

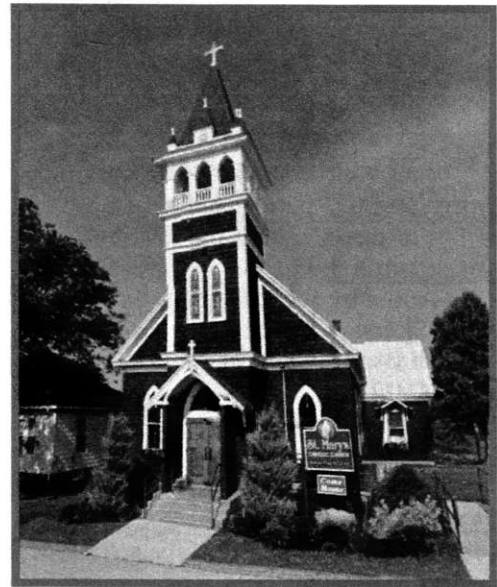
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First Church Dedicated and Incorporated, 1821

Present Church Dedicated 1866



St. Mary's

NYS Rt. 12, Copenhagen

Land Deeded 1901, Incorporated 1890

Present Church Dedicated 1902

We are two diverse communities of faith who are united in bringing the Gospel into the daily lives of all who worship with us. We stand together with all people, especially the poor and the alienated, as a sign of God's universal love for all people. We extend a warm welcome to all and hope that you will find the parishes of St. James and St. Mary's places where faith can be nourished.

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Augustinian Academy: Mrs. Mary Ann Margrey, Principal

Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm St. James (ant.)

Sunday: 8:00 am St. Mary's

10:00 am St. James

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm St. James

Sunday: 7:30 am St. Mary's

Sacrament of Marriage: Contact Pastor

Sacrament of Baptism: Contact Rectory

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick:

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December 2, 2018

MASS INTENTIONS

December 2, 2018
First Sunday of Advent

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

5:00SJ(ant.) - For the People of the Parishes

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

8:00SM - Ida Aubin by John, Heather Sullivan & family & Lisa Green & Kyle

10:00SJ - Joseph Buckingham by family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

5:30SJ - Lucy Laureano by Laureano family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

12:00SJ - Rosemary Toussaint by Bette Shampine

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

5:30SM - Joanne Sheldon by St. Mary's Altar & Rosary

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

THERE IS NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE TODAY

FIRST FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

9:30SJ - Rose Bezanilla & Katie Bezanilla by CAA Students, Staff and faculty, & Pat & Joanne Britton

12:00HR - Edward Nabywaniec by family

5:00SM(ant.) - John Costantino by Debbie & Biff Green

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8 - THE IMMACULATE

CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

12:00SJ - Gordon DeLosh by Lucille Shettleton

5:00SJ(ant.) - Arthur, Hattie & Ronnie Latremore by Don & Kathy

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:00SM - For the People of the Parishes

10:00SJ - Christopher Sligar by Mom & Dad

NOTE - St. Mary's Wednesday Mass, & Holy Day Masses
There will be a 12 Noon HR (High Rise) Mass on Friday

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec. 1/2 - Pick up Advent Wreaths after Masses, Church entrance (SJ)

Dec. 1 - SJ/SM Youth Group, Bowling @ Lewis Lanes, 6-8pm

Dec. 2 - Little Flowers Girls Club, 11am-12:30pm (CR)

Dec. 3 - Good Samaritan Society Meeting, 6:15pm (Small CR)

Dec. 3 - Formation for Ministry Class, 6:30 (CR)

Dec. 4 - AVE Maria Circle Meeting, 6pm (CR)

Dec. 6 - Women of Grace, 6:30pm (CR)

Dec. 6 - K of C Meeting, 7pm (CR)

Dec. 8 - Men of Faith, 8:30-10am (SJ)

Dec. 8 - Jingle Bell Run - 9am (CAA Gym)

Dec. 9 - Pancake Breakfast, 8:30-noon (CR)

Dec. 13 - CAA Christmas Concert, 6:30pm (CAA Gym)

Dec. 19 - Communal Penance Service, 7pm (SJ)

Dec. 20 - Carthage Central Candlelight Concert, 7pm (SJ)

Augustinian Academy School News December 2, 2018

Congratulations to all the students who received First Penance yesterday! We are grateful to our teachers: Mrs. Bezanilla & Mrs. Sligar! Thank you to our wonderful cafeteria staff who made the treats for the students & their families!

