



**St. Mary, Help of Christians
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The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Sunday.....Sat. 5:00 pm, Sun. 10:00 am

Monday - Friday..... 8:15 am

At Nursing Home Thursday 1:30 pm

Saturday (Latin Mass)..... 8:15 am

Holydays of Obligation 7pm Vigil and

..... 8:15 am & 7:00 pm (Latin) on the day

Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation

Every Wednesday.....7:45-8:00 am

Every Saturday 3:45-4:45 pm

Thursday before 1st Friday..... 6:00-6:45 pm

By Appointment.....Anytime

Baptism: Instruction required, contact office

Marriage: Instruction required, contact parish priest at least six months in advance; NO weddings during Advent or Lent

Pastoral Care of the Sick: Please contact the parish priest to schedule a home visit (before you have surgery) and/or to arrange for the reception of the Sacraments

Holy Face Devotions: 1st Sunday of the Month at 7:00pm with Benediction

Eucharistic Adoration: 7:00pm Holy Hour on the Thursday before 1st Friday; on certain feasts & during the annual Forty Hours

Devotions in Honor of the Child Jesus: 25th of every month following Holy Mass

St. Mary's Church
Salem, South Dakota

GAUDETE IN DOMINO SEMPER: ITERUM DICO, GAUDETE...

DOMINUS PROPE EST...

Rejoice in the Lord always: again I say, Rejoice... The Lord is near... - Philippians 4:4-5

Tomorrow, Monday, December 12th: the Feast Day of

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

*Mother of God * Empress of the Americas * Patroness of Life*

The appearance of Our Lady of Guadalupe to the Aztec Indian St. Juan Diego in December of 1531 generated the conversion of Mexico, Central and South America to Catholicism. Indeed, the Blessed Virgin Mary entered the very life stream of Central America and became an inextricable part of Mexican life and a central figure to the history of Mexico itself. The three most important religious celebrations in Central and South America are Christmas, Easter, and December 12th, the feast-day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Her appearance in the center of the American continents has contributed to the Virgin of Guadalupe being given the title "**Mother and Empress of the Americas**" by the Church.



After her fourth visit from Heaven, Our Lady asked St. Juan Diego to gather roses, miraculously blooming in December, in his tilma (type of a poncho). She instructed Juan Diego to take them to the bishop as proof of her visits from Heaven. When Juan Diego opened his tilma, the roses fell to the ground and the image of Our Lady, miraculously imprinted on Juan Diego's tilma, was made visible to the bishop and his household. The imprint of Mary on the tilma is striking, and the symbolism was primarily directed to Juan Diego and the Aztecs. Mary appears as a beautiful young Indian maiden with a look of love, compassion, and humility, her hands folded in prayer in reference to the Almighty God. Her rose dress, adorned with a jasmine flower, eight petal flowers, and nine heart flowers symbolic to the Aztec culture, is that of an Aztec princess. Her blue mantle symbolized the royalty of the gods, and the blue color symbolized life and unity. The stars on the mantle signified the beginning of a new civilization. The winter solstice was considered the birth of the sun god, the greatest of the Aztec native deities. The Virgin's mantle accurately represents the 1531 winter solstice! Mary stands in front of and hides the sun, but the rays of the sun still appear around her, signifying she is greater than the sun god, but the rays of the sun still bring light. Twelve rays of the sun surround her face and head. She stands on the moon, supported by an angel with wings like an eagle: to the Aztec, this indicated her superiority to the moon god, the god of night, and her divine, regal nature.

Most important are the black maternity band, a jasmine flower, and a cross that are present in the image. Mary wore a black maternity band, signifying she was with child. At the center of the picture, overlying her womb, is a jasmine flower in the shape of an Indian cross, which is the sign of the Divine and the center of the cosmic order to the Aztec. This symbol indicated that the baby Mary carried within her, Jesus Christ, the Word made Flesh, is Divine and the new center of the universe. On the brooch around her neck is the Christian cross, indicating she is both a bearer and follower of Christ Son of God, our Savior, who died on the Cross to save mankind.

