



November/December 2019

Holiday Mass Schedule

November, 2019

**All Saints Day Masses
Holy Day of Obligation**

**Friday, Nov. 1st
7:00 AM, 12:10 PM & 7:30 PM**

All Souls Day Masses

**Saturday, Nov. 2nd
8:30 AM & 12:00 PM**

The 12:00 PM Mass will be at St. Gall Cemetery

Thanksgiving Day

**Thursday, Nov. 28th
8:30 AM**

December, 2019

**Feast of the
Immaculate Conception
Of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Monday, December 9th
7:30 PM**

***Advent Confession Day*
Thursday, December 12th
7:30 AM-9:00 PM**



Christmas Eve Masses

Tuesday, December 24th
4:00 PM, 6:00 PM & 10:00 PM Mass

Christmas Day Masses

Wednesday, December 25th
8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

New Years Eve

Tuesday, December 31st
4:30 PM



**New Years Day
Feast of Mary the Holy Mother of God
(Holy Day of Obligation)**

Wednesday, January 1st
8:30 AM, 12:10 PM & 7:30 PM



WE ALL WANT A PARISH THAT IS ALIVE!: Parish Vitality Update

Music at Mass: The Pastoral Council has met a few times since we received the results of the Parish Vitality Survey. We have had some very fruitful discussion. As I announced earlier many people expressed a desire for more contemporary liturgical music at Mass. I am preparing to order a supplemental resource with more contemporary music options (this resource will not be available until the start of Advent). Ken Wagman, our Director of Sacred Music, will work with me to incorporate some more contemporary music that still meets the Church's requirements for appropriate sacred liturgical music. When it comes to sacred music at Mass we still have the goal of putting into practice the teachings of the Second Vatican Council, the instruction of the U.S. Bishops (see their document *Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship*) and the principles laid out in the General Instruction of the Roman Missal. As a result, we will still continue to make use of chant, traditional hymnody, the singing of proper antiphons, the occasional use of Latin, and our beautiful organ. It is such a joy to worship God with the St. Gall parish community!

Youth Ministry: The Parish Vitality Survey also demonstrated a need for us to continue to make a vibrant home for our youth here at St. Gall. In our recent Pastoral Council meeting our Director of Youth Ministry, Katie Pyles, has talked about the ways that we are trying to enrich our youth ministry program. We want our Youth Ministry to complement our Faith Formation program so that our children can grow as life-long disciples of Jesus Christ. This will be no easy task. There are many obstacles to ministering to youth today. School activities, sports, and other extracurricular activities have left many of our middle schoolers and teens with schedules that are so booked up that they do not have time to cultivate friendships and community centered around faith in Jesus Christ. Katie has been working hard to talk with parents to see what we can do to meet the needs of their children. We have launched a couple small groups where kids meet together, under the leadership of adult mentors, and we talk about how we can live out our Catholic faith in our daily lives. I have personally seen amazing fruit already from these groups! We are also working on retooling some of our large group offerings to better fit with the schedules of our youth. We will also continue to promote Camp Wow for Middle Schoolers and the Steubenville Youth Conference for our teens. No one knows your children better than you. What can we do to help your children connect with their faith and grow? Please, please, please talk to us about it! Get in touch with Katie or myself. We cannot have a vibrant parish at St. Gall without YOUR help and involvement.

Time and Talent Survey: Lastly, I have worked with the Pastoral Council and other members of the parish to prepare a time and talent survey. With the Parish Vitality survey we solicited feedback about various areas of our parish life. Thank you so much! That was very helpful. Now, I need to hear back from all of the members of our parish about what they can do to help our parish be really alive. Every person at our parish has gifts that God has given them. Are we all putting those gifts to use here at the parish? I want to take the opportunity to thank everyone who has generously given of their time, talent, and treasure over the years. Where would we be without you?

I would love it if every single member of our parish was involved in at least one ministry or was able to contribute one of their talents in some way. Imagine what our parish could be then! I suspect that there are a lot of gifts and talents in our parish that are hidden (Matthew 5:15-16). What can we do to help you bring your talent out?