We are very grateful to Mrs. Sligar for providing an opportunity for students to shop for their families. Mrs. Sligar and her helpers spend the year stocking Santa's Shop in anticipation for this event! We are thankful for her & her team for their continued support! Santa's Shop will be open this week for the students' shopping convenience!

Students in grades K - 2 will be visited by Tweeter on Monday. This week Tweeter will have an anti-bullying message for the students.

Students in grades 3 & 5 will be going on a "Safari" on Tuesday morning at 10:00! They will be able to ask questions as they journey with their guides! This safari is available thanks to Mrs. Clarkson and the Wild Earth Program!

Remember to join us for the Jingle Bell Run on Sat., Dec. 8th. It is not too late to register. We hope to see you for our 9:00 start! Santa will be visiting before the run!

Mark the date of our Christmas Concert...Dec. 13th at 6:30! Everyone is welcome!

There will be a half-day of school on Dec. 5th due to Parent Teacher Conferences!

Please join us for First Friday Mass at 9:30!

K of C News - Please support our seminarians

Our Pennies from Heaven collection is this weekend

Our next meeting is Thursday, Dec 6th

We also invite you to pray with us this 1st Friday, Dec 7

Men of the parish at Men of Faith, Saturday, Dec 8, 8:30AM and

Our pancake breakfast is Sunday morning, Dec 9

Respectfully, James T (Jim) Gratch, Grand Knight

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Will be on First Friday, December 7 after the 9:30am Mass. You are invited to come and spend an hour in prayer. Nocturnal Adoration is 6pm until 7am, Saturday. **REMINDER** - Confessions on First Friday are at 8:45am.

Support the Retirement Fund for Religious - A donor writes, "Your flyer touched my heart—seeing the retired religious, such memories surfaced." Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Please give to next week's second collection.

**Weekly Offerings
November 18, 2018**

<u>St. James</u>		<u>St. Mary's</u>	
Envelopes	\$4,610.00	Envelopes	\$1,050.00
Plate	\$ 602.55	Plate	\$ 381.00
TOTAL	\$5,212.55	TOTAL	\$1,431.00
Last Year	\$5,189.35	Last Year	\$972.50

Thank You!

**Weekly Offerings
November 25, 2018**

<u>St. James</u>		<u>St. Mary's</u>	
Envelopes	\$4,821.00	Envelopes	\$ 722.00
Plate	\$ 824.03	Plate	\$ 318.25
TOTAL	\$5,645.03	TOTAL	\$1,040.25
Last Year	\$6,123.28	Last Year	\$880.50

Thank You!

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Advent 2018

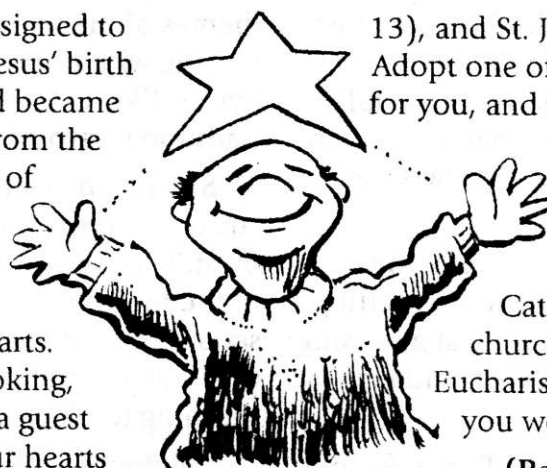
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Make the most of Advent

The season of Advent is designed to help us prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth at Christmas. Think of it: God became man, died for our sins, rose from the dead, and now reigns as King of all creation.

Every Christmas is a chance to welcome Jesus as an honored guest into our hearts. Think of all the planning, cooking, and cleaning needed to have a guest over. In Advent we prepare our hearts to welcome the Savior. Below are some suggestions to make the most of your Advent:



13), and St. John of the Cross (December 14). Adopt one of them to be your patron to pray for you, and to protect and encourage you.

Visit the Blessed Sacrament.

The Eucharist is Jesus Christ, present Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1374). All Catholic churches have a tabernacle where the Eucharist is stored. Speak with our Lord as you would a close friend.

(Re)Discover the Mass. At Mass, Heaven comes down to Earth. When we receive the Eucharist, Christ comes into our hearts and nourishes our souls. Aim to attend daily Mass once every week during the Christmas season.

