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## Parish Office



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## Sacrament of Reconciliation

**St. Mary's:** Saturdays 3pm—3:30pm  
Tuesdays 5:45pm—6:30pm

**St. Joseph's:** Saturdays 4pm—4:20 pm

**Sacred Heart:** Sundays following Mass

## Sister Parishes



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## Parish Staff & Members

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St. Mary's Religious Education Coordinator

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**Jerry & Lyla Pieper:** St. Joseph's Cemetery Committee- 218-783-6411

## Knights of Columbus Council 10235

Meetings held 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at 7:00pm

St Augustine's Room

Website: <https://kc10235.mnknights.org>

## St. Mary's Week Ahead

### St. Mary's Masses & intentions

Saturday, Dec. 17th, Mass @ 6 pm: Dan McKinnon

Commentator: Bob Wennerstrand

Reader: Darlene Smith

Sunday, Dec. 18th, Mass @ 8:30am: Lorette Semande

Commentator: Denise St. Germain

Reader: Harold Thiessen

\* Christmas Tree setup and decorating after Mass  
Donuts will be served

Tuesday, Dec 20th, Mass @ 5:15pm: Gloria (Foster) Mack

Wednesday, Dec 21st, 10:30am: Rosary Group

Chili Family night: 5:30—6:30pm

Thursday, Dec. 22nd, Mass @ WSLC @ 10:30am:

Leonella Kotta

Eucharistic Adoration 7pm

Friday, Dec. 23rd, Mass @ 9am: Dick Soderberg

Saturday, Dec. 24th, Christmas Eve Youth Mass

@ 4:30 pm: Arthur & Betty Barthman

Commentator: Student

Reader: Student

Sunday, Dec. 25th, Christmas Day Mass @ 8:30am:

Dale Telle

Commentator: Tom Goldsmith

Reader: Denise St. Germain

### Happy Birthday!

(Dec. 18th— Dec. 24th) Birthday wishes go out to: Randy Gryskiewicz, Susan Gryskiewicz, Dawna Harren, Maddex Cole, Kirby Stoskopf, Heather Koerbitz, Barret Bukowiec, Thomas Gerszewski, Carol LePage, & Christina Peterson.



### Contributions to St. Mary's

Dec. 4th, 2022

Envelopes: \$1640

Online: \$600

Please hold Eileen Paquin and her family in prayer as her dad, Larry Barbot, passed away on Dec. 13th. May God's Grace shine upon the family and may Larry have eternal peace.



## Sacred Heart's & St. Joseph's Week Ahead

### Sacred Heart Masses & intentions:

Sunday, Dec. 18th, Mass @ 10:30am: Don McKay

Wednesday, Dec 21st, Mass @ 8:30am

Wednesday, Dec 21st, Mass (Lakewood) @ 9:30am

Sunday, Dec. 25th, Christmas Mass @ 10:30am:

George & Lenora Ubel

### St. Joseph's Masses & intentions:

Saturday, Dec. 17th, Mass @ 4:30pm: For the Parishes

Saturday, Dec. 24th, Christmas Eve Mass @ 7pm:

Gloria Merschman

### Weekend Offerings for SH & St. Joseph's

December 11	Sacred Heart	St. Joseph
Envelopes	\$1170	490
Plate	119	166
Total	\$1289	\$656

### "The Search"

Today at 4pm in Sacred Heart basement.

Topic: Who is Jesus?

### St. Mary's Parish Christmas Tree Decorating

Sunday Dec. 18th after 8:30 a.m. mass. All parish members are invited to help decorate our parish Christmas tree in the gathering space along with some other decorating within our church.

Donuts, coffee & juice will be served. All help is appreciated.



### Please Hold in Prayer

Theresa Thunder, Ray West, Helic Berg, Buzz Marvin, Ron Wesolowski, Joleen Hartman, Curtis Anderson, Louise Menk, Leila & Nelson Armagon, Theodora Adikini, Mike Hovde, Hilde Barbot, Lillian Fortier & Tom Gerszewski.

## 4th Sunday of Advent

“When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. "MATTHEW 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

### All three Parishes

#### Education Corner

## Christmas Flower Memorials

### Honor a loved one and help decorate the Church at the same time.

Clearly label an envelope, “*Christmas Flower donation*” place your donation and the names (clearly printed) of whom you wish to be honored or remembered, then submit to Parish Office. Names will be printed in Bulletin for Christmas Mass.