Saint Mary Parish was founded, under the patronage of Mary, Help of Christians, in the Year of Our Lord 1885. The cornerstone of the second and current church was laid on July 4, 1898, with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass celebrated in it for the first time the following year. It was solemnly Consecrated according to the Roman Pontifical on June 18, 1907 by the 2nd Bishop of Sioux Falls, the Most Reverend Thomas O'Gorman. It was placed on the National Registry of Historic Places in 1985, the Centennial of the founding of the parish. On July 4, 2010, the parish celebrated its Quasquicentennial.

THIS WEEK'S BIBLICAL READINGS

Gaudete Sunday, December 11:
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Rose)
 Is 61:1-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-28

Monday, December 12:
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE (White)
 Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:39-47

Tuesday, December 13:
St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr (Red)
 Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday, December 14:
St. John of the Cross, Doctor (White)
 Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday, December 15:
Advent FERIA (Violet)
 Is 54:1-10/Lk 7:24-30

Friday, December 16:
Advent FERIA (Violet)
 Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Jn 5:33-36

Saturday, December 17:
LATE ADVENT FERIA (Violet)
 Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17

Sunday, December 18:
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Violet)
 2 Sm 7:1-16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

✠ 3rd Week of Advent ✠

SCHEDULE and MASS INTENTIONS

SUN., DECEMBER 11 GAUDETE SUNDAY
 8:30 am SUNDAY SCHOOL S
 10:00 am Pro Populo C

Mon., December 12 B.V.M. GUADALUPE
 8:15 am † Debbie Leitheiser C

Tues., December 13 St. Lucy of Syracuse
 8:15 am † Floyd Forster C

Wed., December 14 St. John of the Cross
 7:45 am CONFESSIONS C
 8:15 am † Norbert Ernster C
 7:00 pm CONFESSIONS/Confirmandi S

Thurs., December 15
 8:15 am Int. of Ron & Mary Feterl C
 1:30 pm † Shannon Rziha NH
 3 - 4 pm CONFESSIONS C
 6 - 7 pm CONFESSIONS C

Fri., December 16
 8:15 am † Joseph "Curley" Feterl C
 3 - 4 pm CONFESSIONS C
 6 - 7 pm CONFESSIONS C
 7:00 pm JR. CHRISTIAN MOTHERS QP

Sat., December 17 LATE ADVENT BEGINS
 8:15 am Holy Souls in Purgatory C
 9:30 am CONFESSIONS (until 10:30) C
 3:45 pm CONFESSIONS C
 5:00 pm † Lavonne & † Dick Garry C

SUN., DECEMBER 18 ADVENT IV
 8:30 am SUNDAY SCHOOL S
 10:00 am Pro Populo C
 11:15 am CONFESSIONS (until finished) C

SAINT MARY PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL OF RELIGION continues this Sunday, December 11th and next Sunday at 8:30am followed by the 10:00am Sunday Mass (with students and parents attending). Next Sunday, the Sunday School children will have their Christmas Program. **CONFIRMATION STUDENTS** will be able to go to Confession this Wednesday, Dec. 14th beginning at 7:00pm in church.

FROM NOW ON, MASS WILL NOW BE CELEBRATED EVERY SATURDAY MORNING AT 8:15am and will always be the Traditional Latin Mass (Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite). The intention of every Saturday morning Mass will be for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, especially the most forgotten souls without anyone to pray for their happy repose.

19th ANNUAL ADVENT BABY SHOWER: The diocesan-wide Advent Baby Shower begins this weekend and goes through Christmas. Please leave unwrapped new gifts for babies up to 12 months old in the baby crib located in the back of the church. The baby gifts go to mothers and babies in need, many to homes located in our county.