Prioritize prayer.

Spend 15 minutes daily with God. The best way to prepare to welcome the Savior at Christmas is to spend time with him. Set aside 15 minutes in your day for God and protect it. Perhaps read a chapter of Scripture, pray a decade of the Rosary, or just be still in his presence.

Know the story. Read through the accounts of Jesus' birth in Matthew 1:18-2:12 and/or Luke 2:1-20. Place yourself in the scene. Internalizing the Christmas story will give you a better appreciation of the season.

Get to know the Advent saints. One way to know God is to know his friends. There are several saints' feasts that occur this Advent, including: St. Nicholas, the Bishop of Myra (December 6), St. Juan Diego (December 9), St. Lucy (December

Practice penance.

Form an "Advent habit." Advent is a great time to start a holy habit. Maybe it's replacing negative comments with positive ones, or getting up ten minutes earlier to pray. See if you can keep up your "Advent habits" through the Christmas season.

Electronic fasting. Create a space for God and the gifts he wants to give you. Consider limiting the amount of time spent on your electronic devices: no Facebook during the work day, no texting during dinner, or while someone is talking to you (unless it's an emergency), etc.

Make a nightly examination of conscience. This will help you spot any patterns of sin that

are preventing you from connecting with God. Remember to thank God for the good things about the day, too. Close prayer by choosing one sinful habit that you'd like to change and resolve to change it by the end of Advent.

Experience God's mercy. Just as we would clean and decorate the house for Christmas, we need to "clean and decorate" our souls by frequenting the sacrament of Confession. Make a heartfelt Confession to greet the Messiah this Christmas with a joyful heart.

Give alms.

Donate resources. Another way to prepare for the Savior is to help his people. Parishes often have food and clothing drives. Don't forget the basics, like socks, toiletries, and soap. Prayerfully consider donating to your parish whatever you are able, or to charities like Catholic Relief Services (<https://www.crs.org>).

Give your time. This can be anything from volunteering to work at a soup kitchen, to getting a group of friends together and caroling at a nursing home, to making handmade cards for soldiers overseas. Every little bit counts.

Welcome the lonely. To Mother Teresa, feeling unloved was a greater poverty than being hungry (though eating enough is important, too). The holidays are especially difficult for those who are alone. Extend invitations for your holiday gatherings to people who might otherwise be alone or forgotten.

Do acts of random kindness. A little kindness goes a long way. Hold the door for people and smile at them. Don't be afraid to offer a hand when you see someone in need. Jesus said, "*Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me*" (Matthew 25:40).

Practice patience. In this season of waiting, practicing this virtue is a work of mercy and way of giving alms. Practicing patience includes: being polite even when you have to wait, assuming the best about someone until they prove otherwise, being firm yet gentle when correcting someone, and seeing things from the other's point of view. If

all else fails, we can recall how patient God is with our failings and never tires of forgiving us.

Anticipate with joy

Light the Advent wreath at dinner to build anticipation for Jesus' birth. The wreath is an ancient sign of victory, in this case, Christ's victory over sin and death. The three purple candles stand for penance, sorrow, and hope. The rose candle stands for joy. One custom is to exchange the purple and rose candles for white candles during the Christmas season.

Listen to Advent music. Make a playlist of Advent music that helps you connect with the themes of the season: faith in God's promises, waiting with hope, and joyful expectation. Include hymns like, O Come, O Come, Emmanuel and traditional carols like, The Holly and the Ivy.

Set out the Nativity Scene—slowly. The custom of displaying the Nativity Scene was begun by St. Francis of Assisi to illustrate the simplicity of the Incarnation. On the first Sunday of Advent, set out the stable and the empty manger. As the weeks go by, add characters. Wait until Christmas morning to place Jesus in the manger.

Celebrate Advent feast days. Learn about how other cultures celebrate the Advent saints' feasts. Consider adopting a custom or do something special of your own. Remember, attendance at Mass is required for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on December 8.

Build your Christmas around the Mass. Finally, at Christmas Mass, after all that waiting and preparing, we are ready to receive the greatest Gift of all: Jesus Christ, truly present in the Eucharist, under the appearances of bread and wine. Sing joyfully in Mass and welcome the King of Kings into your hearts and homes!

