

INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST

St. Mary's Oratory

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Rorate Sunday

Introit: *Isaiah 45: 8.* Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the just; let the earth be opened and bud forth a Saviour. *Ps. 18: 2.* The heavens show forth the glory of God, and the firmament declareth the work of His Hands. Glory. Drop down.

Collect: Stir up, O Lord, Thy might, we beseech thee, and come; and with great power come to our aid, that, by the help of Thy grace, that which is hindered by our sins may be hastened by Thy merciful forgiveness. Who livest.

Epistle: *I Corinthians 4: 1-5.* Brethren, let a man so account of us as of the ministers of Christ, and the dispensers of the mysteries of God. Here now it is required among the dispensers, that a man be found faithful. But to me it is a very small thing to be judged by you, or by man's day: but neither do I judge my own self. For I am not conscious to myself of any thing, yet am I not hereby justified: but He that judgeth me is the Lord. Therefore judge not before the time, until the Lord come; Who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise from God.

Gradual: Ps. 144: 18, 21. The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him, to all that call upon Him in truth. V. My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; and let all flesh bless His holy name. Alleluia, alleluia. V. Come, O Lord, and do not delay; forgive the sins of Thy people Israel. Alleluia.

Gospel: St. Luke 3: 1-6. In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Cæsar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and Philip his brother tetrarch of Iturea and the country of Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilina, under the high priests Annas and Caiphas; the word of the Lord came to John the son of Zachary, in the desert. And he came into all the country about the Jordan, preaching the baptism of penance for the remission of sins; as it is written in the book of the sayings of Isaias the prophet: A voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight His paths. Every valley shall be filled; and every mountain and hill shall be brought low: the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways plain: and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Offertory: St. Luke 1: 28. Hail, Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.

Secret: Look with favor, we beseech Thee, O Lord upon these offerings here before Thee, that they may profit both for our devotion and for our salvation. Through our Lord.

Communion: *Isaiah 7: 14.* Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bring forth a son; and His name shall be called Emmanuel.

Postcommunion: Having received Thy gifts, O Lord, we pray that the saving effect of the mystery may increase as we frequent it. Through our Lord.

Sunday, December 18, 2022

to

Sunday, December 25, 2022

> DIOCESAN APPROVED TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS APOSTOLATE

Homeless Needs

Cold weather is hitting the streets, shelter capacity has already been maxed out a number of times, and certain groups of homeless are not adaptable to shelter. We work directly on the street and with the various Charities, Police Departments, and the Park District, and are trying to prepare for outdoor survival when it is unavoidable.

If you have new or used/clean items available for men or women (not children), such as on the following list, you would be helping those out in a tough situation this winter, with material mercy that would be much appreciated. Prayers, of course, would be much appreciated as well, for those dealing with alcoholism, drug addiction, mental illness, and human trafficking here in Wausau.

Stocking Caps Scarves Winter Coats Hoodies Thermals Socks **Boots** Gloves **Jeans** Snow suits Coveralls Blankets Ground Mats Tents Sleeping Bags Tarps

Donations should be placed in the open garage port on the south side of the church.

Please call with any questions you might have on our Street Mission Work.

Jerry - 608 462-3918 24/7 Vicky - 608 462-3612 God bless!

Caroling Party Wednesday, December 21

Join us for our annual caroling throughout the neighborhood of St. Mary's!

We shall meet in Thomas Hall for a 5:00 PM Potluck dinner (chili and cornbread provided), then go acaroling through the neighborhood.

Nancy's Shoppe

Please take a moment to come downstairs and peruse the many wonderful items in Nancy's Shoppe.

At this time of year, be sure to have a look at our 2023 Institute wall calendar, our Christmas cards, and Christmas wafers.

All proceeds go toward the formation costs of the American seminarians of the Institute of Christ the King.

Please help keep St. Mary's clean

St. Mary's does not have a cleaning staff.
We are grateful to the few volunteers who generously dedicate their time to keeping God's house at its best.
Please consider joining them by signing up on the sheet provided in Scholz Hall.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 17-23: O Antiphons

Sunday, December 18 Fourth Sunday Advent

Wednesday, December 21

St. Thomas the Apostle 8:00 AM High Mass

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Last Children's Choir & Catechism Classes (Classes resume Wednesday, January 25)

5:00 PM Caroling Party

Christmas Eve

8:00 AM Mass of the Vigil of Christmas,

followed by the Office of Prime

5:00 PM Holy Hour

6:00 PM First Vespers of Christmas

Christmas Day

Carols at 11:30 PM, followed by Midnight Mass

7:00 AM Mass of Dawn (Sung Mass) 8:30 AM Mass of the Day (High Mass)

NO 10:30AM MASS ON SUNDAY, DEC 25

Congratulations to Vincent Dominic Copeland, baptized and confirmed into the Holy Catholic Church on December 17 in St. Mary's Oratory.