May we all continue to grow every day in the love of Jesus Christ, with the assistance of the prayers of Our Lady,

Fr. DiTomo, Pastor

Letter from our Pastor



St. Gall Knights of Columbus Annual Greenery Sale



The Knights of Columbus will be selling Christmas Greenery after all Masses the week-ends of November 2nd & 3rd, November 9th & 10th and November 16th & 17th. Payment can be made by Cash, Check or Credit Card when order is placed. The greenery items will be available for pickup after all Masses on November 30th & December 1st.

The greenery items that will be on sale are as follows:

Variety of Balsam Wreaths from 14" to 60"

Balsam Fir and Frazier Fir Trees from 6' to 12'

25' Balsam Garland

24" Candy Cane

Door Charm

Kissing Ball

24' Balsam Cross



Let the Knights of Columbus help you make your home festive for the Christmas season!

If you are interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, please contact Jim Ryan at (630) 746-5275 or jimryan2250@sbcglobal.net.



The Giving Tree will be up on the weekends of **Nov. 30/Dec. 1** and **Dec. 7/8**. **Gifts are to be returned on Sunday, Dec. 15th BY NOON.**

We will sort gifts at 1:00 PM on December 15th. Tags will be made **Tuesday, November 26th at 4:00 PM in Rms 1-4**. **Anyone wishing to help make tags, decorate the tree or sort gifts, please join us!**

If you know of anyone in our parish in need this Christmas, due to financial hardship, loss of job, etc. please contact the parish office and speak to Lisa(x3) or the Faith Formation Office and speak to Donna (x4). **ALL NAMES are kept strictly confidential!**

We also receive families from **Holiday Spirit**, a program within our school community. This is one of our biggest, most popular forms of almsgiving for our parish. Your generosity is most heartwarming, not to mention the heartfelt gratitude for those in need. Each year, you, our parishioners make this event so successful because of your selfless acts of giving. Thank you!

Special thanks to Denise and Wayne Parchert for heading this annual event once again!

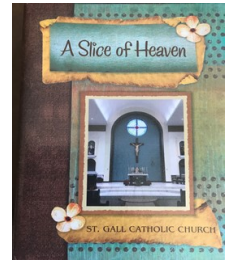
May you and yours have a most blessed Christmas!



Christmas Season SVdP Events

As always, we want to first thank you for your generous donations we use to serve the poor. Without them our Vincentian home visit teams could not have recently helped a family move out of a rental with a septic system failure and help other families pay over due rent and utilities. In January, we'll present to the parish our annual report on this year's activities. For now, we just want to say thank you.

Looking to give a unique personal Christmas gift? The St. Gall SVdP "***A Slice of Heaven Cookbook***", first sold this past Spring, is still available for \$18 at the parish office, the Old Second Bank in Elburn across from Jewel, and Old Second Bank in Wasco. Checks should be made payable to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. The Cookbook makes a great gift for family, friends and can be purchased for holiday grab bag gift. The cookbooks will be sold after Masses on the weekends of November 30th/December 1st, December 7th/December 8th, December 14th/December 15th and December 21st/December 22nd or they can be purchased at the parish office.



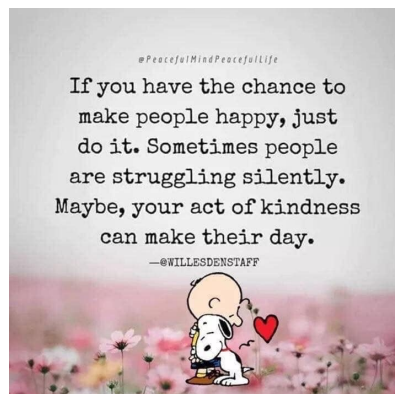
Breakfast with Saint Nicholas Our annual breakfast with St. Nicholas will be held after the 8:30 am and 10:30 am masses on **Sunday, December 8th**. Saint Nicholas will arrive after the 10:30 Mass. Come and enjoy the Christmas Season with your friends here at St. Gall!



Friends of the Poor Walk/Run Thanks to all who participated in this year's Friends of the Poor Walk/Run at Fabyan Forest Preserve, Saturday, September 28th. Through the event, participants donated \$475 to St. Gall's Society of St. Vincent de Paul. It was a fun Autumn event!

Are you being called to serve the poor?

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is seeking new members who wish to serve those in need. Please call Mike Sims at 309-696-8237 to find out more about the Society and how you can serve the poor or come to one of our monthly meetings on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at the church.