And lastly, keep your Advent behaviors going after Christmas. The waiting is over, but don't lose the good habits you acquired over Advent. Cultivate the "Advent attitudes" of waiting and preparing joyfully for the Lord. Every Sunday is a mini "Christmas," when we greet the Messiah under the forms of bread and wine at Mass.

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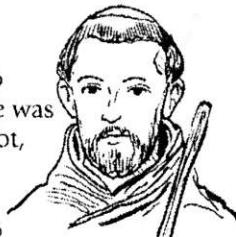
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One Minute Meditations

St. Dominic of Silos

St. Dominic was a Benedictine monk, born around 1000 AD in La Rioja, Spain. Recognized for his leadership abilities, he was made abbot, but was exiled for refusing to sell monastery lands to the local ruler. He was welcomed by King Ferdinand I of Castile and appointed abbot of St. Sebastian's monastery at Silos. Joan of Aza prayed for a child and saw a vision of St. Dominic. Her son, whom she named Dominic, founded the Dominican Order.



Anticipate Advent

A rich Advent makes a joyous Christmas. Use the four weeks before Christmas to prepare for Christ's coming. Offer extra prayers, perform penance, and receive the sacrament of Reconciliation.

"Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel" (Luke 2:29-32).



Celebrate Christmas with child-like wonder

There is no greater miracle than the gift of love Christmas represents. We didn't earn it and we can't deserve it. Yet, we get so harried with the holiday rush that we miss the wonder of it. Ever notice how children never do? This year, slow down and celebrate Christmas like a child.

Tie gifts with heartstrings. Instead of boosting credit card balances or draining your checking account, keep what you give simple, meaningful, and from the heart. For example, give a coupon for babysitting to friends with children. Prepare a meal for someone who needs a break from cooking.

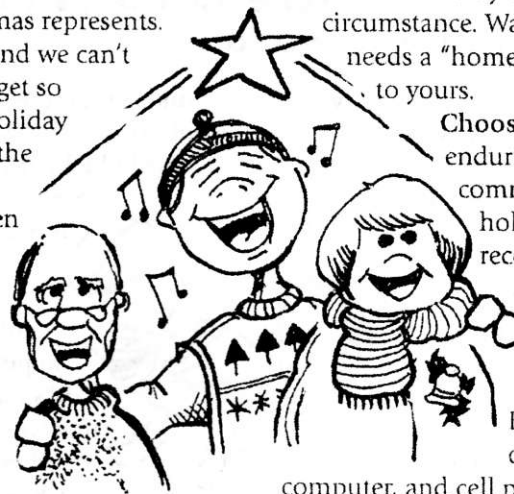
Offer your hearth. The holidays can be lonely for people separated from

their loved ones by distance, death, or circumstance. Watch for anyone who needs a "home" and invite them to yours.

Choose peace. Instead of enduring the Christmas commercials and bad holiday specials, record the good shows and watch while you relax. Or rent your favorite spiritual movies. Better still, turn off the television, computer, and cell phone, and enjoy the silence.

Greet the Babe with joy. Seek reconciliation in Confession so you can receive the Eucharist at Christmas.

Sing like an angel. Check your local listings for Christmas concerts, Messiah sing-a-longs, or other spiritual songfests. Host a caroling party in your home and sing loud with Christmas joy.

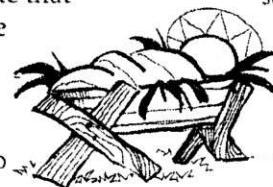


Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics celebrate Christ's birth?

Every Christmas, we celebrate that Jesus, the Son of God, became man—while retaining his divinity—and died for our sins and rose again. We believe this because God, who is Truth, revealed it.

"For to us a child is born, to us a



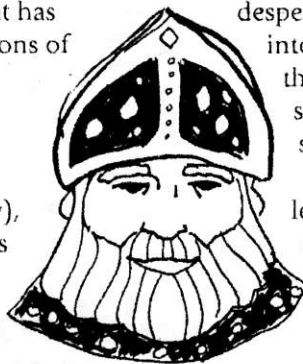
son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called 'Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace'" (Isaiah 9:6). God came to Earth and lived among us.

Honor the spirit of St. Nicholas

St. Nicholas is one icon of the holiday season that has meaning in both the secular and spiritual celebrations of Christmas.

We know that St. Nicholas was born at the end of the third century in Asia Minor. His parents died when he was young and left him well off. His uncle, the archbishop of Myra (southeast of Turkey), ordained him and upon his uncle's death, Nicholas served as bishop until his own death. Throughout he suffered imprisonment and persecution.

