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

P.O. Box 506; Sullivan, IN 47882

*Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary &
Joseph* **Dec. 26,
2021**



*Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the
words of your Son.*

- Acts 16:14b

Church Support – December 19

St. Joan of Arc: Regular \$410 / Immaculate Conception \$30
Food Pantry \$40 / Christmas Memorials 185

St. Mary: Regular \$2,044 / Haiti \$35 / Comm. Kitchen \$60
Religious. Retirement Fund \$3 / Mass Intentions \$40
Christmas Memorials - \$400

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

(December 26 – January 2)

Sunday, Dec. 26 – Feast of the Holy Family

STM – Sally Cole Graves

STJ – Bill Johns ✨

The Holy Family

Monday, Dec. 27 – St. John, Apostle & Evangelist NO MASS

Tuesday, Dec. 28 – The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

STM – Edward & Verlene Cole Family

Wednesday, Dec. 29 – St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr

STM – Marty Pierson ✨

Thursday, Dec. 30 – 6th Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

STM – Christopher Voegel

Friday, Dec. 31 – St. Sylvester I, Pope

STM – Jeanette Hook ✨

Saturday, Jan. 1 – 1st Saturday – Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

STM – All priests who have served St. Mary & St. Joan

Saturday, Jan. 2 – Epiphany of the Lord

STM – Gerald Stockberger ✨

Sunday, Jan. 2 – Epiphany of the Lord

STM – Jim Coffey ✨

STJ – Margie Woods ✨

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, 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:

- **Religious Ed. Schedule** – Dec. 26 & Jan. 2 – No classes for Christmas break; Jan. 9 – Classes resume.
- **St. Mary Parish Council/Finance Committee Volunteers Needed**
St. Mary needs members of the Parish Council and the Finance Committee. We meet for one hour the third Wednesday of each month in the Church Hall at 6:00 PM. Please prayerfully consider joining us. Your participation will be welcomed with open arms. These men and women are vital to the health of our Parish.

DAILY MASS READINGS

Dec. 26 (Sunday)

Reading I – 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28
Psalm 84:2-3, 5-6, 0-10
Reading II – 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24
Gospel – Luke 2:41-52

Dec. 27 (Monday)

Reading I – 1 John 1:1-4
Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12
Gospel – John 20:1a & 2-8

Dec. 28 (Tuesday)

Reading I – 1 John 1:5-2:2
Psalm 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8
Gospel – Matthew 2:13-18

Dec. 29 (Wednesday)

Reading I – 1 John 2:3-11
Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6
Gospel – Luke 2:22-35

Dec. 30 (Thursday)

Reading I – 1 John 2:12-17
Psalm 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10
Gospel – Luke 2:36-40

Dec. 31 (Friday)

Reading I – 1 John 2:18-21
Psalm 96:1-2, 11-12, 13
Gospel – John 1:1-18

Jan. 01 (Saturday)

Reading I – Numbers 6:22-27
Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
Reading II – Galatians 4:4-7
Gospel – Luke 2:16-21

Jan. 02 (Sunday)

Reading I – Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
Reading II – Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Gospel – Matthew 2:1-12

A REFLECTION

FROM FR. JOHN

Well we made it sisters and brothers!
Another successful Advent in preparation of His coming! But the work is only beginning, for our work is the eternal salvation of our souls, and our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth. Christmas is a special time of year and the importance of stretching out that happiness gives us renewed hope in the power of our Lord to bring the whole world peace and joy.

The word "Christmas" comes from the old English word "Cristes Maesse", or the Mass of Christ. Seeing us gather together to celebrate the Nativity of Jesus made my Christmas a sacred and humbling time. The music is especially moving, and my thanks go out to the music ministry of Connie, Kay, and Alberta. I would like to thank all who help at Church including the greeters, the readers, the sacristans, and the servers. And we all thank our secretary, our cleaners, our security, and our decorators. These ministries are active through the whole year and we each owe you our gratitude, especially at Christmas. Special thanks to the angel that cleans our church linens without fail. I sincerely thank the Parish Council and Finance Committee for your service and guidance. How very blessed is our Parish in so many ways!

The joy of meeting with family and friends at Christmas is so refreshing to the soul! Knowing this, we also know our goal, that of bringing the Kingdom of God to Sullivan and Greene counties, is far from done. Far too many people here long for the love of Christ. The Community Kitchen, the Pantry, and Blessings for Babies each continue to minister to all those seeking care, straight through the holidays. Each of our volunteers is sharing the love and peace of Christ in their own particular ministry for the benefit of the entire community. Thank you!

My visits to the local prison teach me that Christmas is hard for some. Whether time, distance, or death separates you from those you love, circumstances bring challenges for a joyful Christmas time. Some face treatments and doctors and medical complications. If any of these describe you, know of my prayers for you. Relying on the Eucharist for grace and strength is how we get through hard times. Know that I am always available to help those who suffer; my phone number is listed on the cover page of the bulletin. Our Church family is important to me and the Nativity of Our Lord brings this message home. May the peace and love of Christ be with you always and forever.

OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE

- **Qualified Charitable Distributions to the Parish** - If you are over 70 ½, consider making charitable donations from your IRA using a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). This would be a great way to grow the parish endowments, help with a special project, or pay your weekly giving in one lump sum. While a QCD does not generate a charitable deduction, you do not have to report the income. This is a great option for people to still get a tax benefit even though they are not able to itemize deductions. *Charitable deduction rules can be very complicated, and you should work with your tax advisor to ensure you are maximizing the tax benefit of any donation.*

- **Project Rachel** is a healing ministry of the Catholic Church that helps women and men whose lives have been touched by abortion. This pain can often increase during the holidays but you do not have to carry this alone. It is time to heal. The call is Confidential. **Phone: 812-483-7812**
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