



Akron Clarence Roman Catholic Community

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December 31, 2023 | Feast of the Holy Family

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Rev. Joseph N. Franz, Parochial Vicar

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Deacon Thomas Friedman

Deacon Ronald Adamczak

Deacon Arthur Sullivan

Deacon Peter Donnelly

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening/Sunday Vigil

4:00 PM St. Teresa & St. Mary's

5:15 PM Our Lady of Peace & Nativity of BVM

Sunday Morning

7:30 AM St. Mary's

8:00 AM Our Lady of Peace & Nativity of BVM

9:00 AM St. Mary's & St. Teresa

10:00 AM Our Lady of Peace & Nativity of BVM

11:00 AM St. Mary's

Weekday Masses

St. Mary's: Monday – Saturday 9:00 AM

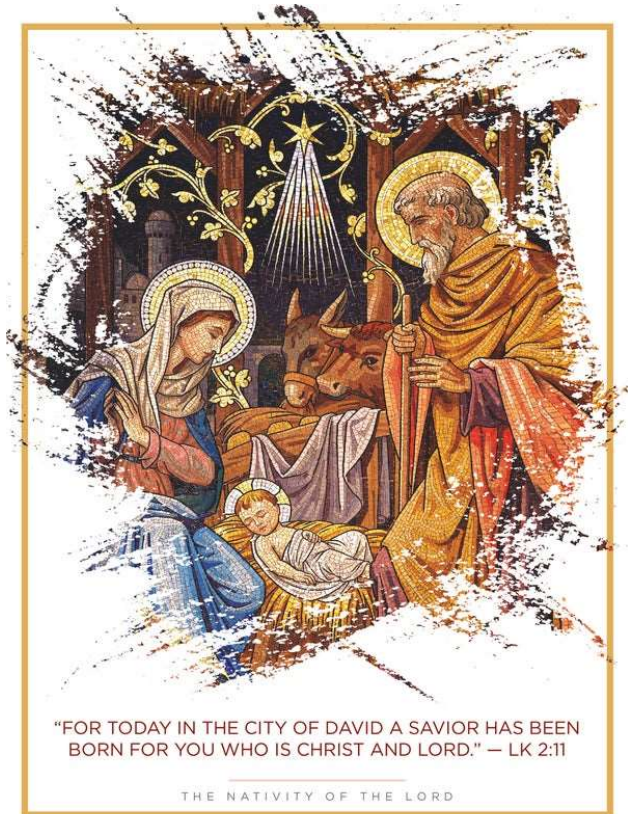
(Monday-Thursday in Chapel; Friday-Saturday in Main Church)

Nativity of BVM: Monday, Wednesday – Saturday 8:00 AM.

Tuesday 9:00 AM

Our Lady of Peace: Monday – Thursday 8:00 AM, Friday 6:30 AM

St. Teresa: Monday – Tuesday 8:00 AM, Wednesday 5:30 PM, Thursday – Friday 8:00 AM, Saturday 9:00 AM



MAIN OFFICE: 716-688-9380

6919 Transit Road, Swormville, NY 14051

Office hours:

Monday – Friday 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM

St. Teresa of Avila Church
5771 Buell Street, Akron, NY 14001

Our Lady of Peace Church
10950 Main Street, Clarence, NY 14031

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church
4375 Harris Hill Rd., Williamsville, NY 14221

St. Mary's Church
6919 Transit Road Swormville, NY 14051

St. Teresa of Avila Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil, December 30

4:00 pm Intentions for Bob Larouere by Family

Sunday, December 31 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

9:00 am In Memory of Bob Tiedt by Debbie & Family

Vigil – Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God

5:30 pm For Deceased Family & Friends of 2023

Monday, January 1 – Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God

9:00 am Tyler Nixon – Birthday Remembrance by Mattulke Family

Tuesday, January 2 – Sts. Basil & Gregory Nazianzen

8:00 am Gertrude Bartels & Andrew Korszykowski by Estate of Gertrude Bartels

Wednesday, January 3

5:30 pm Frederica Marinelli – Birthday Blessings by Mary Olsen

Thursday, January 4

8:00 am Jack Hansgate by Flumerfeldt Family

Friday, January 5

8:00 am Special Intention by Mary Olsen

Saturday, January 6

9:00 am Donna Stock by Nancy Izydorczak

4:00 PM Intentions of Bob Larouere by Family

Sunday, January 7 – The Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 am Abigail Margeson by Barb Thoma

