

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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Parish Office Hours: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Mission Statement

Through our gifts of time, talents, and treasures, we serve our parish as we journey together to the Kingdom of God.

Bulletin Deadline Monday – 10:00 a.m. – In Writing
Parish Office will be closed on Holy Days & Holidays

Confessions:

Saturday: St. Mary's Church 3:30-4:15 p.m.

First Friday Week:

Sacred Heart Church Thursday 4:00 p.m.
Till all are heard
Anytime by Appointment

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Mass Schedule

Sacred Heart Church Sunday - 7:00 & 10:30 a.m.
St. Mary's Church Saturday - 4:30 p.m.
St. Mary's Church Sunday - 9:00 a.m.

WELCOME, SO HAPPY YOU JOINED FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT!

Advent Wreath Prayer:

Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the-best-version-of-ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most.

Amen.



CONFESSIONS FOR ADVENT:

Thurs., December 14th 6:30 p.m. Queen of the World
Wed., December 20th 6:30 p.m. Sacred Heart

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24th
4:00 PM. Sacred Heart Church
4:30 PM St. Mary's Church
5:00 PM Queen of the World Church
9:00 PM Queen of the World Church
12:00 AM Sacred Heart Church ~
Christmas Music 11:30 PM

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25th
7:00 AM Sacred Heart Church
8:30 AM St. Mary's Church
9:00 AM Queen of the World Church
10:30 AM St. Mary's Church
11:00 AM Sacred Heart Church

No New Year's Eve Vigil Mass

Mary Mother of God, Monday, January 1, 2024
NO 6:15 AM Sacred Heart Church
8:30 AM St. Mary's Church
9:00 AM Queen of the World Church
10:30 AM Sacred Heart Church

Jan., 1st is not a Holy Day of Obligation.

LLC (Excerpt from Brian Pusateri 4th Day Letter November 27, 2023)

LLCs are a form of business that provides **limited liability** for the owners. Because an LLC is a separate entity, the owners of the company have limited liability. This is one of the most important benefits to operating as a limited liability company. Limited liability means that the individual assets of LLC members cannot be used to satisfy the LLC's debts and obligations. In a similar way, through Christ, our liabilities have been limited. One day all of us will have to give an accounting for our life. Thankfully, Jesus took on the liability for the sins of everyone who believes in Him when He died on the cross. We find this in 1 Peter 2:24, "He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed."

LLCs enjoy **perpetual existence**. Unless the articles of organization specify differently, a limited liability company has perpetual existence. This means a member's death does not mean that the company must cease to operate. Likewise, death does not bring an end to our soul. Our soul continues after death. We will either go off to eternal damnation or we will enjoy eternity in Heaven with God. John 3:16 states, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." If we seek to have eternal happiness, we need to place our faith and trust in Jesus Christ.
Continued in next weekends bulletin.

Dec., 9(S): Vigil of Second Sunday of Advent

St. Mary's Church

4:30 p.m. †† L/D Hank & Marge Forster, & Nicola & Michelina D'Amore Families

Dec., 10: Second Sunday of Advent

Sacred Heart Church

7:00 a.m. Mass For The Parishioners

St. Mary's Church

9:00 a.m. †† Martha & Ambrose Krieg, Sr.

Sacred Heart Church

10:30 a.m. †† Jeanne (An.) & Jim Klaiber

Dec., 11(M): 2nd Week of Advent

6:15 a.m. † Margaret Evers (An.)

Dec., 12(T): Our Lady of Guadalupe

6:15 a.m. † Adam Wolfel (An.)

Dec., 13(W): St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr

6:15 a.m. † Diane Prowell (An.)

Dec., 14(Th): St. John of the Cross, Priest, Religious, Doctor of the Church

6:15 a.m. † Alcuin Dornisch

Dec., 15(F): 2nd Week of Advent

6:15 a.m. ††† Robert, Marilyn & Steven Hammer

Dec., 16(S): Vigil of Third Sunday of Advent

St. Mary's Church

4:30 p.m. † Helen Herzing (An.) and Alfred J. Bauer & Robert 'Beagle' Bauer Sr.

