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*December 21, 2025*

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*



## MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday - Anticipated Mass 5PM

Sunday - 7:30, 9:00 & 11:30AM

## DAILY MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday - Friday - 8:30AM

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 3:30PM - 4:30PM

## Bulletin News for January 11th must be submitted to Bulletin Editor by Monday, January 5th

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## STEWARDSHIP FOR THE WEEK OF 12/14/25

Offertory	12/14/2025	\$ 37,900.11
Deferred Maintenance	12/14/2025	\$ 1,406.38
Building Loan Reduction	12/14/2025	\$ 5,449.77
MTD Offertory		\$ 63,462.90
MTD Deferred Maintenance		\$ 2,151.38
MTD Building Loan Reduction		\$ 8,482.22
Total amount owed on building loan as of 10/31/2025		\$ 667,328.51
Monthly Building Loan Payment		\$ 17,200.00

## The Story and You™



Sacred Conversations

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

It's Advent in Cycle A. That's Matthew's cycle, which means we're going to read a lot about St. Joseph. Matthew loves St. Joseph — don't we all? — and gives us many stories about him that, if not for him, would never have been recorded. It's only Matthew who knows that when Joseph first heard of Mary's pregnancy, he was thinking about divorcing her quietly (1:19). Do you remember the story from John's gospel about the woman caught in adultery (8:1-11)? That would have been Mary's fate, the self-righteous mob grabbing their stones to murder her.

But St. Joseph decided to divorce her quietly. My great friend Father Pat Dolan asks if that was what Jesus was remembering when he set free the poor woman caught in adultery. Did Joseph and Mary tell Jesus the story of his miraculous conception as he was growing up? Was he simply displaying the mercy he learned from them? Here's what Matthew records Jesus saying, over and over: I desire mercy, not sacrifice (9:13). Right off the bat, in Matthew's first chapter, St. Joseph teaches us the meaning of mercy when he decides not to expose his betrothed to public disgrace.

Do you remember that great dreamer from the book of Genesis whose name was also Joseph? When he was locked up in Pharaoh's dungeon, the Lord showed him mercy (39:21). And it was through that mercy that he was put in a position to save the world from famine. The two Josephs, separated by 1,600 years, show us the meaning of the word "mercy."

This Advent, let somebody off the hook. Mercy can save the world once again.

What mercy will you show to someone this season?

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### OUR PARISH FAMILY

#### Rest In Peace

Ken Mrochek  
Frank Sisk  
Johanna Dreher

## Mass Intentions December 22nd - 28th

### Monday, December 22nd

+ Billy Proksch

### Tuesday, December 23rd

+ Mary Wilhelmi

### Wednesday, December 24th

St. Mark Parishioners

### Thursday, December 25th

St. Mark Parishioners

### Friday, December 26th

St. Mark Parishioners

### Saturday, December 27th

+ Larry Keil

### Sunday, December 28th

St. Mark Parishioners

+ Mary Martinez

+ Diane & William  
Sauceda

+ indicates deceased

All others are intentions

## December 21, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Advent

### Family Faith Formation News

Merry Christmas to all FFF families, from all the Catechists. May your year be blessed.

Welcome back from Christmas Break January 4th



#### DON'T FORGET -

##### ST. MARK HAS PARTNERED WITH DRIVEN TO DONATE

Driven to Donate will take any vehicle (car, truck, motorcycle, RV, or boat), regardless of condition, and will provide free towing. You simply need a clear title and keys. Your donation is tax deductible, and **St. Mark will receive 80% of the proceeds!**

To donate go to our website [www.saintmarkcc.org](http://www.saintmarkcc.org) on the home page or Driven to Donate tab, click the Driven to Donate icon and fill in the information. What a great opportunity for our Parish to receive additional funds!

#### ADORATION CHAPEL

All are welcome to come and adore Jesus truly present in the Eucharist. Whether you stay for a few minutes or an hour, your time with Him is a gift of love.