Catholic Media
Spiritual Food for Heart and Soul

Catholic Cable TV-EWTN

Cable Provider	Channel #
Mediacom	94
Dish	261
Direct TV	370
Comcast	119
ATT/UVERSE	562
EWTN APP	562

Catholic Radio

	Channel	APP
Relevant Radio	AM 930/950	Yes
EWTN	N/A	Yes
Ave Maria Radio	N/A	Yes
Sirius XM	130	—

LOCAL CATHOLIC STORES

Are you looking for a meaningful gift to give to a friend or a family member? The Catholic Corner and the Catholic Gift Store may have just what you are looking for!

The Catholic Corner is located in Geneva. The store has moved from the Berry House to 4 S. 6th St. in Geneva.

The Catholic Gift Store is located at 770 N. Peace Rd. in DeKalb.

These Catholic stores have supported the local communities for many years. Both stores provide books, CD's and gifts for children and adults.

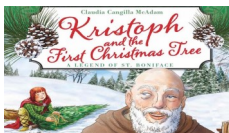


Happy Shopping!

FORMED

If you're not registered for FORMED yet, go to stgall.formed.org and type in the our parish code HNMG7R to set up your account. Once registered, you will be able to enjoy what FORMED has to offer.

Children may enjoy the video "**Kristoph and the First Christmas Tree: A Legend of St. Boniface.**" This video beautifully retells the story of an incident from the life of St. Boniface, the martyr who became the patron saint of Germany.



For adults there is "**Advent Reflections/ Preparing For The Birth of Our Savior.**" How will you prepare for Christmas? Take this journey of renewal to ready your heart for the coming of Christ.



These are just a few of the many videos and studies that FORMED has to offer. Log in and you will see for yourself!

Army of Angels

Card Ministry



Do you know someone who could use some "cheering up" such as a family/ friend? St. Gall's "**Army of Angels**"

Card Ministry reaches out to those who have lost a loved one, those

celebrating a baptism, marriage, etc.

or someone who is ill and needs to know others care. Receiving a card in the mail is rare these days with modern technology. It makes others feel as though that person went the "extra mile" to make them feel loved, etc.

Contact the parish office via email:

parishoffice@stgall.com or call 630 365-6030.

You may also contact Jane at

jane smith@yahoo.com

Rosary Prayer Group

You are invited to join the Rosary Prayer Group on the first Wednesday of every month.

This **Rosary Prayer Group** is for our priests and vocations to the priesthood, requested by our Blessed Mother, under the title of Our Lady Mystical Rose.

The Rosary Prayer Group meets at the home of Maureen Pott at 525 Saratoga Dr., in Elburn. Please call 630-992-6138 if you will be attending.

ST. GALL ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY WELCOMES ALL WOMEN PARISHIONERS

Our next meeting is Monday, January 27, 2020 from 6:00 to 6:50 pm. Due to the many time constraints, we are currently conducting Altar & Rosary business through email communications, along with subcommittee meetings when necessary.

New business included the temporary appointment of officers and spending approval for new folding chairs for parish use. We also discussed upcoming events and hospitality needs.

New members are needed & encouraged!! All registered women of the parish who would like to become more involved, can either attend next meeting on Jan 27th or email your contact information to Pam Barz at pambarz@comcast.net to be included in future email communications. If you do not have access to email, please call the church office and leave your name and phone number and someone will reach out to you.

St. Gall Respect Life Committee News



Join us the first Saturday of every month as we go to Planned Parenthood off Rte 59 in Aurora. This is one hour of quiet prayer from 10:00-11:00 am across the street (on Waterleaf property). For those wishing to car pool, we leave St. Gall parking lot at 9:15 am. **Upcoming dates: Nov. 2 and Dec 7.** Planned Parenthood address: 3051 E. New York St, Aurora.


Waterleaf Women's Clinic grand opening at their new location (across the street from a Planned Parenthood) will be held on December 8th from 2:00-4:00 pm. Join us as we visibly make a bold statement of gratitude to God for this new site (across from Planned Parenthood). Waterleaf gives women clarity and control when considering abortion. Visit their website: Waterleaf.com

Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 9th: Once again we will have a 12 hour Rosary on Monday, Dec. 9th for those wishing to take a time slot from 12 noon to 12 midnight. One of the most powerful tools of fighting for the unborn is "prayer"! There will be a sign up sheet on the table in the vestibule 2 weeks before. Please join us in praying the rosary. See upcoming bulletins as time approaches.

