



*December 18, 2016*  
*Fourth Sunday*  
*of Advent*



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Office Hours

St. Mary - Monday & Wednesday 9:00 am to 4:30 pm  
 St. Theresa - Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Bulletin deadline is Wednesday at noon.

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

**Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation:** Please contact Shannan Millay, D.R.E. at parish office: 270-496-4333, cell: 812-972-3650 or e-mail: [shannanmillay@gmail.com](mailto:shannanmillay@gmail.com)

**Sacrament of Marriage:** (1 Year in Advance) Contact Shannan Millay, D.R.E. at parish office: 270-496-4333, cell: 812-972-3650 or e-mail: [shannanmillay@gmail.com](mailto:shannanmillay@gmail.com)

**Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick:** Contact Fr. George at 270-496-4343 or e-mail: [gillikkal@gmail.com](mailto:gillikkal@gmail.com)

**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."**

## Ministers for Christmas Masses at St. Mary

### Lectors

Sat 4:00 pm Lorraine Yokie & Margaret McCoy  
 Sun 8:30 am Lana Goodwin & Jennifer Cooper

### Eucharistic Ministers

Sat 4:00 pm Tom Benock, Patsy Ray,  
 Jeff Stull, Teri Wathen  
 Sun 8:30 am Debbie Pickering, Mickey Chism  
 Paul Fackler, Lois Fackler

### Altar Servers

Sat 4:00 pm Waylon Fackler & volunteer  
 Sun 8:30 am Rosemary Cooper & volunteer

### Gift Bearers

Sat 4:00 pm Children of the Parish  
 Sat 8:30 am Volunteers

### Fatima Statue



December 18 - Donnie & Alene Clark

December 25 - Crystal Blehar

### 4th Friday Bingo

December 23 at 7:00 p.m.

**Manager:** Juanita Hall **Workers:** Darlene Livers,  
 Rebecca Cashman, Bob & Deloris Stith

Note: Bingo workers are very much needed to help.  
 Please contact Juanita Hall if you can help!



### Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday, 6:00 pm at St. Theresa  
 (July through December)  
 6:00 pm at St. Mary  
 (January through June)

Sunday, 8:30 am at St. Mary  
 Sunday, 10:30 am at St. Theresa

## Ministers for Christmas Masses at St. Theresa

### Lectors

Sat 6:30 pm Pat Barr  
 Sat 11:00 pm Dave Morgan

### Eucharistic Ministers

Sat 6:30 pm Jeff Smith, Barbara Ballard,  
 Gary & Susan Greenwell  
 Sat 11:00 pm David & Velana Barr

### Altar Servers

Sat 6:30 pm Nick Mercer & Haley Knott  
 Sat 11:00 pm Nick Mercer & volunteer

### Gift Bearers

Sat 6:30 pm Children of the Parish  
 Sat 11:00 pm Volunteers

### Fatima Statue

Dec. 18 - Crystal Blehar

Dec. 25 - Louis & Joyce Manning

## St. Mary Magdalen of Pazzi Church

### Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday 8:30 am Julie, Margie & Bill Weick & Tucker Wimpee +  
 Wednesday 8:30 am Catherine Staples +  
 Saturday 4:00 pm Wayne McCoy +  
 Sunday 8:30 am Fred & Ruth Pike +

## St. Theresa Church

### Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday 8:30 am Frank Parks +  
 Thursday 8:30 am Amelia Barr +  
 Saturday 6:30 pm Carissa, Rance & Adie Foushee +  
 Sunday 11:00 pm St. Theresa & St. Mary Parishioners

## Stewardship of Treasure

St. Mary Weekly goal	2,700.00
<b>December 11 collection</b>	<b>1,807.80</b>
OVER/ <u>UNDER</u> minimum weekly goal	892.20
<b>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</b>	<b>331.50</b>
<b>Fund for Retired Religious</b>	<b>1,126.00</b>
<b>Cemetery Fund</b>	<b>10.00</b>

St. Theresa Weekly Goal	2,500.00
<b>December 11 Collection</b>	<b>1,823.00</b>
OVER/ <u>UNDER</u> minimum weekly goal	677.00
<b>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</b>	<b>137.00</b>
<b>Fund for Retired Religious</b>	<b>532.00</b>

