



December 24, 2023



The Fourth Sunday of Advent



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Email bulletin announcements to the parish office.
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Reception of Sacraments

(Parish Registration is required for Sacraments of Initiation and Marriage)

Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation: Please contact the parish office: St. Mary's at 270-496-4333 on Monday & Wednesday or St. Theresa at 270-496-4362 on Tuesday & Thursday.

Sacrament of Marriage: Please contact the parish office: St. Mary's at 270-496-4333 on Monday & Wednesday or St. Theresa at 270-496-4362 on Tuesday & Thursday.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick: Contact Fr. George at 502-718-7106 or e-mail: gillikkal@gmail.com

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Before the weekend Masses: Saturday at St. Theresa from 5:15 to 5:45 pm and on Sunday at St. Mary from 7:45 to 8:15 am and at St. Theresa following the 10:30 am Mass, upon request.

Responsorial Psalm: "To you, O Lord, I lift my soul."

## St. Mary Ministers for December 31st

### Lectors

Sun 8:30 am Shirley Beavin & Teri Dugan

### Eucharistic Ministers

Sun 8:30 am Steven & Anna Barr

### Altar Servers

Sun 8:30 am Ruby Rogers & Blair Stull



### Fatima Statue

December 24 - Stephen & Crystal Barr


December 31 - David & Teri Dugan

### St. Mary Friday Bingo

December 29, 2023

Manager - Margaret McCoy **Bingo Workers** - Susan McCoy, Becca Cashman, Andrew Goins, Brooklyn Hall

#### BINGO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!

 Volunteers are needed to sell pull tabs and help at bingo. The proceeds from bingo each year, help meet the budget. We earn approximately \$800-\$1,000 per week from bingo. If you can help, come to St. Mary Parish Hall on Friday at 6 p.m. and talk to the bingo manager. Bingo starts at 7 p.m.



### Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday, 6:00 pm at St. Theresa  
(July through December)

6:00 pm at St. Mary  
(January through June)

Sunday, 8:30 am at St. Mary

Sunday, 10:30 am at St. Theresa

## St. Theresa Ministers for December 30 & 31

### Lectors

Sat 6:00 pm Karen Greco

Sun 10:30 am Chris Brown & Audrey Popham

### Extraordinary Ministers

Sat 6:00 pm Ms. Barbara Barr & Pat Barr

Sun 10:30 am Gary & Susan Greenwell

### Altar Servers

Sat 6:00 pm Volunteer

Sun 10:30 am Elle Wells & Annabelle Lind



### Fatima Statue

December 24 - Joyce Manning

December 31 - Joyce Manning

Fatima Sign-up sheet for 2024 is now available in the vestibule at St. Theresa. Sign up now for the dates of your choice in 2024 to have the Fatima Statue in your home.

## St. Mary Magdalen of Pazzi Church

### Mass Intentions for the Week

|               |           |                                     |
|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| Christmas Eve | 9:00 p.m. | St. Mary & St. Theresa Parishioners |
| Christmas Day | 8:30 a.m. | Kenny Fackler +                     |
| Wednesday     | 6:30 p.m. | JoAnn Waddle +                      |
| Sunday        | 8:30 a.m. | Joan Greenwell +                    |

## St. Theresa Church

### Mass Intentions for the Week

|               |            |   |
|---------------|------------|---|
| Christmas Eve | 4:00 p.m.  | Louis Manning +                         |
| Tuesday       | 8:30 a.m.  | Communion Service                       |
| Thursday      | 8:30 a.m.  | Deceased of John & Viola Elder Family + |
| Saturday      | 6:00 p.m.  | St. Theresa & St. Mary Parishioners     |
| Sunday        | 10:30 a.m. | Leon & Mary Frank Vessels +             |

### Stewardship of Treasure

|                             |                 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| St. Mary Weekly goal        | 3,684.00        |
| December 17th collection    | 2,727.00        |
| Online tithes this week     | 1,605.00        |
| Total offering for the week | <b>4,332.00</b> |
| Retired Religious           | <b>50.00</b>    |
| Archdiocesan Charities      | <b>5.00</b>     |
| Christmas Collection        | <b>5.00</b>     |
| St. Theresa Weekly Goal     | 3,076.00        |
| December 17th collection    | 4,044.84        |
| Online tithes this week     | 795.00          |
| Total offering for the week | <b>4,809.84</b> |
| Cemetery Fund               | <b>50.00</b>    |

