

December 5, 2021—The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

December 12, 2021—The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

# St. Mary's Immaculate Conception

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Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 7:00 PM Sunday: 8:00 AM

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### From the Pastor . . .

**This week is the Second Sunday of Advent, December 5.** [John the Baptist began preaching,] “Turn away from your sins and be baptized, and God will forgive your sins.” Luke 3:3. Legend says that while painting THE LAST SUPPER, Leonardo da Vinci had a terrible fight with someone. Afterward, he went to his studio, picked up his brush, and prepared to paint the face of Jesus. To his dismay he couldn’t make a single decent stroke. He put down his brush, went to the man he had fought with, and asked his forgiveness. Leonardo returned to his studio and resumed painting the face of Jesus. Have I ever had an experience similar to Leonardo’s? What motivates me to repent my sins?

**The Third Sunday of Advent is December 12.** The gospel is Luke 3:10-18: The crowds asked John the Baptist, “What shall we do?” He said to them in reply, “Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise.” Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to them, “Teacher, what should we do?” He answered them, “Stop collecting more than what is prescribed.” Soldiers also asked him, “Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages.” What Jesus is saying is simply do what you can and that is enough. Fr. Harris

**Pandemic Update:** I am aware of the “omicron variant virus” of the pandemic. Predictions are that it is more contagious than previous strains. I am encouraging people to stay vigilant, if you feel ill, stay home, and get tested. Masks are still encouraged at Mass. Sadly, this pandemic is far from ending. We are monitoring the pandemic. We may have to return to virtual Mass if needed. - Fr. Harris

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation Times

Individual opportunities for Confession for both parishes will occur at the following times:

##### **St. Bridget’s in River Falls**

Tuesday, December 14, 8 to 9 a.m.

Tuesday, December 14, 4 to 5 p.m.

Friday, December 17, 9 to 10 a.m.

Every Saturday, from 4 to 4:30 p.m.

##### **St. Mary’s in Hammond**

Tuesday, December 14, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Friday, December 17 from 8 to 9 a.m.

Sundays from 7:15 to 7:30 a.m.

Confessions are available at any time by appointment.

#### Making our Church Beautiful for Christmas

Please consider making our Church beautiful for the Christmas Season by honoring and/or memorializing a loved one. There is a “Sign Up” Sheet in the back of church or you can contact the church office.

The cost for Poinsettia Flowers is \$9.00 for single plant and \$20.00 for a double plant.

#### Decorating the Church

We ask that you consider staying after Mass on Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> to help decorate our Church for Christmas.

#### Faith Formation

We are fortunate enough to be given the opportunity to help

families around our communities again this year. The Confirmation students have created a Giving Tree in the back of church to help collect items and monetary donations for families within the Baldwin-Woodville and St.

Croix Central School

Districts. Please take as many ornaments off the tree as you'd like to help you with your shopping or donation.

Please read the

directions in the back of church as to how the items should be labeled and returned. Items are due back to church on

Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. If you are unable to drop items off during a Mass or when the church is open, please remember that the church is open on Wednesday evenings from 5:00-8:30 if dropping donations off at that

#### Rest in Peace

**Philip Velaski:** There is a visitation Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-7:00 p.m. at the O’Connell Family Funeral Home, 1010 Newton St., Baldwin, WI

**Jean Olson:** Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, December 10, 2021 at

St. Mary’s Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Hammond, WI. A gathering of family and friends will be held from 4:00-7:00 p.m. on Thursday,

December 9<sup>th</sup> at the O’Connell Family Funeral Home in Hudson and one hour prior to the mass at the church on Friday. Jean’s family requests that masks be worn. Interment at St. Mary’s Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred.

**Lory Hawkins:** Information on services to come



**KC Corner**

**Next Regular Meeting:**

December 12 at 7:00 PM. This meeting will be held in the KC Room. We will pray the rosary at 6:45. Please plan to attend as there are many activities to discuss.

