



*For the One who carved the islands / has come to live among us,
And this is the house He has chosen, / St. Mary Star of the Sea. — Anne Porter*



ANGEL TREE UPDATE

As you can see from this picture the parish's response to this year's Angel Tree project has been outstanding. Each gift also has a new fun blanket and/or toy from a generous donation of one of our parishioners and a gift card to a local grocery store to accompany it. Families receiving gifts will be notified of the times for pick up. Thanks to those who worked very hard to make this all possible and those whose generosity made it possible.



MASS VOLUNTEERS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve, December 24

4:00 pm:

Sacristan/EM: Ed Carder
Usher: Rita Beebe
Lector: Crystal Pillifant
Sanitizer: Rita Beebe

5:30 pm:

Sacristan/EM: Natalia Guevara
Check In/Greeter: Stephanie Duran
Usher: Rita Beebe
Lector: Angel Duran
Sanitizer: Sergio and Rosario Lopez

8:00 pm:

Sign In/Greeter: Rita Beebe
Usher: Lamont Thornton
Lector: Nancy Thornton
Sanitizer: Lamont/Nancy Thornton and Rita Beebe

Christmas Day, December 25

10:00 am:

Sacristan/EM: Nancy Bluhm
Check In/Greeter: Kim Nagy
Usher: Mark Ortmeier
Lector: Wayne Nagy

Readings for the Week...

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Song of Solomon 2:8-14	1 Samuel 1:24-28 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-8	Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24	2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16	Isaiah 9:1-6 Psalms 96:1-3, 11-13	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Psalms 31:3-4, 6, 8, 17	Sirach 3:2-7, 12-14 Psalms 128: 1-5 Colossians 3:12-21
Psalms 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 Luke 1:39-45	Luke 1:46-56	Psalms 25:4-5, 8-10, 14 Luke 1:57-66	Psalms 89:2-5, 27, 29 Luke 1:67-79	Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14	Matthew 10:17-22	

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Contact Tel: 360-379-1325

<https://svdpejc.org/>

COVID REMINDER

If your answer is "Yes" to any of these questions, please stay home! Note the new requirements below? **In the last 14 days, have you?**

- * Traveled internationally?
- * Been exposed to a person with suspected or confirmed COVID19?
- * Had a temperature of at least 100.0° F?
- * Had new or increased shortness of breath or difficulty breathing?
- * Had a new cough?
- * Had at least two of the following symptoms together: Chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, new loss of smell or taste, diarrhea, vomiting, runny nose/congestion or fatigue?

For further information contact the Jefferson County Health District 360-385-9400. If severely ill or unable to reach a public health nurse, please call your personal health care provider. For more information and COVID-19 information in other languages, please visit www.jeffersoncountypublichealth.org.



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(The Parish Office is temporarily closed.)

Please call for an appointment during office hours)

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 10:00 am-4:00 pm

Fridays 10:00 am - 2:00 pm



Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 19/20, 2020 - and Christmas, December 24/25



*Dear Parishioners of St. Mary Star of the Sea,
So soon the year 2020 is coming to an end, and Christmas is a few days away.*

We thank God for His mercy and love. Even though the covid19 pandemic has changed many things in our lives this year, we can't forget what God continues to do for us. Now vaccines have been found and we pray that God will bring the spread of the virus to an end.

As we are about to celebrate Christmas, it's important for us to reflect on the love of God that led Jesus to take our human nature to be born to save the world. Christmas reminds us of the generosity of God to us. It also teaches humility and self giving as Jesus humbled Himself to be born by a woman of a lowly state. The village in which He was born and the place also remind us of the willingness of Christ to live among us and experience our lives.

I would like to encourage you all to continue to trust in God's power to save and make things new. "In Him we live and move and have our being."

I have heard that some parishioners have left us to be with their maker, and I pray that God will grant them eternal rest in His Kingdom. I pray also for their loved ones left behind that they will find their consolation in God.

My prayer is that by God's grace the coming year will be more peaceful and things will be better for us, and God will open the door for me to be with you again. May God bless you all and grant your hearts' desire in the years ahead.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy new year. God bless you.

Fr. Peter

"OUR MISSION IS TO...

**CELEBRATE GOD'S PRESENCE IN OUR MIDST BY MASS, SACRAMENTS, AND PRAYER;
LIVE CHRIST'S LOVE BY SERVING OTHERS, ESPECIALLY THE POOR, NEGLECTED, AND SUFFERING;
GROW IN THE TRUTHS AND VALUES OF OUR CATHOLIC TRADITION, TEACH THEM TO OUR CHILDREN,
AND PROCLAIM THEM TO THOSE WHO DO NOT KNOW THEM."**





Advent-Christmas Schedule

St. Mary Star of the Sea welcomes all!

