

**STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION –SHARING YOUR TIME AND TALENT!**

**{Christmas Schedule to be Posted}**

**Ministry Schedule Team 1 Dec.31/Jan. 1, 2012**

5:00pm	8:30am	11:00am Mass
<b>USHER – GREETERS</b>		
G. & B. Meyer	M. Gutman & K. Fryman	B. & M. Beinkemper
N. Eaglin & D. Manford	T. & D. Fedroff	J. Teaney & L. Schuler

**EXTRAORDINARY COMMUNION MINISTERS**

J. Bills	M. McCabe	R. Schuler
B. Chrisman	T. McCabe	T. Simms
M. Yoe	M.L. Minning	B. Ullrich

**LECTORS (1 or 2)**

M. Waldon	R. Tyler	F. Schmits
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**ALTAR SERVERS**

Lizzie Kelnhofer	Emily Gutman	Nick Beinkemper
Sydney Yoe	Sarah Gutman	Noah Stegemiller

<b>Coffee &amp; Donuts</b>	<b>01/01/11 - 8:30</b>	Hydes	<b>11:00</b>	Berning-Davis
	<b>01/08/11 - 8:30</b>	Manford	<b>11:00</b>	Walters

**Counters: Dec. 19 Team 2** - M. Waldon, D. Svava, P. Gerke, J. Groh  
**\*\* Tuesday Dec. 27 Team 2** - M. Waldon, D. Svava, P. Gerke, J. Groh



Dec. 17-18, 2011 – 4th Sunday of Advent

**Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 St. Mary Academic Team – A/C  
 ▪ 4pm Confessions ▪ 4:30pm Rosary  
 5:00 pm Mass (Intention: For Our Parish)  
 ♪ Lessons & Carols

**Cub Scouts  
 PopCorn Sale  
 after Masses**

**Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am Mass (Intention: †Mary Cook) ▪ 10:40 Rosary  
 11:00 Mass (Intention: †Ruth, Ray & Richard Earlywine)  
 12:15-2:15pm. St. Mary H.S. Youth Ministry

5:00pm. Cursillo Christmas Party

**Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 am Mass (Intention: †Mary Neff)

**Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**

5:15 pm Mass (Intention: †Hubert Neff)  
 ♪ 7:00 Guitar/Contemporary Music Practice

**Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>**, Hanukkah 8 day festival begins

▶ **NO** 8:30 am Mass (**Fr. Steve unavailable**)  
 ▪ 6:30 pm Choir Practice ▪ 7:30 pm Handbell Practice

**Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

5:00 am Mass (Intention: †J. B. Marting)

**Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>**

8:30 am Mass (Intention: †Mary Neff)



**Saturday, Dec.24<sup>th</sup> Vigil of Christmas**

5:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass (Intention: †Chrissy Strautman)  
 10:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass (For Our Parish)

**Sunday, Dec.25<sup>th</sup>, Nativity of the Lord - Christmas**

9:00 am Mass (Intention: †Christopher & Viola Powers)



**Please Pray for:**

\*Dena McCarter; \*Patti Grow; \*Diana Moore; \*Nanciann Whisman;  
 \*Joyce Manford; \*Jim Day; \*Carolyn Manford; \*Elverna Bradford;  
 \*Debbie Grubb; \*Kim Jackson; \*Gary Wise; \*Joe & Connie Webb; \*  
 Mike Nocheck; Bill Timmerman; Mary Lou Kuhn; Dave Gecks; Mary  
 Guss; Anne Vogelspohl; Jim's Uncle Bill; Helen; Suzie Neary Milz;  
 Georgette Evans; Rita Jo Marsh; Trudl Mattl; Mike Wesigerber; Bill  
 Halbig; Melody & Family; Joan Wunderlich.

**Support Our Troops:** Please pray for our troops and their families: Benjamin C. Nickell, USMC; Derek C. Meyer, USN (grandson of Tom & Carol Schweitzer); Cpl. Derek M. Nixon (USMC in Afghanistan), Nephew of Pamela Eng; Tyler Mayborg. Please call the parish office to add a name to our prayer chain or list of military at 926-0060 or email: [Kelly.rose@mystmarys.com](mailto:Kelly.rose@mystmarys.com) or [jmarting@seidata.com](mailto:jmarting@seidata.com).

**Parish Budget Information - Wk. 24 12/11/ 2011**

<b>Weekly Parish Collection:</b>	\$ 8,032.33	<b>Budget:</b>	\$ 9,241.28
<b>St. Vincent de Paul:</b>	\$ 283.00	<b>Variance:</b>	<b>-1,208.95</b>
<b># of Envelopes:</b>	167	<b>Mass Attendance:</b>	476
<b>Religious Retired:</b>	\$965.90	<b>School:</b>	\$245.00



**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

In today's Gospel reading we hear proclaimed the story of the Annunciation, when the angel of the Lord announced to Mary that she would give birth to Christ through the intercession of the Holy Spirit. Mary allowed God's messenger to speak to her. She was attentive, not afraid to enter into a dialogue, then unconditionally obedient. Mary's acceptance of this mystery is a stewardship model for us. Good stewards remain open to the incursions of divine life into the normal course of their daily lives.