**Family of the Month—December**

John Rukavina—Congratulations!!

**Toys for Tots**

Christmas is fast approaching!! Toys for Tots is a program run by the United States Marine Corps Reserve which distributes toys to children whose parents cannot afford to buy them gifts for Christmas. The Knights of Columbus will again be sponsoring a Toys for Tots pick up location at the back of church. Please be generous and drop a new, unwrapped toy in the box.

**Officers Needed**

Our council is in desperate need for new officers to lead, organize and direct our council into the future. We need new energy, ideas and commitment to stay a vibrant organization in our community. Please pray about this and consider offering your talents to serve God and your neighbor.

**Rachel's Vineyard**

The next Rachel's Vineyard retreat is April 1-3, 2022. This is a long way off but helpful for planning. This retreat helps those women and men dealing with the effects of abortion in a loving and healing Christ centered way.

<https://www.rvineyardmn.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/2021-11Thank-You.pdf>

**PRAYER LIST**

**PASTORAL MINISTRY**

If someone you know becomes hospitalized and would like a visit, please call the church office. Want someone prayed for or listed in the bulletin prayer list? Please notify our prayer chain contact, Roxi Wakeen by calling or texting 651-894-3385. The name of your loved one will be prayed for two months or unless you request it otherwise. You can resubmit your loved ones names at anytime.

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| <b>Donald Anibas</b>    | <b>John Will</b>           | <b>Kay Suckow</b>       |
| <b>Ken Weiss</b>        | <b>Lorraine Miller</b>     | <b>Dominic Pedrotty</b> |
| <b>Patricia Severin</b> | <b>Jodi Hurtgen Wagner</b> | <b>Heather Jaszczak</b> |
| <b>Janet Gregor</b>     | <b>Emma Becker</b>         | <b>Harriet Meath</b>    |
| <b>Maureen Konder</b>   | <b>Jane Koonce</b>         | <b>Carlene Brown</b>    |
| <b>Margaret Chyba</b>   | <b>Kathy Weninger</b>      | <b>Jodi Trunkel</b>     |
| <b>Kelly Kopacz</b>     | <b>Mary Erickson</b>       | <b>Rosie Kohler</b>     |
| <b>Jan O'Connell</b>    | <b>Hush Family</b>         | <b>Linda Jourdeans</b>  |
| <b>Fr. Bill Murphy</b>  | <b>Marlys Hawkins</b>      |                         |



“Why Advent?”

Fr. Brice Higginbotham

[https://youtu.be/1bUCY\\_OFNus](https://youtu.be/1bUCY_OFNus)

<b>Mass Schedule - Immaculate Conception</b>				
<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>In Honor Of</b>	<b>Given By:</b>
<b>THURS</b>	<b>12/02</b>	Assisted Living Facilities	People's Mass	
<b>FRI</b>	<b>12/03</b>	8:00 AM	For the healing of all sick St. Mary's members	
<b>SAT</b>	<b>12/04</b>	7:00 PM	Rodney & Marlys DeSmith	Wally & Deb Graf
<b>SUN</b>	<b>12/05</b>	8:00 AM	Lewis Lindner	Suckow Family
<b>TUES</b>	<b>12/07</b>	5:30 PM Anticipation of Feast of Immaculate Conception	For peace in the United States	
<b>WED</b>	<b>12/08</b>	8:00 AM Feast of the Immaculate Conception	For victims of abortion	
<b>THURS</b>	<b>12/09</b>	Assisted Living Facilities	People's Mass	
<b>FRI</b>	<b>12/10</b>	8:00 AM	People's Mass	
<b>SAT</b>	<b>12/11</b>	7:00 PM	St. Mary's, St. Bridget's and St. Thomas More Newman Center Members	
<b>SUN</b>	<b>12/12</b>	8:00 AM	Lewis Lindner	Suckow Family
<b>TUES</b>	<b>12/14</b>	8:00 AM	People's Mass	

