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**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**December 22, 2024**

**Staff**  
Pastor: Rev. Santiago M. Hoyumpa  
Secretary: Maryanne Ladensack  
Maintenance: Richard Troyer

**Weekly Mass Schedule**  
Sunday—Rosary 8:25am  
Mass 9:00 am  
Tues, Thurs, Fri—Rosary 8:25 am  
Mass 9:00 am followed by  
*Adoration on Fridays*  
Wednesday—Rosary 4:25 pm  
Mass 5:00 pm  
Saturday—Rosary 3:25 pm  
Mass 4:00 pm

**Office Hours**  
Monday-Thursday: 8am—3:30pm

**Faith Formation**  
Sundays after Mass

**Sacraments**  
Preparation classes with Pastor

**Marriage**  
6 months prior to setting date

**Reconciliation** By appointment or:  
Weds: 4:00—4:25 pm  
Saturday: 3:00—3:25 pm  
Sunday: 8:00—8:25 am

**Bulletin Deadline: Monday**



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## MASS SCHEDULE

### Tuesday—December 24 Christmas Eve

3:25 pm Rosary  
4:00 pm Mass  
+Fr. Hubert Rakowski  
(John Roberts)

### Wednesday—December 25 Christmas Day

8:25 am Rosary  
9:00 am Mass  
Our Parish Family  
(Jim & Lanna Lemerand)

### Thursday—December 26

NO MASS THIS DAY AS FR. SAN  
CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS  
DOWNSTATE WITH HIS FAMILY

### Friday—December 27

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### Saturday—December 28

3:00-3:25 pm Reconciliation  
3:25 pm Rosary  
4:00 pm Mass  
+Ron DiPonio  
(Dana & Sharon LeBlanc)

### Sunday—December 29

8:00-8:25 am Reconciliation  
8:25 am Rosary  
9:00 am Mass  
+Linda Wyckoff  
(Dana & Sharon LeBlanc)

## PRAYER LIST

Bob & Deb, Rock Haio, Joan Wiegand, T.J., Pat Campbell, Maria Williams, John, Ray & Marcia Botkin, Bernie Kann, Jim, Aiden Trudell, Chris and daughter, Don Owczarzak, Deb Money, Thomas Schoensee, Bonnie, Heidi Szymanski, Barb Street, Alejandro Bacon, Chris Horgar, Paul Pasternak, Mia McGregor, Beth, Becky Sidebottom, Char Courmyer, Gary Babcock, Dan Thorpe, Zachery, Chris Campbell, Patti Sherwood, Patty Stewart, Sue Eichman


Sun: Rev. Duane Wachowiak


Mon: Vocations Tues: Rev. Matthew Wigton

Wed: Rev. Peter Wigton Thurs: Rev. Robert Zuchowski

Fri: Rev. James Bearss Sat: Seminarians

## ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH NEWS

 Craft Night every Monday in the parish hall at 6:00 pm. Bring your own craft. All ladies welcome!

 \$327.00 to date—thank you! There is still time to help us out to make the altar beautiful with Christmas flowers. Donations go in the flower jar in the narthex.

- Server schedules for January and February are in the sacristy.

- Gift Shop open during Advent both before and after the weekend Masses.

- No Soul Core Exercise Class until Friday, January 3, 2025 at 11:00 am.

- Annual March for Life on Tuesday, January 21, 2025. Coffee & donuts, March, Lunch—Mark your Calendars Details Soon!

### Holiday Office Hours

12/24—8:00 am till noon  
12/25—Closed

12/31—8:00 am till noon  
01/01—Closed



### Concert & Potluck

Christmas Concert is 3:00 pm, Sunday, 12/22/24 followed by our parish potluck at 4:00 pm. Come celebrate with us—you can even come last minute—just bring something to share at the potluck.



### Stewardship Report

Average Monthly Operating Budget:	\$	17,500.00
Loose, Envelopes & Misc.	\$	2,500.00
Immaculate Conception	\$	1,068.00
Coffee and Donuts	\$	39.00
Candles	\$	34.00
Mass Intentions	\$	210.00
December Income to Date	\$	11,248.00
Retirement for Religious to Date	\$	1,932.00

### Bereavement



**Norm Frederickson** passed away Saturday, December 14th. The funeral Mass will be held in the Spring on Saturday, April 26th at 10:00 am here in Mio. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.  
And let perpetual light shine upon him.  
May he rest in peace. Amen.*

### Bereavement



**Linda Wyckoff** passed away Saturday, December 14th. The funeral Mass is Monday, December 23rd at 11:00 am here in Mio. A luncheon will immediately follow the Mass. A private interment of ashes will be held at Mentor Township Cemetery. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.  
And let perpetual light shine upon her.  
May she rest in peace. Amen.*

### Save Your Labels!

Our CCW ladies are collecting Our Family brand UPC code labels. For each bundle of 500 labels collected, we earn \$25.00. There are containers in the parish hall to put them in. Each label is worth 5 cents—an easy way to fundraise!



**Christmas Eve Mass is at 4:00 pm  
Christmas Day Mass is at 9:00 am**

### Shrine Corner

**We have \$27,619.01  
in our restoration account.**

After setting up for the last breakfast, Mary Klein was setting up for the Soul Core Exercise Rosary in the hall. I had not gone to this event in the past. Lanna and I decided to join.

In this class you meditate on the rosary while doing physical movements, more like stretching with the arms and legs. Each decade had their respective exercise and reading. Different parts of the rosary you would do arm raising, other times you would sit and raise your legs one at a time. You don't say the rosary and Mary does the readings that allow you to meditate on the various parts. At first, this was not expected.

What I found was I had time to think or meditate on the readings. Since everybody is different, you do the exercises that you can do comfortably and if you have difficulty with one exercise you don't do it—you exercise at your own ability. Mary is not a Marine Corp drill sergeant, so do what you can with no judgement. If you can't do something, you don't have to do it. I had both knees replaced so pulling the knee back was one I did not do. Overall, it was a good experience and I will do it again. The class is a great way to make your body move and have a spiritual experience with our Blessed Mother.

The National Shrine application meeting was scheduled in Gaylord last week and was cancelled due to weather. So it is still in a holding pattern for the moment. The Restoration Committee had a meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> and so that will have to be reported on later.

The last breakfast was a tremendous success and was attended by 64 people. One interesting note on the Quiches was the Lorraine Quiche appeared to be the favorite as two children came back for seconds. Everybody liked the French toast. Lanna has just developed the new menu for the **Breakfast on December 29**. An egg and sausage casserole, ham, pastries and fresh fruit along with the normal breakfast drinks.

Once again, we have a **donor who is going to match dollar-for-dollar** the donations received at the breakfast. This is an opportunity that cannot be passed up. Between the holidays you will be tired of cooking anyway, so come and join us and help the Restoration.

God Bless, Jim L.

For the bulletin online, go to the Shrine website—[olwshrine.org](http://olwshrine.org)—and click on “Our Parish.”  
You can also access it at: [dioceseofgaylord.org](http://dioceseofgaylord.org), ‘Find a Parish’, then find us on the map or list—click on our website.