Receive this burning light, and keep the grace of your baptism throughout a blameless life. Observe the commandments of God. Then, when the Lord comes to the heavenly wedding feast, you may be able to meet Him with all the saints in the halls of heaven, and live forever and ever.

— from the Roman Rite of Baptism

Poinsettias for Christmas

Extended deadline: If you would like to donate a poinsettia for the Altar or Crèche in memory of a loved one, please contact the office before December 21.

The cost is \$30 per poinsettia.

MUSIC FOR SUNDAY MASS

Entrance

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Kyrie, Sanctus & Agnus Dei

Mass XVII

Credo I

Offertory

Rorate Caeli

Communion

Comfortamini et iam nolite timere- Orlando de Lassus (d. 1594) Ave Corpus Domini

Recessional

O Come Divine Messiah



Calendar



	Mass Offered	Offered For	Servers
Sun. 12/18 7:00 AM	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (RORATE SUNDAY)	Souls of Clarence & Rita Roggenbauer By Ann Schultz	Anthony Christensen James Block
Sun. 12/18 8:30 AM	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (RORATE SUNDAY)	Soul of Fr. Donald Meuret By Tom & Colleen Hale & Family	Joseph Gontarz Jack Kocha
Sun. 12/18 10:30 AM	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (RORATE SUNDAY)	Soul of Clay Schulz By Mary Simerson	MC: James Zahn Th: Andrew Tack A1: Jude Zielinski A2: Max Turajski
Mon. 12/19 6:00 PM	Feria	Soul of Franklin Whitmore By Jo Ann Egelkrout	James Zahn Joseph Zielinski
Tue. 12/20 8:00 AM	Feria	Family of Patrick Chester By Paula Chester	Isaac McNally Jude McNally
Wed. 12/21 8:00 AM	Saint Thomas, the Apostle	Soul of Claire Campbell By Richard & Phyllis Vance	MC: Robert Borger Th: Blaise Cochran A1: Peter Borger A2: Damian Cochran
Thurs. 12/22 6:00 PM	Feria	Soul of Gladys Landowski By Art Landowski & Family	Kristoph Van Tiem Joseph Leitermann
Fri. 12/23 8:00 AM	Feria	Our Godchildren By Cody & Jade Nikolai	Joel Brabham Jude Zielinski
Sat. 12/24 8:00 AM	Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord	Living & Deceased Members of the Thomas Schrader Family By Margie Schrader	Justin Borger Joseph Gauthier
Sun. 12/25 12:00 AM	CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS	The People of St. Mary's Oratory	MC: Balen Wall Th: Matthew Prusinski A1: Esca Wall A2: Jude McNally
Sun. 12/25 7:00 AM	CHRISTMAS MASS AT DAWN	The People of St. Mary's Oratory	Candidate Candidate
Sun. 12/25 8:30 AM	CHRISTMAS MASS DURING THE DAY	The People of St. Mary's Oratory	MC: Joel Brabham Th: Liam McNally A1: Isaac McNally A2: Blane McNally

Collections: Third Sunday of Advent (12/11/22) 7:00/\$ 1390.00 8:30 / \$ 1975.26 10:30 / \$ 2445.00 Total: \$ 5810.26

Feast of the Immaculate Conception (12/08/22) \$2925.42

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Sovereign Pontiff, and for His Excellency, Bishop William P. Callahan.

