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JESUS



“Behold, you will conceive in your
womb and bear a son, and you
shall name him Jesus.”

LUKE 1:31

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	Dec. 21	8:30am	For Madison Drake Req. by Julie & John Barile Sam & John Calleja Req. by Carmen Calleja
Wed.	Dec. 23	Noon	Lee Borycz Req. by Family For Alana S. Bar Req. by Family Victoria Angelosanto Req. by John & Judy Lardin Candelaria Medina Req. by Family
Thurs.	Dec. 24	4:30pm 9:00pm	No Intentions
Fri.	Dec. 25	9:00am 11:00am	No Intentions
Sat.	Dec. 26	4:30pm	Ann Walton Req. by Joyce Urouhart Raymond LeMaster Req. by Tony & Yvonne Collins Nicholas & Lorraine Debash Req. by daughter & family Wes Pincheck Req. by Family
Sun.	Dec. 13	9am	Michelle Bozek Req. by Dcn. Jim & Sue Hensel Michael Maceri Req. by wife, Anna
		11am	For Our Parish Family Joe Scanga Req. by Mother, Sara



On behalf of the entire staff at St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, I wish all of you a very Merry and Happy Christmas. May this great celebration of Jesus' birth help to remind you of the great love God has for all of you.

Fr. Shafique

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Imagine how Mary felt at the birth of Jesus: excited, awed, frightened. Deep faith was her light in the darkness, for Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought light into the darkness surrounding the heart of those living in poverty bringing them the real, lasting, and deep joy of Christmas.



PRAY FOR OUR SICK

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Jim Bearden	John Kaminsky	Tom Mulivhill	Sean Schaefer
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If there are any names that can be removed from our Prayer List, please let us know by calling 734-425-4421.

OUR ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS

CPT Joey Saunders, U.S. Marines; **Joseph David Onadia**, U.S. Navy; **PVT Marcus Rodriguez**, U.S. Army

Parish Mission Statement

The Parish of St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, inspired by Mary's "Yes" and led by the Holy Spirit, strives to be a faith-filled community, joyfully welcoming all to witness and to celebrate the Gospel.

Queen's Quotes from Religious Formation

Christmas Greetings and Salutations,

Today is the fourth Sunday of Advent. We light all four candles on the Advent wreath. Our preparation and waiting is almost to an end. We eagerly await the arrival of the blessed baby Jesus.

In five days we celebrate one of our greatest days in the church; the Birth of a baby. A baby that will become our Savior, Jesus Christ. In this year of 2020 we all have undergone great challenges. This Christmas feels a bit different, much more meaningful. I say that because 2020 has taught me I really do not need much. I have all that I need, Jesus is my gift.

"For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

All Glory and Praise to God, trust in his truth! Merry Christmas Everyone!

Peace, Love, and Joy,

Sabrina Queen

p.s. Just for giggles...

How much did Santa's sleigh cost? Nothing! It was on the house. Hee hee hee.

NOTES FROM PAUL

We are finally at the Fourth Sunday of Advent. This year has been nothing like we had planned, but like Advent, there is a light, a joy at the end of this dark time. I am thankful for being part of this warm and wonderfully giving parish. A parish that gave 100 boxes of food to the Wayne-Westland Community Schools to feed local families over Christmas break. A family that gave over \$3600 in gift cards so that 43 local kids could have something more under their Christmas tree. A family that pours out kindness and prayers for its fellow parishioners, and the people in our domestic families. You are an amazing group of people. I wish you all a Merry Christmas, and that like that first Christmas morning, Jesus will be the light that we each see burning bright.

God bless you,

Paul Zbytowski

Pastoral Associate

Evangelization and Christian Service Coordinator

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Thank you for all the middle school and high school families that participated in our advent service project. We had a great response for this first time event. Veteran's Hospital, Kids Hope, Covenant House, Crossroads Soup Kitchen, St. Christine's, and Heartland Nursing Home are all very thankful for the wonderful items that were donated to them. The items included Fleece Scarves and Blankets, Condiment packs, door decorations, and Christmas Cards.

Our final High School Youth Group meeting of the year will take place on Monday, Dec. 21 from 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. There will be no meeting on Monday, Dec. 28 so families can enjoy the holiday break. Meetings will resume on Monday, January 4, 2021.

I pray you and your family have a wonderful final week of Advent!

Carol Nelius,

Coordinator of Youth Ministry

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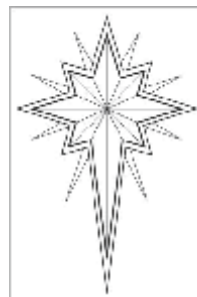
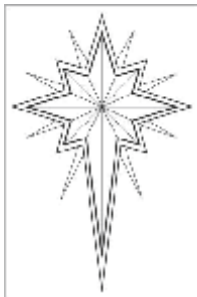
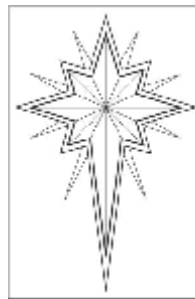


The Immaculate Heart of Mary Ministry's mission is to spread the devotion to Mary and preserve Filipino religious traditions. Please join us for our Simbanga Gabi Masses. Simbanga Gabi (Filipino for "Night Mass") is a devotional nine-day series of Masses practiced by Filipino Catholics in anticipation of Christmas. We will have mass this **Sunday, Dec. 20 at 4pm., Monday, Dec. 21st at 6:30pm, Tuesday, Dec. 22nd at 6:30pm and the last mass will be Dec. 23rd at 6:30pm.** We hope you will join us!

**DUE TO THE EARLY BULLETIN SUBMISSION
NO OFFERTORY REPORT WAS AVAILABLE FOR THIS WEEK.**

The call was answered!

