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Monday—Thursday 2:30-5:45 pm

Friday—9am-12:00 pm

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Masses, Confessions, & Devotions

Check e-calendar for changes after printing (funerals, confessions times, etc.)

Saturday, December 21st • St. Peter Canisius

7:15-7:30 am Confessions; 7:15 am Rosary & M Prayer
7:45 am Mass • Int. St. Monica Sodality; Christmas Novena & St. Monica Devotions
3:00 pm Confessions; 3:35 pm Rosary
4:00 pm Anticipated Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent • Int. Emily Petroskey (+) by Woody & Romana Herman

Sunday, December 22nd • FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:20 am M Prayer & Rosary; 7:35-7:50 Confessions
8:00 am Mass • Int. Francis S. Miceli (+) by the Bolton Family
11:00 am Mass • Int. For All Parishioners
4:30 pm Evening Prayer and Christmas Novena

Monday, December 23rd • Advent Weekday

5:05-5:20 pm Confessions; 5:15 pm Rosary & E Prayer
5:45 pm Mass • Int. Hank & Rita Jaroma (+) by Frank
6:30 pm Christmas Novena & OCIA

Tuesday, December 24th • Advent Weekday

7:30-7:50 am Confessions in Office; 7:45 am Rosary & M Prayer
8:15 am Mass in Chapel • Int. Special Intention; Novena
3:00 pm Kolendy & Children's Play
4:00 pm THE VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD • Int. The Neil Witkowski Family by Bernard Zacharias
11:15 pm Prelude Music Before Midnight Mass

Wednesday, December 25th • THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

12:00 am Midnight Mass • Int. For All Parishioners
7:30 am Mass • Int. Joanne Popa (+) by Eunice Novak
9:15 am Mass • Int. Frank & Germaine Kabat (+) by Sandy Galla

Thursday, December 26th • SAINT STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR

5:05-5:20 pm Confessions; 5:15 pm Rosary & E Prayer
5:45 am Mass • Int. Emily Bryant by Mike & Kathy Tate

Friday, December 27th • SAINT JOHN, THE APOSTLE

7:30-7:50 am Confessions; 7:45 am Rosary & M Prayer
8:15 am Mass • Int. Jeanette Tate

Saturday, December 28th • THE HOLY INNOCENTS

7:30-7:50 am Confessions; 7:45 am Rosary & M Prayer
8:15 am Mass • Int. Bernard Winowiecki by Gerard & Gloria Jankowiak
3:00 pm Confessions; 3:35 pm Rosary
4:00 pm Anticipated Mass for The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph • Int. Deceased Members of the Shorter Family

Sunday, December 29th • THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, & JOSEPH

7:20 am M Prayer & Rosary; 7:35-7:50 Confessions
8:00 am Mass • Int. Barb Flores (+) by Mike & Deb Bunek
11:00 am Mass • Int. For All Parishioners

From Father Libby

Our Lady Sunday



Rorate Coeli, desuper... *Is 45:8 Let the Just One descend, O heavens, like dew from above, like gentle rain let the skies drop Him down. Let the earth open and a Saviour bud forth.*

Shame to shame. The bookends of Christmastide from Our Lady's perspective is the shame that she endured for us, to bring to us the glory of the Fruit of Her Womb. Mother of God, nowhere to rest her head, the world rejecting her and Him, no room in the Inn. Fast forward to Feb 2nd, 40 days after Christmas. The final whisps of Christmas explode into Candlemas -the Light to the Gentiles reaches its zenith. We hear the Christmas preface one more time, the Vatican takes down their Christmas tree, as will I and all who understand the importance of the 'ornamenting season' (clothe yourself with Christ Rom. 13). Feb 2nd is Sunday this year, so we will bless our +/- \$11,000 candle order for the year and do a procession. Right in the midst of all that, though, there is again 'shame' for Our Lady. Traditionally, Feb 2nd was the Purification of Our Lady. All women had to come to get purified after childbirth after 40 days and 'buy back' their child by offering a sacrifice (2 turtledoves for the poor).

I'm getting ahead of myself for the Season, but Our Lady did not need to be Purified. Thus, along with the supposed shame of no place in the Inn and the Purification, the glory of the *in partu* (the 'in the very act of birth' miraculous) virginity also bookends Christmas. When Half-Spent was the Night, the *in partu* happened. *Our Saviour was born from a Mother who remained physically intact at birth without any pain in the birth.* And 40 days later her *in partu* defined that she actually didn't need purification. But she submitted to that 'shame' as she did, going from door to door in Bethlehem. What a great model for us in our spiritual life. We give mercy as the world puts in our face the shame of the Cross and the ignominious death of our Savior. Such is the great life of a Christian!

