

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2015

MASSES FOR THE WEEK December 21 - 27

Mon.	7:55 am	Ritz Zulk +
Tue.	7:55 am	Valentine Heinz (anniv) +
Wed.	7:55 am	Joe & Lorraine Meier +
Thurs.	4:00 pm	All members of the parish
	6:00 pm	All members of the parish
	Midnight	All members of the parish
Fri.	9:00 am	All members of the parish
Sat.	5:00 pm	Anthony & Magdalena Schmidt +
	7:00 pm	Leo Braun (anniv) +
Sun.	8:30 am	Florence Dix +
	10:30 am	All members of the Parish



Lectors

December 26 - 27

Sat.	5:00 pm	Jennifer Starks
	7:00 pm	Stephanie/Isabel Litzen
Sun.	8:30 am	Char Suel
	10:30 am	Theresa Russell

Mass Servers

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Sat.	5:00 pm	Austin & Emily Kokales
	7:00 pm	Ken Awe
Sun.	8:30 am	Jack, John & Nick Achen
	10:30 am	Abe & Sophie Wieland, Wyatt Artz

Music Ministry

December 26 - 27

Sat.	5:00 pm	Marie Harris
	7:00 pm	Sydney Raap
Sun.	8:30 am	Mikayla Titus
	10:30 am	Terry White

Extraordinary Ministers

December

Sat. 5:00 pm	Sun. 8:30 am	Sun. 10:30 am
Linda DeWalt	Brad Andera	Lynn Hodny
Rylie Eisenbeisz	Sandy Andera	Jon Olson
James Kraft	Craig Hartman	Maureen Schuchardt
Rose Kraft	Linda Lipp	Robert Schuchardt
Donna Mehlhaff	Marlene Loebis	Brenda Williams
Dylan Sommers	Mary Schwab	Kathy Zirbel
Mark Stone	Lindsey Swenson	

Sat. 7:00 pm
LeRoy Lewis
Teri Lewis
James Mattern



This Week at St. Mary's

Roncalli Nearly New Merry Christmas to all. Stop in and check out our sales. We are open on Tue, Wed, Thurs and Sat from 12-4 pm. We appreciate your donations & your business.

Reminder: If you still have CFSA payments due, please send them in before the end of the year. Thank You!

Visit us at: stmarysabr.tumblr.com

The parish office will be closed on Friday Dec. 25 and Monday Dec. 28.

A special thank you to Clarence & Margaret Mitzel for the candles that will be used in the lamp for our deployed men and women in honor of their grandson Thomas, deployed to Kuwait.

Community News

If you would like to send Christmas Greetings to Fr. Joe Holzhauser, his new address is: 304 N Euclid Ave., Pierre, SD 57501

Needed: Eucharistic Ministers for Christmas Eve and Day and New Years Eve & Day. Please contact Linda DeWalt at 225-2095 or lindade615@gmail.com

Altar Servers needed for Christmas Eve Masses at 4 & 6 pm and midnight, Christmas Day at 9 am. Please call the parish office and volunteer. Thank you!

Thank you to all who donated blood at the St. Mary's Blood Drive last Sunday. The United Blood Service was very pleased at the turnout and to have collected 36 pints from 31 donors. Thanks again! The next drive will be in April.

Thanks to all that helped in any way with the annual cookie sale. It was another successful year.

Confession Schedule :

Sun., Dec. 20.....1 pm
at Sacred Heart (Communal Penance)
Mon., Dec. 21.....noon and 7 pm
Tue., Dec. 22.....noon and 5 pm
Wed., Dec. 23.....noon and 7 pm



Sympathy: Our parish extends its sympathy to the families of Richard Schwan, John Gruenstein and Lidwina Murray who were buried this past week. May they rest in peace.



Congratulations: Our parish rejoices in the baptism of Samuel George Tobin, son of Alexander and Caitlin.



Instilling
Catholic values
and promoting
academic
excellence by
nurturing
mind, body
and soul

**Excellence is
our average**

- Mon., Dec. 21 - NO SCHOOL until Jan. 5
- Tues., Dec. 22 - Girls Basketball - 6:30 pm
- Wed., Dec. 23 -
- Thurs., Dec. 24 -
- Fri., Dec. 25 - Have a Blessed Christmas

Shower Christ's Little Ones - Please share hope with others by participating in the 23rd 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.

The Catholicism series will continue on Tue., Dec. 22nd at 7 pm at Schriver's Fellowship Hall. Episode 5 will be shown. This is open to everyone in the parish. Hope to see you there.



FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Confirmation students: a reminder if you have not turned in the 2 forms that are due you can leave them for Father Michael at the church office.

First Reconciliation for all second grade students is **Saturday January 16**. Students with last names A-H will be at 9:00am and I-Z will be at 10:00am. Please continue working weekly in your workbooks & bring them completed on the 16th.

St. Mary's Youth Group is selling homemade soap bars for \$5.00. There are 10 different scents available. If you would like to purchase one please contact Sarah in the parish office.



Advent Memorial Gifts - We invite those who wish to make donations 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 and return to the parish. The names of your loved ones will be printed in the bulletin.

Name of deceased:

Name of donor:

You remember the movie, "A Christmas Story," right?

There is a lovely scene near the end of the movie that has always touched me.

After all the craziness with the BB gun and Scut Farkus, and the visit to Santa and the Bupkis' dogs and Flick getting his tongue stuck to the flag pole, Ralphie and Randy go to bed on Christmas Eve.



When they are in bed and quiet, their mom and "the old man" sit on the couch, the

house dark except for the lights of the Christmas tree, and they watch the snow fall outside.

It's lovely, and it's Christmas.

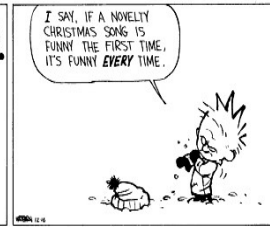
There is certainly a great deal of craziness associated with Christmas, but there is also a silent, lovely heart to Christmas as well.

Sometimes we have to find it in the midst of all the other things going on around us. A quiet walk in the evening on Christmas Day, or maybe just sitting inside a dark house, lit only by the lights of Christmas, and watching the beauty of the world outside.

A world loved so much by God that He gave His only Son. The quiet, gentle heart of Christmas is there...take the time and find it.

-Fr. Michael Griffin

Just a Thought...



If Jacob Marley shows up Thursday night, just go with it!

Church Support: Dec. 12-13, 2015

- Envelopes: \$ 21,547.00 (silver and gold decorations...)
- Loose: \$ 1,719.00
- Children's: \$ 113.00