A total of 90+ boxes of food were collected to assist families in the **Wayne/Westland school district**. Thank you St. Mary's for your support!



Christmas Mass Schedule

CHRISTMAS EVE

4:30pm Mass

9:00pm Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY

9:00am Mass

11:00am Mass

CHRISTMAS WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday, Dec. 28 No Mass

Tuesday, Dec. 29 No Mass

Wednesday, Dec. 30 No Mass

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Thursday, December 31
Vigil of Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God

4:30pm

New Year's Day

Friday, January 1
Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God

10:00am Mass



**Come and Pray
the Rosary with us!**

Wednesday Evenings
at 7pm in the church.

Bring your family
Invite a friend!

**No Rosary on
December 23rd**



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Jesus is the reason for this season. We have now entered into the season of Advent. In this season of hope and joyful expectation we are reminded of the good news of Christmas and God coming to us. He is Emmanuel, God with us. This day the Divine became human. As we celebrate the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord, we remember how God first gave a home to the needy couple by being born in a stable. As we remember the birth of Jesus and re-create the stable, I ask that you take part in providing a “roof” for the Holy Child. This Christmas, let us be mindful of those who are in need of our welcome – a family member, a friend, a co-worker, a fellow parishioner. Let us make room in our hearts for forgiveness and love and reach out to those who are asking for them. In addition, Pope Francis keeps reminding us not to forget the poor. During this season of giving, let us also find time to help the needy. Let us extend God’s gift of generosity by helping a family in need, visiting the sick and those feeling lonely during this pandemic. Through these simple actions we are able to bring Christ to others this Christmas.

This year the Easter and Christmas seasons have been different. We all experienced and continue to live through this experience of ‘lock-down’ due to the COVID 19 pandemic. We face many new challenges but also new opportunities. With our ‘staying home’ we discovered the importance of being together as family and supporting each other in the time of illness and fear. However, the closing of so many businesses and public institutions brings with it a serious reduction of or loss of regular income.

Your support to your parish St Mary Cause of Our Joy has been amazing in these unprecedented times. I am very impressed by your help in many ways. You were there when your parish needed you, may it be financial support or otherwise. I have seen many volunteers preparing churches before and after Masses making it safe for all our parish family. I remind you that your first obligation is to your family and loved ones but any small amount you can give towards your Parish, will make a difference. The generousities of your gifts given to the Lord are modeled upon what the Three Kings presented to the newborn King. We are grateful to you for your generosity. The backbone of our parish are those who volunteer, we have a long list of those dedicated and committed members too numerous to mention. As your pastor, I treasure the gift of you and the dedication, sacrifices, and hard work you have shown to make this parish a beacon of Christ’s love and I say THANK YOU.

The parish staff and I, promise you to keep you in our prayers. Know that we pray for you, your loved ones and your intentions. Thank you for lifting us in prayer as well. May you have the grace to find happiness and joy this Christmas and throughout the New Year 2021. I would like to remind you of my words at my installation July 2019, “Westland into Joy land”.

Fr. Shafique Masih

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

“When your times comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will establish his kingdom firm.” (2 Sm 12)

Psalm:

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 89)

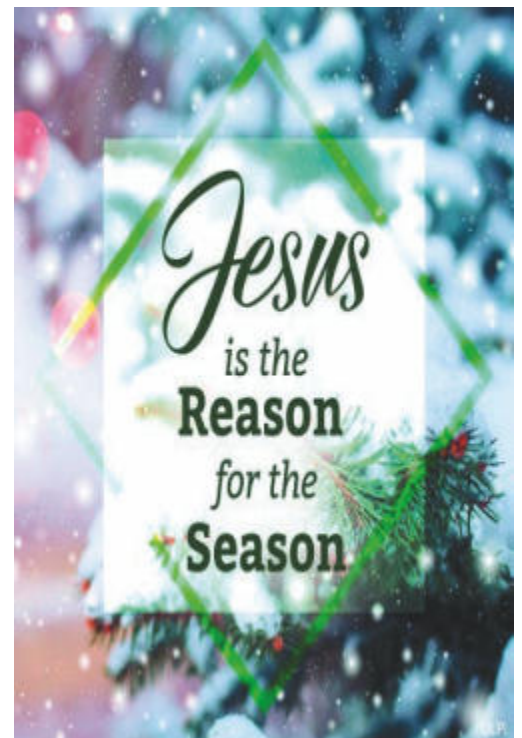
Second Reading:

According to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God. (Rom 16:25b-26a)

Gospel:

“Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.

He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High.” (Lk 1:31-32a)





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Office Hours—closed for now
Monday to Thursday: 8:00am–4:00pm
Friday: Closed

Mass Schedule

MON, THURS & FRI	8:30 am
WED	12:00 Noon
SAT	4:30 pm
SUN	9:00 am 11:00 am

Confession

Saturdays: 3:30pm

Baptisms

Please call our Parish Office during regular business hours. Parish membership and preparation class required.

Marriage

Arrangements must be made by registered parishioner at least six months in advance to allow sufficient time for instructions and preparation.

Anointing of Sick and Ministry to Homebound

Our pastor is available to visit upon request.

RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

For those interested in becoming a full member of the Catholic Church. Please call the office.

Hearing Devices are available. Please see our music director in the choir area.

Bulletin Articles due by 9 am on Monday (5 days prior to publication). Submitted bulletin content is subject to approval.

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Readings for the week of December 20th

Sunday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/ Lk 1:26-38
Monday:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56
Wednesday:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66
Thursday:	Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/ Lk 1:67-79
Friday:	Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/ Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25. Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/ Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14. Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/ Lk 2:15-20. Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/ Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
Saturday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/ Mt 10:17-22
Next Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-408

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

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