A Merry Christmas when it *begins* in a few days! Dec 24, 4pm all clear to turn on the lights on your tree and yard as the *Light of the World* 'drops down from heaven.' Keep them on till Feb 2nd when the full glory of God manifests at Candlemas. *Ornament* your tree, or begin to as you begin to get ornamented by 'putting on Christ.' Manifest it to the world on 12th night! Epiphany. Bring it to the Gentiles in evangelization! Enjoy the joy which we now possess even as others despair that, once again, the Christmas Spirit didn't last. We've got to fill that gap before they despair. On the Feast of Stephen (Dec 26) we sing:

Good King Wenceslas looked out, on the Feast of Stephen, When the snow lay round about, deep and crisp and even; Brightly shone the moon that night, tho' the frost was cruel, When a poor man came in sight, gath'ring winter fuel. "Hither, page, and stand by me, if thou know'st it, telling, Yonder peasant, who

is he? Where and what his dwelling?"... **"Bring me flesh, and bring me wine, bring me pine logs hither: Thou and I will see him dine, when we bear them thither."**.. "Sire, the night is **darker now**, and the wind blows stronger; **Fails my heart, I know not how; I can go no longer.**" **"Mark my footsteps**, good my page. Tread thou in them boldly Thou shalt find the winter's rage freeze thy blood less coldly." **In his master's steps he trod**, where the snow lay dinted; Heat was in the **very sod** which the saint had printed. Therefore, Christian men, be sure, wealth or rank possessing, Ye who now will bless the poor, shall yourselves find blessing.

Let us discern well the deeper meaning of these words, our duties as Christians and God's love. Merry Christmas!

Collection Totals

For December 14th & 15th

Total.....\$7,710.26



For the Coming Week's Masses

4:00 pm December 28th
Propers Jude & Elijah Grignon, Jude Altman
Cantor Bernadette Altman
Lector Larry Petroskey
Ushers - Len Zeck, Allen Brzezinski, Bernard Zacharias, Byron Bolton

8:00 am December 29th
Propers Ben Freundl
Cantor Danielle Scott
Lector Jason Maday
Acolyte Jason Maday
Ushers- Dale Pleva, Joe Peplinski, Fred Peplinski, Mike Tate

11:00 am December 29th
Ushers- Bill Huddleston , Al Garvin , Kris Zimmerman , Tom Lesausky

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2025 Women's Conference

'Our Lady, Hope of the Family' —Join guest speakers Keri Tarrant and Rev. Christopher Jarvis on Saturday, January 11th at Christ the King Parish in Acme for a Catholic Women's Conference from 8am-3pm. <https://christkingchurch.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/64/responses/new>

Bethany Brunch

Women ages 18-35 (Any Vocation) are invited to this special women's event. Mass, brunch, fellowship, talks from the Nashville Dominican sisters, adoration. Saturday, January 18th. 4272 Scharmen Rd, Kingsley MI 49696. Contact Lilly Bobrowski 231-463-9299 or email fobgaylor@gmail.com. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSelsuix8HiM2sGHge5e8RecLERNgeZFj5rpkcBiCMVRwF31Mg/viewform>

Holy Rosary Youth Drama Club

The Holy Rosary Youth Drama Club (HRYDC) is selecting our plays for the upcoming 2025 season. Auditions will occur in April with rehearsals beginning the end of May through the end of July/ beginning of August. Ages eligible are ten years old by end of 24/25 school year through high school. In order to pick our plays, we are trying to gauge interest so we know, approximately, how many kids are going to audition. So please email the names and ages to HYRDClub@gmail.com Also, donations to HYRDC are welcome! These donations will be used for costumes, props and sets. Thank you so much. We are looking forward to a great summer experience and, possibly, some fall/winter potential projects!

Parish Office

The Parish office will closed December 24th– December 27th & December 31st-January 1st.

Holy Day of Obligation Mass

December 31st at 5:45 pm
 January 1st 12 Noon and 5:45 pm

Thank you!

The Catholic Women's Club would like to thank everyone who donated to the Giving Tree. The Maple Valley Nursing Home will receive the gifts on Dec. 20th.

Year End Giving

You have probably noticed building projects on campus. Major efforts completed this year include construction of the storage building, new carpet and paint in the convent, completion of tuck-pointing the school, and partial replacement of fencing around the cemetery.

A number of projects are planned for 2025. Some are not glamorous, like shoring up the church floor, and some are very beautiful, including the remaining mysteries of the Rosary, which are represented in the church through new wall art and a stained-glass window. Special donations, parish savings, and fundraising will make these projects possible.

As the calendar year-end approaches, I'm often asked if any projects can be contributed to and what projects are in the pipeline. Here is the list of some larger projects we'd like to complete in the new year:

- Artwork and a stained-glass window in the church illustrating mysteries of the Rosary not currently depicted in our stained-glass windows.
- Marian Grotto and gardens
- Flooring and painting in the school
- Completing fencing of the cemetery on the north and south sides & restoring the historic entrance
- Carpet and flooring in the body of the church
- Sanctuary tile repair
- Cabinets in the servers' sacristy
- Sprinkler system for the grounds

St. Monica Prayer Intentions

All St. Monica prayer intentions will be taken to Rome and placed at the tomb of St. Monica in January. Please submit intentions in the St. Monica box located in the usher/cry room by January 12th.

Christmas Recital

Please join is for our Christmas recital Friday, January 10, at 6pm in the Concert Hall. The recital features our piano students and our choir with Harp. Donations accepted, reception following. Donations will provide scholarships for piano students.



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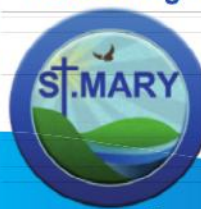
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- Larry Mousseau

HOLY ROSARY FIRST FRIDAY MEMORIAL L&D = Living & Deceased

- Nancy Priest
- Olszewski Family
- L&D Iwanicki Family
- L&D Suhy Family
- Yvonne Sadler Family
- Conrad Donakowski

- Louis & Magdaline Donakowski
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