



ST. MARY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Mary Mission Statement:
To be companions with Christ
our Savior

December 25, 2022

The Nativity
Of the Lord

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil -5:30pm
Lord's Day -8:30am & 10:30am

Sacrament of Confession

Saturday- 4:30pm
Sunday-8:00-8:25am
Tuesday-5:00pm
*or by appointment

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GLORY
TO GOD
IN THE
HIGHEST
AND ON
EARTH
PEACE TO
THOSE
ON WHOM
HIS FAVOR
RESTS.

LUKE 2:14

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**OPEN HOURS FOR PERPETUAL
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:**
12 AM MONDAY
8AM WEDNESDAY
1, 2 & 3AM THURSDAY

Office Hours this week:
Tuesday & Thursday 9am-4:30pm
WEEKDAY MASS: Tuesday
5:30pm; Wednesday, Thursday &
Friday: 8:00a.m.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday	Dec. 27, St. John
5:30pm	Steve & ♠Virginia Holub
Wednesday	Dec. 28, The Holy Innocents
8:00am	♠Barb Reinert
Thursday	Dec. 29, St. Thomas Becket
8:00am	♠Art & Artie Borst
Friday	Dec. 30, The Holy Family of JMJ
8:00am	Lexi Carson
Saturday	Dec. 31, St. Sylvester
5:30pm	♠Mary O'Brien
Sunday	Jan. 1, Solemn. of Mary, Mother of God
8:30am	♠Theresa Stika
10:30am	People of the Parish

Please Pray For our Sick, Home Bound & Care Home Parishioners: Alma Gordon ♠ Lou Kuestersteffen ♠ Joe LaBelle ♠ Josephine Moore ♠ Maggie Morgan ♠ Stacy Morris ♠ Parker Patton ♠ Brett Roufs ♠ Kay Schommer ♠ Lois Silvernale ♠ Fern Wilson ♠ Mary Lou Wheeler

Sister Rosemary

Please keep Sister Rosemary in your prayers as she recovers from a recent sickness. She hopes to be back at St. Mary after the Christmas holidays.

ST. MARY SCHOOL NEWS

You are invited! SMCS is back to all school Mass every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday that school is in session. Please, come and enjoy daily Mass at your convenience with our St. Mary students, faculty and staff. Typically, Fr. Bergkamp is celebrant on Wednesdays and Fridays, and Fr. Jorge is celebrant on Thursdays. Hope to see you there!

Kindergarten Round Up will be on March 6 and 7 this year. St. Mary Catholic School Pre4 students who will be attending St. Mary Kindergarten in the 23-24 school year will be screened during their preschool sessions on March 6.

If your child is not a preschool student at SMCS, please contact Miss Jackie in the office, 316-282-1974, so she can set up a time for you to bring your child to the school on March 7. Screening will take place from 8am - 3:00pm.
Your brother in Christ,
Joshua Bargdill, Principal

Welcome New Members

A warm welcome to our newest members and their families:
Susana Acosta & Liam
Candace Barbantin, Gianna, Enrique, Nicolas, Diego & Dominic
Ricky & Mandy Snyder, Mya, Kyler & Lexi Ryan & Kelsey Cox, Layla, Liam & Samantha

OFFICE HOURS DEC. 26-30

The St. Mary Church office will be open this week on **Tuesday, December 27th** and **Thursday, December 29th** only. If you need service outside of those days, please call the church office, or email Fr. Bergkamp at frbergkamp@stmarynewton.org and someone will get back with you! Thank You!

Our Deepest Sympathy....

To the family of **Gerald Huelskamp**, who passed away on December 9, 2022. He was the father of Jeni Ensminger.
—*May the love of God comfort you all.*

STEWARDSHIP PACKETS

Are now being kept in the church office. If you didn't pick yours up while they were in the back of church, please stop by the office to get yours for the upcoming year. Fr. Bergkamp would like the forms to be filled out and returned by Dec. 31.

LECTOR WORKBOOKS

The 2023 Lector Workbooks are in the parish office. Please call 282-0459 if you would like one, and we will make arrangements to get it to you.

