



WEEKLY MASS
SCHEDULE

4:00 p.m.	SATURDAY, December 23 For the People
10:00 a.m.	SUNDAY, December 24 Christmas Eve Living/deceased of the Kulzer/Wind families
4:00 p.m.	Helen and Pat Russell †
Midnight	Eleanor M. Lewis †
7:00 a.m.	MONDAY, December 25 Christmas Day Celebrant Intention – Latin Mass/EF
10:00 a.m.	Terry Thomas †
5:30 p.m.	TUESDAY, December 26 Feast of Saint Stephen Father Richard Pendophi †
5:30 p.m.	WEDNESDAY, December 27 Feast of Saint John, the Apostle Celebrant Intention – Latin Mass/EF
5:30 p.m.	THURSDAY, December 28 The Holy Innocents No Mass
8:15 a.m.	FRIDAY, December 29 No Mass
4:00 p.m.	SATURDAY, December 30 Deceased of the Ralph N. Mann family †
9:00 a.m.	SUNDAY, December 31 The Terry and Ray Thomas family
11:30 a.m.	For the people

Note: Confession is heard 1/2 hour prior to each weekend Mass.
Coffee and doughnuts are served following the Sunday 9:00.m. Mass

MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF December 25th

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Saint Francis of Assisi Chapel: Tuesday-9:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Saint Francis of Assisi Chapel: Wednesday-7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

“SERMON ON THE MOUNT” – December 16-17, 2017
Envelopes: \$3874.00
Non-envelope donation: \$1104.00
ECO donations: \$1842 (weekly, bi-weekly, 15th)
Total offering: \$6820.00
Refresh them Lord, with your healing grace.

Please remember in your prayers:
Hospital, Nursing/Assisted Living facility:
Dick Zollner, Toni Neal, Willbert Neal, Ruth Neal, Barbara Sullivan
At home: Sharon Kirby, Mary Sailor, Barbara Sullivan, Carla Palkuti, Patricia Sauer, Dan Hogan, Gail Hirn, Karen Schluieb, Foday Kenneh, Albert Petrikas, Joel Rivera, Denise Gammell, Robert Ressa, Tammy Littler, Pat Quickert, Brett Anderson, Baby Ryan Shaw

*If you are admitted to a hospital St. Mary may not be notified.
Please ask a family member to call the parish office.*

SSCM PANTRY-ITEM FOR DECEMBER....the items needed for the month of December are **canned soup (all varieties)**. Please drop your donation off throughout the month. We will have a basket marked “food pantry” in the gymnasium for your donations.

BAPTISMS IN DECEMBER

December 23rd: Nettis family, daughter, Louise

RCIA: RCIA class will break for the Christmas/New Year holiday. Classes will resume on January 10, 2018. Are you interested in helping guide those inquiring about the Church as a sponsor, God parent or just interested in helping? Feel free to call Mike Keebaugh at 614-323-6715 or email mjk18@att.net.

DECEMBER 30-31, 2017: 5th SUNDAY

- As is our tradition on 5th Sundays’ throughout the year we ask for your donations to support St. Vincent de Paul. This organization reaches out to meet the needs of those in our community who are struggling in these difficult economic times. Please be generous. Use your preprinted envelopes for your gift or note your contribution accordingly.
- There is a signup sheet at the rear of Church for 5th Sunday liturgical ministers. We do not have a regular rotation for 5th Sundays and need help covering all of the weekend Masses. Thank you.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

- The 13th annual Saint Mary Gala-February 17, 2018
- Catholic Women’s Conference-February 17, 2018
- Catholic Men’s Conference-February 24, 2018

2018 CALENDARS: please pick up your 2018 calendar found at the back of Church. Calendars provided by Maeder-Quint.

LITURGICAL/VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES for December 30-31, 2017 (5th Sunday of the Month)
Extraordinary Ministers are reminded to cleanse the vessels after each Mass

TIME	ALTAR SERVER	LECTOR	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER	SACRISTAN
4:00 P.M				Ginny Holleran
9:00 A.M.	Please see the 5 th Sunday sign-up sheet on the rear table			open
11:30 A.M.				open

Prayers after Mass: following each Mass please kneel and prayer the following prayers: The Our Father, The Hail Mary, The Glory Be and the Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel (see the back of your Missal for a copy of this prayer)

COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS: On hiatus until January 7, 2018 **Pray for our men and women in uniform**

Collection counters for the 5th Sunday of the month: Frances Melton and Beverly Walker

FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT & CHRISTMAS EVE DECEMBER 24, 2017

Notes from the Pastor

In your charity please pray for the soul of Gail Hirn whose funeral Mass was this past Monday at Saint Leo. May she rest in peace.

I will be leaving on a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land this Wednesday, Dec. 27th; I will return on Saturday, January 6th. Please pray for me and rest assured I will pray for all of you. In my absence Father Hinterschied will cover all of the Latin Masses and Father Emmanuel will be here on weekend. Coverage for week day Masses have been more of a challenge and we will cancel our 5:30 p.m. Masses on Tuesday and Thursday. PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

I pray that this be a joyful Christmas for all of you. Be mindful, as I will try to be, of people who have lost loved ones in the last year, or those who have experienced some other cross to bear. Our own joy will increase every time we dry the tears of those in grief and assist others in time of need. It is Christ Whom we serve.

