

Joy Advent

Saint Mary

MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY - 4:30PM | SUNDAY- 9:00AM

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY 3:45-4:15PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION held on Saturdays 3:45pm to 4:15pm. or any time when requested.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM can be administered during Sunday Mass or at a private ceremony. New parents are required to attend a Baptism instruction. Recommended that this take place during the pregnancy.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY—call the Parish Office to make arrangements at least six months in advance. Marriage instructions are required.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK administered upon request to those who are sick.

REGISTRATION—Persons moving into our area are asked to notify the Parish Office to be registered. Notify the Parish Office with changes in contact information.

P.S.R. CLASSES (September—April) Grade School - Sundays: 9:00am (Mass) to 11:00am. [Next classes begin in September 2022]

FOR ANY QUESTIONS OR TO SCHEDULE ANY OF THE ABOVE, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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Mission Statement

We, the members of St. Mary Parish, dedicated to Our Lady of Mount Carmel, are conscious of the struggles of our faith-filled ancestors. We strive to become a holy and vibrant community through personal prayer, meaningful liturgies, and opportunities to develop our faith. As God's people, we recognize the values and importance of each person and desire to reach out to all the people in our area who need God's Word, Love and Care.

The Diocese of Toledo

remains committed to ensuring the protection of children and providing a safe environment for all young people. If you have any knowledge of abuse that has been committed by a cleric or by any personnel of the Catholic Church, you are urged to report the abuse to your local police department, Children Services, and to contact the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (419) 214-4880; or to write to: Victim Assistance Coordinator 1933 Spielbusch Avenue Toledo, Ohio 43604.



SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH



*Lord, look upon me with eyes of mercy. May Your healing hand rest upon me.
May Your life-giving powers flow into every cell of my body and the depths of my soul,
cleansing, purifying, restoring me to wholeness
and strength for service in Your Kingdom.*

Amen.

PRAYER LIST

**Victor Rich, Doug Grahl, Meghan Grahl, Linda Burnett,
Robert & Carolyn Kuhlma, Marcia Glick, Bob Martin, Jean Garvin, Gene Cook,
Linda Hayman, Geraldine Hill, Barb Conley ,**

and everyone affected in any way by COVID-19 or any other illness or injury.

*To recommend an individual to be placed on the St. Mary Prayer List,
please contact the Parish Office.*

*Under HIPAA guidelines, the request must be made by
either the person or the person's representative/caretaker.*

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From the Desk of...

Deacon José Zamora, Pastoral Leader

If the first half of the first reading sounds familiar, it may be because this is the passage that Jesus reads in the synagogue at the beginning of his ministry. If you recall, after reading it Jesus proclaims that this scripture passage has been fulfilled in their hearing. Because Jesus is with us as we are gathered here today, Isaiah's words are fulfilled now as well. Jesus continues to bring glad tidings, healing, justice, favor, and vindication. So, we prepare ourselves for this Advent as a bride prepares for her wedding, wearing the promise of justice and the hope of salvation and shining with the jewels of generosity and praise.

In darkness, the first need is for light. At any given time, the world can be full of darkness, but lately it seems like the darkness threatens to overwhelm us. War abroad. Strife at home. COVID-19. Mass shootings. Natural disasters. And on and on. But into all this darkness comes a light. Not just a light, but the light, the light John testified to. The kingdom of God has drawn near to us in Christ and we respond with joy when we realize that he comes to us, for us, and remains with us, even when we are not conscious of his abiding presence. May we recognize the light of the Lord that is within us and our neighbor as well.

May we be as bold as John the Baptist, who testified to the light but declared that he himself was not the light. Even if we have the light within us, we did not create that light, we did not produce that light. That light comes above and we merely direct it in the way that we live. May we bear witness to the light by directing it upon the darkness in our world, producing glimmers of goodness. Question of the Week How can I recognize and then bear witness to the light that comes from God?



Scripture Readings

For the Week of December 17, 2023

18— Mon	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
19—Tue	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
20—Wed	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
21—Thu	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
22—Fri	1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
23—Sat	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66
24—Sun	Fourth Sunday of Advent 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

Mass Intentions

23—Saturday 4:30 pm	† Helen Gurney † Parishioners
24—Sunday 9:00 am	† Parishioners † Parishioners

Liturgical Calendar

December

- 17—Gaudete Sunday**
- 18—International Migrants Day**
- 20—International Human Solidarity Day**
- 21—Optional Memorial of St. Peter Canisius***
Winter begins.
- 23—Optional Memorial of St. John of Kanty***



December 25, 2023—January 1, 2024

Please call (419) 307-8631 for emergency needs. The answering system will be monitored. The office will reopen on January 2, 2024.

What's Goin' On at St. Mary Parish?!

Sacrificial Giving for FY 2024

December 3, 2023

Offertory Collection:	\$4,437
Offertory needed per week:	\$3,600
Over <Under>:	\$837
Over <Under> for Fiscal Year 2024:	<\$717>

St. Mary Bingo

November 28, 2023

# Players:	71
Proceeds:	\$2,486

Christmas Flowers

Monday, December 18th is the last date to submit Christmas Flower donations for inclusion in the Christmas Bulletin. Please see the flyer enclosed in this week's bulletin—or for those who have church envelopes, please use the specially-marked envelope. Remember to include your intentions. For any questions, please contact the Parish Office at (419) 547-9687.

