

THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES OF

Immaculate Conception of the BVM “St. Mary’s”

Saint Rita’s Parish

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Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

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Mass Schedule · Saturday · 5:00pm | Sunday · 8:00 & 10:30am

Weekdays · 8:00am · Saturday · 8:00am

Vigil of the Holy Day 6:30pm (except for 12/31 5:00pm)

Holy Day 8:00am & 6:30pm

Confessions · Thursday after the morning Mass

Saturday 3:30 to 4:30pm

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Mass Schedule Saturday · 4:30pm Sunday · 8:30 & 11:00am

Weekday · 9:00am Vigil of the Holy Day 6:30pm
(except for 12/31 4:30PM) Holy Days 9:00am & 6:30pm

Confessions: Saturday 3:00 to 4:00pm
& Tuesday Morning After Mass

The Sacrament of Baptism Please call the parish office to schedule. **The Sacrament of Marriage** is celebrated throughout the year. Diocesan policy requires that engaged couples begin sacramental preparations with a priest at least nine to twelve months before the desired wedding date. Please call the parish office for details at 717-642-8815.



Third Sunday of Advent

December 14 2025

Our Stewardship

December 7, 2025

St. Mary

Weekly Budget \$4,300⁰⁰

Sunday Collection

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St. Rita

Sunday Collection

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*Behold, I am
sending my
messenger ahead
of you; he will
prepare your way
before you.*

Scripture Readings

For the Week of December 14, 2025

Sunday

Third Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Monday

Num 24: 2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab; 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday

Gen 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Thursday

Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Friday

Jdg 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Saturday

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rm 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

St. Mary	Extraordinary Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Ushers
12/20 5:00pm	B. Liska/D. Ritchie/D. Sanders	M. Grist	Volunteers	L. & J. Ritter
12/21 8:00am	K. & L. Farabaugh/D. Lehmer	S. Ranney	Volunteers	B. McCleaf/T. Lehmer
12/21 10:30am	P. Leister/B. Carr/M. Powell	A. Bohn	Volunteers	Volunteers
St. Rita	Extraordinary Ministers	Lectors	Altar Servers	Money Counters
12/20 4:30pm	A. Sanders	A. Shepard	Volunteers	12/21 M. Lawrence
12/21 8:30am	E. Luttrell/D. Fawks	M. Luttrell	Volunteers	12/28 J. Kenney
12/21 11:00am	L. Crawford/S. Sappington	P. Crawford	Volunteers	1/4 A. Hauryski

St. Mary Mass Intentions

Saturday 12/13	8:00am	† John Heibel Jr.
	5:00pm	† Martin Venzin
Sunday 12/14	8:00am	People of the Parish
	10:30am	† Mary Ann Carr
Monday 12/15	8:00am	† Mary Ellen Heibel
Tuesday 12/16	8:00am	† Kevin Tylus
Wednesday 12/17	8:00am	† Conrad Heibel
Thursday 12/18	8:00am	† Diane Heibel
Friday 12/19	8:00am	Intentions of Ellie Powell
Saturday 12/20	8:00am	† Roger Semplak
	5:00pm	† JB Barefoot
Sunday 12/21	8:00am	† Teresa Rodgers
	10:30am	People of the Parish

St. Rita Mass Intentions

Saturday 12/13	9:00am	† Nicholas Bland
	4:30pm	In Honor of Wells & Karen Ridenhour 60th Anniversary
Sunday 12/14	8:30am	People of the Parish
	11:00am	† Michael Matassa
Monday 12/15	9:00am	† Clare Harold
Tuesday 12/16	9:00am	† Pamela Griffith
Wednesday 12/17	9:00am	† Michael Sullivan
Thursday 12/18	9:00am	† Lee Ann Tarant
Friday 12/19	9:00am	† Grace Grove Sappington
Saturday 12/20	9:00am	NO MASS
	4:30pm	† Antoinette Flook
Sunday 12/21	8:30am	People of the Parish
	11:00am	† Darlene McCleaf

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary & St. Rita

Both Churches there is a Christmas Flower envelope in your packets please put in the collection basket anytime during Advent. If you don't get envelopes, please use a plain one and put who there are in honor of or in memory of and your name. Thank you.

ST. RITA'S NO MASS Saturday, **December 20th at 9AM.** Retreat at St. Mary's.

ST. RITA'S SUNDAY SOCIAL December 21st after both of the morning Masses. Donuts and Seasonal treats will be provided. Please join us for fellowship, morning snacks, and beverages in the Parish Hall.

St. Rita's Church Christmas Decorating Please join us following the 11a.m. Mass on Sunday December 21 to help decorate our church as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord. Enjoy some music as our choir practices. All ages are welcome.

