rose. It is the flame when lit that is the most important feature of the candle. The color of violet is used because it is a somber color that corresponds to the penitential nature of the Advent season. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday of Advent, which is known as *Gaudete* (Rejoice) Sunday. The third Sunday is significant in that a "turn" is made in the focus of the Church (and believers) from the second coming of Jesus in glory (emphasized in the readings and prayers of the first two Sundays) to the first coming of Jesus in humility (emphasized in the readings and prayer of the third and fourth Sundays). Please remember, if you do not have colored candles to use, you can use whatever color you have.

The lighting of the four candles is a marking of time that leads to Christmas. The light of the candles shines in the darkness, which is most evident during this time of the year as it is darker due to shorter daylight hours. We use candles in the Advent wreath and put lights on a Christmas tree, signifying the coming of Christ, who is "the light that came into the world" to dispel sin's darkness and to radiate God's truth and love.

When a candle is lit at the beginning of each week the following prayers may be used. Each day when the candle is lit, the same prayer for the entire week is used.

First Week of Advent: (One candle lit)

Heavenly Father, as we begin this Advent, give light to our eyes and peace to our hearts. May the Lord find us watching and waiting in joy when He comes. We pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Second Week of Advent: (Two candles lit)

Father in heaven, set our hearts ablaze to follow in the steps of John the Baptist. May we bring light and love to all we meet, that the darkness of sin and fear may be overcome. In Christ's name we ask this. **Amen.**

Third Week of Advent: (Three candles lit)

As we draw near to you, Lord God, keep us aware of your presence in all we do. Come with power to enlighten us by your grace, that we may live in praise and peace all our days. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

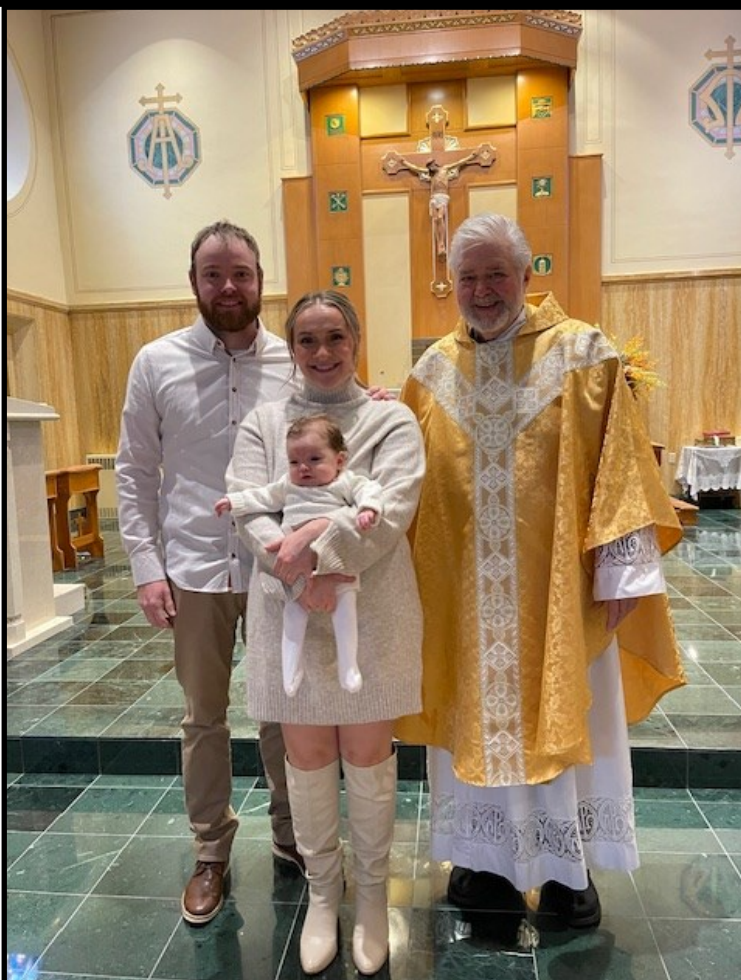
Fourth Week of Advent: (Four candles lit)

Lord Jesus, we approach that holy moment when Your coming as man is renewed in our hearts. Give us peace and allow us to celebrate Your presence with joy, that we may some day share Your glory. We ask this of You, who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, as One God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Hopefully, the above suggestion is something that you will utilize in your home during this holy season of Advent. Until I write again, may God bless you and all the parishioners of Saint Mary's Parish.

