



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2024

Trust. Surrender. Believe. Receive.

ADVENT SEASON MASSES

Sunday Mass regular times: Saturday 5:00 PM, Sunday at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM
Liturgy of the Word with Children at the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Masses on Sundays

- Nov 30/Dec 1: First Sunday of Advent
- December 7/8: Second Sunday of Advent.
- December 9, Monday: The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mass at 8:00 AM. (This is not a holy day of obligation in our diocese.)
- December 14/15: Third Sunday of Advent. After all Masses, **Christmas Around the World** nativity scene displays and yummy treats. **Also, bring the Baby Jesus from your home Nativity set for a blessing at the end of Mass.**
- December 21/22: Fourth Sunday of Advent

ADVENT PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation:

- Saturday, December 14, 9:00-11:00 AM—Individual Confessions with multiple priests.
- Thursday, December 19, 6:30-8:00 PM—Individual Confessions with multiple priests.
- The Sacrament is available every Saturday at 9:00 AM.

In Remembrance Prayer Service: Tuesday, December 10, 7:00 PM in the church: For all who have lost a loved one recently.

Taizé: Friday, December 13, 7:00 PM, in the church, Notre Dame Chapel.

ADVENT ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES

- Parish Wide Adult Advent Study— 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory books will be handed out the weekend of November 23-24. Please read the introduction through pg. 16 prior to Dec 1. Please contact Nathan (nschuster@stmarys-wbl.org) for a PDF discussion guide for this book.
- Nov 30/Dec 1: Advent family take-home kits available.
- Friday, December 6, 5:30-7:30 PM—St. Nicholas Day Carole-oke & Community Dinner, Kohler Hall. Please sign up by Wednesday, November 27 (paper signup at Welcome Desk) or online at <https://tinyurl.com/SMOL-StNick>.

CHRISTMAS SEASON MASSES

- Tuesday, December 24: **Christmas Eve Masses** at 4:00 PM (livestreamed), 6:00 PM and 10:00 PM.*
- Wednesday, December 25: **Christmas Day Masses** at 9:00 and 11:00 AM.*
- December 2/29: Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.
- Dec 31/Jan 1: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Masses at 5:00 PM and 9:00 AM.
- January 4/5: Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord
- * *On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, the church will open 30 minutes before Mass begins. The back row of the main section will be reserved for those with limited mobility who need Communion brought to them in the pew and their families.*

Let's celebrate together!





Donation Efforts at St. Mary's

November - December 2024

LIONS CLUB TOY SHELF

Please take an ornament from the Christmas tree in the Gathering Space and return the item under or near the tree by **December 8, 2024**.

BABY JESUS GIFTS - FOR LOCAL IN NEED MOTHERS AND PREGNANCY CENTERS

Please take an ornament from the tree and return the item to the crib in the Gathering Space by **January 5, 2025**.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Please consider donation Cub or Target gift cards or cash which will be used to purchase Christmas gifts and food for those in need this Christmas. **Donations can be left at the Parish Offices clearly marked: Emergency Assistance Christmas Program.** Donations for this project are needed by December 8, 2024.

We hope you join us!