St. Mary's Swormville Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 30 - Vigil

4:00PM Alice Wozniak by the Janson Family

Sunday, December 31 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

7:30AM Joan & Joyce Zoerb (living intentions) by the Cornwall Family

9:00AM Bertha Weber by Deacon Rich & Alberta Stachura

11:00AM Teresa Donohue by the family

Monday, January 1 – Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God

9:00AM Virginia Vieira by the Vieira Family
And Manuel Merchan by the family

Tuesday, January 2 – Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

9:00AM Mary Koenig
by the St. Mary's Piecemaker Quilting Group

Wednesday, January 3

9:00AM Manuel Vieira by the Vieira Family

Thursday, January 4

9:00AM Smith & Krawiecki Families, Coldse & Ball Families, Neubacher & Spoth Families, Heberer & Koluoski Families & all the Forgotten Souls by Beatrice Krawiecki

Friday, January 5 – St. John Neumann, Bishop 175th St. Mary's Feast Day Celebration

9:00AM James Bickelman by SMS Faculty & Staff

Saturday, January 6

9:00AM Francoise Cush by Michael & Sue Ann Sisto

4:00PM Joseph Dombrowski by Dave & Diane M.
And Larry Megan by wife Elizabeth

Sunday, January 7 – The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30AM Salvatore DiNatale by the family

9:00AM Lee Vermeulen, Sr. by Jay & Ellen Young

11:00AM George Eichelberger by Debbie & Al Chrzanowski

Our Lady of Peace- Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 30

5:15PM Tom McGinley – The Michnik Family

Sunday, December 31

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:00AM Emil & Marie Hoffman – Mark & Karen Molitor

10:00AM Richard Suchan – Charlie Wright

Vigil Mass - Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

5:30PM Joseph Kuczkowski – The Family

Monday, January 1

The Nativity of the Lord – Christmas

9:00AM Living and Deceased of Altar & Rosary Society

Tuesday, January 2

St. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

8:00AM The Lippert & Frank families – Bernadine Frank

Wednesday, January 3

8:00AM Lynn Weiss – Lew & Trudy Wargo

Thursday, January 4

8:00AM Michael & Pauline Rizzo – Peter, Lucille & Angelo

First Friday, January 5

6:30AM Dante Vitolo – Tim & Cathy Karda

Saturday, January 6

5:15PM Lynn Weiss – Kurt & Joanne Kreher

Sunday, January 7 – The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00AM Sam Calandra – Mitch & Mary LaMancuso

10:00AM Dorothy Richard & son, William Richard – The Family

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 30

5:15PM Special Intentions—The Family
Lawrence Vito— Larry & Rosella Schiavi

Sunday, December 31—The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:00AM Dr & Mrs. Bernard A Kolber (**Living**)—Kolber Family

10:00AM John & Kathleen Davies—Sarah & Brenden Biddlecom
Joseph Persico—Lena Farace & Family

Monday, January 1—Nativity of the Lord, Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God

9:00AM Dominic Liberto—Dolores Liberto

Tuesday, January 2—Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

9:00AM Susan Krug—Husband
Dean Harwood—The Connelly Family

Wednesday, January 3—The Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:00AM Pearl & Steven Nikiel—Arlene Nikiel

Thursday, January 4—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:00AM Mary Suchan—Lee & Julie Wortham

Friday, January 5—St. John Neumann

8:00AM Mary & Albert Capozzi—Sharyn & Bill Miller

Saturday, January 6— St. Andre Bessette

8:00AM All Souls—Nativity Parishioners
5:15PM Jane & Leonard Schrader—Nancy & Harry
Manny Colombo— The Family

Sunday, January 7—The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00AM David Reedy—Jim & Carolyn Olek
Steve McCullough—Julie & Liz McCullough
10:00AM Biagio Farace—Lena Farace & Family
Joe Persico—Josephine Indelicato

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

FIRST READING [Sir 3:2-6, 12-14](#)

God sets a father in honor over his children;
a mother's authority he confirms over her sons.
Whoever honors his father atones for sins,
and preserves himself from them.
When he prays, he is heard;
he stores up riches who reveres his mother.
Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children,
and, when he prays, is heard.
Whoever reveres his father will live a long life;
he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother.

My son, take care of your father when he is old;
grieve him not as long as he lives.
Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him;
revile him not all the days of his life;
kindness to a father will not be forgotten,
firmly planted against the debt of your sins
—a house raised in justice to you.