EXTRA TIMES FOR THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE & RECONCILIATION

The year, we will not have a Communal Penance Service, so there will be extra times when Fr. Lawrence will be in the Confessional for the Sacrament of Penance twice each weekday (including Saturday morning) and following the Sunday Mass on Dec. 18th (from around 11:15am until all who are waiting have confessed):

- Thursday, Dec. 15th: 3:00-4:00pm and 6:00-7:00pm
 - Friday, Dec. 16th: 3:00-4:00pm and 6:00-7:00pm
 - Saturday, Dec. 17th: 9:30-10:30am and 3:45-4:45pm
 - Sunday, Dec. 18th: Following 10:00am Sunday Mass
- No Confessions on Monday, Dec. 19th**
- Tuesday, Dec. 20th: 3:00-4:00pm and 6:00-7:00pm
 - Wed., Dec. 21st: 3:00-4:00pm and 6:00-7:00pm
 - Thursday, Dec. 22nd: 3:00-4:00pm and 6:00-7:00pm
 - Friday, Dec. 23rd: 3:00-4:00pm and 6:00-7:00pm
 - Saturday, Dec. 24th: 9:30-10:30am and 3:45-4:45pm

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE FEAST OF CHRISTMAS

- ✠ Children's Vigil Mass, Saturday, Dec. 24th at 5:00pm
- ✠ Solemn Mass in the Holy Night of Christmas, Dec. 24th at 10:00pm
(Preceded by Carols and Hymns beginning at 9:30pm)
- ✠ Mass of Christmas Morning at 10:00am
- ✠ Traditional Latin Mass at 12:00 Noon
(Extraordinary Form Low Mass with Hymns)

LET US PRAY FOR OUR HOLY FATHER, POPE BENEDICT XVI and for his PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2011:

GENERAL INTENTION: Peace among All Peoples. That all peoples may grow in harmony and peace through mutual understanding and respect.

MISSION INTENTION: Children and Youth. That children and young people may be messengers of the Gospel and that they may be respected and preserved from all violence and exploitation.

✠ PRAY "THE MORNING OFFERING" EVERY DAY ✠

O JESUS, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer You my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world. I offer them for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart: the salvation of souls, reparation for sin, and the reunion of all Christians. I offer them for the intentions of our bishops and of all Apostles of Prayer, and in particular for those recommended by our Holy Father this month. Amen.

For more information on the APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER write the National Office at 3211 S. Lake Dr., suite 216, Milwaukee, WI 53235, or go to: www.apostleshipofprayer.org

OTHER IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

LEGION OF MARY PILGRIM STATUE SCHEDULE: Dec. 7: Wilfred Westhoff; Dec. 14: Roberta Kinzley; and Dec. 21: Rita Mae Heumiller. For information on the statue, please call 425-3000. **THE NEXT PATRICIAN MTG** will be Monday, December 19th at 7:00pm - TOPIC: "Whispers from the Cross" - our vertical relationship with Christ.

JR. CHRISTIAN MOTHERS: The Jr. Christian Mothers will hold their next meeting on Friday, Dec. 16th at 7:00pm in the Queen of Peace Hall. Topic of discussion will be on "the calling" of motherhood and how kids rank in our culture. We'll also brainstorm for some ideas on how to make the last days of Advent meaningful for our families. Warm beverages and yummy treats are always served! All invited to attend!

ADULT EDUCATION/FAITH FORMATION: Interested in learning more about your Catholic Faith? Interested in joining the Catholic Church? Come to Mass with your Catholic spouse and now thinking about joining? Baptized Catholic and received 1st Holy Communion as a child but never Confirmed? Know of someone who would like to join the Church but needs a little encouragement or a friendly call from the Parish Priest? If you answered **YES** to any of these questions, please contact Fr. Lawrence or Darlene Gross, Parish Administrative Assistant, as soon as possible. **PLEASE TAKE NOTE: Adult Education/Faith Formation sessions will resume again after January 1st. Thank you.**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13th IS THE FEAST OF ST. LUCY (or Santa Lucia), VIRGIN & MARTYR AND PATRONESS OF THOSE WHO SUFFER FROM DISEASES OF THE EYE AND VISION PROBLEMS:

St. Lucy was born around the year 283 A.D. in Syracuse, a part of Sicily. She was raised a devout Christian during one of the bloodiest persecutions of the Church. Having made a vow of virginity to the Lord Jesus, Lucy became the object of a (pagan) young man's affections. When she informed him of her desire to remain a holy virgin, he revealed that she was a practicing Christian to the local Roman authorities. She was martyred for the Faith around the year 304 A.D., after suffering cruel torture, including the gouging out of her eyes.