Here one more time is our Christmas weekend Mass schedule

For Sunday Obligation:

- Saturday, at 4:00 p.m. December 23rd you may attend Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent.
- On Sunday, December 24th there will only be one Mass in the morning at 10:00 a.m. (there will be NO 9:00 and 11:30 a.m.) This Mass will be for Sunday, not for Christmas.

For Christmas Obligation:

- Sunday, December 24th there will be a 4:00 p.m. (our Christmas Family Mass)
- There will be 2 midnight Masses:
 - 1) An English Mass in the gym with Fr. P.J. Shelton, son of the parish, celebrating it. (There will be Christmas hymns beginning at 11:30 p.m.)
 - 2) A Latin Solemn High Mass at St. Leo

Monday, Christmas Day:

- 7:00 a.m. - Latin in Chapel
- 10:00 a.m. - English in gym

The Lord be with you!
Father Kevin Lutz

A message from The Church, AKA Grand Old St. Mary's . . .

I have always loved this Holy Season of Advent and Christmas. The loving hearts of the parish grow even larger in concern for others. Our loving Savior would be so pleased. I wish each and every one of you a Blessed Christmas and look forward to next Christmas when we will be home again in our beautiful church. God will provide.

Grand Old St. Mary's

News Worthy Notes

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The parish office will be closed for the Christmas/New Year holiday as follows:

- Christmas Day and the day after Christmas, 12/26.
- New Year: the office will close at noon on Friday, 12/29, New Year Day and the day after New Year, 1/2

WORLD DAY OF PEACE JANUARY 1

As 2017 draws to a close let's "pray for Peace" throughout the new year in our cities, nation and world.

SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITY MINISTRIES FOOD PANTRY APPEAL

Our Saturday St. Mary volunteers are taking a well-deserved retirement after many years of service. We are looking for folks who could step in to continue the Saturday morning shift. This would involve 2-3 hours once a month. If you are interested in helping or have questions about this ministry, please contact Mary Kelly Minner. (614.404.0817 or mkelly294@yahoo.com)

"Grand Old Saint Mary's" Carl Graf-Charity Newsies

On Saturday, December 9, the familiar sight of the Charity Newsies on the street corners of the Sud Ende, brought back memories of one of St. Mary's finest, Carl Graf. Carl's family emigrated from Germany's Rhineland in the late 1920's. His father, a skilled carpenter, could not find work during the Depression, and as a result turned to the Charity Newsies. Carl remembered those times when the Charity Newsies clothed himself and his two sisters so they could attend St. Mary's school in the winters of 1931 and 1932. "I resolved right then to someday join the Charity Newsies, if I could." In 1963, after decades serving the Newsies at all levels, he was elected president. At St. Mary's, Carl was a star athlete in football, track and swimming. After graduating from St. Mary's High School in 1936, he worked as a bank messenger. He retired from National City Bank in 1984 as senior vice president. In 1942, he had joined the Army Air Corps, serving in England, France and Germany. He had been promoted to Lieutenant Colonel by the time he was discharged in 1946. He had also served as president and chairman of the Maennerchor board of trustees for more than two decades. In 1981, Carl earned the Federal Republic of Germany's Royal Order and Legion of Merit. Hearing Carl and the choir singing "Transeamus" at midnight Mass of Christmas was transforming.

SCHEULDE CHANGES OVER THE HOLIDAY

- There will be no Adoration on Tuesday, Dec. 26th or Tuesday Jan. 2nd.
- Father will leave for the Holy Land on Dec. 27th. We will cancel our 5:30 p.m. Masses on Dec. 28th and Jan. 2nd and 4th.

YEAR END REMINDER

Year-end statements will mail in mid-January. If you have moved please contact the parish office with your new mailing address so we can update your parish record.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

- A Parent & Parish Informational Meeting will be held on Tues. Jan. 9th at 6:30 p.m. in the school gym. The meeting is open to all school parents and parishioners. Its purpose is to inform all interested parents and parishioners about the progress of the **Save St. Mary Capital Campaign**. Mark your calendar for this informational evening. It will include a slide presentation and an opportunity for Q & A.
- Fundraising Event: The mountain rock band "Grassinine" in conjunction with the Hey-Hey Bar and Grill will have a fundraising event on January 19, 2018 from 8:00-11:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars. More information to come.

Where Do We See Jesus?

We might find it easier to imagine the first coming of Jesus as an infant at Nazareth than his coming to us each and every day. We know through faith his presence in the Eucharist. We may have glimmers of awareness of a divine presence with us as we move through our daily routines. As we recall the event of his birth, we might pray for the grace to see his face more frequently. The Gospels give us some clues where to look: in the poor, the homeless, the naked, the hungry, the imprisoned, the oppressed. And once we see him there, how can we not do whatever we can to serve him there? This is the grace for which we pray when we say, "Come, Lord Jesus."