

St. Mary's Catholic Church



WELCOME! WE ARE DELIGHTED TO WELCOME YOU TO WORSHIP WITH US.

Whether you are a parishioner, friend, or visitor, your presence enlivens our celebration and community. Please consider sharing in what we have to offer. Our parish aims to assist all who wish to know God more deeply. We serve the community through outreach, education, social activities, sacramental preparation, and comfort to those who mourn and are sick. *Please call us at 515-332-2856.*

A herald's voice in the desert; 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.' **MATTHEW 3:3**

Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:00 pm | Sunday 9:00 am

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NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to St. Mary's!

Please contact the Parish Office to register or download the registration form found on the parish website: www.humboldtareacc.org. Submit the completed form to the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the Parish Office to make an appointment for Baptism class and to schedule your child's baptism.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office at least 9 months prior to your desired wedding date to check Church availability and complete the Marriage Intake Form (also found on the parish website under SACRAMENTS tab).

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

One half hour before weekend Mass times or anytime by request.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please notify the parish office in the event of illness or hospitalization.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please call or e-mail the Parish Office by 2pm on Wednesdays.

Sunday, December 22, 2024 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, Dec. 23rd	No Mass	
Tuesday, Dec. 24th	4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Children's Mass	<i>Denny & Dianne Andersen and Rosalia Illg</i>
Tuesday, Dec. 24th	9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass	<i>Dick, Elsie & Myrna Marso</i>
Wednesday, Dec. 25th	9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass	<i>Roger Anderson and the Parish Family</i>
Thursday, Dec. 26th	8:00 a.m. St. Mary's Mass	<i>Tom, Edna & David Sheehan</i>
Thursday, Dec. 26th	2:00 - 6:00 p.m. Adoration	
Friday, Dec. 27th	8:00 a.m. St. Mary's Mass	<i>Tom Bormann</i>
Saturday, Dec. 28th	5:00 p.m. St. Mary's Mass	<i>Joe Wald</i>
Sunday, Dec. 29th	9:00 a.m. St. Mary's Mass	<i>The Parish Family</i>



***The Rosary is prayed approximately 20 – 25 minutes before each St. Mary's Weekend Mass*

Readings for next Sun., December 29th: 1 Samuel 1:20 - 22, 24 - 28 (17C) 1 John 3:1 - 2, 21 - 24 Luke 2:41 - 52

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

(if unable to serve, please find a replacement)

	St. Mary's Sat. 5:00 p.m. December 21st Msg. Kevin McCoy	St. Mary's Sun. 9:00 a.m. December 22nd Msgr. Kevin McCoy	St. Mary's Sat. 5:00 p.m. December 28th Fr. Francis Makwinja	St. Mary's Sun. 9:00 a.m. December 29th Fr. Francis Makwinja
Eucharistic Ministers	Deacon Don Evans Julie Dodds Mel Smith	Deacon Don Evans Brian Jergens Valerie Jergens	Andrew Theesfeld Lisa Theesfeld Darcy Berte	Deacon Don Evans Sarah McCullough Culley Holm
Lector	Jan Olson	Dave Lensing	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Carson Sleiter
Greeters	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Servers	Claire Blanchard Jerzie Dodd VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	Wade Carlson VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Jasper Zeman	Ada Rhead Axel Rhead VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Alex Heider Levi Heider VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Ushers	Steve Ehrhardt John Ford Paul Lynch Mel Smith	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	Steve Ehrhardt John Ford Paul Lynch VOLUNTEER NEEDED	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Gift Bearers	TBD	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Blanchard Family	Children's Liturgy of the Word
Scrip	Melissa Girres	Mary Seiler	Patty Godfrey	Karen Berte
Rosary	Samantha Eastman	Samantha Eastman	Lisa Frideres	Allen Goche
CLOW		Traci Holm		Kristin Nostrom
Tabulators-MONDAY		TBD		TBD
Music	Cathy McCullough Cassie & Caelynn Hartmann	Kari Evans Andrea Laubenthal	Katherine Tierney Wendy Becker	Liz Fehr Josie Reynolds



December 9th - 15th Collections

	St. Mary's
Weekly Envelopes	\$8,152.00
Online Giving	\$3,248.00
Loose Plate	\$353.85
Parish Needs	\$125.00
Immaculate Conception	\$55.00
Christmas Flowers	\$265.00
Christmas	\$225.00
Catholic Charities	\$25.00
Restricted Contributions	\$5,076.82

ST. MARY'S PARISH & SCHOOL SCRIP PROGRAM

Weekly Sales 12/9 - 12/15	\$8,610.00
Weekly Profit 12/9 - 12/15	\$364.24
Year-To-Date Sales Totals	\$293,656.00
Year-To-Date Profit	\$12,519.82

SCRIP is available in the parish office. Please call ahead and we will get your order ready. Please also consider ordering E-scrip at raiserright.com or downloading the RaiseRight app.