St. Gall Respect Life Committee is seeking new committee members. We meet once a month on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm here at the church. Pray and discern if God is calling you in this capacity. Call the parish office for more information.

Rosary for Life: Every Monday evening at 7:00 pm the rosary is prayed before the evening Mass for those contemplating an abortion, the medical staff who performs abortions, our nation, and for those who have had an abortion. Join us!



 Adopt a Baby Bottle/Coins for Mom will be held again this year in January. All monies collected go to TLC Life Center in Elgin. We have had this annual event for nearly 20 years here at St. Gall. It's so easy to participate. Simply drop your loose coins in a baby bottle provided or write a check and drop it in the bottle. Return your bottle when you come to Mass. There will be a large basket provided for your convenience. All proceeds help those in crisis pregnancies receive a baby basket (receiving blanket, diapers, formula, newborn outfit, and something for Mom as well.) Thank you in advance for always making this annual campaign a huge success. Get the entire family involved...

40 DAYS FOR LIFE[®]

From the Ground Up

16,000+ babies spared from abortion through 40 Days for Life!

- More than **16,004 babies saved** from abortion
- **190 abortion** workers converted
- **103 abortion** centers closed
- **1 million** participants worldwide

go to: <https://40daysforlife.com/> to learn more

Thank you to all our parishioners who braved the cold and rainy weather to participate in the St. Gall 24 Hour Prayer Vigil at Planned Parenthood on Saturday, October 26th.

Thank you to all those who prayed during the vigil and continue to pray for the fight against abortion.

May God Bless you all!





SAVE THE DATE

FIRST

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

FOR

ST. GALL FALL FEST

JANUARY 15TH, 2020 (Wednesday)

@ 7:00 pm - CHURCH

Special Church Cleaning for the Advent and Christmas Season



The Art & Environment Ministry will be doing some special cleaning for the Advent and Christmas season on Saturday, November 9th beginning at 9:15 am.

We will work on completing the following projects:

- Wash interior windows (those that divide the narthex and church)
- Dust stain glass windows
- Wash altar tiles and steps (remove candle wax)
- Dust and polish altar furnishings
- Wash pews and kneelers
- Wash floor in working sacristy
- Remove wax from carpet in back hallway
- Clean candlestick holders and followers (the gold caps on the candles)

Cleaning supplies and ladders will be provided.

Extra buckets and rags are appreciated if available. All are welcome to help!

ST. GALL LIBRARY NEWS

There will be books on display in our library for Advent by the 24th of November. Please feel free to check them out and enrich your Advent Season!



25th Annual Great Lakes Catholic Men's Conference

Walk the Talk

"Through Him let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God".

Hebrews 13:15

The Great Lakes Catholic Men's Conference will be Saturday, Nov. 23, 2019 at NIU Holmes Student Center, DeKalb, IL from 8:50 AM to 4:00 PM.

This year's Conference includes: Speakers, Music Adoration, Confession, Rosary, Holy Mass, and more.

Contact Greg Farrell at gjfarrell@prodigy.net for more information.



Tuesday Morning Bible Study invites you to attend their weekly Bible Study in Rms. 1-4. Meet and greet begins at 9:15 am followed by Bible study until 11:00 AM. During the month of November we will be discussing the Book Of Tobit.

In December we will be digging deeper into the Gospel readings for Sunday. On December 17th we will watch the movie **UNPLANNED**.

Please feel free to join us at any time. All you need to bring is a bible and if you don't have that you can borrow one!! We will be off two Weeks for Christmas break and then come back on the 7th of January with a new study on the Parables of Jesus.

For more information please contact Rick Adams at 3drick@ameritech.net or Jane Smith at janefsmith@yahoo.com

ST.GALL CEMETERY COLUMBARIUM

Have you seen our new columbarium? It is located in the northeast corner of our St. Gall Cemetery. There are a total of 84 niches available. Each niche can hold 2 standard sized urns of cremated remains.

The cost for the niches are \$2000.00-\$2200.00 depending on the level. The niche markers are cast bronze for an additional \$600.00.

For more information please contact Mary Fran Korth in the Business Office at 630-365-6030 x2 or maryfran@stgall.com.



Look What's Coming Up at St. Gall!

Friday, November 8
5-9pm

Brought to you by Faith Formation

Donation: \$5 per person—children under 12 free!



