

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH – NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – HIGH HILL
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024 – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Jer 33:14-16 1 Thes 3:12-4:2 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36 (3)

Wednesday, December 4 th	5:30 PM	Walter & Mary Eggert Family
Sunday, December 8 th	10:15 AM	Parish Family
Wednesday, December 11 th	5:30 PM	Frank, Mary, Otillia, Alfonse Ripper
Sunday, December 15 th	10:15 AM	Sharon Dittrich

PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY

St. Mary Parish will hold our annual Christmas Party on Friday, December 20th starting at 6:15 pm at the Parish Hall. Santa should be making his entrance around 6:30 pm with the dinner being served around 7:00 pm. We will be having fried fish, potato salad, coleslaw, and dessert. Parishioners are asked to RSVP by Tuesday December 17 to Joyce Dittrich (979.561.6803) to assist with planning.

PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Elections for the Pastoral Council will be held in December. Parishioners are asked to consider serving on the Council which is responsible for governing the activities of the Parish. There are three positions up for election and all are two-year terms. Position 1 is responsible for Liturgy, Religious Education and Societies. Position 2 is responsible for Maintenance and Security and is currently a 2-person position. Position 5 is responsible for Painted Church tours, Cemetery and Special Events. For information or to place your name in for nomination please call Fr. Jasper Liggio (979-743-3117). Nominations close on December 20th.

NEW PROGRAM STARTED

God's Embrace Ministries (GEM) facilitators Megan Hammons and Irma Rerich are excited to lead our next online program: "Pour Out Your Spirit Upon Us, Lord" by Dr. Michael Fonseca. This journey with the apostles of the early church reminds us that just like them, we too have been sent to bring Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth! Meetings are weekly on Thursdays at 6:30 a.m. via GoToMeeting and take about 1 hour. We will take off a few meetings here and there for the holidays but look forward to getting started on November 14, 2024. Join us!

Happy 1st week of Advent!



RICE BOWL GRANTS

Did you know that 25 percent of the monies collected from the weekly Lenten Rice Bowl collections remain in the Diocese to be used to alleviate hunger in the local community? Grant opportunities are now available for organizations that help fight hunger on the local level. Go to www.victoriadiocese.org/grants for the application and criteria. The deadline is December 7, 2024. Contact Debbie Vanelli at dvanelli@hfccvic.org with questions.

ST. MARY'S GIFT SHOP IN THE RECTORY

The St. Mary High Hill Gift Shop is open often during the Painted Churches tours thanks to the volunteers from St. Anne's Society. Additionally, if a parishioner needs to make a purchase, they can contact Jan Ripper at (979)561-8868 or Mary Demel at (979)561-8255. The gift shop offers religious articles, T-shirts, caps, wedding and Christmas gifts. We are always in need of extra help! You do not need to be a St. Anne's member to volunteer. Again, if you are willing, you can contact Jan or Mary.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 1	1 st Sunday of Advent
December 8	<i>Special Collection</i> – Retirement fund for Religious
December 9	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
December 12	Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe
December 14	St. Rose School Christmas Around the World

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Restoration Box	\$ 96.25
Restoration (Anonymous)	\$ 50.00
Hall rental	\$ 425.00
Gift Shop Proceeds	\$ 1,000.00
<u>Offertory (11/24/24)</u>	<u>\$ 2,020.00</u>
Total Deposit	\$ 3,591.25

LAY MINISTERS DECEMBER 8

Rosary	Maria Bohac – Dorothy Meyer
Rosary	Mary Stavinoha
Eucharistic Minister	Stacy Oeding
Lector	Gigi Marburger
Altar Servers	Mikayla Stang
Ushers	Matt Kubala – Richard Marburger
Ushers	Donald Bohac – Matthew Prihoda
Gifts	Matthew & Shantelle Prihoda

SUNDAY – DECEMBER 15

Kim Wellborn – Lillian Hilscher

Lyle Hanna
Susie Shank
Charlie Shank
Buddy Hemann – Lyle Hanna
Patrick Prihoda – Willie Joe Svetlik
Patrick & Stephanie Prihoda

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Renee Mazoch, Glen McLaren, Henry Miksch, Connor Machicek, Ken Dittrich, Francis Pio Pilkington, Leon Shank, Mary Shank, Larry Nuhn, Jessi Wilcox, Gordon Ross, Diana Heinrich, Doris Anders, Jan Ripper, Cheryl (Kobza) Powell, Nadine Krischke, Steve Hopkins, Barbara Nugent, Luke Friedel, Orly R. Elizondo, Wilbert Demel, Elroy Demel, Terri Hanna, Georgia Kalich, Bruce Treybig, Carrol Ray Demel, Francis Ripper, Julia Oeding, Lillian Hilscher, Leon Popp, Mary Demel, Marilyn Adamcik, Lad Trojacek, Joyce Dittrich, Mildred Hollas, Kathy Kutac, Al Martinez, Willy Schmidt, Edward Schwenke, Angie Schwenke, Johnnie Bargas, Beth Hollywood, Carolyn Prihoda, Derek Schwenke, Harlan Hilscher, Collins Lehrmann, Buddy Dittrich and Patrick Pilkington.