PSR Christmas Vacation!

PSR classes will resume after the Christmas and New Year holidays on **January 7th**.

*"I am the voice of
one crying out in
the desert, make
straight the way
of the Lord,"
as Isaiah the prophet said."*

Parish Week at a Glance:

Week of: December 17, 2023

MON	Boy Scouts	6:30 pm	Gym
TUE	Bingo	6:30 pm	Parish Hall
WED			
THU	Adoration	6:30 pm	Church
FRI			
SAT	Rosary	4:00 pm	Church
	Mass	4:30 pm	Church
SUN	Rosary	8:30 am	Church
	Mass	9:00 am	Church



BREAKFAST with SANTA

THANK YOU!!

A big, hearty "Thank You" to everyone who attended the Breakfast with Santa: PSR kids & their families, additional family members, and parishioners. It is our hope the kids enjoyed every minute of it! And now special "thanks" to the Knights of Columbus for providing the absolutely delicious breakfast menu; Greg Fox, our own "Santa", donations of items for the kids' bags—Altar Rosary Society, Knights of Columbus, Toft's & Clyde Wendy's. Also "thanks" to Deacon Jose, Bill Steinbauer, Anna Zamora & countless others who helped pull this all together. Merry Christmas & Ho-ho-ho-ho!! Unfortunately, no pictures at this time—if anyone has any they'd like to share, send 'em!

St. Mary Parish Important Information

LITURGICAL ROLES..... DECEMBER 23 / 24 / 25

Sat—23	4:30 pm	Volunteer	Volunteer
Sun—24	9:00 am	Volunteer	Volunteer
Sun—24	4:00 pm	Volunteer	Volunteer
Sun—24	10:00 pm	Volunteer	Volunteer
Mon—25	9:00 am	Volunteer	Volunteer

USHERS

Saturday	4:30 pm	Volunteer	Volunteer
Sunday	9:00 am	Volunteer	Volunteer
Sun—24	4:00 pm	Volunteer	Volunteer
Sun—24	10:00 pm	Volunteer	Volunteer
Mon—25	9:00 am	Volunteer	Volunteer

LECTORS

Saturday	4:30pm	Volunteer
Sunday	9:00am	Volunteer
Sun—24	4:00 pm	Volunteer
Sun—24	10:00 pm	Volunteer
Mon—25	9:00 am	Volunteer

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday	4:30pm	Volunteer	Volunteer
Sunday	9:00am	Volunteer	Volunteer
Sun—24	4:00 pm	Volunteer	Volunteer
Sun—24	10:00 pm	Volunteer	Volunteer
Mon—25	9:00 am	Volunteer	Volunteer

MONEY COUNTERS

Week 4	Linda Dickenson	Sue Lemmon
Christmas	Volunteer	Volunteer

Volunteers Needed!

As you can see, there are many Masses during the Christmas season! To volunteer, please see Deacon Jose or contact the Parish Office.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are desperately needed to help fill special roles that are held at each Mass: *Altar Servers, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, and Money Counters*. Now is the time to step up and become more involved in Mass! If you are interested in volunteering, please speak to Deacon José either after Mass or contact him at the Parish Office. Deacon can give more information about what each roles entails and what is expected.

SAVE THE DATE:

"LUNCH 'n LISTEN"!

The next "Lunch 'n Listen" is on the books!
Call (419) 547-9687 to sign up for the no-cost

next **LUNCH 'n LISTEN** on

Wednesday, January 17th

Presenter: Dr. Bryan Kuns

Topic: "Jerusalem"

December Lunch 'n Listen

The December Lunch 'n Listen had the pleasure of a visit from Clyde High School's Kaleidoscope group for entertainment. As a bonus, they sang "Happy Birthday" to Marge Selvey!





If an error or omission occurred, call the parish office for correction.

Birthday Blessings for the period December 18—24, 2023:

- 18—Derek Dearth;
 19—Genoeva Rodriguez, John Nobles, Tami Hofelich,
 Elijah Hillman, Jared Combs, Calahann Renwand;
 20—Marie Wetoskey, Steven Sharpe, Gage Mick, Holly Hofelich;
 21—Felicity Jones, Bryan Liskai, William Lozier;
 22—Boone Smetzler; 23—Tami Steinbauer;
 24—Michael Sloan, Carol Dick, Alma Perez, Amy Lozier,
 Debbie Renwand, Brooke Weinheimer



Come celebrate the Birth of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior

