

This Week's Mass Intentions		
Saturday December 5	4:00 pm	Peter Burke
Sunday December 6	8:00 am	Stanley & Mildred Masek +
	10:00 am	Joanne Shelton
	12:30 pm	Linda Carley
	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Monday December 7	12:10 pm	Karen Gaul
	4:00 pm	Lorraine Drell +
Tuesday December 8	7:00 am	People of the Parish
	12:10 pm	Special intention (Joanna)
	7:00 pm	Thomas Tinkham +
Wednesday December 9	12:10 pm	Fr. Ramon Decaen
	7:00 pm	Joseph Keiter +
Thursday December 10	12:10 pm	Mary & Paul Sand + Christy Fellows +
	7:00 pm	Mary Dang +
Friday December 11	12:10 pm	Souls in Purgatory
	7:00 pm	Maria Pham +
Saturday December 12	12:30 pm	Nancy Kemp +
	4:00 pm	Maria Pham +
Sunday December 13	8:00 am	Souls in Purgatory
	10:00 am	People of the Parish
	12:30 pm	Margaret Winter and Andrew Winter
	5:00 pm	Mary Dang +

This Week's Scripture Readings	
Today	Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8
Monday	Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday	Gn 3:9-15,20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday	Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4,8,10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday	Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1,9-13b; Mt 11:11-15
Friday	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4,6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday	Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; (Ps) Jdt 13:18bc, 19; Lk 1:39-47
Sunday	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; (Ps) Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Last Week's Church Support	November 29, 2020:
	Envelopes: \$5,653.00
	Plate: \$1,218.00
	Total: \$6,871.00

Saint Mary's Prayer List	
	Dianne Elsen, Louise Kulwicki, Teri Pope-Gonzalez, Zarita Hendrichs, Ernje Polivka, Pat Bartels, Nora Kehr, Richard Thoman, Chan Nguyen, Mary Perkins, Christina Powerll, Denise Roesler, Dorothy Kalin, Alice Herrera, Alice Gyhra, Victims of COVID-19, Researchers for COVID-19 Cures and Vaccines, Marv Ward, Dave Bauer

This Week's Activities			
Monday December 6	6:00 pm	Legion Room	Legion of Mary
	7:00 pm	Flynn Hall	N.A.
Wednesday December 9	4:15 pm	School	CCD
	7:00 pm	School	RCIA
Saturday December 12	1:00 pm	Flynn Hall	Food Net

Next Week's Serving Schedule December 12 <sup>th</sup> / 13 <sup>th</sup>		
Saturday 4:00 pm	Acolyte	John Franssen
	Reader	Pat Walbrecht
	Webcam	Brad Graham
Sunday 8:00 am	Acolyte	Richard Brunner
	Reader	Rosemary Jones
Sunday 10:00 am	Acolyte	Kevin Aylward
	Reader	Bernice Polivka
Sunday 12:30 pm	Acolyte	Paul Edwards
	Reader	Kadi Lukesh
Sunday 5:00 pm	Acolyte	Al Allen
	Reader	Mike Kluck

Church Bell Schedule	
09:00	Hark! A Thrilling Voice
12:00	The King Shall Come
15:00	With Thankful Hearts
18:00	On Jordan's Bank

## SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY

Although the Mass obligation for Holy Days, as for Sundays, has been lifted during the pandemic, we will still be following our normal Holy Day Mass Schedule. Masses for the Immaculate Conception will be:

Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm  
 Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 am  
 12:10 pm  
 7:00 pm

Please note that there will NOT be a 7 pm Mass on Monday of this week.

Readers or acolytes who are willing to volunteer to serve Mass on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception are welcomed, invited, and encouraged to offer their services that day.

School-aged youngsters from Saint Mary's Parish—whether in CCD or Catholic Schools, Saint Mary's or others, may sign up to participate in the Christmas morning Mass. Younger students normally carry the statues to the nativity; older students normally introduce the Mass and, if we have enough who are comfortable reading, read the intercessions. Sheets for students to sign up (and for parents to sign and commit to getting their children here for the 10 am Mass) may be found in the vestibule.

