

Second Sunday of Advent December 4th, 2011

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.
--Mark 1:3

December 2011						
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Mass Schedule

- Sunday, December 4, 2011**
9:30 am - For all Parishioners
- Monday, December 5, 2011**
8:00 am - In Memory of Rosemary Morrison
- Tuesday, December 6, 2011**
5:30 pm - Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary
- Wednesday, December 7, 2011**
6:00 pm - For William Schutzman
- Thursday, December 8, 2011**
8:00 am - For Angelina Harbaugh
5:30 pm - Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary
- Friday, December 9, 2011**
8:00 am - For Josh Bernard
- Saturday, December 10, 2011**
6:30 pm - In Memory of Alfredo Gonzalez
- Sunday, December 11, 2011**
9:30 am - For all Parishioners

Weekly Readings

- Monday: Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

	Saturday, December 10th	Sunday, December 11th
Lector	Vicki Keith	Keith Legrid
Altar Servers	Mark Martin	Emmanuel Puello
Eucharistic Ministers	Lynn Morris Jerry Hoepfl	Rosario Puello Christy Wenger Laura Hagen Carolyn Block
Ushers	Brad Smithee Barry Smoker	Bob Debrosse Bob Marcotte
Gift Bearers	Gonzalez Family	Legrid Family
Refreshments Sunday, December 11th: Knights of Columbus		
Communion to the Sick Week of December 4th: Debbie Quinn and Bob Marcotte December 11th: Ellen Rogers and Emily Kueter		



December 5th
2 Big Jackpots at \$500

Retreat Day
December 10th
10:00am - 2:00pm

Second Collection
St. Mary's School Renovation
December 10th and 11th

Griffin Memorial Food Drive
December 10th and 11th

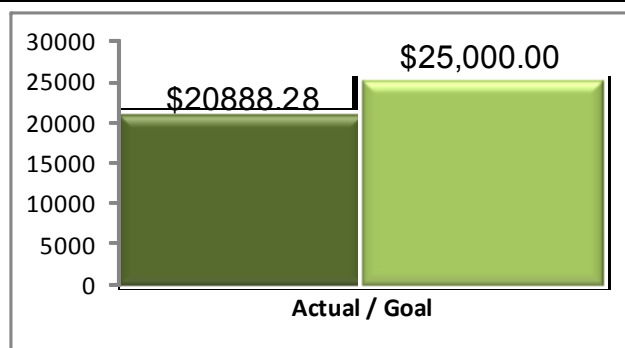
Fridays with Father Mike
6:30am
McDonalds

Mass for the Immaculate Conception
Wednesday, December 7th
6:00pm
Thursday, December 8th
8:00am
Walnut Ridge
5:30pm

Parish Council Elections

The St. Mary Parish Council elections will be December 10th and 11th. The new term will begin January 2012.

Weekly Offering Analysis for November
Week of November 20th: \$ 8884.57
Week of November 27th: \$ 2974.54
Total for November: \$ 20888.28



From Father Mike



Keeping Advent holy can be a challenge with all the shopping, traveling, visiting, and Christmas gatherings and programs that all occur in our secular society before Christmas comes! Someone asked for a calendar of things to do to keep Advent a time of preparation.

For this week here are some thoughts:

- December 4**
Make a list of some of your blessings. Write them down so we are specific- no less than 10!
- December 5**
Forgive someone, send a card to a loved one you have not been in contact with for a while.
- December 6**
St. Nicholas - share an early Christmas gift - something personal, rather than bought - a call, home made cookies or bread or other treats.
- December 7**
Give yourself the gift of 15 minutes of quiet time - ask yourself what does the Messiah's coming look like in your life - what would change?
- December 8**
Feast of the Immaculate Conception - Holy Day - attend Mass.
- December 9**
Remember those who are less fortunate. Give to a food bank, volunteer in a shelter. Men of the parishes are invited to come to McDonald's to share Sunday's readings at 6:30 am
- December 10**
Be grateful and pray for those who taught you about Jesus presence in life. Donate to the church's collection for retired religious. Attend Retreat Day from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

Father Mike

Retreat Day
December 10th
10:00am - 2:00pm
Theme
Mary: Woman of Faith
Bring your own lunch
\$10 donation for Cross International
(make checks payable to St. Mary's)

St. Mary's Church welcomes...

John Thomas Posey

baptized on Sunday, November 20th
son of Stephen and Melanie Posey



St. Mary's Church welcomes...

Kathryn Rhea Posey

baptized on Sunday, November 20th
daughter of Stephen and Melanie Posey



Search #127

Registrations are now being accepted for Search #127, a retreat to help juniors and seniors in high school get to know themselves better, deepen their friendship with Christ, and find support in living out their faith. Search #126 will be held at St. John Center, Little Rock, December 9-11, 2011. The fee is \$110.00. For more information and registration forms visit our website at: <http://www.dolr.org/offices/youth/documents/search126.pdf> or contact Trish Gentry in the Youth Ministry office: 664-0340, ext 418.

Pro-life Essay Contest

Arkansas Right to Life announces its annual oratory contest for high school juniors and seniors and the 2012 National Right to Life Pro-life Essay contest. The essay contest has two components: the senior essay contest for students in grades 10-12, and the Junior Essay Contest for students in grades 7-9. More information and the entry forms can be found on the Arkansas Right to Life home page at www.artl.org, click on the link "Pro-life Contests at the top of the page.

Women's Vocations Retreat

The Vocations Office of the Diocese of Little Rock is holding a Women's Vocations Retreat at St. John's Catholic Center in Little Rock over the dates of January 13-14, 2012. This is a 24-hour retreat dedicated to a woman's personal reflection of God's will in her life. For additional information, please contact Maria Izquierdo or Liz Tingquist at 501-664-0340.

Living Faith Devotionals:

The newest Living Faith Devotionals are now available. The devotions run from January through March 2012. Each devotional is \$1. If you would like to purchase one, please stop by the office. There are also still some devotionals left that run from October through December.

Prayer Corner

Please pray for Fr. Mike and Dc. Rex, John and Ricardo and all diaconate candidates. Also, Alejandro and Payden and all seminarians and the religious brothers and sisters from our Diocese.
Also Remember in your prayers:
Ed Raley, Virginia Larson, Bill Elmore, Aurora Powers, Sue Hagen, Jim Smith, and Marcia Sanders.



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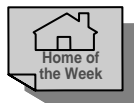
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St. Mary Catholic Church



Mass Schedule
Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday 6:00 p.m.
Thursday 8:00 a.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m.
Saturday 6:30 p.m.
Holy Days 8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Confessions heard on Wednesdays 5pm

Pastor
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Immaculate Heart of Mary

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Mass Schedule
Tuesday – Mass 5:30 p.m.
Saturday – Mass 4:00 p.m.
Holy Day Masses TBA

All visitors, friends and new parishioners are invited to join us for coffee, juice and fellowship in the parish hall after Sunday Mass.

St. Mary's Church Website
www.stmarysparagould.org