GOSPEL [LK 2:22-40](#)

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, They took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord,
Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.
Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon.
This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, He took him into his arms and blessed God, saying:
“Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.”
The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother,
“Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted—and you yourself a sword will pierce— so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.”
There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.
The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM [Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5.](#)

Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

SECOND READING [Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17](#)

Brothers and sisters:
Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience,
bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another;
as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do.
And over all these put on love,
that is, the bond of perfection.
And let the peace of Christ control your hearts,
the peace into which you were also called in one body.
And be thankful.
Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,
as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.
And whatever you do, in word or in deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

This weekend we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. In today's Gospel, the faithful Joseph and Mary bring their son to the temple for his presentation to the Lord, a ritual required by the law. The Book of Exodus taught that a family's firstborn son “belonged” to the Lord who saved them when the firstborn sons of the Egyptians were destroyed at the first Passover. The prophet Simeon and the prophetess Anna are idealized portraits of the faithful “remnant” of Israel awaiting the Messiah's coming.

Every family can identify with the stories of Jesus' birth and childhood. Life for the family of Joseph, Mary and Jesus is harsh: they are forced from their home; they are innocent victims of the political and social tensions of their time; they endure the suspicions of their own people when Mary's pregnancy is discovered; their child is born under the most difficult and terrifying of circumstances; they experience the agonizing anxiety of searching for their missing child. And yet, through it all, their love and faithfulness to one another do not waver. We experience such love within our own families and households as we confront the many tensions and crises that threaten the stability, peace, and unity that are the joys of being a family.

HOLY FAMILY..... PRAY FOR US!!!!!!

Fr. Walt



Weekly Events Calendar
Posted on the Bulletin
Board in the vestibule and
on the Website.

*New Year's Day
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**



*Sunday, December 31st,
2023 5:30 pm
Monday, January 1st,
2024
9:00 am*

**Please Note: Mary, Mother of God is not a Holy Day of Obligation*



The 5:30 Solemnity of Mary Vigil Mass this Sunday, December 31st, will be offered for parishioners and their family members who were called to the Lord in 2023. May perpetual light shine upon them....

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| Virginia Green | Gary Karaskiewicz |
| Jean Kisker | Ron Lederhouse |
| Judy Bell | Joyce Bednarek |
| Michael McCoy | Carl Patterson |
| Bob Tiedt | Lorraine Sylvester |
| Donna Stock | Katherine Nicosia |
| Viola Izydorczak | Robert Kisker |

Hope & Healing Connections (grief support group)
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Prayer for Vocations - God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as sisters, brothers and religious priests. Renew their knowledge and love of you, and send your Holy Spirit to help them respond generously and courageously to your will. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



**No Classes on Sunday, December 31st
Classes resume on Sunday, January 7, 2024**

March for Life 2024 – January 18-19

Make your reservation today! Bus departs on Thursday, January 18 at 5:30 am from Our Lady of Victory Charities, 780 Ridge Rd., Lackawanna. For more information, visit www.buffalodiocese.org/pro-lifeservices/, call 716-847-2205, or email Pro-Lifeoffice@buffalodiocese.org. If you are not able to attend the March for Life, please consider sponsoring anyone in need.

**Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass
coming Feb. 11th**

The Diocese of Buffalo wishes to honor couples who will observe their 25th, 50th, 60th and 70th wedding anniversaries in 2024 with a special Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael W. Fisher, during which couples will renew their marriage vows. The Mass will be held Sunday, Feb. 11, 2024, at 10:30 a.m., at St. Joseph Cathedral in downtown Buffalo. After Mass, Bishop Fisher will be available for photos with couples and will bestow a small memento of the day. A brunch will follow at St. Anthony of Padua Parish Center, 160 Court St., behind City Hall. Registration is required. You will need to provide the number of guests attending the Mass and/or brunch. Contact the Rectory Office at 716-542-9103 by Wednesday, Jan. 10 to register.



God is talking to one of his angels. He says, "Do you know what I have just done? I have just created 24 hours of alternating light and darkness on Earth. Isn't that good?"
The angel says, "Yes, but what will you do now?"
God says, "I think I'll call it a day."