Christmas Eve Masses

Thursday, December 24

- English Mass 4:00 PM
- Spanish Mass 5:30 PM
- Solemn Mass of Christmas Eve 8:00 PM (Live Streamed)



Christmas Day Mass:

Friday, December 25, 10:00 AM

New Year's Eve/ Solemnity of Mary

*Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, December 31

- English Mass 4:00 pm
- Spanish Mass 5:30 pm

New Year's Day / Solemnity of Mary

*Holy Day of Obligation

Friday, January 1, 10:00 AM

Epiphany Masses

Saturday, January 2

- English Mass 4:00 PM
- English Mass 5:30 PM

Sunday, January 3

- Spanish Mass 8:30 AM
- English Mass 11:00 AM

*(The Archbishop's dispensation for Mass attendance is still in effect)

Parish Stewardship Weeks 12/1-13/2020 Week #25

Actual / Colecta Real	\$12,313.60
Budgeted / Presupuesto	\$13,804.30
	<\$ 1,490.70>
Year-To-Date / Año Corrido	
Actual Collection / Colecta Real	\$117,687.25
Budgeted Collection / Presupuesto	\$165,651.60
	<\$ 47,964.35>



We are very fortunate to have Father Lyle Konen, CSsR, with us again this weekend to celebrate all of our Masses. Please welcome him warmly back to our parish and thank him for being with us.

- December 24, Christmas Eve Masses: Fr. John Topel, SJ,
- Friday, December 25, Christmas Day: Fr. John Topel, SJ,
- December 26-27: Fr. Lyle Konen, CSsR,
- Thursday, December 31: Fr. Lyle Konen, CSsR,
- Friday, January 1: Fr. Lyle Konen, CSsR,
- January 2-3: Fr. Lyle Konen, CSsR

THANKS SO MUCH!



Thanks to all who have made our church bright with the glory of God this beautiful season. Especially for the celebrations of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Simbang Gabi, the decoration of our church, the directories and the preparation of our liturgies and of course our visiting priests.

BLESSINGS AT CHRISTMAS

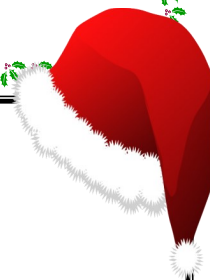


Who would have ever thought that we would be sharing a COVID Christmas this year? It makes a white Christmas sound even better. But despite the crippling affect of the pandemic the church is open and the marvelous expression of our faith that we present to the world is phenomenal. We have experienced many changes in our office this year and with your patience we are thriving even despite the office being closed twice. Thank you for that! Thank you too at this blessed time of year for your support, your good cheer and your understanding of our shortfalls. Here's to 2021 and many wonderful experiences together in the New Year. We wish you all a very, very blessed and Merry Christmas. Your Parish Staff.



SAINT VINCENT de PAUL

Please keep our St. Vincent de Paul Society in mind during these wondrous days. Your donations can also be made on line at: <https://svdpejc.org/>.



CONFESSIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE

Through the kindness and generosity of our visiting priests confessions will be available on the following dates/times in the Parish Center:

- December 19/20 - Fr, Lyle Konen, CSsR
Saturday, December 19, 3:00-3:30 pm
Sunday December 20, 9:45-10:30 am
- December 24 - Fr. John Topel, 2-3:30 pm
- December 26/27 - Fr, Lyle Konen, CSsR
Saturday, December 26, 3:00-3:30 pm
Sunday, December 27, 9:45-10:30 am
- January 2/3 - Fr. Lyle Konen, CSsR
Saturday, January 2, 3:00-3:30 pm
Sunday January 3, 9:45-10:30 am

Please recall that Tuesday, December 28, is the feast of the Holy Innocent Martyrs who remind us of the unborn and suffering children in our world today.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

*Please remember - The Archbishop's dispensation from Mass attendance will remain in effect until further notice.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve

- (Father John Topel, SJ, will be our celebrant)
- 4:00 pm: English Mass
- 5:30 pm: Spanish Mass
- 8:00 pm: Solemn Mass of Christmas Eve (Live Streamed on website)

-- NO ADORATION THIS WEEK --

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

Nativity of the Lord - Christmas Day

- (Father John Topel, SJ, will be our celebrant)
- 10:00 am: Mass

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

- (Father Lyle Konen, CSsR, will be our celebrant)
- 3:00-3:30 pm: Confessions (Parish Center)
- 4:00 pm: Early Vigil Mass
- 5:30 pm: Vigil Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

- (Father Lyle Konen, CSsR, will be our celebrant)
- 8:30 am: Spanish Mass
- 9:45-10:30 pm: Confessions (Parish Center)
- 11:00 am: English Mass (live streamed on our website)



PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
The Parish Office will be closed from Thursday, December 24, through Monday December 28.



DIRECTORIES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED THIS WEEKEND

If you had your picture taken or submitted a photo for the directory, you are eligible to receive one copy of the new parish directory. They will be distributed this weekend December 19/20, before all Masses in the Narthex.



2021 CALENDARS

2021 calendars will be available in the Narthex after all Masses next weekend, December 26/27. Please take only one copy per family so there will be enough for all.



ALL HANDS ON DECK....

Winter weeds are here and spring weeds are just around the corner. All gardeners and non-gardeners are invited to participate in tending God's gardens around the church in the coming weeks. More to follow in coming bulletins...

Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 4:00 PM: In celebration of the 16th wedding anniversary of Jason and Debbie Santiago, as requested by Michael and Nenita Chvilicek.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 5:30 PM: For all of the parishioners of St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 8:30 AM: Para la comunidad hispana de St. Maria Estrella del Mar

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 11:00 AM: For the repose of the soul of Elfrieda Monuszko and for the comfort of her family.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 4:00 PM: For all of the members of St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 5:30 PM: Para la comunidad hispana de St. Maria Estrella del Mar.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 8:00 PM: For all of the faithful people of God.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 10:00 AM: For all of the faithful people of God.