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STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Week of 11/18/24-11/24/24

Will be announced in next week's bulletin

RECONCILIATION:

5:00-6:00pm Tues. and Thurs. or by appt.

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
5:00pm-6:00pm Tuesdays & Thursdays
in the main church

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MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

DAY	DATE	WHERE	WHEN	INTENTIONS
Sat.,	Nov 30	St. Joan	4:00pm	Paul & Judy Broussard (d)
Sun.,	Dec 1	St. Mary's	6:00am	Kilday Family (I & d)
		St. Joan	8:30am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
		St. Mary's	9:30am	Parishioners of St. Mary's
		St. Mary's	11:30am	James Ollis (d)
Mon.,	Dec 2	St. Mary's	NO MASS	
Tues.,	Dec 3	St. Mary's	6:00am	Deacon John Cretaro (d)
Wed.,	Dec 4	St. Mary's	6:00am	Raymond Blanchette (d)
Thurs.,	Dec 5	St. Mary's	6:00am	
Fri.,	Dec 6	St. Mary's	6:00am	Holy Souls in Purgatory



PREGNANCY AND PARENTING SUPPORT

Call us at 251-343-4636 for assistance.

Pregnant? Parenting? 2B Choices for Women in Mobile can help! We are building a culture of encounter and accompaniment as we walk with moms and parents in need.

2B Choices for Women in Mobile provides free pregnancy testing, prenatal/parental education, and baby essentials.

To learn more about our ministry please visit catholicsocialservices.org/2b-choices-for-women or follow us at facebook.com/2BChoices



Christy
Blackmon,
Hoagy Kearns,
Janet Pierre,

Kathy Wall, Michael Newburn, Milton Days,
Betty Spotswood, Frances Arata, 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, Richard
Harrington, Carolyn Harrington, Jim Fibbe,
Mary Davis Rutledge, Doris Reed, Westey
and Kathleen Hurst, Susan Thornton, Angle
Nagle, Carolyn Simmons, Virgil Graham, Joe
Kenny, Sr., Elizabeth Ann Cannon, Wendy
Makin, Elizabeth Vannees, John Johnson,
Louise McPherson, Jackson Johnson, Carol
Rathle, Geri Barnett, Viola Henderson, Eva
Haustein, Nancy Anderson, Jennifer Folman,
Joe Byrne, Jayee Thomas, Will Strickland,
Gary Graham, Tim Fibbe, Sr., Kelly Solano,
Bill & Pamela Reed, Bob Naman, Lewis
Brock III, Mike Laird, Deacon Doug McEnergy



ST. MARY'S AND ST. JOAN OF ARC ADVENT MISSION

Join us December 2-3 at St. Joan of Arc
Parish for our Advent Mission on

Ordinary Holiness

DECEMBER 2

CHILI DINNER 5:30PM

ROSARY 6:30PM

ORDINARY HOLINESS PART ONE
7:00PM

DECEMBER 3

ROSARY 6:30PM

ORDINARY HOLINESS PART TWO
7:00PM

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 is held from 10:30AM-
11:15AM at St. Mary's School. Please
contact the parish office at (251) 432-8678
for more information or **visit the website to
register your child.**

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.

OCIA CLASSES (FORMERLY RCIA)

Curious about the Roman Catholic Church
and Her teachings? Join us for the Order of
Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) classes,
now held on Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

**We'll meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Church for
Mass**, where Candidates and Catechumens
will be dismissed before Communion to
continue their classes.

OCIA offers a supportive and enriching
environment to deepen your understanding
of the Catholic faith. You don't need to
commit to becoming Catholic to join us—just
bring your curiosity and an open heart!

For more information or to sign up, please
contact the parish office at (251) 432-8678.

PRAYER GROUPS

WOMEN'S ROSARY GROUP

The WOSM Rosary Group meets each
month in the Chapel on the 1st Saturday at
8:30am This group is led by Alexis Talbott.
The next meeting is **Sat., Dec. 7.**

MEN OF ST. JOSEPH GROUP

Join us on **Thursdays at 6:30 a.m. in the
Sisters of Mercy Building** as we gather
for prayer, discuss the upcoming Sunday
Gospel, and explore how to live out Christ's
example. Our weekly fellowship helps men
grow in faith, holiness, and leadership.
Come be part of our brotherhood!

ANGEL TREE

We invite all parishioners to take part in
our annual Christmas Angel Tree program.
Each white angel on the tree contains a gift
request for a local child or family in need,
and each red angel represents an essential
need of Little Sisters of the Poor. Please pick
up an angel from the tree after Mass, and
return your gifts during **our drop off day in
the Sisters of Mercy building December
1st from 9am-1pm.** Thank you for your
generosity and support!



JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL

Advent
**COFFEE AND
DONUTS**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024

Enjoy brunch, family crafts, a special
Advent/Christmas gift from Father Vrazel,
and pick up your Advent wreath order!