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

## What's Happening this Week

### Sunday, December 18

9:30 am *Decorate St. Mary Church for Christmas*  
 11:30 am *Decorate St. Theresa Church for Christmas*  
 11:30 am *Breakfast with Santa at Johnson Hall*  
 6:30 pm *Music Practice at St. Theresa for 11 pm Mass  
 on Christmas Eve*

### Monday, December 19

9am-1pm & 5-9 pm *Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary*  
 7:00 pm *St. Theresa Parish Council Meeting*

### Tuesday, December 20

7:00 pm *Women's Prayer Group at St. Mary*

### Thursday, December 22

7:00 pm *Advent Penance Service at St. Theresa*

### Friday, December 23

7:00 pm *St. Mary Bingo*

### Christmas Eve, December 24

4:00 pm *Mass at St. Mary*  
 6:30 pm *Mass at St. Theresa*  
 11:00 pm *Mass at St. Theresa*

### Christmas Day, December 25

8:30 am *Mass at St. Mary*



## Decorate Churches for Christmas



TODAY we will decorate the Churches for Christmas following the 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary and the 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Theresa. Any and all help is needed and greatly appreciated.

## Breakfast with Santa



Today, the Chosen Youth Group will host Breakfast with Santa in Johnson Hall following the 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Theresa. All children are invited to come for donuts and to visit with Santa!

## Music Practice



Please come join us for music practice this evening, December 18, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Theresa. Millie Smith and the choir will be practicing the music and songs for the 11:00 p.m. Christmas Mass.

## Advent Penance Service

There will be an Advent Penance Service on Thursday, December 22, at 7:00 pm at St. Theresa.

## Christmas Masses

Come join us for the Christmas Masses at St. Mary and St. Theresa Churches as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

December 24, 4:00 pm St. Mary

December 24, 6:30 pm St. Theresa

December 24, 11:00 pm St. Theresa

December 25, 8:30 am St. Mary



CHRISTMAS

## Note of Thanks



*"We would like to thank everyone for the prayers and support after the recent death of our daughter, Shannon Marie Mattingly. Your Very Much! kind expressions of sympathy will always be remembered."*  
- Tommy & Terry Mattingly

## Catholic Charities Collection

The annual collection for Catholic Charities will be taken up in our parishes the weekend of December 24 & 25. This collection supports the local services of Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of Louisville. Your generosity helps to fund many vital social ministries, including the Sister Visitor Center, the mother and infant care program, family support services, prison ministry, parish social ministry, senior social services, and other programs. Please give generously when the Catholic Charities Collection is taken up at Christmas. Envelopes are in your packets.

## Christmas Gifts to the Parish



The tradition of giving gifts at Christmas traces its roots to the first Christmas when the Magi presented gifts to the infant, Jesus. Please remember to include St. Mary and St. Theresa on your Christmas gift list. Donations given will be used to purchase some new Christmas decorations for our churches. Special envelopes are in the vestibule/Gathering Space. Gifts must be received at the parish office before December 31st to qualify for 2016 tax savings.

## Welcome Visitors



We hope you enjoy your visit with us. If you are looking for a home church, we want you to know you are most welcome. If you would like to join, please introduce yourself to Father George & Deacon Greg. If you would like to register with one of our parishes, please fill out a registration packet in the back of church and return it to the parish office.

## Catholic Services Appeal

Thanks to those who have already responded with a gift to the 2016 Catholic Services Appeal. Both of our parishes have reached the financial goal set by the Archdiocese. THANK YOU!! With your help, we would like to meet the participation goal also. There is still plenty of time to respond with a gift. Gifts to the 2016 Catholic Services Appeal can be made through our parish office, or you can make a gift online at [www.ArchLou.org/CSA](http://www.ArchLou.org/CSA). Make checks payable to the Catholic Services Appeal.