Potluck Dinner
Don't like chili? We have hot dogs!

Chili Cook Off tasting begins at 5pm!

Don't forget to vote!

5pm—Appetizers and fellowship—get your bingo cards!

6-7pm—Dinner is served

7-9pm - Bingo and games!

We have bean bags, ladder ball, checkers and chess, too!

8pm—find out who the winners are!

Guests are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share and a \$5 prize for bingo. Refreshments will be provided.

Fill out an entry form! Sign up in Narthex or email. Don't forget to vote! Winners announced at 8pm!

Children's Bulletins CONTEST drawing!
Put your completed bulletins in the Contest box in the Parish Library! Winners announced at 8pm!



RSVP to donna@stgall.com or call Donna Doherty 630-365-9166 so we know what you are bringing!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

RSVP to FaithFormation@stgall.com or call the FF office at 630-365-9166

St. Gall's ADVENT CELEBRATION:

Anticipating Christmas!

DECEMBER 20 at 7-9pm

Join us on a very faith-filled journey to the stable at St. Gall this year with some of our favorite Christmas songs!



Last year was a beautiful experience thanks to all of our Faith Formation children, adults and the many volunteers who helped with our presentation, costumes, set, props and cookies!

The whole parish is invited to join us as the Faith Formation kids, adults and parishioners re-enact the Nativity story. We will be singing some of our favorite Christmas songs as Mary and Joseph journey to the stable!

We will have cookies and hot chocolate with fellowship afterward.

Can you help? Cookies and hot chocolate Singers for our choir—all ages are welcome! Actors, set up and cleanup, costume prep...

Need more info? Contact Donna Doherty at FaithFormation@stgall.com.

Terri Carter—Event Coordinator



SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEENS, FAMILIES AND ADULTS

- Office help—wrap Christmas gifts, prepare crafts for classes and more!
- Baked Goods for JOYFUL SUNDAYS & CONFIRMATION SUNDAYS
- Set up and clean up for classes and retreats or events. Need to remove some crayon from tables.
- Chili Cook Off/Bingo/Dinner—**November 8**
- Breakfast with St. Nick **December 8** after the 8:30am & 10:30am Masses—Be St. Nick's helper!
- Meadows Apartments—Decorate for Christmas, help write cards or wrap presents! Bingo?
- Marklund Christmas Eve—help residents open their presents!

Contact Donna Doherty at donna@stgall.com to find out how you can help.





November



- Nov. 1 7:00 AM, 12:10 PM & 7:30 PM All Saints Day Masses (Holy Day of Obligation)
8:00 PM Middle School Youth Group All Saints Party
- Nov. 2 6:00 AM St. Gall Men's Group
12:00 PM All Souls Day Mass
(12:00 Mass will be at St. Gall Cemetery. Weather permitting)
9:00 AM Art & Environment
9:15 AM Car Pool to Planned Parenthood
6:00 PM Knights of Columbus Installation of officers after 4:30 PM Mass
Venturing Crew Krispy Kreme Donut Sale
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GREENERY SALE
- Nov. 3 8:30 AM LOWC/Joyful Sunday (PreK-6)
11:45 AM Baptism for Leo Maslanka
5:00 PM Confirmation Preparation (Grades 7-8)
Venturing Crew Krispy Kreme Donut Sale
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GREENERY SALE
- Nov. 4 7:00 PM Rosary for Life
- Nov. 5 9:30 AM Tues. Morning Bible Study
7:00 PM Choir Practice
8:00 PM AA (Rms. 5 & 6)
- Nov. 6 4:30 PM & 6:00 PM Faith Formation
- Nov. 7 7:30 AM-9:00 PM ADORATION
9:00 AM Little Lambs
- Nov. 8 5:00 PM BINGO & CHILI Cook Off
- Nov. 9 6:00 PM St. Gall Men's Group
9:15 AM Art & Environment (Advent and Christmas Season Cleaning)
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GREENERY SALE
- Nov. 10 LOWC Only-No Joyful Sunday or Confirmation
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GREENERY SALE
- Nov. 11 7:00 PM Rosary for Life
OFFICES CLOSED FOR VETERANS DAY
- Nov. 12 9:30 AM Tues. Morning Bible Study
7:00 PM Choir Practice
8:00 PM AA Meeting (Rms 5-6)
- Nov. 13 4:30 & 6:00 PM Faith Formation
- Nov. 14 7:30 AM-9:00 PM ADORATION
9:00 AM Little Lambs
7:00 PM St. Vincent dePaul Mtg(Rm 8)
- Nov. 16 6:00 AM St. Gall Men's Group
9:00 AM Art & Environment
7:00 PM Guest Speaker—Avera Maria Santo
(The Church and Same Sex Attraction)
FOOD PANTRY ITEMS
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GREENERY SALE