One legend involving St. Nicholas concerns a



desperate man on the verge of selling his daughters into slavery to pay his debts. Nicholas secretly threw a bag of gold into an open window (some say down the chimney) in the man's house to stop him.

Our present-day Santa Claus stems from the legends of St. Nicholas, but in the Church he is a saint, a confessor of the faith, and a holy bishop. We can learn from his generosity to the poor, and imitate his acts of kindness to others.

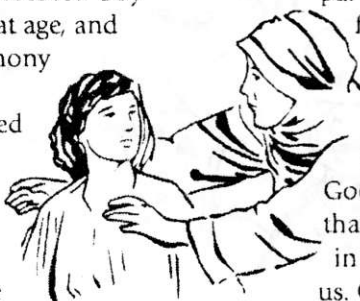
from Scripture

Luke 2:41-52, Living in the world

In this reading, the Holy Family went to Jerusalem when Jesus was twelve years old. This was an important time in Jesus' life. Back then, a Hebrew boy became a man around that age, and was recognized in a ceremony called a Bar Mitzvah. On this occasion, Jesus decided to stay behind, causing anxiety to his parents.

This was the first time Jesus spoke in the Gospels and the first time he referred to his identity as God's Son. He spoke of his unique mission of saving the world. He knew his duties to his heavenly Father but

he understood the time to fulfill them would come later. Meanwhile, he returned obediently with his earthly parents to Nazareth and fulfilled his duties to them.



Jesus respected his family, yet he continued to pursue his place in God's plan. The lesson is that we can grow in holiness in wherever God has placed us. Christians can be found in neighborhoods, schools, and workplaces. In all these places, we have to find ways to live a holy life in the world.

Q & A What is meant by "fear of the Lord?"

"Fear of the Lord" is more about awe—recognizing God's power and might – than about fear of the merciful creator who loves us most. Fear of the Lord is also known as "reverence," and is one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit listed in Isaiah: *"The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding...counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the Lord"* (Isaiah 11:2). These gifts, when used, make us open to God's love.



Fear of the Lord helps us have a healthy respect for God's majesty. We fear offending God for the same reason we fear offending someone we love. If we really love someone, we wouldn't do anything (on purpose) to hurt them or damage the friendship. This is what happens when we sin. *"The [Christian] no longer stands before God as a slave, in servile fear, or as a mercenary looking for wages, but as a son"* (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1828).

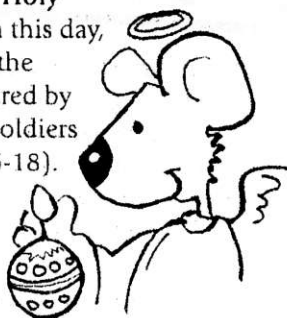
Feasts & Celebrations

Dec. 4 – St. John Damascene (749). A Doctor of the Church and the last of the Greek Fathers, St. John was born in Syria when it was under Muslim rule and was counselor to the caliph. He is known for his writings in favor of the use of sacred images for devotion. These writings brought him into serious conflict with the heretical Christian emperor. He later became a monk under the direction of St. Sabas.

Dec. 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe (1531). The Blessed Mother appeared as a Native American maiden to St.

Juan Diego, also Native American. She asked that the bishop of Mexico build a chapel for her, and had him carry roses to the bishop as a sign. When the roses were emptied from his tilma (cape), it retained the image of the Blessed Mother.

Dec. 28-The Holy Innocents. On this day, we remember the infants massacred by King Herod's soldiers (Matthew 2:16-18). We also pray for the safety of unborn children.



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From the Pastor:

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Today we begin the beautiful season of ADVENT and a brand new Church Year. As consumerism seems to preoccupy our culture, the Advent Season in the Church seeks to bring us back to the "reason for the season." Advent is a wake-up call to the world. Advent's message is a counter-cultural plea to engage in the deeper meaning of the season. And so we are entering another Advent, a season of grace when God invites us to journey deeper into his love and his presence. Over the next three weeks, you'll find numerous opportunities to connect with the Lord, whether it is at Mass, in prayer, or in your encounters with other people. Make the most of them. Ask yourself: What can my family and I do this Advent to prepare our hearts and souls for the birth of our Savior?

