



**St. Mary, Help of Christians  
Catholic Church and School**

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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



**AVE, MARIA, GRATIA PLENA, DOMINUS TECUM...**  
**ECCE ANCILLA DOMINI. FIAT MIHI SECUNDUM VERBUM TUUM**

*Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee...*

*Behold the Handmaid of the Lord. Be it done unto me according to Thy word.*



**Y**ou have heard, O Virgin, that you will conceive and bear a son; you have heard that it will not be by man but by the Holy Spirit. The angel awaits an answer; it is time for him to return to God who sent him. We too are waiting, O Lady, for your word of compassion; the sentence of condemnation weighs heavily upon us. The price of our salvation is offered to you. We shall be set free at once if you consent. In the eternal Word of God we all came to be, and behold, we die. In your brief response we are to be remade in order to be recalled to life. Tearful Adam with his sorrowing family begs this of you, O loving Virgin, in their exile from Paradise. Abraham begs it, David begs it. All the other holy patriarchs, your ancestors, ask it of you, as they dwell in the country of the shadow of death. This is what the whole earth waits for, prostrate at your feet. It is right in doing so, for on your word depends comfort for the wretched, ransom for the captive, freedom for the condemned, indeed, salvation for all the sons of Adam, the whole of your race. Answer quickly, O Virgin. Reply in haste to the angel... . Answer with a word, receive the Word of God. Speak your own word, conceive the divine Word.... -Excerpt from *In Praise of the Virgin Mother*, a homily by St. Bernard of Clairvaux (Homily 4, 8-9: Opera omnia, Edit. Cisterc. 4 [1966], 53-54).

✠ Biblical Readings for Mass ✠

**December 19-23, 2011**

Mon: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25  
 Tues: Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38  
 Wed: Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45  
 Thurs: 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56  
 Fri: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66

**Readings for Christmas Eve:**

8:15am: Rom. 1:1-6/Mt 1:18-21 (Latin)  
 5pm: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-25/Mt 1:1-25  
 10pm: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

**Readings for Christmas Day:**

10am: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20  
 Noon: Heb 1:1-12/Jn 1:1-14 (Latin)



✠ 4th Week of Advent ✠

SCHEDULE and MASS INTENTIONS

**SUN., DECEMBER 18 ADVENT IV**

8:30 am SUNDAY SCHOOL S  
 10:00 am Pro Populo C  
 11:15 am CONFESSIONS (until finished) C

**Mon., December 19 Late Advent Feria**

8:15 am † Leona Ahlers C  
 7:00 pm PATRICIAN MEETING S

**Tues., December 20 Late Advent Feria**

8:15 am † Joseph Koch C  
 3 - 4 pm CONFESSIONS C  
 6 - 7 pm CONFESSIONS C

**Wed., December 21 Late Advent Feria**

7:45 am CONFESSIONS C  
 8:15 am All Deceased Foresters C  
 3 - 4 pm CONFESSIONS C  
 6 - 7 pm CONFESSIONS C  
 7:30 pm KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS QP

**Thurs., December 22 Late Advent Feria**

8:15 am † Joseph "Curley" Feterl C  
 1:30 pm Living/Deceased Residents/NH NH  
 3 - 4 pm CONFESSIONS C  
 6 - 7 pm CONFESSIONS C

**Fri., December 23 Late Advent Feria**

8:15 am † Roderick Schneider C  
 3 - 4 pm CONFESSIONS C  
 6 - 7 pm CONFESSIONS C

**Sat., December 24 VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS**

8:15 am Souls in Purgatory (Latin) C  
 9:30 am CONFESSIONS (until 10:30) C  
 3:45 pm CONFESSIONS C  
 5:00 pm For All Young Families C  
 9:30 pm CAROLS/HYMNS C  
 10:00 pm All Deceased Young Adults C

**SUN., DECEMBER 25 CHRISTMAS DAY**

10:00 am Pro Populo C  
 12:00 pm † Anthony J. Lawrence (Latin) C

SAINT MARY PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LET US PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED & THOSE WHO MOURN THEIR PASSING:** † Magdalene M. Newbrough, aged 98, Aunt of parishioner Lavern Yost, who died at Golden Living in Salem on December 8th. Magdalene was a former parishioner of St. Mary's in Spencer and then a parishioner of St. John Neumann in Farmer. May she rest in the peace of the Redeemer.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL OF RELIGION** continues this Sunday, Dec. 18th and takes Christmas break for the next two Sundays. **Confirmation Classes** resume on Wed., Jan. 4th.

**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). On Christmas Day, the Traditional Latin (Low) Mass (with hymns) will also be celebrated at 12 Noon. The Sat. morning Mass will always be a Low Mass.

