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Mass Schedule

Saturday

St. Mary – 4:30pm

Sunday

St. Mary – 9:00am (Rosary 8:30am)
St. Joan of Arc - 5:00pm (Rosary 4:30pm)

Weekdays (at St. Mary only)

Tuesday – 6:00pm
Wednesday – Friday – 7:00am
1st Saturday – 9:00am

Tuesday – 5:00pm – Adoration

CCD

St. Mary - Sunday at 10:00am

RCIA

St. Mary – Tuesday at 7:00pm
Call 812-512-0997 to register

Confessions

Saturday – 4:00pm – St. Mary
Sunday – 8:30am – St. Mary
Sunday – 4:30pm – St. Joan
Tuesday – 5:15pm
1st Saturday – 8:30am
Or by appointment

St. Joan of Arc
327 W. McKinley St.
Jasonville, IN

St. Mary Church
105 E. Jackson Street
Sullivan, IN

P.O. Box 506; Sullivan, IN 47882

*4th Sunday Dec. 19,
of Advent 2021*

**Blessed is she
who believed,
for there will be
a fulfillment of
the things which
have been
spoken to her
from the Lord!**

Luke, 1 : 45

*Behold, I am the handmaid of the
Lord. May it be done to me
according to your word.*

- Luke 1:38

Church Support – December 12

St. Joan of Arc: Regular \$267 / Jasonville Food Pantry \$20
Immac. Conception \$30 / Rel. Retirement Fund \$66

St. Mary: Regular \$1,234 / Bldg Fund \$25 / Comm. Kitchen \$25
Immac. Conception \$20 / Rel. Retirement Fund \$275

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
(December 19-26)

Saturday, Dec. 19 – 4th Sunday of Advent
 STM – Members of St. Mary & St. Joan of Arc

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 STJ – Members of St. Joan of Arc & St. Mary

4th Week of Advent

Monday, Dec. 20 – St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr
NO MASS

Tuesday, Dec. 21 – St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church
 STM – Marty Pierson ✨

Wednesday, Dec. 22 – Weekday of Advent
 STM – Gerald Stockberger ✨

Thursday, Dec. 23 – St. John of Kanty
 STM – Larry Sims ✨

Friday, Dec. 24 – Christmas Vigil
 STJ – 5:00pm – Christmas Memorials
 STM – 7:00pm – Christmas Memorials

Saturday, Dec. 25 – The Nativity of the Lord
CHRISTMAS DAY!
 STM – 9:00am – Christmas Memorials

Sunday, Dec. 26 – Feast of the Holy Family
 STM – 9:00am – Sally Cole Graves ✨
 STJ – 5:00pm – Bill Johns ✨

PRAYER LIST

St. Joan of Arc: Sue Case, Karen Conley, Liam Fuzesi, Linda Harstine, Joe Hudson, Shannan Hudson, Cindi Johns, Kenny Lee, Abbey Martin, Bob Martindale, Troy Martindale, Terry Neidigh, Brent Sexton, Elizabeth Solomon, Carol Talbott, Jack Trump

St. Mary: Brenda Bedwell, William Bouchie, Bob Cooper, Beth Fusco, Verne Davis, Payton Main, Dave Meadows, Cathy Nedemeyer, Raymond Pirtle, Janet Somenzi, Christopher Styga

Send requests to shudson@evdio.org or call the Parish Office at 812-268-4088.

ITEMS OF NOTE:

- **Reconciliation for Christmas Time**
 Father John will be in the confessional on **Wednesday December 22 from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM.** Don't miss this great opportunity to celebrate the Christmas nativity with a clean heart! If this time doesn't work for you, call Fr. John at the phone number under his name on page one. He is happy to schedule an appointment at your convenience.
- **Christmas Memorials** – Please submit your Christmas Memorial by Sunday, Dec. 19.
- **Sunday, Dec. 19 at 10:00am** – St. Mary church decorating for Christmas.
- **Monday, Dec. 20 at 10:00am** – St. Joan church decorating for Christmas.

DAILY MASS READINGS

Dec. 21 (Tuesday)
 Reading I – Zephaniah 3:14-18a
 Psalm 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21
 Gospel – Luke 1:39-45

Dec. 24 (Friday)
 Reading I – Isaiah 62:1-5
 Psalm 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29
 Reading II – Acts 13:16-17, 22-25
 Gospel – Matthew 1:1-25

Dec. 19 (Sunday)
 Reading I – Micah 5:1-4a
 Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
 Reading II – Hebrews 10:5-10
 Gospel – Luke 1:39-45

Dec. 22 (Wednesday)
 Reading I – 1 Samuel 1:24-28
 Response – 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7
 Gospel – Luke 1:46-56

Dec. 25 (Saturday)
 Reading I – Isaiah 52:7-10
 Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6
 Reading II – Hebrews 1:1-6
 Gospel – John 1:1-18

Dec. 20 (Monday)
 Reading I – Isaiah 7:10-14
 Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
 Gospel – Luke 1:26-38

Dec. 23 (Thursday)
 Reading I – Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24
 Psalm 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 & 14
 Gospel – Luke 1:57-66

Dec. 26 (Sunday)
 Reading I – Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
 Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
 Reading II – Colossians 3:12-21
 Gospel – Luke 2:41-52

A REFLECTION

FROM FR. JOHN

It is hard to believe but the fourth Sunday of Advent has arrived! This is the final week of our season of waiting, Advent, the awaiting of the coming of Christ our Lord. As we light the fourth and final candle of our Advent wreath, our excitement at His coming is palpable. Like John the Baptist who leaps in his mother's womb at the presence of our Savior, Jesus can open our hearts to the joy that only He might bring us.

This joy at the coming of Christ brings us into the peace of His presence. When our hearts are at peace, we are truly prepared for His coming. This peace, the peace of Christ, is free to us, and when we gather in thanksgiving around His banquet table, our altar, peace can wash us clean. Our all too human anxieties are easily wiped away and our hearts are made ready for Him who loves us. This is the peace we long for, a peace when we might recognize that the Lord loves us, despite our imperfections.

We remember that Christmas is a hard time for many who suffer from loneliness and depression. Death or physical distance separates many from those they love, and Christmas is a difficult time for those who suffer

mentally or physically. Take some time to pray for those who cannot feel the love and peace of Christ; pray that they might feel the joy of His coming. This is an act of charity and an act of spiritual mercy; this is the goodwill that is an active sharing in the Body of Christ. Being selfless, without looking for anything in return, is truly preparing the way of the Lord and His coming.

The fourth week of Advent is called the week of love. The readings this weekend focus on that love in hospitality, history, and family. These are important lessons as we prepare our hearts for His coming. These sentiments might form in us meaning for our Christmas season, that milestone that approaches us so closely. This love we share is preparation for us in the eternal life of love that Christ offers us for following Him.

Let my prayers unite with yours as we share the love of Christ. May that love guide us as we make our final preparations for His coming!