The Prayer for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary will be prayed immediately following the 7:00 pm Mass on Tuesday, December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. We will gather inside the church in front of the Blessed Mother Statue, with DHM safety measure in place. Those unable to attend may pray the consecration privately at home.

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS Rev. Mr. Dale Alder, who is completing his 4<sup>th</sup> year Theology studies in preparation to be ordained to the priesthood in May 2021.

St. Teresa School is hiring a school office Administrative Assistant, for approximately 30 hours per week, who works well with adults and children and who possesses communication and organizational skills, the ability to work with technology, and a welcoming personality. Duties include: answering the phones and greeting visitors, managing accounts and performing bookkeeping, completing and filing reports, completing and processing orders, writing and editing documents, keeping records, and communicating with staff and school families. If interested, please contact Sister Mary Ruth at [sr.mary-ruth@cdolinc.net](mailto:sr.mary-ruth@cdolinc.net) or 402-477-3358.

The annual Mass for the Holy Innocents will be celebrated on Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup>. 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 name swill begin at 6:30 pm with Mass at 7:00 pm. This year, the Mass will take place at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ due to the pandemic and social distancing measures. If you would like your child's name to be remembered and placed on the banner, please call the Office of Family Life at 473-0620 before 5:00 pm on Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. If you placed your child's name on the list previously, it will remain on the list.

Mass with Prayers for HEALING December 13, 2020 at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ. Please join together to pray for healing for yourself, your family, friends, for our Church and our Nation. We will provide blessed salt and water as you leave Mass. You may bring other items for Father to bless.

- +Sacrament of Reconciliation at 1:15
- +Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 1:30 pm
- +Praise and worship at 1:40 pm
- +Blessing salt/water/religious articles immediately before Mass begins at 2:00 pm
- +Anointing of the Sick after the homily
- +Eucharistic Exposition and Healing Prayer after the Mass

Catholic Social Services provides assistance to those struggling to pay rent, utilities, car repairs, and more. Requests taken every Monday morning. Call 402-327-6211; the line opens at 9:00 am. Contact our Emergency Services Coordinator, Marilu Cazares at 402-327-62112 or [mcazares@cssisus.org](mailto:mcazares@cssisus.org)

Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline: Notify DHHS at 1-800-652-1999 or local Law Enforcement of any child abuse or neglect.  
 Misconduct Hotline: Notify the diocese of any misconduct at 1-844-527-0596. In case of misconduct involving a minor, notify local Law Enforcement FIRST.

### Christmas, Christmas time is near...

From Father Dietrich: COVID is making planning for Christmas particularly challenging this year. It appears that we will be under the current restrictions for attendance, which so far have not been a problem for us as none of the weekend Masses have reached capacity. Christmas, of course, is prone to be different: more people normally attend, and more people who have been staying away might decide to take the risk that one day. Or, we could have Masses galore with nobody at them. There doesn't seem to be a need for us to add extra Masses yet, but rather, to simply manage the crowds so that everybody doesn't all show up at the same time.

I have decided to cap the number of people at any given Mass at 135. Tickets to each scheduled Mass will be available both by request before Christmas, and at the door (if they have not all been requested). We will have entrance only through one door, where we will have somebody to keep count of how many have arrived. When we reach 135, a sign will go up on the door, and we will lock it. *We will not knowingly and willfully violate DHS guidelines to keep accommodating people.*

For the last two weeks, I have been asking in the bulletin and in the announcements for volunteers to help manage the crowds at Christmas. I have decided that we can get by with only one person (I still think two would better) to take tickets at one unlocked door, and I have volunteers for the Masses at Midnight, 7 am, 10 am, and 5 pm on Christmas Day. Thus, beginning this weekend, you may start to request tickets for these services by submitting your name, phone number, and the number of people in your family group who you expect to attend. IF AND WHEN we get volunteers to take tickets at 4:00 pm on Christmas Eve, I will start to dispense those tickets, too. If we don't get the volunteer, we won't be able to have the 4:00 Mass.