



*Two Parishes,
One Family*



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RECONCILIATION:

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MASS TIMES – HOLY DAYS:

Vigil–5:30pm; 6:00am, 8:15am (school year)
and 5:30pm

ADORATION:

6:30am-4:00pm Fridays in the Chapel

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STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Week of 12/11/2–12/17/23
Offertory: \$5,6620

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Week of 12/11/23–12/17/23

Sunday 12/17/23: \$2,719.22
Mailed in: \$8,542.20
Online: \$13,665.90
Total: \$24,927.32

SECOND COLLECTIONS

St. Vincent DePaul Society – Dec. 31



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MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

DAY	DATE	WHERE	WHEN	INTENTIONS
Sat.,	Dec 30	St. Joan	4:00pm	Kossik Family (I & d)
Sun.,	Dec 31	St. Mary's	6:00am	Kilday Family (I & d)
		St. Joan	8:30am	Callie Macknight (d)
		St. Mary's	9:30am	Parishioners of St. Mary's
		St. Mary's	11:30am	Carlos Henderson (d)
Mon.,	Jan 1	St. Mary's	9:00am	
Tues.,	Jan 2	St. Mary's	6:00am	Douglas Cortwright (d)
Wed.,	Jan 3	St. Mary's	6:00am	Mirsada Hodgic (d)
Thurs.,	Jan 4	St. Mary's	6:00am	Kossik Family (I & d)
Fri.,	Jan 5	St. Mary's	6:00am	



PLEASE PRAY FOR the Sick

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Kearns, Janet Pierre, Kathy Wall, Ann Schillings, Karen Clark Andrews, Michael Newburn, Milton Days, Betty Spotswood, Frances Arata, Betsy McAleer, Daniel Lawrence, George Finkbohner, Anne Hall, Laura Cummings, Felice Lomangino, Philip Tapia, Preston Griffith, Karen Johnson, Sandra Edwards, Mary Lou Noletto, Sandi Clark, Guillermo Herrera, Marsena Walsh, Douglas Laird, Bill Klein, Idella Lang, Claire Morrow, Richard Harrington, Carolyn Harrington, Jim Fibbe, Mary Davis Rutledge, Sr. Mary Agnes Nagle, Doris Reed, Westey and Kathleen Hurst, Susan Thornton, Carolyn Simmons, Virgil Graham, Joe Kenny, Kate Myers, Sr. Elizabeth Ann Cannon, Wendy Maken, Jean Rathle, Sharon Laird, Elizabeth Vannees, John Johnson, Louise McPherson, Jackson Johnson, Carol Rathle, Angela Nagle, Judy Daly, Denise Smith, Geri Barnett, Adele Kearns, Viola Henderson, Eva Haustein, James LeGrone, Coach Phillips Murphy

PRAYER GROUP

WOMEN'S ROSARY GROUP

The WOSM Rosary Group meets twice each month in the Chapel, on the 1st Saturday at 8:30am This group is led by Alexis Talbott. The next meeting is **Sat., January 6.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CHILDREN'S LITURGY at the 9:30AM Sunday Mass welcomes children ages 3-8. They'll be led to the chapel for the Liturgy of the Word, to return to their pews after bringing up the gifts at the Offertory.

CCD CLASSES meet on Sundays from 10:30–11:20 in the St. Mary's School building. Please contact Steve Dolan at sdolan@stmarymobile.org for inquiries.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP meets in the Youth Building at 111 N. Lafayette St. at 12:30 to play games and eat pizza together. At 1:30, the girls and boys separate for their own focus groups, led by Elizabeth Rafferty and Fr. Vrazel.

ST. MARY CONFIRMATION CLASS meets next on Wednesday, Jan. 3, at 7:00PM in the Sisters of Mercy Building.

RCIA CLASSES meet on Thursdays from 7PM–8PM in the Sisters of Mercy Building for any adults interested in learning more about or joining the Catholic faith. Please contact the parish office at (251) 432-8678 for more information.

NOW HIRING

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL EARLY CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER is seeking a full-time caregiver for the children ranging in ages from 6 weeks to 2 years. Please contact our principal, Corinne Cuffle, at ccuffle@stmarymobile.org for more information.

SPECIAL THANKS

THANK YOU TO MaryLou Hyland, Louise McClelland, and Walter and Julia Drey for heading up the church decorations for Christmas. Their generous gift of time and talent made our church look so beautiful for the Christmas Masses!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED



*John Jephtha Hill
Beckham Thomas Henry
Jeri Ryann Williams*

DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND INSTRUMENTALISTS AT ST. MARY'S

THE CHRISTMAS MASS

INSTRUMENTALISTS were donated in honor of Leslie Steven Chase & Brenda LeGrone

The flowers at the following statues were donated in honor of:

SACRED HEART – Art Crooker

MIRACULOUS MEDAL – The Habeeb Family (Living & Deceased), Jim Patterson

OUR LADY OF LOURDES – Ross & Betty Drake, Denis Reilly, Sr., Ellen Reilly, Ellen L. Johnson, and the Reilly Family

ST. ANTHONY – Zoghby-Aoun Families Living & Deceased, Baaklini-Germani Families Living & Deceased

INFANT OF PRAGUE – John & Bena Boucher, The Habeeb Family (Living & Deceased)

OTHER DONATIONS MADE IN HONOR OF (NO SPECIFIC SHRINE/ INSTRUMENT):