*Thank you for your stewardship sacrifice...  
it IS appreciated!*

### What's Happening This Week

#### Christmas Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

4:00 pm Mass at St. Theresa

9:00 pm Mass at St. Mary

Monday, December 25 - Christmas Day

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary

Tuesday, December 26

8:30 am Communion Service at St. Theresa

Wednesday, December 27

6:30 pm Mass at St. Mary

Thursday, December 28

8:30 am Mass at St. Theresa

Friday, December 29

7:00 pm St. Mary Friday Night Bingo in St. Mary Hall

Saturday, December 30

7:30 am Men's Prayer Group at St. Mary Gathering Space

6 pm Mass at St. Theresa

Sunday, December 31

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary

10:30 am Youth Mass at St. Theresa

11:30 am Food and Fellowship Sunday in the FLC followed by Youth Group Meeting



## Collection for Archdiocesan Charities



Today, our parishes will take up the annual collection for Catholic Charities. This collection supports the work of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Louisville. Your generosity helps fund many vital ministries and social services to help those in need including Sister Visitor Center, the Mother-Infant Care program and the ID program for the homeless through the Cathedral of the Assumption's Daily Lunch Program and more. Please be generous!

## Christmas Schedule

4:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve at St. Theresa  
9:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve at St. Mary  
8:30 a.m. Mass on Christmas Day at St. Mary

## Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Monday, January 1, 8:30 a.m. at St. Mary

## Eucharistic Adoration



There will not be Eucharistic Adoration at St. Mary on Christmas Day, December 25th. Adoration will resume on Monday, January 1st, from 9 am to 1 pm and from 5 to 8 pm.

## Decorating the churches for Christmas



A big THANK YOU to those who stayed and helped decorate the churches last Sunday. One of the best gifts we can give is the gift of self. Thank you for sharing your gift with us. Our churches look beautiful!

## Christmas Holidays

The parish office will be closed during the Christmas holidays. Kathy will be back in the office on January 2, 2024.

## Family Life Center - Upcoming Activities

**Food & Fellowship** - Come join us after the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass on **December 31st** in the St. Theresa Family Life Center for some good breakfast food and fellowship! Everyone is invited!

## Catholic Services Appeal



Thanks to those who have already responded with a gift to the 2023 Catholic Services Appeal. There is still plenty of time to respond with a gift. Gifts may be made through our parish office or online at [www.ArchLou.org/CSA](http://www.ArchLou.org/CSA). To date our families have donated:

**St. Mary - \$18,410 of our \$19,300 goal (95%)**

**Participation goal - 38 of 44 families (86%)**

**St. Theresa - \$11,885 of our \$11,600 goal (102%)**

**Participation goal - 27 of 36 families (75%)**

**Congratulations!** St. Theresa has reached their 2023 Catholic Services Appeal goal!

*Wishing you a very Merry Christmas  
and Blessed New Year!*

## Red Cross Blood Drive



There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Mary Parish Hall on **Tuesday, January 2, 2024** from 2 to 6 p.m. To schedule an appointment, please visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter sponsor code: MaryMagofPazzi or call 1-800-RED-CROSS. One pint of blood can save up to three lives. Please donate! Give a gift this season that means something...GIVE BLOOD!

## Guatemala Mission Trip



**When:** July 12-21, 2024

**Who:** Any current 9th grade or high school student, parent or adult who has a passion for serving and helping others.

**What are we doing?** We will be building a home for a family living in Pueblo Modelo, Guatemala, and visiting the ministries that Hearts in Motion supports, including a senior citizens center, nutrition center, clinics and much more!

**Where:** We will be spending most of our time in the region of Zacapa but will spend the last two days of the trip in the city of Antigua. You will have electricity, private bathrooms, and access to clean water at both places.

**Cost:** \$1,250 per person plus plan ticket (\$800-\$1,000)

Ready to join us? Contact Jenn Shelton at 502-905-7042 or email [sjyouthministry@bbtel.com](mailto:sjyouthministry@bbtel.com)

## Blessing Food & Hygiene Boxes

**BLESSING BOX** **Donations Needed** - There are 2 Blessing Boxes set up in front of the St. Mary/St. Theresa Youth Center - **1 for food items and 1 for hygiene items**. St. Mary's Church is ask to keep them stocked the first week of each month. **Donations will be collected at St. Mary Church the last weekend of the month (December 30/31)** and St. Theresa Church is asked to keep it stocked the second week of the month. **Donations will be collected at St. Theresa the first weekend of the month (January 6 & 7)**. As always, you can put donations in the boxes yourself as you can or you can drop donations off at the parish office. Both the food box and the personal hygiene items really needs donations.



