

Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2019

This Weekend's Mass Intentions		
Saturday Dec 7	12:10 PM	Lisa Miller
	4:00 PM	Karen Gaul
Sunday Dec 8	8:00 AM	Sally Brunner+
	10:00 AM	People of The Parish
	12:30 PM	Chan Nguyen
	5:00 PM	Lorraine Drell+

This Week's Mass Intentions		
Monday Dec 9	12:10 PM	Connie Munguia & Isabel Bara
	7:00 PM	Fr. Heaslip
Tuesday Dec 10	12:10 PM	Mary & Paul Sand+, Christy Fellows+
	7:00 PM	Chan Nguyen
Wednesday Dec 11	12:10 PM	Walter Valasek+
	7:00 PM	Bud Gray+
Thursday Dec 12	12:10 PM	Nancy Kemp+
	7:00 PM	Nguyen Family
Friday Dec 13	12:10 PM	Walter Valasek+
	7:00 PM	Bud Gray+
Saturday Dec 14	12:10 PM	Casey & Aaron Schultz
	4:00 PM	Gil Trevizo+
Sunday Dec 15	8:00 AM	Stanley & Mildred Masek+
	10:00 AM	Ana Kalin+
	12:30 PM	Andrew Winter
	5:00 PM	People of The Parish

This Week's Scripture Readings	
Today	Isa 11:1-10; Psa 72:1-17; Rom 15:4-9; Matt 3:1-12
Monday	Gen 3:9-20; Psa 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-12; Luke 1:26-38
Tuesday	Isa 40:1-11; Psa 96:1-13; Matt 18:12-14
Wednesday	Isa 40:25-31; Psa 103:1-10; Matt 11:28-30
Thursday	Rev 11:19-12:1-10; Jud 13:18-19; Luke 1:39-47
Friday	Isa 48:17-19; Psa 1:1-6; Matt 11:16-19
Saturday	Sir 48:1-11; Psa 80:2-19; Matt 17:9-13
Sunday	Isa 35:1-10; Psa 146:6-10; James 5:7-10; Matt 11:2-11

Saint Mary's Prayer List
Dianne Elsen, Louise Kulwicki, Teri Pope-Gonzalez, Zarita Hendrichs, Julie Williamsen, Ernie Polivka, Pat Bartels, Sally Williamsen, Nora Kehr, David Otte, Chan Nguyen, Mary Perkins, Whitney Watson, Jessica Pendleton, Mike Meacham, Christina Powell, Denise Roesler, Dorothy Kalin, Alice Herrera, Alice Ghyra

This Week's Activities			
Monday Dec 9	6:00 pm	Legion Room	Legion of Mary
	7:30 pm	Flynn Hall	N.A.
Tuesday Dec 10	5:30 pm	Church	Adoration & Benediction
Wednesday Dec 11	4:30 pm	School	CCD
	5:30 pm	Flynn Hall	Parent's Mtg.
	7:00 pm	Flynn Hall	RCIA
Thursday Dec 12	7:30 pm	Choir Loft	Choir
Saturday Dec 14	1:00 pm	Flynn Hall	Food Net
Sunday Dec 15	9:30 am	Church	Rosary
	11:15 am	Flynn Hall	Parent's Mtg.
	1:45 pm	Flynn Hall	Parent's Mtg.

Next Week Serving Schedule: Dec 14/15		
Saturday 4:00 PM	Acolytes	Dave Bauer, Richard Mallam
	Reader	Pat Walbrecht
Sunday 8:00 AM	Acolytes	Alan Pendleton
	Reader	Rosemary Jones
Sunday 10:00 AM	Acolytes	Randy Ksionzek, Luis Fernandez
	Servers	Eddy Ouamba, Bryan Ouamba, Brian Ledesma, Alan Reyes
	Reader	Mike Neuman
Sunday 12:30 AM	Acolytes	Bill Scheideler, Al Allen
	Reader	Margaret Scheideler
Sunday 5:00 PM	Acolyte	Ben Scholz
	Reader	Kadi Lukes
	EME's	Randy Ksionzek, Steve Daly

Last Week's Church Support: Dec. 1	
Weekly Envelopes	\$6242.00
Loose Plate	\$2243.85
Collection Total	\$8485.85

Thanksgiving Church Support: Nov. 28	
Envelopes	\$512.00
Loose Plate	\$154.10
Collection Total	\$666.10



St. Mary's Parish News

Love to sing but too busy to commit to a regular weekly choir rehearsal? Consider joining the choir for Christmas Day 10:00 am Mass. We'll rehearse weekly after the 10:00 am Mass, until the 22nd. If you have any questions, contact our Music Director Jane at 402-440-1895 (call or text) or Contact Fr. Dietrich at 402-435-2125. Kids and youth are welcome, too!