Christmas is coming! Gift Cards fit everyone! If you are in a time crunch E-Scrip can be electronically purchased at any time by following the link above.

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Together with Fr. Ross, Fr. Francis, Deacon Don and the entire staff of St. Mary Catholic Parish and School, I wish you all much happiness and joy this Christmas and the Lord's blessings for 2025! We are grateful for our parishioners' stewardship of your many gifts and your countless ministerial efforts to make Christ present among us - truly, Emmanuel, God-with-us.

We are all looking forward to a new year of grace in 2025. Trying to keep track of schedules and activities for Holy Trinity, St. Mary, the schools and Marian Home and Village means there are adjustments most any day of the week, so thanks for your continued cooperation and understanding! Blessings..... Msgr. Kevin McCoy



Christmas Liturgical Ministries Schedule

(if unable to serve, please find a replacement)

	St. Mary's 4:00 p.m. Tuesday December 24th Fr. Francis Makwinja	St. Mary's 9:00 p.m. Tuesday December 24th Fr. Francis Makwinja	St. Mary's 9:00 a.m. Wednesday December 25 th Fr. Francis Makwinja
Eucharistic Ministers	Samantha Eastman Sarah McCullough Andrew Theesfeld	Allen Goche Culley Holm Wendy Lensing	Wendy Lensing George Bruder Julie Dodds
Lector	Axel Rhead	Jan Goche	Dave Lensing
Servers	Jackson Heider Meri Heider Hank Vitzthum	Henry Kramer Samuel Kramer Lilly Paterson	Maggie Lensing Scarlett Setterdahl VOLUNTEER NEEDED
Ushers	Ethan Nedved Andrew Nedved VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Dale Heider Dave Lensing VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	Dave Lensing VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Music	Sara Bormann Melissa Caquelin/Children's Choir	Katherine Tierney Melissa Caquelin/Adult Choir	Liz Fehr Adeline Reynolds

Ignite the Faith Campaign Update

Contributions received as of Dec. 20th- \$3,530,982.00
 Total amount of outstanding pledges to be paid over the next year - \$18,665.00
 Please visit our website:
<https://www.osvhub.com/humboldtareacc/giving/funds> or
 contact the parish office for more information on how you can support our project.



May this Advent season provide us with prayerful time to reflect on our faith as a priceless gift. Offer your thanks with a gift to Together as One.

Goal: \$16,030
 Collected: \$14,501

Brew & Brotherhood Scripture Study

6:00 a.m. every other Tuesday
 in St. John's Conference Room –

St. Mary's Parish Center
Next Gathering:

Tuesday, January 7th

Bring a Guest! *The coffee is "brewing"!*



Decorating for Christmas will take place this Sunday, December 22nd, immediately following 9 a.m. Mass. Start a family tradition and lend a hand. Many hands make light work and Silver Cord hours are available for high school students.

**St. Mary's
Eucharistic Adoration**

Weekly on Thursdays.

Understood simply, Eucharistic Adoration is adoring or honoring the Eucharistic Presence of Christ. During Eucharistic Adoration, we "watch and wait", we remain "silent" in His Presence and open ourselves to His Graces which flow from the Eucharist.

Stop in for a few minutes or stay for an extended time.

"Come to Jesus, just as you are."

Guardian Schedule for December 26th

Eucharistic Adoration:



2 – 3 p.m. – *Samantha Eastman*
3 – 4 p.m. – *Lucy McKibban*
4 – 5 p.m. – *Mary Plathe*
5 – 6 p.m. – *Michelle Thomas*

Thursday adoration hours are 2-6 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered from 5-6 pm

Liturgy of the Hours (Vespers) will be at 5:40 pm

(To see prayers: Download "Ibreviary TS Plus" from the App Store or use "Christian Prayer" books at St Mary's)

Reposition will be at 6 pm

12 MONTHS OF GIVING



FOR THE

**FOOD
PANTRY**

Help support the Food Pantry!

