



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

	SATURDAY, December 22
4:00 p.m.	Dick Ryan †
	SUNDAY, December 23
9:00 a.m.	Leo Thurn †
11:30 a.m.	For the People
	MONDAY, December 24
4:00 p.m.	Kulzer/Wind families
Midnight	Gail Hirn †
	TUESDAY, December 25
	<i>CHRISTMAS DAY-THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</i>
10:00 a.m.	Ben Morbitzer †
	WEDNESDAY, December 26
	<i>The Feast of Saint Stephen-The First Martyr</i>
5:30 p.m.	Norbert Miller † - Latin Mass
	THURSDAY, December 27
	<i>The Feast of Saint John, the Apostle</i>
5:30 p.m.	Margaret Neuer †
	FRIDAY, December 28
	<i>The Feast of the Holy Innocents</i>
	No Mass
	SATURDAY, December 29
4:00 p.m.	Janet Otto McEvoy †
	SUNDAY, December 30
9:00 a.m.	Mary Ann Rea †
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 a.m. Mass

WEEKLY MEETINGS:

Adoration: Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Chapel
RCIA: Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Specht Center-Christmas Break

BAPTISMS IN DECEMBER

December 23: Hinkley family, son, Stewart
December 29: Herrera/Plata family, daughter, Martina

SERMON ON THE AMOUNT – December 15-16, 2018
Envelopes: \$1994.50
Non-envelope donation: \$1114.00
ECO donations: \$1812.00 (weekly, bi-weekly, 15th)
Total offering: \$4920.50
Refresh them Lord, with your healing grace.
Please remember in your prayers:

Hospital, Nursing/Assisted Living facility:
Toni Neal, John Fetherolf, Maryann Hoblit-Prager, Albert Petrikas, Frank Wickham
At home: Sharon Kirby, Mary Sailor, Carla Palkuti, Patricia Sauer, Dan Hogan, Karen Schluab, Foday Kenneh, Joel Rivera, Denise Gammell, Robert Ressa, Tammy Littler, Brett Anderson, Shirley Thibaut, Dan Fandrey, Danny Campbell, Yvonne Brennan, Ed Quickert

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 **toiletries (toothpaste, deodorant, soap, etc.)**. Please drop your donation off throughout the month. We will have a basket marked "food pantry" in the gymnasium for your donations. If you are interested in helping with this ministry... please contact Mary Kelly Minner at mkelly294@yahoo.com or cell: 614.404.0817.

ADORATION: HIS HOUR, YOUR HOUR
Let us beseech the Lord to reawaken in us the JOY of his presence and that we may once more adore him. Without adoration, there is no transformation of the world." (Pope Benedict XVI)
"Can you not stay on hour with me?"
Adorers needed at noon, 1:00p.m. and 6:00 p.m. and any time YOU can spend with HIM. Thank you.

ADORATION SCHEDULE
There will be no Adoration on Tuesday's during the Christmas/New Year Holiday. We will resume Tuesday Adoration on Jan. 8th.

JUBILEE MUSEUM CHRISTMAS DISPLAY
Visit the Jubilee Museum throughout the Advent/Christmas season up through Jan. 6th for the annual Christmas display. 440+ Nativity scenes, Dickens Village, model train displays, lights, trees and so much more. Christmas hours: Mon-Sat 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; Sun 1:00-4:00 p.m. Visit jubileemuseum.org

- CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE**
- Dec. 24th: 4:00 p.m. – gym
 - Dec. 24th: 10:00 p.m. Latin Mass at Sacred Heart, 893 Hamlet Street
 - Dec. 24-25: Midnight Mass at Saint Leo
 - Christmas Day: 10:00 a.m. – gym
 - New Year's Day: 10:00 a.m. – gym

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN DONATIONS/PLEDGE PAYMENTS
If you drop your Capital Campaign payment in the offertory collection baskets please mark it clearly for Capital Campaign. Thank you.

LITURGICAL/VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES for DECEMBER 29-30, 2018 (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: December 30 - Mike Chambers & Cecilia Reis **Pray for our men and women in uniform**

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

Notes from the Pastor

In your charity, please remember the soul of Mary Lane in your prayers. Mary was buried Saturday, at St. Joseph Cemetery. Remember also, all those who have died during this Christmas Season and that the Blessed Savior will bring peace of heart to their living friends and relatives.



Things are changing at a dizzying pace in the church. It looks different almost on an hourly basis. Window trims are being added; wood trim under the choir loft is being applied; floors are being leveled in the sacristies and the upper rooms on the back of the church where the bell choir rehearses: concrete is being poured for the new front stairs at the Third street entrances. A window with the new ornate frame is shown here.

There are still some dormant bushes and other plants on the rectory front yard. More will be there soon. Please take what you want and save these plants. They are already dug up. Just cut them back due to the loss of some roots.