*Behold!*

*How open are we to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in our own lives? What might we do this last week of Advent to be more attentive to the Lord?*



**A Child is Dependent**

In the eyes of the world those who are in the last stages of life are somehow diminished in their humanity and should be eliminated. We must see them through God's eyes and recognize that each and every person is created in his image and likeness and that we are all connected to God and to each other. We are our brother's keeper and our sister's helper. Cain who forgot he was his brother's keeper ended up becoming his executioner. "Thou shall not Kill" is God's law and it is written in our hearts by our Creator. --Cardinal Sean O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston, Homily, Red Mass, Sept. 19, 2011



## CHRISTMAS FLOWER COLLECTION

We are still accepting donations for Christmas flowers for the church. Envelopes are be in the pews, or you may use your own; please print names clearly on the envelopes if your gift is being made as a memorial. (Memorial donations made by December 21<sup>st</sup> will be published in our Christmas bulletins; donations made later than the 21<sup>st</sup> will still be gratefully accepted!) As always, thank you for your generosity!

### Cursillio Christmas Party

Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. - Parish Conference Rm.



Youth Ministry Meeting: December 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:15

Theme: "Guardian Angels"



## OLDENBURG FRANCISCAN CENTER

For more information on Oldenburg Franciscan Center Events, contact (812) 933-6437 or e-mail: [center@oldenburgosf.com](mailto:center@oldenburgosf.com)

► Sat. Dec. 31 – Audubon Society's Christmas Bird Count 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Michaela Farm. Tabulate the species and numbers of birds in a given area for use in the national data base. Pre-registration required. \$7.00 includes lunch

► Sunday, Jan. 8th – "Wise Men & Women: Following a Star: Epiphany 1851". For Sisters of St. Francis, Epiphany is celebrated again in a similar story – that of Mother Theresa Hackelmeier's arrival in Oldenburg in 1851. Come hear their miraculous stories and be inspired. Presented by: Sr. Rachel West, OSF. 10:45-noon. Freewill donation.

## ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

St. Teresa Benedicta, Bright Thurs. Dec. 22 7:00pm  
*There was a previous change in date – this is the correct date.*



### Christmas Caroling

There will be Christmas Caroling before the 10:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve. Please plan to come early!

*Reflect on your present blessings of which every man has many, not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some.*

[Charles Dickens](#)

## Lifetouch Photography & St. Mary Parish Directory 2012

Pictures will be taken:

- Wednesday, January 18 through Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>
- Thursday, January 26 through Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Weekday times are 2:30 – 9:00 pm. & Saturday 10:00 – 4:30 pm. **APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED!**

Appointments can be made by:

- Signing up after Masses
- Calling the parish office at 926-0060
- On line at:

[www.securedata-trans14.com/ap/stmaryscatholicchurch/index.php?page=10](http://www.securedata-trans14.com/ap/stmaryscatholicchurch/index.php?page=10)

## Stewardship Opportunities

### Snow Removal This Winter

Winter will be upon us before you know it and we will need help with snow removal from the sidewalks & steps around the parish property. Help is needed before School and Mass on weekdays & weekends. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help. Your assistance is greatly appreciated!

## Memorial

*Jim Day*

*November 1, 1940 - December 12, 2011*

*Please keep Liz, Rachel, Craig and the Day family in your prayers*

Daughters of Isabella Cheeseballs for Sale: \$6.50 each with/without nuts. Great appetizer for those holiday parties or any get-together (even freeze for later). Call Sandy Schmits@ 926-0943.

### Retrouvaille

**4 Stages of Marriage** – Romance, Disillusionment, Misery, and Awakening. Many marriages experience the first 3 stages then divorce before they experience the 4<sup>th</sup> stage. Don't give up without learning about the 4<sup>th</sup> Stage of Awakening. If your marriage is experiencing Disillusionment or Misery please attend Retrouvaille. For information about or to register for the Indianapolis program beginning with weekend on Feb. 24-26, call 317-489-6811 or visit the web site [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)

Looking for information on Catholic Church teaching about marriage? Look no further than the new U.S. Catholic Council of Bishops (USCCB) new website, "Marriage: Unique for a Reason" featuring resources such as an extensive FAQ section on the meaning of marriage, a compilation of Catholic teaching on marriage, a blog, and videos, "Made for Each Other" and "Made for Life." [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org).