Dec., 17: Third Sunday of Advent

Sacred Heart Church

7:00 a.m. †† Mary (An.) & Barney Kronenwetter

St. Mary's Church

9:00 a.m. † Mary Jo Zimmert

Sacred Heart Church

10:30 a.m. †† Mass For The Parishioners



The week of December 10, 2023 the Angel Lamps in the Sanctuary burn for the following intentions:

† Florence "Puggie" Iorfida
Special Intention

WORD OF LIFE!!

December 12 is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. One thing that is important about Mary's appearance is that she took on the look of a Mexican peasant. What is your beloved's national heritage? How do you think Mary would look in that culture? How might she look if she appeared to you today?



FATIMA PRAYER GROUP

Monday Night Apostolate of Fatima Rosary at Sacred Heart Church will be held at **4:00 p.m.** "Pray the Rosary everyday for Peace in the World".

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

will be held in Sacred Heart Church on Friday from 7:00 a.m. until closing with Benediction at 4:00 p.m. **Fridays at 3:00 p.m. the Divine Mercy Chaplet .**

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially Sandra Tucker (Sister of Sally Smith). May God grant them eternal rest and comfort all those who mourn them.

PRAYER LIST - Let us remember all the sick especially Chrissy Aikens, Sharon Boylan, Henry James Farkas, Alice Feldbauer, Don Geci, Sara Geitner, Irene George, Louise Georgevich, Kathleen Glatfelter, Dennis Maffei, Darlene Nappe, Dave Nellis, Tammy Pearsall, Asher Quinn, Kathleen (Daisy) Rowley, Emily Saline, Dave Schneider, Matthew Sharrow, Ruth "Pug" Sloff, Mary Jo Wheeler, and Dominick Herbstritt, Brooks Murphy and Lucy Weis.

SACRED HEART PRAYER CHAIN - If you want to be placed on the prayer chain for any need, just call Rose at 814-781-6430, or Ann at 814-834-6534. The names of those listed on this prayer chain will not be published in the bulletin. If you want a name to be listed in the bulletin, please call the Parish Office.

"Understand what you do, imitate what you celebrate, and conform your life to the mystery of the Lord's cross."

-Ordination Rite of Priests-

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| Gabriel Kraus and | Deacon Luke Dagher |
| Deacon Brian Meyers | St. Mary's Seminary |
| Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary | 5400 Roland Avenue |
| 7880 W. Denton Road | Baltimore MD 21210 |
| Denton, NE 68339 | |

"31 DAY" VOCATION CALENDAR - Please consider joining the Parish "31 Club" for Vocations to the Religious Life. Try to attend a Mass, Holy Hour, Pray a Rosary **OR** pray on your chosen date and offer it for:

- Priests/religious who have served our parish in the **past**.
 - For those priests, religious and deacons serving **now**.
 - To ask the Lord of the harvest for **future** vocations.
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| 11th | Gretchen Meyer, Sue Kneidel Werner, Amy Detsch |
| 12th | Tom Dornisch, Dick Wolfe |
| 13th | Carleen Koch, Alice Weisner, Kim Kerchinski |
| 14th | Phylis Haberberger, Peg Gorowski |
| 15th | Frank Fodge, Delores Frey, Rosemarie Gregory |
| 16th | Jerry & Ann Brennen, Marilyn Keyes |
| 17th | Kathy Cheatle, Dave Shaffer, Irene Gregory |

LESSONS IN CAROLS

TODAY Sunday, December 10th at 2:00 p.m.
 Queen of the World Church. Enjoy an afternoon of Carols and Scripture Readings Presented by Choirs from Queen of the World, Sacred Heart, St. Mary's, St. Boniface, & St. Catherine. Come in the Spirit of Christmas.



ELK COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE ~ Will meet on **Tuesday, Dec., 12th** in the St. Mary's Church Parish Annex at 6:30 p.m. For additional information please call Mary Bea at 814-834-3834.