Below are the 2023 Christmas Mass times for area churches

Clyde, St. Mary
 609 Vine Street,
 Clyde, Ohio 43410
 419-547-9687

December 24: 4:00 pm, 10pm
 December 25: 9:00 am

Fremont, Sacred Heart
 550 Smith Road
 Fremont, Ohio 43420
 419-332-7339

December 24: 4:00 pm, 7pm, 10:00 pm
 December 25: 9:00 am

Fremont, St. Ann
 1021 West State Street
 Fremont, Ohio 43420
 419-332-2638

December 24: 4:30 pm, 11:00pm
 December 25: 8:30 am

Fremont, St. Joseph
 709 Croghan Street
 Fremont, Ohio 43420
 419-334-2638

December 24: 4:00 pm
 December 25: 10:30 am

Genoa, Our Lady of Lourdes
 204 Main Street,
 Genoa, Ohio 43430
 419-855-8501

December 24: 4:30 pm
 December 25: 10:30 am

Gibsonburg, St. Michael
 317 East Madison Street
 Gibsonburg, Ohio 43431
 419-637-2255

December 24: 4:00 pm
 December 25: 10:00 am

Millersville, St. Mary
 865 State Route 635
 Helena, Ohio 43435
 419-638-3042

December 24: 6:00 pm, 12am

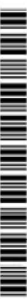
Oak Harbor St. Boniface
 215 North Church Street
 Oak Harbor, Ohio 43449
 419-898-1389

December 24: 4:30 pm
 December 25: 8:30 am



*He will baptize you with
the Holy Spirit*

MATTHEW 3:11



Happenings Around the Diocese...



Advent Penance Services, Confessions, & Adoration

St. Mary (Clyde):

Masses:

Sat: 4:30pm with Rosary prayer at 4:00pm

Sun: 9:00am with Rosary prayer at 8:30am.

Adoration every Thursday at 6:30pm.

St. Boniface/ Our Lady of Lourdes:

Adoration

Tue., Dec. 5, 12, and 19 at St. Boniface from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Thu., Dec. 7 at Our Lady of Lourdes from 9:30 am to 6:30 pm

Thu., Dec. 14, and 21 at Our Lady of Lourdes from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Reconciliation:

Tuesdays at St. Boniface from 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Wednesdays at Our Lady of Lourdes, Genoa from 8:30 am - 8:50 am

Thursdays at Our Lady of Lourdes 8:30 am - 8:50 am

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Fridays at St. Boniface from 8:30 am - 8:50 am

St. Joseph/ St. Ann:

Day of Grace on Wed., Dec. 6: 8:30-11am at St. Ann, 1-3pm at St. Joseph,

6:30-7:30pm at St. Ann

Adoration:

St. Joseph Tues. 12/12/23 9am-4pm

St. Ann Wed 12/13/23 6:30-7:30

St. Joseph Tues. 12/19/23 9am-4pm

St. Ann Wed 12/20/23 6:30-7:30

Confessions:

St. Ann Wed. 12/6/23 8:30am-11am

St. Joseph Wed. 12/6/23 1pm-3pm

St. Ann Wed., 12/6/23 6:30-7:30pm

St. Joseph Fri., 12/8/23 8:30 am

St. Joseph Sat. 12/10/23 4pm

St. Joseph Fri., 12/15/23 8:30 am

St. Joseph Sat. 12/17/23 4pm

St. Joseph Fri., 12/22/23 8:30 am

St. Joseph Sat. 12/23/23 4pm

St. Mary Millersville/ St. Michael Gibsonburg:

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament:

Fri., Dec. 1 at St. Mary's after the 8:30 am Mass until 10:00 am

Sun., Dec. 10, at St. Michael's, 10:00 am - 10:45 am (before 11am Mass)

Tue., Dec. 12, at St. Michael's, 4:00pm-4:45pm (before 5:00pm Mass)

Fri., Dec. 15, at St. Mary's, after the 8:30 am Mass until 10:00 am

Tue., Dec. 26, at St. Michael's, 4:00pm - 4:45pm (before 5 pm Mass)

Advent Night of Reflection:

Blessed Sacrament with guided meditation, by Fr. Tad Oxley ending with Benediction at 8:00 PM

St. Mary and St. Michael's Advent times for Reconciliation:

Reconciliation is available Tuesdays after 5:00pm Mass at St. Michael

Fridays after 8:30am Mass at St. Mary

Saturdays 4:00pm at St. Michael

Sundays 8:00 am at St. Mary

Additional times for Advent are: Sat. Dec. 9, 9-11 am at St. Mary and

Sat. Dec. 16, 9-11 am at St. Michael

Sacred Heart:

Confessions:

Wed., Dec. 20 from 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM, and 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Regular confessions:

Tuesdays 8:45 AM

Wednesdays 5:30 PM

Saturdays 3:00 PM

Advent Adoration:

Sun., Dec. 3 - Fri., Dec. 22

Sundays 7:15 PM - 10:00 PM

Mon., Tue., Thu. 10 am - 10 pm

Wed. 10 am - 5 pm, 7 pm - 10 pm

Fridays, Saturdays 10 am - 3 pm

Area-wide penance service:

December 10 at 3 pm at St. Joseph



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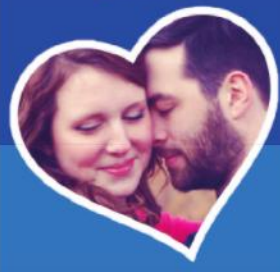
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