



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2016

MASSES FOR THE WEEK December 19 - 25

Mon.	7:55 am	Joe Meier +
Tue.	7:55 am	Ann Seaberg +
Wed.	7:55 am	Rita Zulk +
Thurs.	7:55 am	Valentine Heinz +
	12:10 pm	Mavis Nikolas +
Fri.	7:55 am	LaVern Bruckner +
Sat.	4:00 pm	Jane Hammer +
	6:00 pm	All members of the parish
	Midnight	Leo Braun +
Sun.	9:00 am	Mike & Duane (Shep) Johs +



Lectors

Sat.	4:00 pm	Mark Stone
	6:00 pm	Stephanie Litzen
	Midnight	Eugene Friedrichsen
Sun.	9:00 am	Terry Dosch

December 24 - 25

Mass Servers

Sat.	4:00 pm	Hanson Family
	6:00 pm	
	Midnight	Josh & Elissa Hammrich
Sun.	9:00 am	Reede Family

December 24 - 25

Music Ministry

Sat.	4:00 pm	RES Choir: Sadie & Faith
	6:00 pm	Contemporary Choir: Mikayla Titus
	Midnight	Molly Taylor
Sun.	9:00 am	Piano/Organ Duets: Susan & Katie Appl

December 24 - 25

Extraordinary Ministers

Sat. 5:00 pm	Sun. 8:30 am
Linda DeWalt	Steve Kohles
Michael Duch	Linda Lipp
Rosemary Duch	Marlene Loebes
Lance Kallas	Mary Schwab
Donna Mehlhaff	Pam Smid
Marilyn Stone	Dan Vetter
Russ Stone	Vivian Vetter

December

Sun. 10:30 am
Paddy Mehlhaff
Dana Randall
Rebecca Randall
Kelsie Sather
Isabel Litzen
Colton Cox

Sat. 7:00 pm

Jeff Hanson
Sue Hanson
Jonathan Hanson



LIFE AT ST. MARY'S:

Visit us at: stmarysabr.tumblr.com

Deadline for bulletin news for the Christmas bulletin will be noon on Tuesday, Dec. 20.

Still in need of Altar Servers at 6:00 pm on Christmas Eve. You can either sign up in the gathering area or call the parish office to volunteer. Thank you!

Confession times this week:

Sun., Dec. 18 - 1 pm at Sacred Heart (communal)

Mon., Dec. 19 - 12 noon & 7 pm

Tue., Dec. 20 - 12 noon & 5 pm

Wed., Dec. 21 - 12 noon & 7 pm

Thurs., Dec. 22 - 12 noon & 7 pm

Fri., Dec. 23 - 12 noon & 7 pm

Roncalli Nearly New All clothing marked with a pink tag will be half price. We are open on Tue., Wed., Thurs. & Sat. from 12-4 pm. We appreciate your donations & your business.

Please share hope with others by participating in the 24th Annual Advent Baby Shower, which continues through Christmas. Please bring **NEW** gifts, including clothing sizes newborn to 12 months, and place them in the crib in the gathering area.

Family Rosary will be at Sacred Heart, Dec. 20 at 7 pm

Scrip Gift Cards Top Off Your List Thanks for ordering your gift cards in advance! Due to the holidays falling directly on weekends, volunteers will not be selling after Masses on Dec. 24, 25, 31, or Jan. 1. Call 226-2100 for further information during this season of comfort and joy.

Individuals needed for a beginners hand bells choir to begin in January. Some music reading ability desired. Contact Stephanie at sraap@stmarysabr.com



Homemade Soap for Sale

The St. Mary's youth group is selling homemade goat milk soap again this year. We have 8 different scents to choose from, please stop in the parish office and ask Sarah to check them out.

Enjoy the 20th Annual Christmas at the Cathedral on KELO TV on Christmas Day. If you were unable to attend the 20th Annual Christmas at the Cathedral in person, we invite you to watch a taped rebroadcast on Christmas Day from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on KELO TV.



Sympathy: We pray for the repose of the soul of Gwen Brunmaier buried in Christ. May those who mourn her be filled with comfort and peace.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is available 24/7 at Avera St. Luke's Hospital. Open hours are: Sun. 2 am, & 11 am, Tue. 4 pm, Thurs. 4 am and Fri., 5 pm. Call Theresa at 226-0838 or Mary at 225-6001.

*News from your
Aberdeen Catholic
School System*



Instilling
Catholic values
and promoting
academic
excellence by
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and soul

- Mon., Dec. 19 -
- Tues., Dec. 20 - Spirit Store Open - 3:30-5:00 pm
- K-6 Christmas Concert - 7 pm - RHS
- Wed., Dec. 21 - RHS Mass - 9:24 am
- RES Mass - 12:10 - Sacred Heart
- Thurs., Dec. 22 - RPS Mass - 12:10 pm - St. Mary's
- Girls BB vs. Deuel: JV-4 pm; Varsity-6:30
- Boys BB vs. Deuel: JV-5:15 pm; Varsity-8
- Wrestling vs. Mitchell - 7 pm
- Fri., Dec. 23 - End of 2nd quarter
- School Dismissed at 12:00 -
Christmas Break until Jan. 4

Blessed Holidays to everyone!

The Aberdeen Catholic School System is now enrolling Pre-school and Kindergarten students for the 2017-2018 School Year! Please fill out a registration form (located under "I want to . . . Find School Admission Forms" at aberdeenroncalli.org) and return it to the Primary School with your \$20 admission fee. Space is limited and on a first come, first serve basis, so please register early! If you have any questions contact Admissions organizer Michala Heller at 226-2100.

If you have a family member that cannot get to Mass and would like to receive Communion, call Judy at the parish office @ 229-4422.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Sunday, Dec. 18 - 9:30 am Family Ed

Wednesday, Jan. 4 - 7:00 pm Confirmation Class

First Reconciliation:

Saturday, January 14 - 9 am for students with last names A-H
- 10 am for students with last names I-Z

*Workbooks are due & should be turned in on this day.



Advent Memorial Gifts - We invite those who wish to make a donation in memory of loved ones during the Advent season to help defray the cost of decorating for Christmas. Please enclose the following with your gift & return to the parish.

Name of deceased:

Name of donor:

Fr. Michael's Musings



Well, the wreath is complete and filled with four lit candles to remind us Christmas is close at hand and the light is overcoming the darkness.

- So just a few things to remember:
- We have many Confession times scheduled this week, so please find the Lord's mercy before Christmas (please note: *Communal Reconciliation will be Sunday, December 18 at Sacred Heart AT 1:00 PM, sorry about the change from the Advent letter;*
 - Remember what Christmas is really about, so if you don't get it all done before the 24th, don't sweat it. As long as the oyster stew is made, it's all good!

We will have many new faces joining us next weekend for Christmas Masses; many will be visitors, some will be college students back home, some will be parishioners who may not have been here since Easter.

Welcome them! Rejoice that they are with us, joining in celebration. We are better because they are with us, holier, more beautiful. So even if someone is in your usual place, smile and say Merry Christmas! And be patient at 4:00 pm!

The Light is coming, we are preparing...rejoice in peace. The Lord is in love with you all!



SORRY, SON...THERE'S NO APP FOR THAT

Just a Thought...

It's strange how "polar vortex" sounds kinda fun

Church Support: December 10-11, 2016

- Envelopes: \$ 13,881.50
- Loose: \$ 1,199.00
- Children's: \$ 77.00



REMEMBER:
We need \$18,000 a week to meet our needs!