Don't forget the following as you make your plans for this First Week of Advent:

1. Saturday is a Holyday of Obligation – the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and it is the Patronal Feast Day of the USA. Because of Adoration in St. James Church on Friday, the anticipated Mass will be at 5:00pm at St. Mary's, Copenhagen and then on Saturday the St. James Mass will be at 12 noon.
2. Saturday is also the 3rd Annual Jingle Bell Run beginning at 9am at CAA. This is a BIG fundraiser for our school. You can either walk or run the course and it should be great fun. I have been working out for weeks in preparation for this event. It is not too late to register.

I was over at CAA this week and I asked one of the 2nd graders if her family said a prayer before each meal. The little girl without a beat said: "No, Father, we don't have to; my Mom is a good cook!"

American Red Cross - WE NEED DONORS! Please help us raise awareness about the need for blood donors.

December 12, 2018

American Legion - Carthage - 415 West Street
Drive Hours - 11:30am - 4:30pm

Those who come to give blood, platelets or plasma will receive a \$5 Amazon.com gift card!

To schedule an appointment to donate call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit www.redcrossblood.org Thank you in advance.

Advent Retreat - Register now for the annual Advent Retreat at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Joseph, 1425 Washington St. by calling 315-782-3460. It will be held on Sunday, December 2 from 1:30 until 4:00pm. The guest speaker will be Fr. Leo Wiley. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, time for personal prayer, and an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Items handmade by the Sisters of St. Joseph as well as baked goods will be available for sale on this retreat day. As in previous years, all money received will be given to the Victim's Assistance Center as our Advent gift for their needs.

Good Samaritan Society - will meet on Dec. 3 in the small community room at 6:15pm.

St. James Christmas Giving Tree - Gifts are due back to Church by December 9th. Thank You.

St. Mary's News : December 2nd

Dec. 2nd – Coffee & Donuts after the 8am Mass thanks to the Fazio, Castor & Freeman Families.

Save the Date –Wednesday, Dec. 5th -Altar & Rosary Christmas Party – 5:30 pm Mass followed by a catered dinner at the parish hall. \$15.00 per person.

Music Night

When: Friday, Dec. 7th

Where: St. Mary's Parish Hall

Time: 6 – 7 pm

Who: People of all ages

What: Learn to sing your favorite Christmas Carols. Bring your family, friends and enjoy a night of singing, snacks & good company. Any questions, please call Nicole Mangan @ 315-486-6209

Altar & Rosary Society is sponsoring a "Coat Drive" for gently used coats for men, women & children. Donations may be dropped off at the church or given to Debbie Green. Thanks

Best Advent Ever

'Tis (almost) The Season Join our parish for BEST ADVENT EVER, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during the busy holiday season. Each day of Advent, you'll receive an email with...

- Short inspirational videos from Allen Hunt, Matthew Kelly, and the Dynamic Catholic team.
- Practical tips for your everyday life.
- Real-life stories to encourage you in your faith journey.

To sign up, visit BestAdventEver.com/Christmas18

The Ladies of the AVE Maria Circle - are selling the SaveAround Coupon Books again this year from October 1 thru December 15th.

The books are \$25.00 each & can be purchased from any member of the group and will also be available for sale in the vestibule after Masses most weekends.

Books can also be purchased online and sent to family and friends, customized for use in their local regions. Go to www.supportourgroups.com/GN/224193.

Be sure that group name, AVE Maria Circle appears on the screen when ordering. Call 315-493-1523 for questions & information. Thank you for your support!

Karen Jackson from Sacred Heart in Watertown, will be here December 15-16 selling religious items before and after Mass.

Hospice of Jefferson County - presents

Ted Keegan's "I'll be home for Christmas"

December 9th at the JCC Sturtz Theater, 2pm

Adults-\$30/\$35 (at the door) School Age Children - \$15

For tickets: jeffersonhospice.org/support-us/events

315-788-7323 or information@jeffersonhospice.org

Ave Maria Circle Advent wreaths - are available for pick up in the gathering space at the church entrance after Masses on December 1 - 2. May God bless your family this holiday season.

Bulletin Info Submission For Holiday Season

Weekend bulletin for Dec. 16 - info due to SJ by Dec. 7

Weekend bulletin for Dec. 23 - info due to SJ by Dec. 13

Weekend bulletin for Dec. 30 - info due to SJ by Dec. 20

Weekend bulletin for Jan. 6 - info due to SJ by Dec. 27



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