**As of December 9, 2016 the Archdiocese has received from our parishes:**

**St. Mary - \$16,110 of our \$11,385 goal (145%)  
Participation goal (102%) 51 of 50 families**

**St. Theresa - \$11,505 of our \$9,100 goal (126%)  
Participation goal (88%) 35 of 40 families**



## **Chosen Youth Group News**

Kathy Barentine—Dolores Edmondson  
[meadechosenyouthgroup@gmail.com](mailto:meadechosenyouthgroup@gmail.com)

**Breakfast with Santa**—Today after the 10:30 a.m. mass in St. Theresa Parish Hall. Youth and parents are asked to come assistance pouring drinks and handing out donuts.

**Youth Meeting:** Next Youth Meeting will be Sunday, January 8th, at noon in the Youth Center.

**READINGS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18**

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



**READINGS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25**

Isaiah 52:7-10  
Hebrews 1:1-6  
John 1:1-18

**Internet Site for Liturgy Readings:**  
[www.nccbuscc.org/nab](http://www.nccbuscc.org/nab)

**HOSPITAL AND HOMEBOUND MINISTRY  
PARISH DISPATCHERS**

**St. Mary:** Lois Fackler 270-422-2884

**St. Theresa:** Brenda Redman 270-496-4329



If you know someone who is ill, been admitted to the hospital, in need of a home visit or food, you are asked to notify our dispatcher. Likewise, **volunteers are needed** to visit those in the hospital, make home visits, send cards or 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 simply for our parishioners but also for all in our community.



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

**Prayer Intention  
for the Week**



For the Church: that we may enter into the mystery of God's loving actions and discern anew how to co-operate with the Spirit as God's ways undue our expectations

**Special Prayer Request for....**

Gary Knott, David E. Fackler, JoAnn Webb, Amanda Robinson, Gene Swink, Lamar Padgett, Diane Ramsey, Beverly Cole, Johnny Vessels, Audrey Jamok, Elijah McMahan, Jerry Moore, Joe Redmon

*Note: Prayers cards are available in the back of church with a complete list of the sick and homebound in need of prayers. Please contact Kathy at the parish office to have names put on or taken off of the prayer list.*

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**



*"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means God is with us."* Matthew 1:23

Mary serves as a model of stewardship. By saying "yes" to God, Mary bore the Savior of the world—Emmanuel. She chooses to follow God's will without regard to the personal cost to herself.

**Retrouaille**

Help and hope for struggling marriages! Do you have little or no communication in your marriage? Are you thinking of separation or divorce, or are you already separated or divorced but want to try again? Retrouaille, a peer ministry for hurting marriages, consists of a Weekend Experience and six additional four-hour-long Post Weekend Sessions. The next Louisville Retrouaille program will begin the weekend of February 17-19, 2017. For information or to register, call (502) 479-3329 or (800) 470-2230. Registrations accepted on a space available basis. Confidentiality is assured.

**Remember Your Parish in Your Will**

One of the greatest legacies that any person can leave to benefit others is a gift to their church. You may be surprised at how a parish benefits from such a gift. We hope that you will consider your parish in your will. Your attorney will be happy to assist you.

**Helpers of God's Precious Infants Mass**

On Saturday, January 14, you are invited to join with Archbishop Joseph Kurtz, celebrant, for the Helpers of God's Precious Infants Mass at the Cathedral of the Assumption, 433 S. 5th Street, Louisville.

- 7:00 a.m. Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
- 8:15 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Rosary procession to the local abortion facility
- 9:00 a.m. Return to the Cathedral for Benediction

**Pro-Life Memorial Mass**

You are invited to the annual Pro-Life Memorial Mass with Archbishop Joseph Kurtz, celebrant, at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 22, 2017 at St. Martin of Tours, 639 South Shelby Street, Louisville. More than 150 parishes, schools and organizations come together annually to witness to the sanctity of human life. The Knights of Columbus sponsor this Mass, and is hoping to expand the number of parishes that participate. The Pro-Life Mass is dedicated to the protection of the unborn and to lift our hearts to the Lord to help change the hearts of our country from a culture of death to a culture that celebrates life and defends all lives from conception to natural death. Parishes are encouraged to have a representative that will be given a "Rose for Life" during the liturgy. Please call the parish office at 270-496-4333 if you would be interested in representing our parishes at this Mass. All are welcome to attended.