Please help stock the food pantry with the December donation!

Items: Granola Bars, Fruit Snacks, Pop Tarts

Sponsoring Business: Blacktop Servies

Drop Off Location: Carbon Boutique - 630 Sumner Ave



The mission of Saint Mary School is to provide a Catholic Education in a Christ-centered environment which enables students to attain religious and academic excellence

As we enter into this fourth and final week of Advent, we are focused on the limitless and unconditional love of our Lord, Jesus Christ. During this busy time, I pray that we all take time to pray, reflect, and give thanks for the many blessings God has bestowed upon each and every one of us.

On behalf of Saint Mary School, I wish all families a renewed sense of peace, hope, love, and joy.

May the light of Christ shine bright in us all this blessed season.

-Mrs. Bormann



**Christmas Day Dinner
& Fellowship**

DEC | 25 | 2024

serving from 11:30 - 1:00

Faith United Methodist Church - Morehouse Hall

RSVPs appreciated - call FUMC Office 515-332-2083 M-TH afternoons
Contact Lisa Rasmussen with questions. 515-890-1098

Serving ham, cheesy potatoes, dinner rolls, assorted salads and sweet treats.
All are welcome to join in BINGO and fellowship after dinner from 1-3 p.m.

IMPORTANT

As we prepare for year end, please be mindful that donations must be received (or postmarked if mailed) by December 31 in order to be deductible in 2024. If postmarked or received January 1, 2025, or after, the donation is deductible in 2025. To comply with federal law, we cannot accept donations in 2024 for 2025 or in 2025 for 2024

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWERS



Christmas memorial flowers \$25.

A donation of \$25 per plant is greatly appreciated to help offset the costs of all Christmas Flowers and decorations.



Please order flowers through the parish office to make best use of St. Mary's greenhouse order.

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Church Sound system Fund Raiser

St Mary's Parish is working on updating and upgrading the church sound system. A committee has gone through the process reviewing several proposals. A proposal from Iowa Sound was determined to be the best fit for our needs. Proposals ranged from \$15,000 to \$50,000. Iowa Sound's proposal was in the \$25,000 range. The parish is looking to cover the cost of this with donations. The sound system will enhance the Mass, music, and choirs and allow easy adjustment to the system. We have already received some donations. Please consider donating to the Sound System Fund. The improvements will enhance your Holy Mass experience. If you wish to donate please mark on your check that it is for the "Sound System Fund". Checks can be put in the weekend collection, dropped off at the parish office or sent in the mail. Thank you for considering donating to this improvement project.



Christmas Mass
Times:
Christmas Eve -
4:00 p.m. &
9:00 p.m.
Christmas Day -
9:00 a.m.

All are welcome at any of our Masses!



Please consider...
St. Mary's Catholic Church
As Your End of Year
Giving Charity

As the end of the year approaches, we begin to reflect upon the many blessings bestowed upon us. It also provides a great opportunity to thank God for these blessings.

This is also the time of year when people consider giving charitable contributions to their favorite charities. We hope that you consider St. Mary's Catholic Church as one of your favorites.

As you do your tax planning, we hope you will consider making good use of the income tax charitable deduction. Your year-end gift can significantly reduce your income taxes while providing meaningful support to St. Mary's. The amount of income tax savings will depend on your tax bracket. As you know, giving is about much more than tax savings. Your charitable gifts make an important difference in what we are able to accomplish here at St Mary's.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

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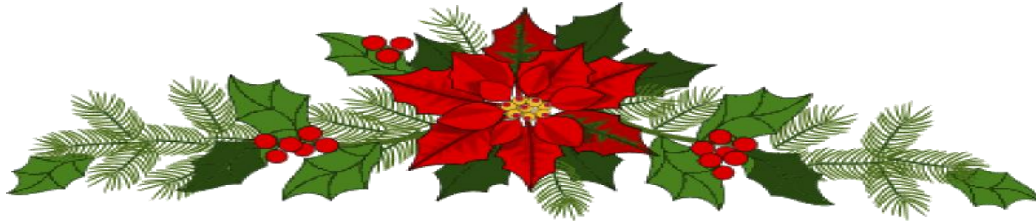
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<https://scdiocese.org/mltf>



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