**Monday-Thursday 9am-4pm & Friday 9am-Noon**

#### - BUILDING LOAN REDUCTION DONATIONS -

If you would like to help lower the debt of the Building Loan - donations are always appreciated and welcomed, **any amount at any time**. Please pick-up a "Building Fund" pink labeled envelope from book rack and place donation in offertory basket or go to online giving at [www.saintmarkcc.org](http://www.saintmarkcc.org), click on donation - select Building Loan Reduction.

#### *For Your Reflection*

**Key Passage:** When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took Mary as his wife. (Matthew 1:24)

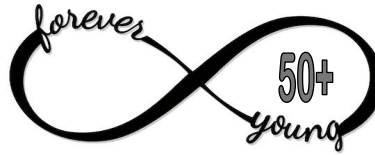
**Adult Question:** Whom do you find it difficult to welcome in your life? What can you do to overcome that?

**Child Question:** What could you do this week to make someone feel welcome, as Joseph welcomed Mary?

## MINISTERS PLEASE

## SIGN UP ONLINE

## SOLEMNITY OF MARY MASS



**President:**  
**Lois Tochtrop**  
**303-619-4253**  
**Dues: \$10 (single)**  
**\$15 (couple)**

- **FIRST FRIDAY COFFEE/DONUTS:** Friday, January 2nd, after 8:30 am Mass
- **POTLUCK:** Tuesday, January 6th, 11:30 am, Parish Center. Theme: "Wear your Western wear in honor of the Stock Show." Please bring food according to your last name (A-G Dessert), (H-M Main), (N-Z Side). Entertainment: Fr. Jim will give a presentation on his cross collection. Please note: If you have not paid your dues yet, they will be collected. \$10 Single, \$15 Couple.
- **BOARD MEETING:** Tuesday, January 13th, 10:00 am Rose Room/Church.
- **PARISH GAME DAY:** Everyone welcome. Wednesday, January 22nd, 1:00 pm, St. Rose Room/Church. Bring your own beverage and a snack to share. Come join the fun!
- **LUNCH/BOCCE:** Mickey's, Thursday, January 22nd, 11:00 am (6950 N. Broadway).
- **BOOK CLUB:** Tuesday, January 27th, 10:00 am, St. Rose Room/Church. Book: To Be Decided

#### **\*\*Please note:**

**During inclement weather, check TV if Westminster Public Schools and/or Adams County Dist. #12 schools are closed, or the church has sent a Flocknote and is closed this means all FY activities are also Cancelled. Sign up for Flocknote if you haven't this is the easiest way to be reached!**  
**To sign-up for Flocknote: Text StMark to 84576.**

#### GIVE A MEANINGFUL GIFT THIS SEASON

We often express thanks to God by giving to others. As you consider your charitable gifts before the end of the year, remember that gifts made now could generate income tax deductions. If you would like to explore your possibilities of bequests, as well as gifts of appreciated stocks, IRA Charitable Rollovers, real estate and/or cash to fulfill your need to give in gratitude for all your blessings, reach out to The Catholic Foundation for guidance.  
[www.TheCatholicFoundation.com](http://www.TheCatholicFoundation.com)



#### WEEKLY PLANNER FOR DECEMBER 21ST - 29TH

Sunday 21st	Office Closed until January 5th
Monday 22nd	Daily Mass 8:30 am
Tuesday 23rd	Daily Mass 8:30 am
Wednesday 24th	Masses: 4pm, 6pm & 10pm
Thursday 25th	Masses: 8am & 10am
Friday 26th	NO Daily Mass
Saturday 27th	Mass: 5pm
Sunday 28th	Masses: 7:30am, 9am & 11:30am



# 2025 SCHEDULE

## CHRISTMAS EVE Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

### **Masses:**

**4:00PM - Children's Mass**  
(Christmas Carols begin at 3:30pm)

**6:00PM**  
(Christmas Carols begin at 5:30pm)

**10:00PM**

## CHRISTMAS DAY Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

### **Masses:**

**8:00AM**

**10:00AM**  
(Christmas Carols begin at 9:30am)

### **NO DAILY MASS**

Friday, December 26<sup>th</sup>

## **MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> **Anticipated Mass: 6:00PM**

Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup> **Mass: 8:30AM**

### **PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED**

December 22<sup>nd</sup> thru January 2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas Break  
(re-opens 9:00AM Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>)