- The Lomangino & Wendrich Families
- Carlos S. Henderson, Sylvia A. Beverly, Freddie Beverly, Pearlina Beverly, Joyce M. Lucious, Leola Simmons, Sgt. Carl A. Simmons
- Henri Amin Rathle, M.D.
- The Dodson Family
- The Diamond Family
- In memory of Patricia Piper
- In honor of Madelyn & Isabel Piper
- In memory of Paul & Alice Gray
- In memory of Ralph & Janet Champion
- In memory of Mary Louise & Buddy Collier
- In memory of Julia & Sam Zogbhy
- In memory of Anne & Bill Wishon
- In memory of Geraldine England
- In memory of Robert Davis
- In memory of William "Bill" Dixon
- In honor of Alfred & Geraldine England
- In Memory of the Diamond & Brown Families

- In Memory of Fr. Peter Cunningham
- In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Wells
- In Memory of Ira/Florence & Christian
- In Honor of Ceceal Button, Beulah Bruce
- In Memory of Tabitha Williams
- In Memory of Mitzi Pettaway
- In Memory of Emily Joe Hewitt
- In Memory & Honor of the Living & Deceased members of the Brock & Reilly Families

GENERAL DONATIONS GIVEN BY:

- Mr. & Mrs. Joseph R. Guy, Jr.
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- Mrs. Sandra Demming
- Mr. & Mrs. Greg Divin
- Miss Mignon Kilday

Thank you to all of our generous donors for making our church and music so beautiful for Christmas Mass!



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Holy Hour**
11:00pm St. Mary's Church
to Midnight
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- Jan. 1 Feast of Mary, Mother of God: New Year's Day Mass**
9 a.m. St. Mary's
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- Jan. 24 Marriage Night**
6:00pm SOM Building
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- Feb. 7 50+ Valentine's Luncheon**
12:00pm SOM Building
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- Feb. 13 Ash Wednesday**
Ashes distributed at:
6:00am, 8:10am Mass
5:30pm (Vespers—not a Mass)
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- Mar. 18 Marriage Night**
6:00pm SOM Building
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- Mar. 19 St. Joseph's Altar & Pasta Dinner, school gym**
5:30pm
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- Sun. Mar 24 Palm Sunday**
6:00am, 9:30am, 11:30am MAsses
- Thurs. Mar 28 Holy Thursday**
7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
- Fri. Mar 29 Good Friday**
3:00pm Passion Liturgy
3:00pm Stations of the Cross
7:00pm Tenebrae
- Sat. Mar 30 Holy Saturday**
9:00am Tenebrae
3:00pm Confessions
8:00pm Easter Vigil
- Sun. Mar 31 Easter Sunday!**
6:00am, 9:30am, 11:30am Masses
10:30am Easter Egg Hunt
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- April 21–27 Steak Out Weekend!**
Apr. 21 Spring Swing, 12:00pm
April 25 Mix & Mingle, 6:30pm
April 27 Love Like Lillis Walk, 8:00am
April 27 Kids' PlayDay, 9:00am
April 27 Steak Out, 6:00pm



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GOSPEL MEDITATION (©L.Pi)

I remember the first time my older sister asked me if I wanted to hold her newborn son. Terrified, I told her I didn't think it was a good idea. My résumé had nothing to suggest I would be a qualified baby holder. But she warmly told me, "I'll help you hold him." It struck me that she is baby's mother. She is the one who decides who is qualified to hold him. I took him in my arms and soon I began to feel comfortable with that tiny little warm cooing creature in my arms, and soon I no longer feared holding him. Now, twenty-seven nieces and nephews later, holding a newborn child is one of the great joys of my life.

Do we sometimes think that Jesus is given only to the highly qualified, special religious people? In the Gospel of Luke today we hear about the presentation of

the Lord in the temple. The newborn son of God is passed around like a baton in a relay race, not guarded like a precious jewel or a breakable china dish. We can see him going from the arms of Mary to Joseph, then to the priest performing the ceremony, then to Simeon the old man, then to Anna the old widow. Each one receiving him and then handing him to the next. A tidal wave of joy and thanksgiving follows wherever he is placed.

Believe me, you are qualified to hold Jesus in your arms. How can I say that with such confidence? Because the mother decides who is qualified. The Blessed Virgin, embodied in the Church, holds him out to you and me. She rejoices to place him in our arms to hold, and to hand him on, too.

— *Father John Muir*

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers were donated in memory of:

- Knight Family
- Gulley Family
- Withers Family
- Overmeyer Family
- Rivers Family
- Allen Family
- Williams Family
- Beauvais Family
- Sierke Family
- Walpole Family
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- and in honor of Betsy & Cooper Brown, and Ginger Fonde'.
- Malone Family
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- Menton Family
- Wells Family
- Lewis Family
- Crockett Family
- Tuthill Family
- Watson Family
- Kersten Family
- McCarron Family
- Spence Family
- Jerry Radka
- Edward Olsen
- Rosado Ortiz
- David Faggard
- Evie Faggard
- Joseph Costa
- Robert Toifel
- Mary McGuinness

Thank you to the Dempsey Family, Gonzales Family, Jarvis Family, & Winter Family for your Christmas Flower Offerings.

SUNDAY BRUNCH SOCIAL

We will not have a brunch New Year's Eve Sunday but invite everyone to join us after the holidays following the 8:30 Sunday Mass. Thank you to all who prepare this wonderful social - please contact the office or Helena Smith if you would like to be put on a brunch team.

Schedule:

1/7/24: Elizabeth Hughes, Samantha Anderson, Helena Smith, Savannah Browning
1/14/24: Melanie Winter, Caroline Hassell, Jenna Strickland, Lauren Dempsey

SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION

In keeping with our tradition of helping our Neighbors in Need when there is a 5th Sunday, we will have a special collection this weekend for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Thank you for your generosity.