## Scripture Readings

[www.usccb.org/bible/readings](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings)

Monday, 12/06	Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26	85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14
Tuesday, 12/07	Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14	96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13
Wednesday, 12/08	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38	98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
Thursday, 12/09	Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15	145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab
Friday, 12/10	Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19	1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6
Saturday, 12/11	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13	80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19
Sunday, 12/12	Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18	Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6
Monday, 12/13	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27	25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9
Tuesday, 12/14	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32	34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23
Wednesday, 12/15	Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Lk 7:18b-23	85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14
Thursday, 12/16	Is 54:1-10/Lk 7:24-30	30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b
Friday, 12/17	Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17	72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17
Saturday, 12/18	Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25	72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19
Sunday, 12/19	Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45	Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

## Ministry Schedule for the weekends through December 19

	Mass Server	Reader	Greeter	Usher	Sacristan
<b>Saturday, December 4 7:00 PM</b>	Hudson Jaszczak Logan Moredock	Mary Rumpel	Nancy Nichols Allie Rumpel	Christopher John Maverick Kostrzak Todd Kostrzak Jim Rumpel	Martina Halverson
<b>Sunday, December 5 8:00 AM</b>	Hayden Buckel Chase Lee	Jonalee Buckel	Veronica Devlin Cathie Simmons	Scott Amacher Curtiss Bourget Terry Korte Mark Mikla	Robert Aune
<b>Tuesday, December 7 5:30 PM</b>	David Mendez Kaitlyn Peissig	Pat Klein	Justin Peissig Sarah Peissig	Scott Amacher	Randy Phillipps
<b>Wednesday, December 8 8:00 AM</b>		Thess Jacobson			Carol Holldorf
<b>Saturday, December 11 7:00 PM</b>	Elliot Fritz Hudson Jaszczak	Carissa Kusilek	Toby Hable Traci Hable	Toby Hable Dennis Malecek Rhonda Malecek Jim Rumpel	Virginia Anderson
<b>Sunday, December 12 8:00 AM</b>	Ella Bourget Hailey House	Kurt Soderberg	Juanita Ferg Paula Soderberg	Curtiss Bourget Peter Lohmeier Pete Nusbaum	Julie Myer
<b>Saturday, December 18 7:00 PM</b>	Rhyan Nichols Roslyn Nichols	Chris Stark	Austin Nichols Kelsey Nichols	Maverick Kostrzak Todd Kostrzak Mark Mikla John Northup	Nancy Nichols
<b>Sunday, December 19 8:00 AM</b>	Olivia Valiant Jasper Wiebold	Pat Klein	Jennifer Schommer Matt Schommer	Scott Amacher Greg Hawkins Christopher John Terry Korte	Dan Kohler

**Chancery Bulletin** - You can view the Chancery bulletin here: <http://www.catholicdos.org/chancery-bulletin>

**Ride to Worship** - If you are unable to get to mass on Saturday or Sunday, please contact our church office and one of Welcoming Committee members will assist. We will try our best to get you there! Church office - Phone: (715) 796-2244; Email - [admin@stmaryshammond.org](mailto:admin@stmaryshammond.org); Office Hours: T & TH 11:30a.m. - 4:00p.m.

**Please call the parish office for all scheduling.**

**Holy Communion for the Homebound** - Call and leave your name and telephone number, and we will arrange a visit at your home by a Minister of Holy Communion.

**Anointing of the Sick** - First Mass of the quarter (Jan., April, July, & Oct.) at each nursing home and by appointment. Please call the cluster office for a priest to visit your home or hospital room - 715-796-2244.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** - Weekly on Sunday from 7:15 AM to 7:30 AM, or anytime by appointment.

**Baptisms** - A Baptism preparation is to be completed by parents prior to the Baptism of their first child.

**Weddings** - Weddings are to be scheduled six months prior to the wedding to allow for Marriage