Our Gifts to God & Parish

Fiscal Year: July 2022-June 2023

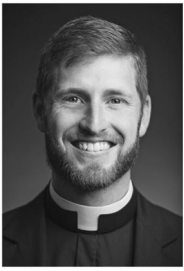
Collections for the Month of November:
***this is a correction from Dec. 4 bulletin*

**Regular Collection	\$	57,213.54
Other:		
*Building Fund	\$	2,502.00
Amount needed per month.....	\$	62,209.84

*Includes any online giving & ACH payments

Regular collections year-to-date compared to budget through the end of November \$ —53,978.60**

**Your contributions are greatly appreciated and very important to the operation of the parish and the school.
—Father Bergkamp



Dear Parishioners,

I pray that the season of Advent was a fruitful time of preparation and that Christmas brings you and your families much joy. To receive and delight in the joy of Christmas, it's helpful to reflect on specific elements of this mystery and celebration. Do not let the Christmas season pass you by without reflecting on the reality of this miracle.

For me personally, almost every time Christmas arrives, I'm taken aback by the humility of our Lord. As if it wasn't incredible enough that our God should become one of us, he did so as a fragile and utterly dependent infant. The humility of it all is astounding. If we reflect on this aspect of Christmas, God's love will be impressed upon us and we'll be drawn to it. The nativity scene, made popular by St. Francis who commissioned a life size version, highlights the humility of our Lord. St. Francis was inspired in this way after visiting the Holy Land, particularly the site where Jesus was born. The town of Bethlehem was an afterthought, no real significance, it certainly did not enjoy any worldly esteem. However, it was this humble village where the Christ was to be born. Inferior still was the shelter in which the holy family took refuge in for the holy birth, a stable amongst the animals. Such a humble entry into the world, and by the very One who created it, should make us blush when we consider whatever pride we may be guilty of. When we reflect upon the humility of Jesus it reminds us that Christ clearly came not for himself, but for you and me. And when we recognize this about our Lord, we're encouraged to draw near to him. We can't help but to want to get closer. Finally, when we encounter Jesus in this way, experience his humility for ourselves, we desire to imitate him in this way. We see now the absurdity of our pride and vanity. But better yet, we see the beauty of humility, and its perfect example. I hope that by our reflection on this aspect of Christ's birth we'll enjoy even more the Good News of Christmas and be more inclined to live it out.

Merry Christmas,
Fr. Andrew Bergkamp

St. Vincent dePaul Reflection

The only gift we can offer our newborn Savior is our hearts within which lie our wills. Aligning our wills ever more closely with his will, at all times and in all circumstances, is the only gift we can offer our Savior on Christmas day and every other day throughout the year. In the words of Cardinal Newman: "May each Christmas as it comes find us more and more like him who at this time became a little child for our sake, more humble, more holy, more happy and more full of God."

Parish Information

Communion to the Sick

If you are unable to attend Mass due to age, illness, or are recovering from surgery, call the parish office so that Communion may be brought to you.

Bulletin Deadline

The bulletin deadline is 10am Tuesday. To get something in the bulletin you can call Marcia at 316-282-0459 ext 3, or email her at parish@stmmarynewton.org

Catechism Class (Formerly PSR)

Grades 1st- 8th - 1st & 3rd Sunday at 9:30am in the Parish Center. Mandy Casey (620) 200-7278

Catholic Youth Ministry (CYM)

Wednesday: 7pm; Grades 9-12 Bill & Carrie Weber & Jonathan & Kasey Weber

Perpetual Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

Chapel is located at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 421 S. Ash. If interested in a permanent hour, please call coordinator Laurie Kimere at (417) 531-8904.

Rosary Prayer Line

Call the parish office at 316-282-0459 ext. 3, to activate the line. If there is no answer, leave a detailed message and the line will be activated as soon as possible.

Welcome/Registering

Welcome to St. Mary's Catholic Parish. Please register by calling or dropping by the parish office. Please keep us informed of changes of names, addresses, numbers, etc.

Interested in the Catholic Faith

A warm invitation is extended to non-Catholics to attend any of our religious services. They are particularly invited to learn more about the beliefs and practices of the Catholic Church. For more information, call the parish office at 316-282-0459.

Information About Sacraments

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents are required to be registered in the parish. Call the parish office to make arrangements.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

In an emergency of serious illness, if sick and confined to a home, entering a hospital or local nursing home - please notify the rectory.

Sacrament of Confession

Saturday 4:30 -5:25 p.m. Sunday at 8:00-8:25 a.m. Tuesday 5:00-5:25pm. Any time by appointment.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Newly engaged couples are asked to contact Fr. Bergkamp at 316-282-0459, ext. 2 to set up an appointment to schedule their wedding.