All registered St. Mary's parishioners who are parents of school-aged children K-8 are asked to attend one of the upcoming informational meetings: Wednesday December 11 at 5:30 pm, Sunday December 15th following the 10am and 12:30 pm Masses.

Masses for Christmas will be on Tuesday, December 24th at 4 pm; and on Wednesday, December 25th, at Midnight, 7 am, 10 am, and 5 pm.

The Christmas decorating crew is looking for at least two volunteers to help with hanging the garland and wreaths on December 22. Must have some physical dexterity, and mostly, must be comfortable with ladders and with heights. If interested, please see Fr. Dietrich after Mass or at the rectory.

The Christmas morning 10 am Mass will still include the children's procession and participation in certain reading parts. Forms for you to fill out so that your child may be included can be found in the vestibule of the Church. We will hold practices after the 10 am and 12:30 pm Masses on Sunday, December 22nd. Any school aged children K-8 are invited to participate, including children who are not members of St. Mary's Church.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary is normally on December 8th; however, when December 8th falls on a Sunday, the Sunday of Advent takes precedence. The Solemnity is then transferred to the next day (December 9th), but the obligation attached is **NOT MOVED**. If you would like to celebrate the Solemnity – and we hope that many still do – Masses for the Immaculate

Conception will be on Monday, December 9th at 12:10 pm and 7:00 pm, but again, the day is **NOT** a day of obligation this year.

The Prayer for Total Consecration of oneself to Jesus through Mary will be prayed immediately following the 7:00 pm Mass on Monday, Dec. 9, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. We will gather in front of our Blessed Mother. Those unable to attend may pray it privately.

Area News & Events

Tuesday, December 10 @ 7 p.m. at the Lincoln Grand Cinema, come see "Faustina". Aided by scientific analysis, the film reveals how the Divine Mercy image and the Shroud of Turin were compared to one another to stunning conclusions. Dramatically recreated scenes between Saint Faustina and her confessor Father Michał Sopoćko traces the story of the origins of the image and how the devotion to Divine Mercy was born and spread throughout the world despite a ban of the devotion by the Catholic Church.

PATRICIANS—The Patricians is a group dedicated to helping Catholics learn their Faith through a process of open discussion. Members meet once a month. The next meeting will be on Wed, Dec. 11, 6:30 - 8:30 P.M. at the John XXIII Center, 3700 Sheridan Blvd. Hosted by the Legion of Mary. The topic is the first of the Four Last Things: Death. Come join the conversation!

Carole Fest! A Benefit for St. Gianna Women's Homes. Sunday, December 15th, 2:00 PM. Come enjoy area choirs, including **St. Mary's Choir**, perform at St. Thomas Aquinas Church on the UNL campus. Tickets are \$10 per person, \$25 per family. Call (402) 430-5626 to purchase tickets or visit www.cssisus.org/carolefest2019.

The annual Mass of the Holy innocents will be celebrated **Saturday, December 28th**. All are invited to attend this Memorial Mass, especially those families who have suffered the loss of a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death or abortion. Reading of

names will begin at **6:30 p.m.** with Mass at **7:00 p.m.** at **John XXIII Diocesan Center Chapel**, 3700 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln. If you would like your child's name to be remembered & placed on the banner, please call the Family Life Office at 473-0620 **before 5:00 p.m. on Dec. 19th**. If you placed your child's name previously, it will remain on the list.

ADVENT REMEMBRANCE TREE ORNAMENT DECORATING AT CALVARY CATHOLIC CEMETERY—Calvary Cemetery has erected our 15 foot Advent Remembrance Tree in the cemetery round-a-bout. Please feel free to stop in the cemetery office to decorate an ornament in memory of your deceased loved ones for the tree. We will wire them on for you and decorate with the past ornaments from previous years. We will not be holding an Advent Remembrance Tree Lighting Ceremony this year.

Hope and help for those who hurt because a loved one is no longer a Practicing Catholic. Join the Marian Mantle Silent Strength Prayer Group. We meet Tuesday, December 10th at 3:00 P. M. in the Lancaster Room at the Madonna Hospital. For more information call Kathy at 402-423-3810.

Marriage Encounter Weekend in Kearney, Feb. 7-9, 2020. Contact Pat 308-940-0670 or Janelle 308-940-1105. pbjbbn@yahoo.com.

St. Michael Catholic Church is blessed to host a mini-retreat to begin our 75th year as a parish. Dan Burke will lead us **'Into the Deep...Finding Peace through Prayer'** on Saturday, February 1, 2020 from 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM. Mass will be offered by Bishop James Conley to celebrate our parish's 75th anniversary at 8:00 AM and registration is at 9:00 AM. Lunch will be provided. Address: 715 Creighton Avenue, Hastings, Nebraska 68901. Early bird cost is \$20 until January 1st which includes a gift bag worth \$50 and lunch during the event. January 1st, price is \$25 or \$30 at the door. Reserve your seat today g at <https://avila-institute.org/events>.