Lighting Up Historic Midtown
12TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Thursday, December 5th
6:30pm - 8:30pm

Immediately following the SMS Christmas Program

Join us for:

- Pictures with Santa
- Live Band & Caroling
- Christmas Crafts
- Snow Machine
- Hot Cocoa
- Cookie Decorating

Foosackly's
chicken, Mellow
Mushroom pizza,
and beverages for
purchase!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec 1** **Advent Coffe & Donuts**
10:30am Sisters of Mercy Building
9am-1pm **Angel Tree Gift Drop-Off**
Sisters of Mercy Building
- Dec 2** **Advent Mission @ St. Joan**
5:30pm Dinner, Hall of Angels
6:30pm Rosary, St. Joan Church
7:00pm Ordinary Holiness, Pt. 1
- Dec 3** **Advent Mission @ St. Joan**
6:30pm Rosary, St. Joan Church
7:00pm Ordinary Holiness, Pt. 2
- Dec 5** **St. Mary's Lighting Up**
6:30pm Midtown! at St. Mary's School
- Dec 7** **Women's Rosary Group**
8:30am Chapel
Parent's Day Out
10a-3p Ollis Pavilion
- Dec 9** **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**, Masses at 6:00am and 5:30pm
- Dec 24** **Christmas Eve Mass**
4:00pm St. Joan of Arc Church
4:00pm St. Mary's Church
6:00pm St. Mary's Church
Midnight St. Mary's Church
- Dec 25** **Christmas Day Mass**
9:00am St. Joan of Arc Church
- Dec 31** **Vigil Mass, Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God**
5:30pm St. Joan of Arc Church
New Year's Eve Holy Hour
11pm-Midnight St. Mary's Church
- Jan 1** **Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God**, St. Mary's
9:00am

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GOSPEL MEDITATION (©LPI)

When I was a young priest, about one year after ordination, I was called to the hospital to anoint a dying mother of three young children. She had a painful, terminal cancer. After celebrating Last Rites with her, I said, "Don't be afraid." She looked me square in the eye from her hospital bed and said, "Oh Father, I am in a lot of pain, but I am not afraid. Something wonderful is about to happen." A few days later she died.

Christians face the ending of our personal various "worlds" in a totally unique way. This first Sunday of Advent, Jesus says that when people see their world falling apart, they find themselves **"fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world"** (Luke 21:26). In our fear, our natural response is to check out, to hide our heads in

drunkenness, distraction, and false securities. But Jesus commands us to He then compares what's coming to a lovely summer in full bloom. That's what the cross and resurrection empower us to do, as strange as it may seem.

Advent challenge: What world in your life is collapsing? A relationship, a dream, a work opportunity? Maybe you're troubled by a crumbling world in the political or economic sphere. Or maybe someone you love is seriously ill or dying. Name that world or worlds. Then pray: "Lord, help me to not faint with fear. Help me to raise my head and see your redemption coming."

— *Father John Muir*



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Serve, Give, Invite, Worship, Post, Join, Engage, Participate!

SUNDAY BRUNCH SOCIAL

Everyone is welcome to join us for food and fellowship following most Sunday morning Masses. Thank you to all who work to make this social possible. Please contact the office or Helena Smith if you would like to be put on a brunch team.

Schedule:

12/1: Thanksgiving Weekend - No Brunch

12/8: Kathleen Gerard, BJ Robertson, Bridget Chapman

STEWARDSHIP

If you have not already done so, please complete a stewardship card with your 2025 tithe pledge and a Time & Talent form for volunteer opportunities and place it in the offertory or send it to the office. Both are located in the vestibule.

BOX OF JOY

Thank you to all who participated in the Box of Joy program this year. Many children will be blessed because of your generosity!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. John Calametti II who were married at St. Joan of Arc last weekend. May your faith light the way. May hope be your constant companion. And may your bond of love grow stronger each day.

ADVENT MISSION/CHILI SOCIAL

St. Joan of Arc will host the Advent Mission December 2nd & 3rd with Fr. Pat Arensberg as our speaker. On Monday, 12/2 we will have a chili social in the Hall of Angels prior to the mission. A sign-up was emailed to parishioners on Friday, please respond as soon as possible if you are able to help or call the office or Helena Smith.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

To sign up please email mjbsjacop@gmail.com

PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

To sign up or add names of deceased loved ones to the book: catholicinmobile@gmail.com.

Parents' DAY OUT | 7TH DECEMBER

10:00AM - 3:00PM

Ollis Pavilion

● 1 child - \$20 ● 2 children - \$30 ● 3+ children - \$40

Cash/Venmo Accepted!

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Need a break to get your holiday shopping done? Let us take care of your little ones while you focus on finding the perfect gifts! We are offering a fun day of play and a pizza lunch, so you can enjoy stress-free Christmas shopping. To register, send names/ages of children and any allergies to jmartin@stmarymobile.org.

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