- Nov. 17 8:30 AM LOWC/Joyful Sunday (PreK-6)
5:00 PM Confirmation Preparation (GR. 7-8)
(Guest Speaker—Avera Maria Santo)
FOOD PANTRY ITEMS
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GREENERY SALE
- Nov. 18 7:00 PM Rosary for Life
- Nov. 19 9:30 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study
7:00 PM Fr. DiTomo's Crossword Bible Study
7:00 PM Choir Practice
8:00 PM AA Meeting(Rms 5-6)
- Nov. 20 4:30 PM & 6:00 PM Faith Formation
6:30 PM Respect Life Meeting
- Nov. 21 7:30 AM-9:30 PM ADORATION
9:00 AM Little Lambs
7:00 PM Pastoral Council Mtg (Breakroom)
7:00 PM Venturing Crew Committee Mtg
- Nov. 23 6:00 AM St. Gall Men's Group
9:00 AM Art & Environment
8:50 AM Great Lakes Men's Conference at NIU
FOOD PANTRY ITEMS RETURNED
- Nov. 24 LOWC Only-No Joyful Sunday
FOOD PANTRY ITEMS RETURNED
- Nov. 25 7:00 PM Rosary for Life
- Nov. 26 4:00 PM Set up Giving Tree and Make Tags
7:00 PM Fr. DiTomo's Crossword Bible Study
7:00 PM Choir Practice
8:00 PM AA Mtg (Rms 5-6)
- Nov. 27 NO FAITH FORMATION
- Nov. 28 NO ADORATION/NO LITTLE LAMBS
THANKSGIVING DAY
- Nov. 29 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- Nov. 30 9:00 AM Art & Environment
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GREENERY PICKUP
GIVING TREE
St. Vincent dePaul COOKBOOK SALE

NOVEMBER 2019

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December



- Dec. 1 **First Sunday of Advent**
No Classes
11:45 Brooke Sharen Fernandez Baptism
St. Vincent dePaul Cookbook Sale
Knights Of Columbus Greenery Pick Up
GIVING TREE
- Dec. 2 **Rosary For Life**
- Dec. 3 **9:30 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study**
7:00 PM Fr. DiTomo's Crossword Bible Study
7:00 PM Choir Practice
8:00 PM AA Group (Rms. 5-6)
- Dec. 4 **4:30 PM & 6:00 PM Faith Formation**
- Dec. 5 **7:30 AM-9:00 PM ADORATION**
9:00 AM Little Lambs
6:15 PM St. Gall Book Club
- Dec. 7 **6:00 AM St. Gall Men's Group**
9:00 AM Art & Environment
10:00 AM First Reconciliation
GIVING TREE
- Dec. 8 **LOWC & BREAKFAST WITH ST. NICK** after
8:30 AM and 10:30 AM MASS
(St. Nick arrives around 12:00 Noon)
No Classes
GIVING TREE
- Dec. 9 **8:00 AM 12 Hour Vigil Rosary for Life**
7:30 PM Mass for
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
(not a holy day of obligation)
7:00 PM Rosary for Life
- Dec. 10 **9:30 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study**
7:00 PM Choir Practice
8:00 PM AA Meeting
- Dec. 11 **4:30 & 6:00 PM Faith Formation**
7:00 PM Finance Council Meeting
- Dec. 12 **7:30 AM-9:00 PM ADORATION**
7:30 AM-9:00 PM Advent Confession Day
9:00 AM Little Lambs
7:00 PM St. Vincent dePaul Mtg (Rm 8)
- Dec. 14 **6:00 AM St. Gall Men's Group**
9:00 AM Art & Environment
GIVING TREE GIFTS RETURNED
St. Vincent dePaul Cookbook Sale
- Dec. 15 **8:30 AM LOWC & Joyful Sunday (PreK-6)**
5:00 PM Confirmation Class (GR 7-8)
GIVING TREE GIFTS RETURNED
(Organize gifts from 1:00-3:00 PM)
St. Vincent dePaul Cookbook Sale