Our Lady of Peace Church

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A Message From Father Walter

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Today's feast of the Holy Family reminds us that being a family is a journey of changes and challenges – and that it is the love of spouses and parents and brothers and sisters that enables us to negotiate and survive those changes, to confront and conquer those challenges. Our belonging to a family means that we reflect for one another the selfless, limitless and unconditional love of Christ, both in good times and in bad. The Holy Family is a model for our own families as we struggle together to adapt to change and to deal with the many tensions and crises that threaten the stability, peace, and unity that are the joys of being a family.

While parents are the first and principal teachers of their children, children can be their parents' best teachers of love and generosity. Children reveal to us the wonder of creation and move us to gratitude for everyone and everything God has made; children also help us realize our own capacity to love and our ability to be the means of God's compassion and forgiveness for others to an extent we may not be aware of.

Fr. Walt

Knights of Columbus

The John Cardinal O'Hara Council 13661 of the Knights of Columbus would like to thank Nativity, Our Lady of Peace and St. Teresa Parish Communities for their donations to our Coats for Kids drive. Colvin Cleaners picked up 10 contractor size bags of coats, boots, snow pants, gloves and hats which they will clean and distribute to people in need. We estimate that over 100 coats were donated.

We also purchased 11 new coats which we donated to a family supported by the St. Vincent de Paul Society at Nativity Parish, a family at St. Teresa's parish and the Clarence Food Pantry.

Thank-you!

Thank-you to all of those who generously in donated gift cards to Sister Anne Helene from St. Catherine Drexel, St. Vincent de Paul and Sister Johnice from Response to Love for the families in need.

We also would like to say Thank-You to the Schaefer family for donating Christmas Tree's for the outside manger in front of the rectory.


End of year donations

If anyone has end of year donations for tax purposes, please be sure they are in by Sat. December 31st. Thank-you for all of your donations.

Reminder to be sure that your email is correct for your end of year tax donation letter that will be sent out. If you want a paper copy please notify the office.

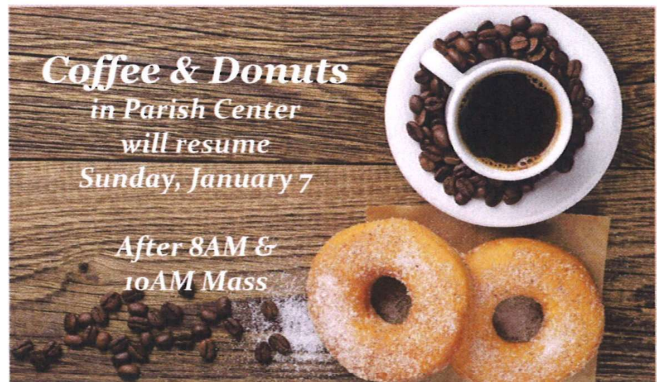
2024 Calendars

The 2024 Calendars that have been donated by Shepard Bros. Funeral Home are here. They will be at the church entrances. Thank-you to Shepard Brothers.



SOLEMNITY
of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Mother of God

Vigil Mass
Sunday, December 31 at 5:30PM
Holy Day
Monday, January 1 at 9AM



Coffee & Donuts
in Parish Center
will resume
Sunday, January 7

After 8AM &
10AM Mass

The Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, January 1. We will re-open on Tuesday, January 2. Have a Blessed and Happy New Year.



Readings for the week of December 31, 2023

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/ Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Monday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 Jn 1:29-34

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51

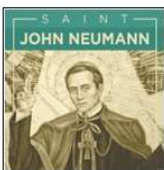
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



Thank you to Amanda Cardamone for the donation toward the new holy water fonts in church. The donation was made in honor of Wil Wegman. If anyone is still interested in making a donation for the holy water fonts in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact our bookkeeper, Joanne Brown, in the parish office.

Friday, January 5th is the Feast of St. John Neumann, the spiritual founder of St. Mary's. To commemorate the day, we will put together a small shrine in the church. A relic and picture of St. John Neumann will be available for veneration and prayer after the morning Mass until 7:00PM. All are invited to come anytime during the day to spend some time in prayer. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will not take place on January 5th.



Born and educated in Bohemia, John was interested in botany and astronomy as well as Church matters. By the time he was 25, he knew six languages and was a trained seminarian. Since there were many priests in his country, he longed to be a missionary in America. John came to the US in 1836. The bishop of NY ordained John and sent him to the hard-working German-speaking people who were clearing forests around Western NY. He traveled on horseback from one mission station to another, (our present day St. Mary's Parish is one of them) visiting the sick, teaching catechism, and training teachers to take over when he left. He was made bishop of Philadelphia in 1852. In eight years, Philadelphia grew from two Catholic schools to one hundred schools. He brought in many orders of nuns and Christian brothers. After his death in 1860, people publicized his many hidden virtues and penances. This man who worked so hard for God was declared a saint on June 19, 1977.