If you wish to do this online, send Terrie Lynn an email with loved ones names and if you wish to donate, go to our website, <https://stmarys-warroad.org/> click on, “online giving” then select Christmas Flowers.



Also for St. Joseph's Parish, please take note that the Poinsettias are donated to the church by St. Joseph's

Ladies Aid and Kathy Pieper.

If you would wish for the name of your loved one to be mentioned in next week's bulletin please submit to Terrie Lynn by Dec. 21st.

## Renewal and the story of love

What was today's news about? Was any of it uplifting? Or was it about a world growing cold and distant from one another? Pope St. John Paul II said, "Religion itself, without the experience of wondrous discovery of the Son of God and communion with him who became our brother, becomes a mere set of principles which are increasingly difficult to understand, and rules which are increasingly hard to accept." (Pastoral Visit in Kazakhstan, September 23, 2001.) We need to understand that the heart of the Eucharistic Renewal is about sharing the love story of Jesus in our lives through our actions with a cold and hurting world. It's about starting in our homes, our churches, our communities. It's a call to action. The world today seems to only be aware of Catholic's seemingly rigid rules and beliefs about marriage, contraception, and abortion. Not that we want to soften any of those beliefs! But we do need to learn how to express these things in the context of love. And the only place we can experience that love in all its fullness is with and through Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

### Christmas Mass Schedule for St. Mary's

Christmas Eve Mass, (Youth Mass) - 4:30 pm  
Christmas Day Mass, Dec. 25th — 8:30 am  
New Years Eve Mass, Dec. 31st — 6 pm  
New Years Day Mass, Jan. 1st — 8:30 am

### Christmas Mass Schedule for Sacred Heart

Christmas Day Mass, Dec. 25th - 10:30 am  
New Years Day Mass, Jan. 1st — 10:30 am

### Christmas Mass Schedule for St. Joseph's

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th— 7pm  
New Years Eve Mass, Dec. 31st— 4:30 pm

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If you or someone you know has been the victim of sexual misconduct on the part of a priest, deacon, or individual representing the Diocese of Crookston, its parishes, or its schools, your first call should be to law enforcement. In addition, the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator is available at 218-281-7895 (24-hour confidential number).

# God Is with Us: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Readings:

[Isaiah 7:10–14](#)

[Psalm 24:1–6](#)

[Romans 1:1–7](#)

[Matthew 1:18–24](#)

The mystery kept secret for long ages, promised through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, is today revealed (see [Romans 16:25–26](#)).

This is the “Gospel of God” that Paul celebrates in today’s Epistle—the good news that “God is with us” in Jesus Christ. The sign promised to the House of David in today’s First Reading is given in today’s Gospel. In the virgin found with child, God Himself has brought to Israel a savior from David’s royal line (see [Acts 13:22–23](#)).

Son of David according to the flesh, Jesus is the Son of God, born of the Spirit. He will be anointed with the Spirit (see [Acts 10:38](#)), and by the power of Spirit will be raised from the dead and established at God’s right hand in the heavens (see [Acts 2:33–34](#); [Ephesians 1:20–21](#)).

He is the “King of Glory” we sing of in today’s Psalm. The earth in its fullness has been given to Him. And as God swore long ago to David, His Kingdom will have no end (see [Psalm 89:4–5](#)).

In Jesus Christ we have a new creation. Like the creation of the world, it is a work of the Spirit, a blessing from the Lord (see [Genesis 1:2](#)). In Him, we are saved from our sins, are called now “the beloved of God.”

All nations now are called to belong to Jesus Christ, to enter into the House of David and kingdom of God, the Church. Together, through the obedience of faith, we have been made a new race—a royal people that seeks for the face of the God of Jacob.

He has made our hearts clean; He has made us worthy to enter His holy place, to stand in His presence and serve Him. In the Eucharist, the everlasting covenant is renewed, the Advent promise of virgin with child—God with us—continues until the end of the age (see [Matthew 28:20](#); [Ezekiel 37:24–28](#)).