- Dec. 16 **7:00 PM Rosary for Life**
- Dec. 17 **9:30 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study**
7:00 PM Choir Practice
8:00 PM AA Meeting
- Dec. 18 **4:30 & 6:00 PM Faith Formation**
6:30 PM Respect Life Meeting
- Dec. 19 **7:30 AM-9:00 PM ADORATION**
9:00 AM Little Lambs
7:00 PM Pastoral Council (Breakroom)
7:00 PM Venturing Crew Committee Mtg.
- Dec. 20 **7:00 PM ADVENT CELEBRATION**
(Anticipating Christmas)
- Dec. 21 **9:00 AM Art & Environment**
NO FOOD COLLECTION THIS MONTH
St. Vincent dePaul Cookbook Sale
- Dec. 22 **FF CHRISTMAS BREAK BEGINS**
NO FOOD COLLECTION THIS MONTH
St. Vincent dePaul Cookbook Sale
- Dec. 23 **7:00PM Rosary for Life**
- Dec. 24 **4:00 PM Family Mass; 6:00 PM & 10:00 MASS**
CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- Dec. 25 **8:30 AM; 10:30 AM**
CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES
- Dec. 26 **7:30 AM-9:00 PM ADORATION**
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- Dec. 28 **9:00 AM Art & Environment**
- Dec. 30 **7:00 PM Rosary for Life**
- Dec. 31 **4:30 PM NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS**
Mary Mother of God-Holy Day of Obligation
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- Jan. 1 **8:30 AM; 12:10 PM; 7:30 PM**
Mary Mother of God-Holy Day of Obligation



DECEMBER 2019

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Faith Formation For Pre-K to 12th Grade and Adults!

Sundays - LOWC



Liturgy of the Word for Children (LOWC)
during the 8:30 am Mass

November 3,10,17, 24

December 8,15

No LOWC on Christmas Eve!

No registration necessary!

November/December Classes

Joyful Sundays – November 3, 17 & 24, December 15

Confirmation Sundays – November 3, 17 & December 15

Wednesdays – November 6, 13, 20 & December 4, 11, 18

Little Lambs– November 7,14, 21, & December 5, 12, 19

Grades 5-6 – Encounter Club

(During regular class times)

November 20 & December 18



No classes on Wednesday, November 27!
Happy Thanksgiving!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Faith Formation hosts the **November 8th** potluck, Chili Cook Off and Bingo for the St. Gall parish. Can you help with set up, serving and cleanup?



December 20- Advent Celebration

RSVP to FaithFormation@stgall.com
or call the FF office at 630-365-9166

Christmas Eve Children's Mass at 4pm



All children are invited to put 'straw' in the manger before Mass! Children can sign up to be a Lector for a reading or petitions (some training required) and bring up the baby Jesus at the beginning of Mass.

Email donna@stgall.com to sign up!

**Christmas Break
December 22—January 3!**

SACRAMENT CORNER

Gr. 2 First Reconciliation

December 7 at 10:00am



Keep playing your star game at home!

Bring your decorated candle to class by November 17 or December 4.

Save the Date!

First Communion Parent Workshop—
January 12 from 10:30am Mass to 3:00pm.

Includes lunch! Can you bring a side dish or dessert? Childcare is available on request.

Gr. 8 Confirmation

**Bring your
Sponsors to Class**

**5:00 Mass-8:00pm
January 5 & 12**



Documents Due!

December 1—New/original baptismal certificate and Sponsor Registration Form (Sponsor's Parish Letter if necessary).

December 15—Saint Report/Name

January 5—Confirmation letter to Fr. DiTomo and Mrs. Doherty is due!

Confirmation Retreat
February 9—details are coming!

Confirmation Mass
February 18 at 5:30 PM

Eucharistic Adoration

November 20 at 5:30 and 7:00 PM
December 18 at 5:30 and 7:00 PM

Email FaithFormation@stgall.com or call Donna Doherty (630) 365-9166 for more information.



PRAISE AND WORSHIP

AT ST GALL CHURCH!