WE NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE

VOLUNTEERS are needed to help decorate Sacred Heart Church for the Christmas season. We will begin on Saturday, December 16, 2023 at 8:00 am. The more volunteers, the less time it will take. We may do some preliminary work beginning at 6:00 pm on Friday evening, December 15. Interested parties may call (814) 512-8049 (Mike), (814) 512-8040 (Krys) or (814) 834-4675 (home). If no answer, messages can be left.

Thank you in advance. Mike and Krys Straub.

SAINT ANNE SOCIETY ~will meet on **Monday, Dec., 18th** at the Sacred Heart Parish Center Social Hall. The Officers will be providing the lunch and will be served at 1:00 p.m.



GIVING TREE AT SACRED HEART AND ST. MARY'S
 The Maternity Closet could use help with baby items. The Giving Tree was placed on December 2nd, with tags for babies from birth to 3 years old. We appreciate your help in the past and are thanking you in advance for your generous support this year. Our cabinet outside is being used so diapers and wipes are always welcome. Large packages of diapers do not need to be wrapped. Please return all gifts by December 18th.

SPECIAL ENVELOPES FOR THE MONTH OF

- Dec., 03** Christmas Flower
- Dec., 08** Immaculate Conception
- Dec., 10** Retired Religious
- Dec., 17** Support of Our Parish School Children
- Dec., 25** Christmas Offering
- Jan., 01, 2024** Solemnity of Mary

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Mondays** Praying the Rosary in Church **4:00 p.m.**
- Fridays** Rosary in Church **1:00 p.m.**
- Fridays** Divine Mercy Chaplet in Church **3:00 p.m.**
- Dec.,12** Elk County Right To Life Meeting **6:30 p.m.**
- Dec.,18** Saint Anne Society Christmas Party **1:00 p.m.**
- NO** Parish Council Meeting

AREA NEWS

BOWLS OF LOVE is a free meal served **every Wednesday** at the First United Methodist Church **from 4-5:00 PM.** Everyone is welcome.



ADORATION AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH every **Tuesday** following the **8:30 a.m. Mass.**
Closing: Benediction: 4:00 PM.



ADORATION AT QUEEN of the WORLD every **Thursday** following the **7:00 a.m. Mass.**
Closing: Benediction: 5:00 PM.

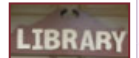


BENEDICTINE GIFT SHOP at 139 Church St, is fully stocked for the Christmas Season. Stop by and see what the store has to offer. And while you're in the area, please take time to stop by our renovated '1886 Chapel' at 315 Church St. (Right beside the St. Mary's Catholic Church).



RELIGIOUS AND PRO LIFE LENDING

Located on the main floor, of the Sacred Heart Parish Center. Opened Mon., thru Fri., 9 am to 4 pm. It's a nice quiet place to sit and read a book or take out a book or items for you to read or view in your own home. Sorry, not open on weekends, Holidays or Holy Days.



KERSEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST BUFFET~ TODAY

The breakfast will be on **Sunday Dec. 3rd** from 8am till 11:30/or sold out. Price is \$10 for adults \$5 for kids. All are welcome. The breakfast is at the St. Boniface social hall.



PHE PEPPERMINT STICK GIFT SHOP

Hours: Mon., thru Thurs., 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

MERRY WIDOWS~ Luncheon for Christmas **Monday, December 11, 2023** Noon at Hoss's. Cost to be determined.



ST. LEO CHURCH YEAR LONG 50/50 is almost over. We draw **ONE** winner on **Dec., 17, 2023.** The winner will receive at least **\$9,025!** Get your ticket by calling St. Leo Parish Rectory @ 814-772-3135.



RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS ~Support a lifetime of service. Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education and care for those in need— usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. As they age, they require essential care and medications. Please support them by giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation makes a difference for nearly 25,000 senior men & women religious. Please give generously.

St. Marys Inter-Parish



All classes are held at the St. Mary's Church Parish Center (Former Catholic Middle School), 325 Church Street, unless otherwise noted.

Schedule changes as the school calendar changes because of CDC guidelines. You can also refer to the sminterparishff.com website for updated schedules

Sun., Dec. 10 Middle School Faith Formation
6:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Wed., Dec. 13 Elementary Faith Formation (grade 1-5)
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (Confessions for grades 3-5)
Grade 1 CGS at Sacred Heart Atrium
(5:50 p.m. - 7:20 p.m.)