## Readings for the week of Dec. 18th

**18 December 2022 – Sunday- FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (O Adonai)-** First Reading: Isaiah 7: 10-14, Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 24: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, Second Reading: Romans 1: 1-7, Alleluia: Matthew 1: 23, Gospel: Matthew 1: 18-24

**19 December 2022 – Monday- Advent Weekday (O Radix Jesse)-** First Reading: Judges 13: 2-7, 24-25a, Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 71: 3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17, Gospel: Luke 1: 5-25

**20 December 2022 – Tuesday- Advent Weekday (O Clavis David)-** First Reading: Isaiah 7: 10-14, Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 24: 1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6, Gospel: Luke 1: 26-38

**21 December 2022 – Wednesday-Advent Weekday (O Oriens) / Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor-First Reading: Songs 2: 8-14 or Zephaniah 3: 14-18a, Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 33: 2-3, 11-12, 20-21, Gospel: Luke 1: 39-45**

**22 December 2022 – Thursday- Advent Weekday (O Rex Gentium)-** First Reading: First Samuel 1: 24-28, Responsorial Psalm: First Samuel 2: 1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd, Gospel: Luke 1: 46-56

**23 December 2022 – Friday- Advent Weekday (O Emmanuel) / John of Kanty, Priest- First Reading: Malachi 3: 1-4, 23-24, Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 25: 4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14, Gospel: Luke 1: 57-66**

**24 December 2022 – Saturday- Advent Weekday- First Reading: Second Samuel 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16, Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 89: 2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29, Gospel: Luke 1: 67-79**

# St. Mary's Religious Education

Wed. Dec. 14th

\*Rel. Ed. K-6th gr. —4pm-5:30pm

Family Meal —5:30pm—6:15pm

7th –12th gr. —6:30pm—8pm

## Please mark your calendar:

December 21st: RE Classes as usual

December 28th: NO RE Classes – Merry Christmas!

January 4th: Classes Resume as usual

January 10th @ 9am: Religious Education Committee Meeting

January 11th: RE Class as usual

January 18th: 6pm – 8pm – Family Faith Night. (Mass, Meal

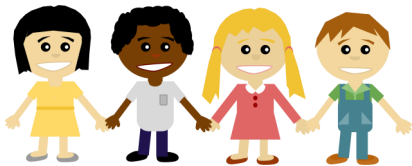
“Breakfast for Dinner” by the KoC, Games)



## Teaching Help Needed

We are looking for an additional volunteer to co-teach 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade Religious Education in the New Year. If you wouldn't mind offering about 2 hours a week for this rewarding opportunity, please contact Tammi. You will need to take the Safe Environment training online. **Thank you for considering.**

**Children's Sunday Liturgy** will be offered most Sundays unless there is a Youth Mass or school is on break. PreK through 7 years old are invited to join Solveig Harren during the Liturgy of the Word.



We are preparing for the Youth Christmas Eve Mass scheduled for December 24<sup>th</sup>, at 4:30pm. All students are invited to sing in the youth choir which practices on Wednesday during RE at 5:10 -5:30. We hope families can attend this Mass celebration.



## Cookie Baking

On June 28th 2021 Pope Francis said, “lack of love is life’s greatest disease.”

Well on December 4<sup>th</sup>, we baked up some medicine in the form of cookies made with a very generous helping of LOVE!! It started with 12 aprons made as a gift from Peacemakers Prayer Quilt Ministry from St Mary’s Catholic Church, then we received donated baking ingredients, and finally twelve handwritten invitations sent to and accepted by some of the most experienced rich living Saints in the parish. The goal was to match up one experienced baker with a new baker from our youth in grades 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>. The result -- 24 plates with a dozen cookies on each, were made with the intention of sending one plate home with a new baker and sending a plate to someone in need of a little extra love!!

Three plates of cookies went to the senior living center, three went to homebound, two went to people unable to attend mass on weekends, one delivered to a parishioner recovering from surgery, one was hand delivered to El Paso Texas where a parishioner’s father has been in ICU for a month!

As we came together with our life experienced parishioners and youth, we showed them what it means to share our gifts of time and talent with others for the glory of God. Not just in the form of baked goods but more importantly in the form of LOVE!!

The love of God and the presence of the Holy Spirit were thicker than the mounds of frosting and sprinkles on the cookies! All glory and honor to our savior Jesus Christ born in a stable and with us in the kitchen at St Mary’s. I hope everyone who participated felt as blessed as I did. ~ by Tom Amoiti



# Cookie Fun