**Please note:** Both churches will continue to take up a collection for the Meade County Food Pantry the first weekend of each month (January 6 & 7).

**Requested for January: Spaghetti & Sauce**



## Youth Ministry News and Events

**December 31 - Youth Mass at St. Theresa** at 10:30 a.m.

We will have a meal after Mass in the Family Life Center followed by a **Youth Group Meeting**.

**January 14** - 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. **Youth Night** at the Youth Center at St. Mary

**January 28** - 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. **Youth Night** at the Family Life Center at St. Theresa.



**READINGS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24**

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16  
Romans 16:25-27  
Luke 1:26-38



**READINGS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31**

Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3  
Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19  
Luke 2:22-40

**Internet Site for Liturgy Readings:**  
[www.nccbuscc.org/nab](http://www.nccbuscc.org/nab)



**Prayer Intention  
for the Week**

For the Church: that our hearts may be an authentic dwelling place for God and thus enable us to bring God's presence to all whom we encounter

**The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

*"Mary said, 'Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her."* Luke 1:38

It is through Mary's "YES" that the promise of the prophets finds fulfillment. Mary serves as a role model for all stewards.

**Online Tithing - Giving made easy!**

Would you be interested in having your tithe automatically debited from your checking or savings account each week or month? If you would like to sign up for this service, there are **Automatic Withdrawal Authorization Forms** available in the back of church. St. Mary's is on one side and St. Theresa's is on the other. Please fill out form for your parish and return it along with the required voided check or deposit slip in a sealed envelope with the name of your church on it.

**Did You Know Why....**

We stand as Father George receives his communion which is a recognition that his communion and ours are one. We all receive the same gift from God, which is His son given to us in the bread and wine. We sit when all are fed and we offer our own prayers of thanksgiving.

**HOSPITAL AND HOMEBOUND MINISTRY  
PARISH DISPATCHERS**

**St. Mary:** Brenda Knott 270-497-4418

**St. Theresa:** Brenda Redman 270-496-4329



If you know someone who is ill, been admitted to the hospital, in need of a home visit or food, you are asked to notify our dispatcher. Likewise, **volunteers are needed** to visit those in the hospital, make home visits, send cards or prepare or deliver food. Please contact the dispatcher listed above or call the parish office, if you would like to help. This ministry is not simply for our parishioners but also for all in our community.

Please remember those in the hospital, the homebound and those in need of our prayers!



**Special Prayer Request for.....**

Hazel Hardesty, Dustin White, Denny Redman, Andy Weick, Roger Chism, Mike Ray, George Leuty, Leigh Ann Greenwell-Smith, Linda Pike, Pat Shiroma, Sheila Harper, Bobby Chism, Kelsie Vaught & baby, Becky Haught, Charlotte Konkle Shaw, Halleigh Popham, Charlene Stull, Jerry Hardesty, Liz Hawkins, Onedia McClure, Chuck Hansbrough, Lois Fackler, Linda Wemes, Andrea Esarey, Paislee (10 mo. old with cancer), Kevin Barr, Denny Brown, Louise Stull, Lorraine Yokie

Note: Prayers cards are available in the back of church with a complete list of the sick and homebound. Please call or email Kathy at the parish office to have names put on or taken off of the prayer list.

**Courage/EnCourage Support Groups Available**

Are you or a loved one experiencing same-sex attraction and looking for answers? Courage, a ministry of the Catholic Church that provides spiritual support for Catholic men and women with same-sex attraction who desire to lead chaste lives consistent with the teaching of the Catholic Church, has a local chapter meeting locally now that offers confidential spiritual support-group meetings.

Also meeting locally, EnCourage is a companion ministry within the Courage apostolate dedicated to serving the spiritual needs of parents, siblings, children, other relatives, and friends of persons who are experiencing same-sex attractions. EnCourage members support one another and their loved ones through discussion, prayer, and fellowship in a confidential group setting.

For more information, you can reach the Courage/EnCourage co-chaplains, Father Jonathan Erdman or Deacon Stephen Bowling at [courage@archlou.org](mailto:courage@archlou.org) or check out Courage's official website <http://couragerc.org>. Both the Courage and EnCourage local chapters are official ministries of the Archdiocese of Louisville through the Family Ministries Office

**Parish Websites**

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