Robert Ellist, Ron Borski, Marie Archibald, Fr. Don Meurett, Jenny Maszkt, Rick Avidanot, Heidi Roberts, Randy Zahn, Clay Schulzt, Janene Ravet, Eric Gajewski, Scott Sedivyt, Michael, Aiden Luke, & Kaleb Xavier Archibald, Thomas Narvaezt, the Carl Shibler family, Beth Bornbach & Johanna Puls, Gloria Sebold†, Dina Forbes, Lee Mahner†, Effie Schmidt, Aaron Mahner, Barry Denton†, William & Margaret Butzen†, Shirley Farrell, James Drexler†, Richard & Patricia Jesse†, Joanne Gabert†, Luc Bisson†, Hannah Resch†, Raymond Sommers†, David and Barbara LeCompte†, Harry Rajamannan†, Rita Demski, Amity Grey, Susan Dehnke†, Darlene Sommers, William Cornelson†, Marta Gerstenberger†, Robert Kleinschmidt, Richard Rzentkowski†, Ronald & Susan Bornbach†, Robert Michanowicz†, Randy Rzentkowski†, Jacob Stachovak†, Chad Atwood†, Carson Makuski†, John Salzman†, Jon Schuster†, Elsie Rochholz, Jonathon Wood, Jesse Wiesman, Mary Moe, Jeremy Gunderson, Carl Christensen†, Warren Gruetzmacher†, Helen Leitermann†, Billy Stoltz†, Eva Buschkrei†, Theresa Glavin, Elisabeth Plaut†, Patricia Christensen†, Gregory Wietrzychowski†, Timothy Gontarz†, Dawn Leitermann†, Rodger Beeber†, Christine Nitka†, Patti Levings†, Judy Gibson, Michael Ellis†, Judith Radtke†, Marilyn Zabel†, Gloria Kafka†, Katie Wilhelm†, Dan Zignego†, Gerald Strehlow†, Dorothy Hartman†, Carol Sutherland†, Kathleen Sommers†, Terry Ryan†, Francine Malbone, Daryl Egelkrout†, Lois Leggett†, John Cary†, William Zeitz†, Clenice Conde Matheus†, Steven, Elizabeth & Tina Anderton†, the Les Kroupa Familyt, Mark & Mary Kruegert, Leopold Heinant, Virginia Reist, Tammy Judkins, Holly Heideman, the Kropp Family, Theresa Dardet, Gene Farley†, Susan Lepak†, Joe Winetzki†, Keith Rainville†, Marilynn Heidvogel†, Eitrem & Zoern families, James McNally, Jr.†, Tom Schrader†, Mary Jane Fleischman†, Joanne & Jim Sheridan, Edward Osterbrink†, Gen. Martin Brandtner†, Raymond Maas†, Patty Fink†, Paul Nell, Thomas Trautmann, Teresa Baertlein†, Joe McGrath†, Margaret Weidenbenner†, Jeanne Barie†, Mitchell Koltz†, Magdeline Zbella†, Michael Rogan†, Sr. Rosemary Smith†, Lenny Salzman†, John Schrader†, Sharon Nikolai†, Harold Baertlein†, Chad Wogernese†.

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The 'O' Antiphons

On December 17 the Church begins to sing the 'O' antiphons at Vespers. These antiphons are very ancient, and it is from them that the verses of the hymn 'O Come, O Come Emmanuel' are derived. They are the highlight of the Church's novena to Christmas.

December 17: O Sapientia

O Wisdom, who camest from the mouth of the Most High, reaching from end to end and ordering all things mightily and sweetly: come, and teach us the way of prudence.

December 18: O Adonai

O Lord and Ruler the house of Israel, who didst appear to Moses in the flame of the hurning bush and gavest him the law on Sinai: come, and redeem us with outstretched arms.

December 19: O Radix Jesse

O Root of Jesse, who standest for an ensign of the people, before whom the kings keep silence and unto whom the Gentiles shall make supplication: come to deliver us, and tarry not.

December 20: O Clavis David

O Key of David, and scepter of the house of Israel, who openest and no man shutteth, who shuttest and no man openeth: come, and lead forth from prison the captive who sitteth in darkness and in the shadow of death.

December 21: O Oriens

O dawn of the east, brightness of light eternal, and sun of justice: come, and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

December 22: O Rex Gentium

O King of the gentiles and their desired One, cornerstone that makest all to be one: come, and deliver man, whom thou didst form out of the clay of the earth.

December 23: O Emmanuel

O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver, expectation of the nations and their Saviour: come to save us, O Lord our God.

The Meaning of the Three Masses of Christmas

According to St. Thomas Aquinas (Summa Theologica IIIa Q. 83 A. 2)

"On Christmas Day, several Masses are said on account of Christ's threefold nativity. Of these the first is His eternal birth, which is hidden in our regard. and therefore one Mass is sung in the night, in the Introit of which we say: The Lord said unto Me: Thou art My Son, this day have I begotten Thee. The second is His nativity in time, and the spiritual birth, whereby Christ rises as the daystar in our hearts (2 Peter 1:19), and on this account the Mass is sung at dawn, and in the Introit we say: The light will shine forth on us today. The third is Christ's temporal and bodily birth, according as He went forth from the virginal womb, becoming visible to us through being clothed with flesh: and on that account the third Mass is sung in broad daylight, in the Introit of which we say: A child is born to us.

Nevertheless, on the other hand, it can be said that His eternal generation, of itself, is in the full light, and on this account in the gospel of the third Mass mention is made of His eternal birth. But regarding His birth in the body, He was literally born during the night, as a sign that He came to the darkness of our infirmity; hence also in the Midnight Mass we say the gospel of Christ's nativity in the flesh."

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

Confessions at 10:30 PM
Carols at 11:30 PM, followed by
CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS

From the womb, before the daystar, I have begotten thee.

Featuring Josef Rheinberger's Mass in G major (Op. 151)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

MASS OF DAWN AT 7:00 AM

The Light shall shine forth upon us this day, for unto us the Lord is born.

MASS OF THE DAY AT 8:30 AM

A Child is born to us, and a Son is given to us, and His named shall be called,

Angel of the Great Council.