Anniversary Mass

The Diocese of Buffalo wishes to honor and recognize couples who observe(d) their 25th, 50th, 60th and 70th wedding anniversaries in 2023 and 2024. All couples who celebrate(d) their Silver, Golden, Diamond and Platinum Anniversaries in 2023 or 2024 are invited to a special Mass in St. Joseph's Cathedral on World Marriage Sunday, February 11, 2024 at 10:30AM. During the Mass couples will renew their marriage vows. Following Mass, Bishop Michael will be available to take photographs with the couple in the Lady Chapel. In addition, a brunch will be served after Mass at St. Anthony of Padua Church Center on Court Street, behind City Hall. Family members are most welcome to attend both the Mass and the brunch. Please complete the following form and return to the parish office by January 8th, as reservations need to be turned into the Diocese. (We ask that you fill out the form whether or not you plan on attending the cathedral celebration as the diocese provides a certificate for all anniversary couples.) Contact Donna Allan at the Parish office if you have any questions.

We celebrate(d) our 25th, 50th, 60th, 70th anniversary in 2023 or 2024

Last-Name _____

First Names _____

Mailing-address _____

Month/date/year of marriage _____

We will attend the celebration yes _____ no _____

Number attending (including guests) _____



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Christ Renewes Welcome Changes lives in amazing ways. Register for the upcoming weekend and let us show you how.

Women's weekend February 24th – 25th

Marelyne Tolentino – (720) 220-9856

marelyne.tolentino@gmail.com

Rosanne Davis – (716) 830-6805 rosanne_davis@hotmail.com

Men's weekend March 9th – 10th

Patrick MacDiarmid – (716) 864-8347 pgmacdiarmid@yahoo.com

Greg Honsberger – (716) 713-2222 honsbergergreg@yahoo.com

Register online stmaryswormville.org - Because you deserve to live with purpose and peace.

Christ Renewes Welcome - Alumni Mass – February 4th 3:00 pm
Come Join us!

Today's students, tomorrow's LEADers!

Join us on 1/11/24 at 6:30 pm
for LEAD Night (Lower Elementary
Academic Discovery) and see all
that St. Mary School has to offer
in grades K, 1, and 2.

RSVP HERE

for LEAD Night on Jan. 11th
or Open House on Jan. 28th
by scanning the QR code or
visiting smstheplacetobe.com.



St. Mary School
SWORMVILLE



**ST. MARY'S
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DEDICATED TO THE WHOLE CHILD...
SERVING THE ENTIRE FAMILY.

Happy New Year from our team in the Catholic Education Office!

God made us a family. We need one another. We love one another. We forgive one another. We work together.

We play together. We worship together. Together we learn God's Word. Together we grow in Christ. Together we love all people. Together we serve our God. Together we hope for Heaven. These are our hopes. Help us obtain them, Father, through Jesus your Son, Our Lord.

Amen



We celebrate the Feast of The Epiphany on January 6, 2024. This is the day we focus on how Jesus was revealed to us in a special way through the visit of the Magi. These wise men traveled from afar following the star of Bethlehem, in search for the King of the Jews. Gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh were presented to Jesus representing His divinity and humanity. May we all follow the example of the Magi, seeking Jesus within each day and lovingly bringing Him our own gifts.

Our team is excited to share the Good News and ready to partner with all those who choose to walk in our Catholic faith. We are committed to strengthening the whole family through education, Sacraments and our mutual goal to live as disciples of Christ. Reach out to us by email familyfaith@stmaryswormville.org or by phone (716)688-0599

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Nativity of the Lord, Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God Mass Time

January 1, 2024— 9:00 AM

Nativity BVM's 4th annual

Foundation for the Future Raffle

GRAND PRIZE WINNER

Kylie
Byrne

Congratulations to our Fourth Annual Nativity BVM Foundation for the Future Raffle GRAND PRIZE winner!

Thank you to each and every person who purchased a ticket and supported the raffle!!



"The Church "has a public role over and above her charitable and educational activities". She works for "the advancement of humanity and of universal fraternity."

