

December 21, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Advent

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Office Hours

St. Mary: Monday & Friday 9 am to 2 pm
 Wednesday 9 am to 1 pm

St. Theresa: Tuesday & Thursday 10 am to 3 pm

Bulletin deadline is Wednesday at noon.

Email bulletin announcements to the parish office.
 stmarymag@bbtel.com or sttheresa@bbtel.com



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Reception of Sacraments

(Parish Registration is required for Sacraments of Initiation and Marriage)

Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation: Please contact the parish office:
 St. Mary at 270-496-4333 on Monday & Wednesday or St. Theresa at 270-496-4362 on Tuesday & Thursday.

Sacrament of Marriage: Please contact the parish office: St. Mary at 270-496-4333 on Monday & Wednesday or St. Theresa at 270-496-4362 on Tuesday & Thursday.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick: Contact Fr. George at 502-718-7106 or e-mail: gillikkal@archlou.org.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before the weekend Masses: Saturday at St. Theresa from 5:15 to 5:45 pm and on Sunday at St. Mary from 7:45 to 8:15 am and at St. Theresa following the 10:30 am Mass, upon request.

Responsorial Psalm: "To you, O Lord, I lift my soul."

St. Theresa Ministers for December 27 & 28

Saturday, 6:00 pm
 Lector: Denise Hunt
 Eucharistic Ministers: Donna Knott & Brenda Redman
 Altar Servers: Volunteers

Sunday, 10:30 am
 Lectors: Pat Barr & Tiffany Stull
 Eucharistic Ministers: Gary & Susan Greenwell
 Altar Servers: Volunteers



Fatima Statue
 December 21 - Larry & Martha Severs
 December 28 -

St. Mary Ministers for December 28

Sunday, 8:30 am
 Lectors: Cheryl Harley & Glenn Mattingly
 Eucharistic Ministers: Shirley Beavin & Paul Fackler
 Altar Servers: Jenna & Jaxon Beavin



Fatima Statue
 December 21 - Margaret Mullins
 December 28 - John & Janet Pike

Fatima Sign-up sheets for 2025 are available in the vestibule in both parishes. Sign up now for the dates of your choice to have the Fatima Statue in your home. Thank you.



Weekend Mass Schedule
Saturday, 6:00 pm at St. Theresa
(July thru December)
Sunday, 8:30 am at St. Mary
Sunday, 10:30 am at St. Theresa

St. Mary Friday Bingo

December 26, 2025

Manager: Juanita Hall **Workers:** Darlene Livers, Becca Cashman, Andrew Goins, Bob & Deloris Stith

HELP! BINGO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!
Bingo managers are needed. Unless we get a couple more volunteers for Bingo manager, we may be forced to stop. Weekly earnings are approximately \$800 and help meet the parish annual budget. If you can help, come to St. Mary Parish Hall on any Friday at 6 pm and talk to either Juanita or Margaret. Bingo starts at 7 pm.

St. Mary Magdalen of Pazzi Church

Mass Intentions for the Following Week

Monday	8:30 a.m.	Eddie Greenwell
Wednesday	9:00 p.m.	Tom Barr
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	George, Julie, Derrick, Tanner & Travis Weick Wayne, Jeff & Tucker Wimpee
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Alene Clark

St. Theresa of Avila Church

Mass Intentions for the Following Week.

Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Pike/Kullman Families
Wednesday	4:00 pm	Leon & Mary F. Vessels
Saturday	6:00 p.m.	St. Mary & St. Theresa Parishioners
Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Earl Katherine & Hazel Hardesty

Stewardship of Treasure

St. Mary Weekly goal	3,461.54
December 14 Collection	1,352.00
Special Collection (Retired Religious)	972.00
Online tithes	315.00
Total offering	2,639.00

St. Theresa Weekly Goal	3,076.00
December 14 Collection	2,652.00
Special Collection (Retired Religious)	604.00
Online tithes	145.00
Total offering	3,401.00



Thank you for your stewardship sacrifice ... it IS appreciated!

What's Happening This Week

Sunday, December 21

8:30 am **Mass at St. Mary**
 10:30 am **Mass at St. Theresa**
 11:30 am *Choir Practice for St. Theresa's Christmas Eve Mass*

Monday, December 22

8:30 am **Mass at St. Mary**
 9:00 am-12:00 pm/5:00-8:00 pm: *Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary*

Tuesday, December 23

8:30 am **Mass at St. Theresa**

Wednesday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)

No Religious Education (Christmas Break)
 4:00 pm **Christmas Eve Mass at St. Theresa**
 9:00 pm **Christmas Eve Mass at St. Mary**

Thursday, December 25 (Christmas Day)

8:30 am **Mass at St. Mary**

Friday, December 26

7:00 pm **Bingo**

Saturday, December 27

7:30 am *Men's Prayer Group*
 6:00 pm **Mass at St. Theresa**

Sunday, December 28

8:30 am **Mass at St. Mary**
 10:30 am **Mass at St. Theresa**



Upcoming Events

Please save the following dates.
 Christmas Eve Mass: St. Theresa, 4 pm , St. Mary 9 pm
 Christmas Day Mass: St. Mary, 8:30 am
 Solemnity of Mary, December 31
 Blood Drive, St. Mary's, January 6, 1:00 pm
 Finance Council Meeting, January 5
 St. Theresa Parish Council Meeting, January 6
 St. Mary Parish Council Meeting, January 8
 St. Mary Parish Appreciation Dinner, February 7
 St. Theresa Parish Appreciation Dinner, February 8
 Blood Drive, St. Mary's, March 3, 1:00 pm