Our schedule of Masses for the Holy Days (Christmas Dec. 25 and the Feast of Mary the Mother of God - Jan 1) is in this bulletin and also on a separate sheet available for you to take home. This is a very Holy and Solemn time in the Church. As Catholics it is important for each of us to prioritize properly during this holy time. The Sacrifice of the Mass is essential to our celebration of the Birth of Our Lord. From this Celebration naturally flow the joys of family, friends, generosity and sharing with those in need.

Deep peace of the Son of peace to you!

The Lord be with you!

Fr. Kevin Lutz

News Worthy Notes

REMINDER: As we approach the end of the year please remember to alert the parish office of any changes to your address or phone number so that we can update your parish record prior to mailing year end statements.

NEXT WEEKEND-DECEMBER 29-30

- 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, parish and school 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.

CHRISTMAS CATHOLIC CHARITIES COLLECTION: This annual collection allows the Diocese to meet a variety of basic needs directly and through Diocesan agencies and organizations, including J.O.I.N. (Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs), St. Stephen's Community House, Catholic Social Services, St. Francis Center, St. Lawrence Haven, St. Vincent Family Center, and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. You can help share in this important work by generously supporting the Catholic Charities collection this year.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

CHRISTMAS: The parish office will be closed on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the week of Christmas. We will return to regular hours on Thursday, December 27th.

NEW YEAR: The office will be closed on Dec. 31, Jan. 1 and 2 and will reopen for regular hours on Jan. 3.

HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROL: Father recently mentioned in his column the students from Saint Mary that made 1st quarter honor roll at Bishop Ready and Saint Charles. We just received the 1st quarter list from Bishop Hartley. The following students maintained a 3.5 or better grade point average. Rita Bartony, Stuart Landry, Julia Cashwell, Margaret Collins, Sean Price, Anthony Nicola, Louise Collins, Kennedy Howell, Andrew Grosko, Trent Tipton, Alexis Cashwell, Katalena Martinez, Jacob Vance, Sydney Armstrong, Ann Flores, Connor Phillips. Congratulations to all.

IT'S CHRISTMAS EVE, I can't stop thinking about you Lord. You gave me the most precious gift of my lifetime when you gave me my life...my body, my brain, my free will...they are all gifts from you. All you ask in return is that I follow the rules and make your world a better place to live. I love you, Lord...thank you for loving me. That's a mighty simple little prayer to be sure but, it says it all. As we live our lives, we tend to get side tracked and think that we are in charge and that we really don't need God to live a successful life. Remember...you came into this world with nothing and you are going to go out with absolutely "nothing." If you follow God's simple rules, this world is your stepping stone to Heaven. Merry Christmas to all! During the coming week as you prepare for the New Year, reflect on these basic thoughts. Resolve to do more...to stand tall in the shadow of Our Lord. He created us that we might know Him, love Him and serve Him...how many times have you heard that? Make Our Lord smile when He sees how strong you are in your beliefs and just how much you do love Him. He's counting on YOU.

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS: There are many people who travel on Christmas day, or who are required to work on Christmas Day - utility workers, first responders, hospital, medical and nursing home professionals, restaurant, hotel and hospitality staffs, transportation workers, and so many others. That is why we offer a late-day Mass on Christmas Day, beginning at 5:15 p.m. If you know someone who is looking for a late-day Mass on Christmas, please let them know of this celebration of our Savior's birth. For more information call the Cathedral at (614) 224-1295, or visit www.saintjosephcathedral.org.

Grand Old Saint Mary's - Leo Thum

Leo was one of those special people who made Saint Mary's the warm, welcoming religious community it is today. Leo was one of the group of ushers that serve Saint Mary's to this day, with one exception. Leo served for over sixty years, making him the oldest usher at Saint Mary's Catholic Church. Leo began in 1935 when a friend asked him to substitute for him, the friend never came back. In 1992, someone calculated that he had ushered at more than 2600 liturgies! He insisted that it was no trouble because "I am taking my wife (Margaret Mary), kids (5) and a neighbor to church, anyway." He also ushered at the 9:00 a.m. Mass weekdays when he took his children to Saint Mary's school. Leo was born on the Southside in 1898, and was a life-long resident. However the neighborhood boundaries at the time dictated that he go to Holy Cross, not Saint Mary's school. Leo worked as a machinist for the railroad until he passed the test for the Post Office. He took a pay cut but he wanted the stability the new job as a mail carrier offered. As you would expect, Leo worked at all the fund raising raffles, school picnics and Homecomings. I was ushering on his last day when he collapsed in the back of church. Like his friend in 1935, he never came back. Sad day. Mother of our Creator, Pray for us. Pray for vocations.