THE FOURTH
THURSDAY
OF THE MONTH
8-9PM

BEGINNING IN JANUARY!
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Holiday Prayers

Thanksgiving Prayer

This Thanksgiving, let us remember all the good things, and people, who have come into our lives. We focus on thanking each one who has helped us, and ultimately thank God for the good gifts of this world.

Let us pray...

God our Father,

Graciously accept from your humble people
a thankful heart and spirit.

Everything we have and are able to share with others
ultimately comes from your love of your creations.

Often we think that everything we have
is our own creation;

we ask you this day to create in us
a spirit of gratitude,

that we may always know
that all good gifts come from you.

We ask this through Christ our brother,
in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



Christmas

Today marks the end of the Advent season and the beginning of the Christmas season. We have lighted four candles these past four weeks and asked God to help us be present to our neighbors and friends. Now in the Christmas season we are called to be Christ in the flesh to our world.

Let us pray...

God,

you became human through the obedience
of a simple young woman named Mary.

Mary is our model of faith.

May we be faithful to your word as Mary was.


Give us the courage to face each day
with the yes that Mary gave to you.

We ask this through the incarnate God,
who comes to us again during this Christmas season.

Amen.



Children's Christmas Page




STORY OF THE CANDY CANE




The Candy Cane was first introduced in the late 1880's by a candy-maker in Indiana. He wanted to make a candy that could be a witness during the holiday season. He began with a stick of pure, white to show the virgin birth and the sinless nature of Jesus Christ. The hardness of the candy was to represent Jesus as the Solid Rock, the foundation of the church, and the firmness of the promises of God. The white stripes on the Candy Cane represent the purity of Christ. The small red stripes symbolize the scourging of Jesus before he was hung on the cross. The large red stripes show the blood that Jesus shed for each of us on the cross.

The shape of the Candy Cane represents the shepherd's staff because Jesus is the good shepherd. If you flip the Candy Cane around, you will notice the letter "J" which is the first letter of Jesus' name.

Have a Merry Christmas and always remember the reason for the season...and the candy cane!

 **Puzzle**

Circle the picture that is facing the **wrong** way. Then color in all the pictures.

Mission for the Week

I will give canned food, sheets, blankets, or money to help a homeless shelter.

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 **Growing with the GOSPEL** 

Luke 2:1-14 ■ Christmas
CYCLE A

 **Read the Gospel and Color**



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RCIA: A Way for Adults to Receive the Sacraments of the Catholic Church



CURIOUS ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC (through baptism and/or confirmation and reception of the Eucharist)? At St Gall we have many ways to help you learn and prepare (RCIA classes, private instruction, etc).

Debbie Layne and her husband Don recently went through the RCIA program. Debbie had always wanted to be a Catholic since she was a little girl. It was 2 1/2 years ago when she was at the lowest point in her life after losing her son, that a friend guided her to the Catholic church. Debbie joined St. Gall Church and has volunteered in the Art and Environment Ministry as well as the Faith Formation Ministry. Don and Debbie decided to join the RCIA program and met with Fr. DiTomo on a weekly basis until they received the gifts of the sacraments this past September. Debbie received the gifts of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion. Don received the gifts of Confirmation and Holy Communion. "I am so grateful since joining St. Gall and the parish community. I am grateful for finding God. This has truly been a wonderful experience."

Classes and instructions can begin at anytime. In fact, you can meet with Fr. DiTomo just to discuss the possibility with no pressure to commit. Call the office or send Father an email at frditomo@stgall.com.



A NEW LOCATION

Have you been curious as to why there has been a mound of dirt on the north side of the parking lot? This is the new location for our beautiful St. Francis statue that has been on the south side of the church. It was decided to move the statue to a location where everyone will be able to see it as they come to church and as they leave church. The dirt is actually a berm that will eventually be filled in with plants to make a beautiful St. Francis garden surrounding the statue. Several men from the parish have worked diligently on getting the area ready, cleaning the statue and moving the statue to its new location. The statue, which is dedicated in loving memory of Roy and Carolyn Godey, was moved from the old church on Shannon St. when we moved into our new church. The statue was donated by The Bill White family.



THE PEACE PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy Peace
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
Where there is injury, pardon.
Where there is doubt, faith.
Where there is despair, hope.
Where there is darkness, light.
Where there is sadness, joy.

Oh, Divine Master, grant that I
may not so much seek to be consoled
as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that
we are born to eternal life.





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