

Saint Mary's Parish

A Welcoming Oasis of Love, Peace, and Outreach



The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2006

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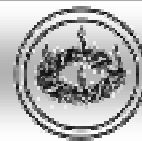
Barbara Perry

Kathy Warren



Scripture REFLECTIONS

Fourth Sunday of Advent



The ship

docks at the pier, and hundreds of family members eagerly scan the railings to look for their loved ones, gone for many months on deployment around the

world. The plane finally lands, and behind velvet ropes parents wait in great anticipation for the college student to come down the ramp, home for the holidays. On a snowy Christmas Eve, the sedan finally pulls into the driveway and grandparents make their way up the sidewalk, bright packages in hand.

An expectant Mary travels to a town in Judah to visit her cousin Elizabeth. Without even seeing Mary's face, Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit and as her own child leaps in her womb, she joyfully welcomes Mary as the most blessed among women. How wonderful that God would bless Elizabeth and her child -- later to be known as John the Baptist -- with the knowledge of the fulfillment of God's promise to give the world a savior!

Today, we remember Mary's visit to Elizabeth that day so long ago. In that Mary had accepted God's will to bring Jesus to the world, Elizabeth, through the grace of the Holy Spirit, realized the significance of this visit, and in doing so forever gave us the foundation of our prayer to Mary, the "Hail Mary" (CCC 2676). "Blessed are you among women," Elizabeth tells her, "and blessed is the fruit of your womb." This Christmas,

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Sunday, December 24 * 9 AM

Christmas Masses

Saturday, December 23 * 4 PM

Sunday, December 24

9 AM * 4 PM * 10:30 PM

Monday, December 25 * 10 AM

Saturday, December 30 * 4 PM

Sunday, December 31 * 9 AM

Mass/Communion/Reconciliation Schedule

Parish Celebrations of the Lord's Day

Saturday - 4:00 p.m. ♦ Sunday - 9:00 a.m.

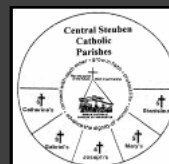
Weekday Masses:

Tuesday ♦ Wednesday ♦ Thursday ♦ Friday - 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday - 5:00 p.m.

Scripture/Communion Services
Monday - 9:00 a.m.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation
Advent Saturdays at 3:30 p.m.



A member of the
**Central Steuben
Catholic Parishes**
Diocese of Rochester



LITURGICAL CALENDAR

- SUNDAY** December 24, Fourth Sunday of Advent
9:00 a.m. In Memory, Barbara Farrell
By her husband
4:00 p.m. In Memory, Helen Kolo
By her family
10:30 p.m. In Memory, David Abraham
By his daughter Karen, Bill and Family
- MONDAY** December 25, The Nativity of the Lord
10:00 a.m. In Memory, Deceased members of the Skalnican and Opila families
By Helen Opila
- TUESDAY** December 26, Stephen, first martyr
9:00 a.m. In Memory of Deceased Family Members
By Rosemary Clairemont
- WEDNESDAY** December 27, John, apostle, evangelist
9:00 a.m. In Memory, Tom Madigan
By Rita Dwyer
5:00 p.m. *To schedule this mass for your loved one, Please call the church office - 776-3327*
- THURSDAY** December 28, Holy Innocents, martyrs
9:00 p.m.. In Memory, Tom Madigan
By Mary Eaton
- FRIDAY** December 29, 5th Day in Octave of Christmas
9:00 p.m.. In Memory, Jean McCarthy
By Betty Langendorfer
- SATURDAY** December 30, 6th Day in Octave of Christmas
4:00 p.m. In Memory, Shirley Baxter
By Julia and Frank Ponticello
- SUNDAY** December 31, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
9:00 a.m. In Memory, Janet Beyea
By Mary Ellen and Gary Hoff

There are many Mass intentions available in the upcoming months. (Stipend is \$10). Please call the office to schedule.



Liturgical Assembly Schedule

Dec. 30- Sat. 4:00 p.m. - Willing Hearts
Dec. 31 - Sun. 9:00 a.m. - Luminaries
To form or join an assembly, call 776-3327



Gift cards for Tops, P&C and Kwik Fill are sold after mass and throughout the week in the parish office. St. Mary's receives 5% of the face value for every card we sell. They are great for gifts or for your own use!

Next Sunday, December 31 is the Feast of the Holy Family

This year, January 1st, the Feast of Mary our Mother is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation.



PARISH LIFE CALENDAR

- SUNDAY** December 24
No Coffee Hour/Religious Education
1:00 p.m. Sunday Supper, O'Malley Hall
7:00 p.m. AA, Room 101
- MONDAY** December 25
MERRY CHRISTMAS! 
- TUESDAY** December 26
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts, Room 202
7:30 p.m. Charismatic Prayer Group, Rectory
- WEDNESDAY** December 27
- THURSDAY** December 28
5:30 p.m. Weight Watchers, O'Malley Hall
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Room 202/203
- FRIDAY** December 29
- SATURDAY** December 30
1:00 p.m. NA, Room 101
- SUNDAY** December 31
No Coffee Hour/Religious Education
1:00 p.m. Sunday Supper, O'Malley Hall
7:00 p.m. AA, O'Malley Hall



Happy Birthday To You!

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| 12/24 Anthony Ferrara | 12/27 Josh Stuart |
| 12/24 Charles Murray | 12/28 Frances Ducharme |
| 12/26 Anthony Russo | 12/28 Paul Wolfe |
| 12/26 Kristy Boyd | 12/28 Cody Hutcheson |
| 12/26 Ashley Russell | 12/29 Henrietta Powell |
| 12/26 Keith Russell | 12/29 Ashlee Motsay |
| 12/27 Michelle Carpenter | 12/30 Robert Swackhammer |



The Sanctuary Light above the Tabernacle is burning for the intentions of Shirley and Philip Amoroso by Isabelle Miller.



SAINT MARY'S PARISH

"A Parish of Very Good Stewards"

Thank you for - Making Parish a Priority!

December 9/10 2006

Sacrificial Gifts totaled: \$2,631.71 THANK YOU!

Second Collection for Heating: \$296.00

Can & Quarter Collection: \$213.51



YOUR STEWARDSHIP GIFTS

Upcoming Second Collections

December 23/24 - Heating

Christmas - Matched Donation for plumbing repairs in the Rectory

December 30/31 - Maintenance