Middle School Youth Group
Meeting Date for December
CHRISTMAS PARTY

TUES. Dec. 19th 6:30 PM TO 8:30 PM

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**ST MARYS AREA 29th ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER**

Monday, December 25th, 2023
Deliveries Only
10am to 12:00pm

First United Methodist Church
140 North St. Marys Street

RESERVATIONS FOR DELIVERIES

Please call Carol at 814-781-7401
by December 22

VOLUNTEERS AND FOOD DONATIONS

Please call Ed at 814-594-8063

MONETARY DONATIONS

Can be made to:
CNB Bank
133 Washington St.
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*We all know someone,
neighbor, family, or friend, who
would enjoy
a Christmas dinner!*

**ADOPT A GRANDPARENT OR A PERSON IN NEED
FOR THE HOLIDAY!!!**

Consider sponsoring a person in need by donating a month or two of meals instead of the regular gifts you extend this holiday season! This is an opportunity for who would like to help the people who are not able at some point in their lives to cook their own meals. How nice would it be to sponsor one of our clients for a month and pay for their delivered meals?? If you would like to participate this holiday in giving the gift or a delivered meal, please send a **donation to: St. Marys Meals on Wheels**
PO Box 302 St. Marys, PA 15857

You can earmark your donation for a specific client or let us select someone who lacks the funds to receive a delivered hot meal to their home.

For questions contact: Wanda at 814-594-5930.

**Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments-
Teaching Kids to Be Smart About Social Media:**

There are plenty of good things about social media – but also many risks and things kids and teens should avoid. To help your child find the balance, it's important to talk with your kids about how to use social media wisely. Emphasis to your child that it's important to: 1.) Be nice. Mean behavior is not OK. 2.) Think twice before hitting "enter". Remind them that what they post can be used against them. 3.) Use privacy settings. 4.) Don't "friend" strangers. If you don't know them, don't friend them. 5.) Teach kids not to share anything on social media that they wouldn't want their teachers, college admissions officers, future bosses – and even gramma – to see. For additional resources visit www.eriecd.org/childprotection/

**IMPORTANT
FAITH FORMATION
SAVE THE DATES**



Where: Dunkin Donuts
on the Million Dollar Highway, St. Marys
When: Jan. 3, 2024
Time: 6:45pm—8:15pm
Who: Students in grades 6-12
The drinks are on us!!
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First Reconciliation Retreat

St. Boniface Students
January 27, 2024
1:00 PM—4:00 PM
Will meet in the
St. Boniface Church
Retreat is for students
but parents are always
welcome to stay.

**Sacred Heart and
St. Mary's Church Students**
February 3, 2024
9:00 AM—NOON
Will meet in the
St. Mary's Church with
dismissal from the
St. Marys Church
Parish Center
Retreat is for students
but parents are always
welcome to stay.

Queen of the World Students
February 3, 2024
9:00 AM —NOON
Will meet in the
Queen of the World Church
Retreat is for students but
parents are always
welcome to stay.

SAVE THE DATES

First Reconciliation

Tuesday, February 27, 2024 Queen of the World Students
at 6:00 PM Queen of the World Church

Tuesday, February 27, 2024 St. Boniface Students
at 7:00 PM at St. Boniface Church

Wednesday, February 28, 2024 Sacred Heart and St. Mary's Church Students
at 6:00 PM at St. Mary's Church

First Communion

Sunday, April 28, 2024 St. Boniface Students
at 10:30 AM Mass at St. Boniface Church

Saturday, May 4, 2024 Sacred Heart and St. Mary's Church
Students at 10:30 AM Mass at Sacred Heart Church

Saturday, May 4, 2024 Queen of the World Students
at 1:30 PM at Queen of the World Church

Confirmation

Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 1:30 PM students from
Queen of the World, St. Mary's Church, Sacred
Heart and St. Boniface.
Mass will be held at Queen of the World Church

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