Readings for the week of December 25, 2022

Sunday: *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 [3]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22
Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Wednesday 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35
Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18
Next Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

LOVING THROUGH LOSS: COUPLES' WORKSHOP

January 21st; 9am - 5pm | Red Bird Ministries

Red Bird Ministries is a non-profit, pro-life, and pro-family, Catholic grief support ministry serving individuals and couples who have experienced the loss of a child from pregnancy through adulthood. An organization that systematically guides individuals and couples through the complexity and trauma that happens with a loss of a child. This workshop helps couples understand how the trauma of child loss affects the family dynamic, while teaching them how to love each other through the complexity of child loss. \$50 per couple - see www.slcwichita.org for more details

New to the Parish?

Welcome to St. Mary's Parish, we are pleased to have you join us in worship. If you would like to join the parish please complete the information below and return it to us in the collection basket, or by mail. We will send you registration information or you may come by the parish office and register.

Name _____

Address _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

Liturgical Role

Altar Servers

Sat. 12/31 5:30pm Ben & Luke Heppler
Sun. 01/01 8:30am Ethan & Gavin Stucky
Sun. 01/01 10:30am Evan Steinmetz, Calista Woerner *Ryan

Cantor/Accompanist

Sat. 12/31 5:30pm M. Frazier, K. Ensminger
Sun. 01/01 8:30am B. Nguyen, S. Koerner
Sun. 01/01 10:30am S. Herdler, E. Stabler

Lector

Sat. 12/31 5:30pm Karen McAnulty
Sun. 01/01 8:30am Marshall Kendrick
Sun. 01/01 10:30am James Titah

Sacristan

Dec. 27—30—CJ Sutton
Sat. 12/31 5:30pm Kathleen Morris
Sun. 01/01 8:30am Shari McCall
Sun. 01/01 10:30am Lisa Schmidt

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Schowalter Villa—Sue Schmidt
Sat. 12/31 5:30pm Karen Ferguson
Sun. 01/01 8:30am *Sue Schmidt
Sun. 01/01 10:30am Tami Carlgren

Nursing Homes & Shut Ins/EMHC—

Jan. 7—Kathleen Morris

Hospital EMHC:

The month of January will be covered by OLG

Ushers/Greeters

Sat. 12/31 5:30pm Pat McCreary & Ellen Herdler
Dennis & Blake Alexander

Sun. 01/01 8:30am Mike Davis & Dale Kaiser
Chris Kitzke & Leroy Koehn

Sun. 01/01 10:30am Mario Lanza & Carrol Langenhorst
James & Carrie Reid

Church Cleaners—Dec. 30 —

Nam, Stephanie, Hannah, Ryan, Caleb & Brielle Pham

Wash Server Albs —January

Lisa Kempf

Our advertiser of the week is
Newton Presbyterian Manor
316-283-5400

Please check their ad in
the back of the bulletin.



Calendar of Events

January 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 8:30 & 10:30 Masses Lord's Pantry A-F	2 No Mass SVdP-7pm OLG	3 No Mass No Confession	4 8am Mass	5 8am Mass Altar Society 6:30pm-PC	6 8am Mass Family Home Rosary-7pm 316-200-0412	7 Confessions 4:30pm 5:30pm Mass
8 8:30 & 10:30 Masses Lord's Pantry G-L Catechism 9:30- PC Take down Christmas 11:30	9 No Mass Knights of Columbus 7:30pm—OLG	10 5:30pm Mass Confession-5pm	11 8am Mass RCIA-7pm PC CYM-7:30 PC	12 8am Mass Legion of Mary 6pm	13 8am Mass Family Home Rosary-7pm 316-200-0412	14 Confessions 4:30pm 5:30pm Mass 1st Confessions 6:30
15 8:30 & 10:30 Masses Lord's Pantry M-R	16 No Mass	17 5:30pm Mass Confession-5pm	18 8am Mass RCIA-7pm PC CYM-7:30 PC	19 8am Mass Legion of Mary 6pm SVdP 7pm-PC	20 8am Mass Family Home Rosary-7pm 316-200-0412	21 Confessions 4:30pm 5:30pm Mass
22 8:30 & 10:30 Masses Catechism 9:30- PC Lord's Pantry S-Z	23 No Mass	24 5:30 Mass Confession-5pm	25 8am Mass RCIA-7pm PC CYM-7:30 PC	26 8am Mass Legion of Mary 6pm	27 8am Mass Family Home Rosary-7pm 316-200-0412	28 Confessions 4:30pm 5:30pm Mass
29 8:30 & 10:30 Masses Catholic Schools Week Lord's Pantry S-Z	30 No Mass Catholic Schools Week	31 5:30 Mass Confession-5pm Catholic Schools Week				