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**St. Mary
Byzantine
Catholic
Church**

Services for the week of Dec. 15, 2019

Monday (16) - Haggai—Prophet

No Services

Tuesday (17) - Daniel— Great Prophet

No Services

Wednesday (18) - Sebastian and other martyrs

No Services

Thursday (19) - Boniface—Martyr

No Services

Friday (20) - Ignatius—Bishop Martyr

Divine Liturgy, 8:30 a.m.

Intention: Michael Bratnick

Offered by: Alan & David Bratnick

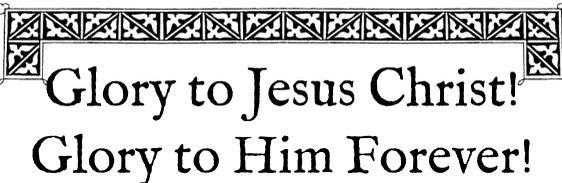
Saturday (21) Saturday before Christmas

Great Vespers (w/ confessions), 5:30 p.m.

Sunday (22) Sunday before Christmas—of the ancestors

Matins 8:30; Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

Intention: St. Mary Parish



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Weekend Services:

Saturday: Vespers, 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: Matins, 8:30 a.m.
Liturgy, 9:30 a.m.

Confessions:

After Saturday evening Vespers
or by appointment.

Sacraments:

Contact Parish Office

Served by:

Fr. Andrew Summerson, S.Th.D.,
Administrator
Deacon Timothy Woods, M.A.

Parish Pastoral Council:

Rose Baranko, Laura Ieraci, Joyce Kane, Janet Mateyko, Lisa McEnery, Mary Ann Medved, Claire Rosario, Jose Rosario, Christopher Woods

Parish Finance Council:

Peter Baranko, Laura Ieraci, Peter McEnery, Paul Kuss, Donna Tang, Jennifer Woods



✠ On this Sunday ✠

Sing-along & Cookie Sale

St. Mary parish will be hosting the 2nd annual Christmas Sing-along and Cookie Sale, today from 1-3 p.m. in the church hall. Delicious homemade cookies & the "Holy Rollers" nutroll will be for sale! 10% of the proceeds will benefit the St. Joseph's Carmelite Home in East Chicago.

✠ Upcoming Events ✠

Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve:

- Matins, 6:30 a.m.
- Royal Hours, 9 a.m.
- Carols and Vigil Divine Liturgy, 8 p.m.

Christmas Day:

- Matins & Divine Liturgy, 9 a.m.

December 26 & 27:

- Divine Liturgy, 8:30 a.m.

Lake Michigan Water Blessing

Christ has come to renew all of creation! Witness this yourself Sunday January 5, 2020, at 3 p.m. for our second annual blessing of Lake Michigan for the Feast of Theophany. The blessing will take place at the Hammond Port Authority, 701 Casino Center Drive, Hammond, Indiana 46320. Refreshments will follow.

"Encountering Christ: The Incarnation Today"

Fr. John Behr is a British Orthodox priest and theologian. He is regarded as one of the most important contemporary voices in historical theology today. Join us Sunday, January 19, during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity as he teaches us how to encounter Christ from the perspective of the Fathers of the Church. A luncheon will take place at 12 p.m. and the talk will be from 1-3 p.m.

Financial Peace University

St. Mary parish will offering Financial Peace University again in the new year. Dave Ramsey and his team of financial experts will teach you how to beat debt and build wealth! St. Mary's will offer Financial Peace University in the rectory, starting Sunday, January 26, at a reduced cost of \$99. To sign-up for the nine-week course, go to: fpu.com/1106188. For info, contact Laura leraci at lauraieraci@yahoo.ca.

Lent 2020: The Jesus Prayer

Christ spent 40 days in the desert. Lent is the 40-day desert experience to bring us in union with Him. During the Great Fast in the new year, learn the Byzantine tradition of the Jesus Prayer, the prayer of the heart. St. Mary's will offer the office of the Jesus Prayer during the week and before all services. In addition, online classes on prayer will be held. Stay tuned to learn how to pray without ceasing (1 Thess 5:16)!

✠ Prayer List ✠

Please Pray for:

PARISH FAMILY

Rose Arendas, Paul Bednar, John Beno, Arlene Bartko, John Bartko, Helen Brown, Ann Rose Chicvara, Robert Clark, Lori Davis, Mary Guiden, Mary Hric, Anne Marie Heusinkveld, Luke Jarman, Katherine Jorkon, Barbara Jupin, Joyce Kane, James Kuss, Ann Mantich, Marlene Mantich, Irene Mateja, Janet Mateyko, Frank Novak, Lisa Sulich, John Yurkanin, Michael Yurkanin, Stacia Yurkanin.

RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Joy Armstrong, Blythe Baranko, Stephanie Baranko, Dillon Buenrostro, Greg Canner, Fr. Michael Evanick, Patsy Hale, Jon Kalena, Rose Kovach, Joan McEnery, Margaret Myers, Millie Myers, Mary Ochs, Wanda Onesko, Sophie Peterson, Rose Rodish, Ruth Sandidge, Jack Strisko, Margaret Sutcliffe, Betty Woods, Milton Woods.



✠ Tithes & Offerings ✠

Sunday Collection (12/8)

Offerings.....	\$1,429.80
Holy Days.....	\$100.00
Hall Roof.....	\$436.00
Music.....	\$45.00
Cemetery.....	\$50.00
Other.....	\$165.00
TOTAL.....	\$2,225.80

From the Apostolic Fathers::
 "Almsgiving is therefore as good as repentance from sin. Fasting is better than prayer, but almsgiving is better than both. Love covers a multitude of sins but prayer from a good conscience rescues from death. Blessed is every man who is found full of these things for almsgiving lightens sin."
2 Clement

The Byzantine Catholic Church is one of the 23 Churches of the Catholic Communion. We are Eastern Orthodox in our faith, theology, spirituality, and liturgical expression, but enjoy the fullness of communion with the Pope of Rome. We welcome Catholics in good standing and Orthodox—with permission from their pastor—to participate in the Holy Eucharist.