St Mary's Church Christmas Decorating will take place following the 10:30AM Mass on Sunday, December 21st. All are welcome to help.

If you would like to become a member of either parish and received envelopes You need to fill out a census card and return to the parish office so we have the correct information to add you. We need the correct mailing address and phone number. We cannot send you envelopes until all of this is done. Thank you.

Legion of Mary Prayer Group and Rosary We meet on Sunday's mornings after the 10:30AM Mass in one of the classrooms on the 1st floor. We also pray the Rosary Sunday mornings at 7:30AM before Mass. If you would like to join contact Bryce Miller at 717-640-1971.

Bulletin Announcements must be submitted to the parish office 10 days before the bulletin date. With the holidays coming 15 days earlier. Thank you

Second Collection for the Retirement for the Religious at Both Churches today. Donations to the Retirement Fund for the Religious provide housing, medical assistance, and essential support for thousands of aging religious. Thank you.

Pro Life Corner For all victims of human trafficking: May they find hope and healing in the Lord who proclaims liberty to captives and release to prisoners.

Advent Retreat December 20th at St. Mary's Hall Michael Haun a professor of Scripture and Theology at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg. Starting with the 8AM Mass. First Talk begins at 9AM. Introducing the Promised Savior: God's Old Testament Preparations for Jesus's Birth. Talk #2 Accomplishing What the Lord Had Spoken: The Infant Jesus' Fulfillment of Prophecy. 1:00PM Adoration with Closing & Benediction at 145PM. Please sign up on the sign up sheet at the entrances to the Church. **Deadline to sign up is Dec. 14th.**

Community Family Christmas Help: \$25 gift cards for Walmart, Save-a-lot and Martins along with cash and checks made to Krista Serpi will be collected until **Dec 14th.** Contact Krista. Krista.serpi@gmail.com 717-552-0403

St. Mary's Giving Tree Please take a tag from the tree. Gift cards of \$25 from Walmart or local grocery stores. When you return the tags please specifying child, adult, or family. All gift cards are due by **December 14th.** If you have any questions contact Bernadette McClain at 717-642-8056. Thank you in advance for all your help in making a Merry Christmas to those in need.

Gettysburg Soup Kitchen Ministry St Rita's will be sponsoring a Food Drive for the Gettysburg Soup Kitchen on the weekends of Dec 13 & 14 and Dec 20 & 21 in time for the Christmas holidays. Funds collected will be used to purchase fresh vegetables and fruits, bulk meats, canned goods and dessert items to supplement their pantry supplies. Non-perishable items are also welcome and will be delivered along with purchased items. Cash or checks made out to "Chris Manning" are being collected. There will also be a collection box marked "Gettysburg Soup Kitchen" located in the back of the church. Contact Chris with questions (703) 678-3055 or cm.manning@comcast.net.

Penance Services Monday Dec. 15th at 6:30PM at St. Mark's in Greencastle, Wednesday, Dec. 17th 6:30PM at Corpus Christi and Sunday Dec. 21st at 2:30PM at Corpus Christi. All are welcome to come.

PHONE APP FOR OUR PARISH! St. Mary's/St. Rita's members may download the **myParish App** to quickly access important, time-sensitive info and to receive messages about events, weather-related Mass cancellations, etc. Included are many Catholic resources: daily reading, Saint of the day, Catholic news, Bishop Robert Barron homilies, and our Catholic prayers. Find fast access to the weekly bulletin and a drop-down menu in top left corner that includes a same day Help link. Text **App** to 55321 to download to your Android or iPhone. Flyer and business cards with more info in church vestibules.

A trip to Sight & Sound to see "Joshua" has been planned for Tuesday, July 14, 2026! Please arrive at St. Mary's by 9:15 AM. We will stop for lunch at Shady Maple Smorgasboard. Then, we will go to the theater for the 3:00 show. We should return to St. Mary's around 7:45 PM. The cost for the coach bus seat, a ticket to the show with **Preferred Seating**, and lunch is \$160.00 per person including tips for the meal and the driver. There is a flyer with more information and a sign-up sheet in the lobby. Payments can be made at any time by making a check to St. Mary's. Please place it in an envelope marked "Bus Trip 2026" and place in the offering basket. This trip could make a wonderful Christmas gift! **All money due by April 1st, 2026.**

St. Andrew's Gala We are celebrating our 100th anniversary here at St. Andrew Catholic School. Our Gala will be held on April 18, 2026. Get tickets at this link if interested. <https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.zeffy.com%2Fen-US%2Fticketing%2Fst-andrew-catholic-school-centennial-gala>



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