

St. Mary's & Our Lady of Lourdes

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Join Us!

To become a parishioner, please
complete a Parish Registration form
at the entrance of the church.

Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5:00pm, Sunday - 11:00am

Tuesday - 6:20pm, Wednesday - 9:20am

Friday - 10:00am

Thursday - 10:00am @ Rainycrest

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

Sunday - 9:00am

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 9:00 - 10:00am

Confessions

Wednesday - Friday - 9:00am

Saturday - 3:30 - 4:30pm

8:30 - 8:50am @ OLOL

or by appointment

(Events celebrated at Our Lady of
Lourdes Parish are denoted by OLOL)

Baptisms

Please call 3 months in advance
Baptism Preparation Class every 2nd
Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm

Children's Liturgy

During Sunday masses
September thru May

Rosary

Weekdays before mass
Sunday 8:40am OLOL

Anointing of the Sick

Please call to request a visit, or in an
emergency ask hospital staff for
"Roman Catholic Priest on call"

Marriage

Please call 6 months in advance

Becoming Catholic (RCIA)

Process begins in September,
please call at any time

*******OUR MISSION*******

**Our Mission is to glorify God by fostering a belonging church
where all are loved and led into an authentic, life-changing
relationship with Jesus Christ.**



MASSES FOR THE NEXT WEEK

Monday 29th

6:20pm Intentions of Rainycrest Residents

Tuesday 30th

6:20pm + Marilyn McKinnon – Jim & Sandra

Wednesday 31st NEW YEAR'S EVE

11:00am @ St. Mary's

+ Deceased Loved Ones of the Schaum
Family - Margrit

Thursday 1st NEW YEAR'S DAY

9:00am @ OLOL

+ Brian, + John & + Jennie McPherson
– Cheryl, Rick & Brittany

11:00am @ St. Mary's

+ Deceased Loved Ones of the Woertz
& Bitzer Families – Margrit

**Friday 2nd Rosary & Adoration @ 9:00am then
mass @**

10:00am For prayer with the Word of God – Let us
pray that praying with the Word of God be
nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our
communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and
missionary Church.

Saturday 3rd

5:00pm + Albert & Anne Turgeon – The Family

Sunday 4th (9am @ OLOL)

The Epiphany of the Lord

9:00am + George, + Dolly, + Chuck McPherson &
+ Janice Parks – Donna & Kathy

11:00am + Bob Mitchelson – Grace Huntley

Ministry Schedule

Dec. 24 @ 5pm – Kayden/Miranda (Lectors),
Greg (EMHC)

Dec. 24 @ 11pm – Kim/Jeremiah (Lectors),
Sandy (EMHC)

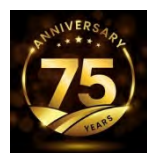
Dec. 25 @ 11am – Ingrid/Shelley (Lectors),
Gail (EMHC)

Dec. 27 – Anna/Giles (Lectors), Gina (EMHC)

Dec. 28 – Marie/Michael (Lectors), Gail (EMHC)

Dec. 31 – Gemma/Miranda (Lectors), Gina (EMHC)

Jan. 1 – Gilles/Kim (Lectors), Gina (EMHC)



**St. Mary's Church is celebrating 75
years!** We would like to get a

committee together to plan activities
and functions to acknowledge this

milestone. We will have our first planning
meeting after the mass on Tuesday, January 6th.
If you are interested in helping out with this,
please contact the parish office or come to the
meeting.

From the Pastor's Desk

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, for the past
four weeks we have been preparing ourselves
spiritually, materially and otherwise, to welcome
Our Lord and Saviour on this Christmas. We
should always remember that God gave us the
special gift of His son not just for a single day but
for every moment of our lives. Christmas is about
God's closeness to us- "the Word became
flesh and made his dwelling among us" (John
1:14). He came as a humble child born by a young
Virgin in a manger.

Emmanuel (God with us) is here. The true light
gives light to everyone here; He wants to enter
our homes and spiritual houses (our souls) but he
will not force his way into our hearts. "He came to
that which was his own, but his own did not
receive him. Yet to those who did receive him, to
those who believed in his name, he gave the right
to become children of God (John 1:11-13).

This is a season of joy, a season of peace, a
season of gratitude to God. It is a time to do
charity, Jesus is the reason for this season and he
wants us to take care of the needy. May the
birthday of Jesus Christ, Our Saviour and Prince
of peace bring a lasting joy, healing, peace and
protection to your home. Be joyful.