HOSPITAL AND HOMEBOUND MINISTRY PARISH DISPATCHERS

St. Mary: Brenda Knott 270-497-4418

St. Theresa: Brenda Redman 270-496-4329
 If you know someone who is ill, in the hospital, in need of a home visit or food, please notify our dispatchers. Volunteers are needed to visit those in the hospital, make home visits, send cards and prepare or deliver food. Please contact the dispatcher listed above or call the parish office if you would like to help. This ministry is not just for our parishioners but also for anyone in our community.

Please remember those in the hospital, the homebound and those in need of our prayers!



Special Prayer Request for.....

David Schaftlein, Patricia Christ, Tonya Claycomb, Lorraine Yokie, Millie Morgan, Linda Pike, Taylor Chaffin, Andy Weick, Rita Barr, Mary Hager, Tenley Ward, Julie King & family, David Barr, Judy Glaros, Wayne Ferguson, Lisa Jenkins, Mary Jo Armer, Olivia Barr, Sandra Mercer, Kenny Davenport, Jim Crigler, Jimmy Hardesty, Dustin White, Jeanie Moss, Kristen Cooper, Donna Hesler, Argabright, Regina Bennett, Andrea Esarey, Pamela Knapp, Bill Macey, Kamman Shelman, Jackson Popham, Chris Cornelius, Wayne Mattingly, Meagan Robinson and baby, Larry Powell, Debbie Garverich, Anna Mary Barr, Mariam Ciesielski, Tommy Mattingly, Carlene Gottbrath, Marcia Rough, Kyle Webster, Bill & Marie Morton, Cheryl McKeehan, Martha Severs, Rylee Stull & babies, Regina Hayes

Note: Please call or email Dottie or Karen at the parish office for any changes to the prayer list.

Offering Envelopes

The 2026 envelopes are ready for pick-up in the back of each church. Even if you do an on-line tithe, please take yours so you can have the Special Collection envelopes. If you do not see yours, please contact your parish office. Thank you.

Decorating for Christmas

Note: We will be decorating the churches for Christmas on Sunday, December 21, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary and the 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Theresa. All help is needed and very much appreciated!



READINGS for Sunday, December 21, 2025

Isaiah 7:10-14
 Romans 1:1-7
 Matthew 1:18-24

READINGS for Sunday, December 28, 2025

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
 Colossians 3:12-21
 Matthew :13-15, 19-23

Internet Site for Liturgy Readings:
<https://liturgy.slu.edu/index.html>



Prayer Intention for the Week

For freedom of spirit: that God will free us from selfishness, prejudice, and fear so that we may be true sisters and brothers to one another.

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*"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home."
 Matthew 1:24*

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

2025 Collection for Catholic Charities

Our parish will conduct the annual collection for Catholic Charities of Louisville on December 27-28. Your generosity helps to fund many vital ministries and social services, including: • The Sister Visitor Center and Fr. Jack Jones food pantries. • Indigent Burial program. • Resettlement services for refugees. • Bakhita Empowerment Initiative combatting human trafficking. • The Long-Term Care Ombudsman, serving close to 15,000 residents in long-term care homes. • Community gardeners with Common Earth Gardens. Thank you for your generosity.

Mass Schedule Change

Reminder that on January 3, 2026, Saturday evening mass moves to St. Mary's.

Holiday Parish Offices Hours

Both Parish Offices will be on reduced staffing from December 24—January 5. Please call the office first before coming in. If there is a pastoral emergency, please contact Deacon Greg. Thank you and we wish you all a very Merry Christmas!!

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Food Pantry/Blessing Boxes

Donations Needed - There are totes set up in the back of each church for food items/personal hygiene items for anyone wishing to bring in items whenever you come to Mass. As always, you can put donations in the blessing boxes yourself or you can drop off at the parish office any time during normal business hours. As we start to enter into the holiday season, many encounter financial hardships and this is one way we can help. Thank you for your generosity.

St. Theresa Christmas Eve Choir Practice

Choir practice for Christmas Eve 4:00 pm service will be Sunday, December 21, at 6:00 pm. All musicians and singers are welcome. If any questions, please call Millie Smith at 270-945-2180.

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THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY

The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God, is a Holy Day of Obligation and the mass schedule is below:
 December 31, 6:30 p.m. vigil Mass at St. Mary
 January 1, 8:30 a.m. Holy Day Mass at St. Theresa

Bad Weather Policy



Just a reminder: For the safety of our parishioners, if there is no in-person school in Meade County because of bad roads, then all Masses that day at St. Mary's and St. Theresa's are cancelled. In addition, if no in-person school, RCIA/Religious Ed classes on Wednesday are also cancelled. If school is on a delay, all Masses are as scheduled as well as RCIA/Religious Ed classes. Always listen to WMMG 93.5 for the latest closings. Office closures will be posted to each parish Facebook page.