*Santa Lucia,
Ora pro nobis.*

Following Holy Mass on Tuesday, December 13th, prayers for healing of those with vision impairment or any disease of the eyes will be offered, and a special blessing imparted with a first-class relic of St. Lucy. Those who wish to venerate the holy relic of St. Lucy may do so following the healing prayers and blessing.

St. Lucy is one of the Advent Saints who help us prepare the way of the Lord. Her name means "light" - and, as Christians, we must follow the light of the Lord, and avoid the darkness of sin. Behold, the Lord of Light is coming. Let us go out to meet Him with all of His holy ones. St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr, pray for us.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNOUNCE THE WINNERS OF THE FOOTBALL SQUARES FUNDRAISER FOR THE FIRST 8 WEEKS: Week #1: Ralph Dybdal; Week #2: Laurie Schwans; Week #3: Kathy Stiefvater; Week #4: Triotel Bowling Team; Week #5: Bev Bartling; Week #6: NO SALE/NO WINNER; Week #7: Jim Stiefvater; and Week #8: Darin Ecklein. Please note: the last 8 winners will be listed at the end of the season. **The next Knights of Columbus meeting will be on Wednesday, December 21st at 7:30pm in the Queen of Peace Room.**

LORD, THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF MARY MOST HOLY, HEAR OUR PRAYERS FOR THE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY WHO LABOR UNDER BODILY ILLNESS: Bonnie Skaff Stutsman, Ona Hope Mohlenhoff, Mary Ann Eich, Jerry Kerkvliet, Pam LeClair, Dave Lather, Tony Laetsch, Connie Weber, Monica Heitgen, Juliann Reif, John Feterl and Don Lobien.

14 DAY CANDLES ✕ INTENTIONS for December 12th through 25th, 2011

THE SANCTUARY LAMP BEFORE THE MOST HOLY SACRAMENT AT THE MAIN ALTAR:

- For the happy repose of † Michael Kinzley by his wife, Sharon Kinzley

THE TWO LARGE BLUE VOTIVE CANDLES ON THE ALTAR OF THE HOLY FAMILY/B.V.M.:

- Candle 1: For the special intentions of Harry and Eileen by anonymous donor;
- Candle 2: For all those grieving the death of relatives during Christmastide;

THE TWO LARGE RED VOTIVE CANDLES ON THE ALTAR OF ST. ALOYSIUS/SHRINE OF THE HOLY FACE:

- Candle 1: For Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life;
- Candle 2: For the Holy Souls in Purgatory, especially the most forgotten souls

DECEMBER: Dedicated to



THE DIVINE INFANCY of OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME Church Cleaners for December 17th:

Janet Karel *
Deb Kaufmann, Theresa Kerkhove
and Sharon Kinzley

* = Leader: Calls ladies & coordinates cleaning

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour, vouchsafe, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and His blessed Mother. Amen.



HUNTING ???
REMEMBER
SUNDAY MASS

KEEP HOLY THE LORD'S DAY

OUR PARTICIPATION IN THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

SATURDAY, DEC. 17th, 5:00pm VIGIL MASS:

Servers Jesse Muth
..... Cole Grasma & Colin Kolbeck
Lector Todd Snyders
Extra. Min G. Sherman & S. Eichacker
Homebound Comm..... Monica Chase
Ushers Ron Mayrose, Bob McCormick
..... Chad Krempges & Wayne Krempges

SUNDAY, DEC. 18th, 10:00am MASS:

Servers McKenzie Schmeichel
..... Rachel Heumiller & Sarah Krempges
Lector Glenda Blindert
Extra. Min ..Reenie Feterl & Carol McCormick
Homebound Comm..... Kay McCormick
Ushers Wayne Tuschen, Steve Weber
..... Jason Jaeger & Allen Bies