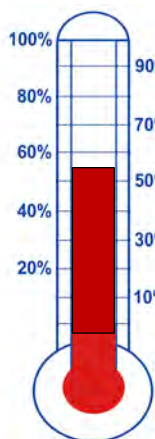
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Fr. Kevin C. Ezeobi, SMMM

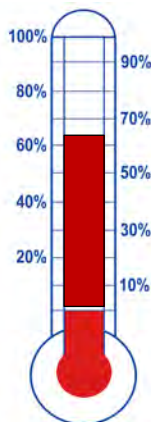


From
Father
Kevin,
Tina &
Gerald!

Annual Diocesan Ministry Campaign
The Campaign ends December 31, 2025.
We only have a couple weeks left.
There are extra envelopes by the bulletins.
Please get your donation in now!
The balance that we do not collect comes out of the general funds of the parishes.



OLOL
Goal:
\$4,800.00
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\$2550.00
THANK YOU!!



St. Mary's
Goal:
\$20,950.00
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\$12735.00
THANK YOU!!

December 24, 2025

Christmas Eve - The Nativity of the Lord

1st reading: (Isaiah 62.1-5)
 2nd reading: (Acts 13.16-17, 22-25)
 Gospel: (Matthew 1.1-25)

December 25, 2025

Christmas Day - The Nativity of The Lord

1st reading: (Isaiah 62.11-12)
 2nd reading: (Titus 3.4-7)
 Gospel: (Luke 2.15-20)

December 28, 2025

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

1st reading: (Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14)
 2nd reading: (Colossians 3.12-21)
 Gospel: (Luke 2.41-52)

December 31, 2025

Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity

1st reading: (1 John 2.18-21)
 Gospel: (John 1.1-18)

January 1, 2026

The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

1st reading: (Number 6.22-27)
 2nd reading: (Galatians 4.4-7)
 Gospel: (Luke 2.16-21)

What's going on?!

Jan. 6 - 75th Anniversary planning meeting after the 6pm mass
 Jan. 14 - Catechism class after the 6pm mass
 - Everyone welcome!

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Dec. 31 Thanksgiving Mass

11am Mass @ St. Mary's

Thursday, January 1, 2026 New Year's Mass

9am Mass @ Our Lady of Lourdes

11am Mass @ St. Mary's

The office will be closed for the holidays on December 24th and will re-open on January 5th. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.



We would like to start a Men's Group in January. All men of the parish are invited to join to share faith and fellowship. Please contact Father Kevin or the Parish Office if you would like to participate.



New Year's Resolutions | The Augustine Institute Show - What's your resolution this year? Dr. Tim Gray welcomes Dr. Scott Hefelfinger, Assistant Professor of Theology in the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, to celebrate one year of the Augustine Institute Show!
The Holy Family - We are excited to announce our series of FORMED Now! Christmas and New Year special episodes. In these episodes, professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School will lead us in reflections throughout the season!
Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus - Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as we celebrate the feast of The Most Holy Name of Jesus with this litany prayer of the Holy Name.
<http://watch.formed.org/this-week-on-formed>

Please pray for.....

ST. MARY'S - Shirley Fraser, Noella Hamilton, David Whalen, Frank Strain, Ewan MacKintosh, Dave Egan, Kathleen DeGagné, Greg Gustafson, Linda Blanc, Lillian Bodnar, Sue Sivonen, Anna Busch, Lorraine Smith, Loretta Foran, Theresa Olson, Yves Aucoin, Anita Artyszuk, Betty Mueller, Joyce Gosselin, Isabella Keuler, Arlene Kolynchuk, Maria Langenfurth, Beatrice Lambert, Tate Foley, Leanne Crompton, Jerry Darvell, Mindy Wallace, Shirley Buttner, Susan Hunking, Amy LaFroy, Lawrence Desserre, Rita Moorhouse, Marco Grigio, Paul Noonan, Bernice Kempf, David Lovisa Sr.
OUR LADY OF LOURDES - Curtis Jourdain, Mary Lou Parks, Dale Krueger, Roger Fillion, Laverne (Gabby) Caul, Marilyn Perreault, Heather Jeffers, Candace Tucker



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 Our Lady of Lourdes - \$944.90

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