Pope Francis

Knights of Columbus Thoughts

"To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often."

St. John Henry Newman from An Essay on the Development of Christian Doctrine

The Holy Family

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph - always supported each other in doing God's will, even when it involved hardship. As the family of God's children, we must help each other follow God's will. Let us never stand in the way of those whom God has called to a Church vocation. Invite them to contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org



NATIVITY OF MARY SCHOOL'S OPEN HOUSE



SUNDAY 1.28.24

11:00AM - 1:00 PM

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Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction-
Second Friday of the month 7:30 - 8:30 pm.

Confession: Saturday 2:30-3:30 pm

**Also the 1st Saturday of the month 8:15-8:45 am &
Vigil of Holy Days 3:30-4:15 pm**

Rosary: First Saturday Prior to 9 am Mass

Family Faith Formation 716-542-9103 Ext. 2
Margaret Wood

Trustees

Dick Campbell & Wally Smith

Please Keep In Your Prayers: William Eberhard, Barbara Ford, Susan Hegetsweiller, Bob Larouere, Linda Chaffee, Richard Jordan, Mary Prentice, Ita Steele, Jim & Joe Vasi, Sterling McCarriagher, Jean Ottney, Shirley Lantz, Rita Whelan, and Laura Gray

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Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil: 4pm Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00am

Daily: Monday—Thursday, 9am (Chapel)

Friday & Saturday 9am (Main Church)

Holy Days: 5:00pm Vigil, 7:00am, 9:00am & 7:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration: First Friday, 9:30am-noon

Confession: Saturday 2:30-3:30pm

Also the 1st Saturday of the month after 9:00am Mass

Anointing Mass: Last Saturday of the month

after 9:00am Mass **Rosary: Monday-Saturday 8:30am**
(before 9:00am Mass) & Wednesday 7:00pm (Chapel)

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Please keep in prayer the following on our sick list:

Richard Kubiak, Doug Motz, Reid Hausrath, Linda Brown, Rita Manno, Denise Grande, Kathy Venezia-Will, Tom Archer, Kathy Kent, Elizabeth Lafferty, Jessica Bietz, Dr. Bob Derr, Baby Franco Joseph Licata, Brandon Elie, Andrew Reed, Gene Santercole, Delphine Levesque, Roseanne Hofner, Ashley Meinhold, Kim Fassel, Paul Kluczynski, Tess Kuhlmann, Joyce Zoerb, Hilary Konitsch and Rosario & Josephine Castiglia.

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Eucharistic Adoration: Every Wed. 7AM-6PM

Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet:

Every Wed. 5:30 - 6PM

Confession: Saturday from 3:45 - 4:45PM

Let us pray for the following people on our sick list:

Maria A., Mary Celine Aaron, Chuck M., Joan Antonicelli, Eleanore Cammarata, Austin Beatty, Brandon, Jack Blodgett, David Bogden, David Burke, Rosemary Caito, Charisse Callahan, Joan Chatman, Christi Carson, Theresa Chapman, Lauren Conrad, Daniel Cortese, Sharon Covert, Rick Cousineau, Peg Cummings, Jim Cummings, Daryl & Dennis, Donald, Jack, Darlene Feinen, Carol & Ken Fox, Kevin G., Gabe, Gary Grapentrog, Heidi, Ian Harden, George, Mark Hilbert, Jackie, Jackie S., Kay Jelfer, John Kuloszewski, Mark Korpanty, Mary Lidkea, Sister Marcia Klawon O.S.F., Sister Ann Helene Koenig OSF, Steve L., Al Meister, Kathy McHugh, Kevin McNamara, Candace Morse, Pam Murray, Peter Rizzo, Joan O'Brien, Carmine Purdie, P.A.T., Paulette Sodus, Ron Sarafin, Donna Schmidle, Eleanor Smith, Steve, Thomas L., Frank & Dolores Tobin, Vince, Judy Vogt, Mary Ellen Wagner, Paul Willard, Ron Weiss, Msgr. Wetter & Genevieve Wojcik.

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Please keep in prayer the people on our sick list:

Bruce Connolly, Cathy Groat, Michael Hartman,
Patricia LaVell, Thomas Downing, Carole Zintl

Effective December 3, 2023 : Prayer names will be posted for one month unless special circumstances exist. For reasons of privacy, only family members will be allowed to request the publication of names for the prayer listing in the bulletin.