**Monsignor Roger J. Scheckel**

“ To speak of the Blessed Sacrament is to speak of what is most sacred. How often, when we are in a state of distress, those to whom we look for help leave us; or what is worse, add to our affliction by heaping trouble upon us. He is ever there, waiting to help us.” St Euphrasia



Please welcome to our parish family  
**Maisie Joan Killoy**

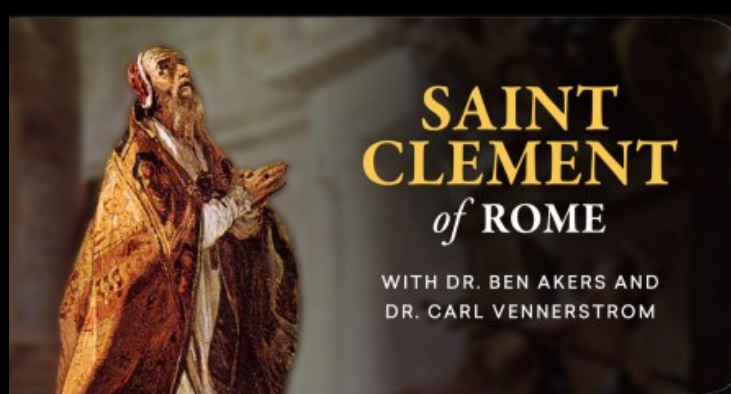
Baptized, November 26th, 2023

Parents, Jonathan & Brittany

Please pray for Maisie as she continues to grow in her faith.

### Readings for the week of December 3, 2023

- Sunday:** Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
- Monday:** Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
- Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24
- Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37
- Thursday:** Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/ Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
- Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
- Next Sunday:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8



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### Christmas Angel Gifts

St Mary of the Assumption Church and School Will be collecting donations for our local nursing homes. Containers will be located at the church entrance and school.

Please put the items in the box prior to December 15th.

Some of the items we are looking for are blankets, lap robes, wheelchair bags, gripper socks, puzzles, sugar free candy and cookies etc.

Please do not wrap the gifts!

A more complete list can be found at the entry of the church.



### Scrip News

Need a donut?? **We now have Dunkin Donuts**

\$10 gift cards in our "to-go" box. We can also order \$25 cards if you want lots of donuts plus coffee!!!

Don't forget to patronize all of our local vendors who are so generous to us - Christy's Sunnyside, Culver's, Dairy Queen, Kwik Trip, McDonalds, Los Amigos, Phoenix Center, Richland Family Restaurant, Subway and **our new addition, The Richland Locker.**

Visit our Scrip sellers after Mass, at school or contact [scrip@stmarysrc.com](mailto:scrip@stmarysrc.com) for all your card needs.

**Immaculate Conception of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary  
Mass Schedule  
Holy Day of Obligation**

**Thursday, December 7th, 5:15 pm Vigil**

**Lector:** Gretchen Jelinek  
**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** Judy Murphy  
**Servers:** Brayden & Tristan Arms, Jolee Larse  
 Elijah Weiss  
**Ushers:** Knights of Columbus  
**Gifts:** Cheryl Blankenship Family

**Friday December 8th, Mass 8:15am**

**Lector:** St Mary Students  
**Minister of Holy Communion:** Mary Cooper  
**Servers:** Colyns Morris, Brynlee & Wyatt Mueller  
**Gifts:** St Mary Students

**Friday December 8th, Mass 5:15 pm**

**Lector:** Candace McGrath  
**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** Suzanne Walter  
**Servers:** Ashley & Everett Myers, Blake Parker,  
**Ushers:** Knights of Columbus  
**Gifts:** Andrew Wright Family

Are you Catholic, male, at least 17.5 years old  
and want to assist the Catholic church?



We invite you to join the  
Knights of Columbus!

An initiation degree will be held on  
Sunday, December 3rd following the 8:00am Mass  
in the church of St. Mary's.

All men who would like to join, current Knights,  
their families and anyone who would like  
to know what the Knights of Columbus stand for are  
encouraged to stay and participate in the ceremony.

If you have any questions,  
Contact Mark Jelinek @ 608-604 -9302

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

Please use the envelope in your packet  
Or any (marked envelope)  
To make a memorial for a loved one.



**Joe Stadele is recuperating from  
major surgery in Madison.  
He would welcome a phone call.  
608-604-5430**

**November 25/26, 2023 Stewardship**

Adult Tithe.....	\$2,410.00
Offertory.....	425.89
Religious Ed.....	20.00
Pastoral Care .....	180.00
Holy Day .....	25.00
Christmas .....	25.00
Christmas Flowers .....	125.00
Parish Festival .....	40.00
Thanksgiving .....	69.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care .....	25.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>3,344.89</b>
<i>(ACH) Automatic Contributions .....</i>	<b>\$6,205.00</b>

**Thank You & God Bless You!**

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**Wedding Planning Information**

For those seeking the Sacrament of Marriage in our Church  
**please** notify the pastor as soon as you are engaged,  
 but **not less than six months**  
 prior to the proposed wedding date.