**19th ANNUAL ADVENT BABY SHOWER:** The diocesan-wide Advent Baby Shower begins this weekend and goes through Christmas. Please leave unwrapped new gifts for gifts to mothers and babies in need, many to homes located in our county.



**H**ow great is this mystery, how wonderful is this teaching! The beasts saw the new-born Lord lying in a manger. Blessed is that Virgin whose womb was made worthy to bear our Lord!

**EXTRA TIMES FOR THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

Sunday, Dec. 18th: Following 10:00am Mass until finished

**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](http://www.apostleshipofprayer.org)

## OTHER IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE** of St. Mary's Parish would like to know if anyone would like their name added to the prayer list, both in need of prayers and to be part of the phone tree which calls parishioners asking for prayers. For more information, please contact Julieann Reif at 421-0514 or Janet Reif at 425-2878.

**LEGION OF MARY PILGRIM STATUE SCHEDULE:** Dec. 14: Roberta Kinzley; Dec. 21: Rita Mae Heumiller; Dec. 28: Peg Feterl; and Jan. 4: Mary Ann Huls. For information on the statue, please call 425-3000. **THE NEXT PATRICIAN MTG** will take place this Monday, December 19th at 7:00pm in the School - TOPIC: "Whispers from the Cross" - our vertical relationship with Christ.

**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.**

**DWS Support Group for divorced, widowed and separated.** Open to people of all faiths. Ten week program led by volunteers who have been thorough the program and want to give back after experiencing help with their grief and pain. Registration Monday January. 9, 2012 at 7:00 pm at St. Joseph Cathedral School (south entrance) in Sioux Falls. Cost is \$55 for book and materials. Questions, call 605-988-3775, or e-mail hkarrow@sfcatholic.org . No pre-registration needed.

**ADOPTION?** If you feel you are being called to adoption, Catholic Family Services will be holding an informational meeting about the process of adopting a child. For more information and date please e-mail Christy VanderWoude, MSW cvanderwoude@sfcatholic.org or call our main office 800-700-7867.

**GRIEF COUNSELING:** If you haven't been able to attend one of Dr. Marcie Moran's Grief Programs, or feel you need more one on one time, Catholic Family Services is offering grief counseling for individuals, couples and families at a flat rate to help you through this difficult time. For office locations or to set up a time please give our main office a call 800-700-7867.

### FOR YOUNG CATHOLICS: SHARING THE GOSPEL

With God's helping hands, you can do unbelievable things. You can write books. You can be the President. You can clean up your bedroom. You can climb monkey bars. You can give food and drink to the hungry. When you are feeling weak, sit down and pray. Ask God to help you. Nothing is impossible for Him. Just like Our Blessed Mother, Mary, you have to believe that you can do anything God's asks of you with His powerful help. **Prayer:** Lord, give me wisdom to ask You for Your help. **Something to Draw:** Draw the Angel telling Our Lady that she would have the Infant Jesus. **Mission for the Week:** I will not give up on difficult jobs. I will pray and try again! I will also ask the intercession of Our Lady, the Holy Mother of God.

**L**ORD, 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, Julieann Reif, and John Feterl.

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 the happy repose of † Lyle Sabers by Mark & Mary Doane

#### 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 24th:

*Carol Klinkhammer \**  
*Holly Klinkhammer, Jessi Klinkhammer*  
*and Karen Knudson*

\* = Leader: Calls ladies & coordinates cleaning

**H**ail 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.



#### OUR PARTICIPATION IN THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

##### SATURDAY, DEC. 24th, 5:00pm VIGIL MASS:

**Servers** ..... Rachel Schwans  
..... Kayla Mentele & Kyle Leber  
**Lector** ..... Kelly Weber  
**Extra. Min** ..... Marnie & Bob Weier  
**Homebound Comm**..... Kathy Arnold  
**Ushers** ..... Pat Scheier, Danny Schwans  
..... Myron Tuschen & Kurt Bies

##### SATURDAY, DEC. 24th, 10:00pm MASS:

**Servers** ..... Leslie Kolbeck  
..... Colin Kolbeck & Jared Ries  
**Lector** ..... Tim Heiberger  
**Extra. Min** ..... Rich Roling & Todd Snyders  
**Ushers** ..... Arnold Bies, Darrell Bies  
..... Ron Chase & Terry Duxbury

##### SUNDAY, DEC. 25th, 10:00am MASS:

**Servers** ..... John Streff  
..... Mark Streff & Andrew Streff  
**Lector** ..... John Streff  
**Extra. Min** ..... C. Wilkinson & R. Sabers  
**Homebound Comm**..... Kathy Arnold  
**Ushers** ..... Kevin Ernster, Allen Feterl  
..... T.J. Forster & Jason Jaeger