

December 2017

St. Mary – Holy Cross Parish

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Nov. 26 Feast of Christ the King  Coffee & donuts after 8:00am Mass 6:00-7:30pm Confirmation 1 & 2, Social Hall	Nov. 27 10:00-11:00am <i>Mourning Coffee Club</i> , Widows and widowers group, Conference Room	Nov. 28	Nov. 29 5:15-7:30pm PreK-6 RE Classes, Ed Center — K of C <i>Keep Christ in Christmas</i> poster contest, thru Dec. 13 5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross 6:00-6:45pm Children's Choir practice, SM Church 6:00-7:30pm EDGE 7 & 8th gr, Social Hall 7:00pm Sunday Scripture Prayer and Study, Conference Room 7:45-9:00pm Youth Group, Youth Area	Nov. 30 8:00am Mass, St. Mary 6:30pm Friends of St. Francis meeting, Social Hall	1 8:00am First Friday Mass, St. Mary Senior Citizen Breakfast following Mass, Social Hall 	2 8:00-9:00am Meditative Prayer Time, Office Area 4:00-4:30pm Reconciliation Wine & cheese after Mass, Social Hall
3 First Sunday of Advent  Children's Liturgy of the Word during 10am Mass Coffee & donuts after 10am Mass, Social Hall 11am-12:30pm Adult Choir practice, Church 6:00-7:30pm Confirmation 1 & 2, Hall <i>Reconciliation Service All Saints Church, 7:00pm (Des Moines)</i>	4 10:00-11:00am <i>Mourning Coffee Club</i> , Widows and widowers group, Conference Room	5 <i>Reconciliation Services St. Catherine of Siena Church, 6:00pm (Des Moines)</i> <i>St. Francis Church, 7:00pm (West Des Moines)</i>	6 <i>Office opens at 10am due to staff meeting</i> 6:00pm Mass, St. Mary —Ladies Christmas party following Mass  6:00-6:45pm Children's Choir practice, SM Church <i>No PreK-12th Grade RE Classes</i> <i>No Mass at Holy Cross</i>	7 5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross	8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Virgin Mary  Holy Day of Obligation 6:30pm Mass, St. Mary	9 8:00-9:00am Meditative Prayer Time, Office Area 4:00-4:30pm Reconciliation + Blessing of Mothers-to-Be at Mass
10 Second Sunday of Advent  + Blessing, Mothers-to-Be at Masses 11am-12:30pm Adult Choir practice, SM Cory Schoening Family to prepare meal for Catholic Charities Emergency Family Shelter 7:00pm Knights of Columbus meeting, Social Hall <i>Reconciliation Services Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Church, 3:00pm (Ankeny)</i> <i>Christ the King Church, 7:00pm (Des Moines)</i>	11 10:00-11:00am <i>Mourning Coffee Club</i> , Widows and widowers group, Conference Room <i>Reconciliation Service St. Theresa Church, 7:00pm (Des Moines)</i>	12 6:00pm Stewardship Committee mtg, Office	13 5:15-7:30pm PreK-6 RE Classes, Ed Center — K of C <i>judging of posters</i> 5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross 6:00-6:45pm Children's Choir practice, SM Church 6:00-7:30pm EDGE 7 & 8th gr, Social Hall 7:00pm Sunday Scripture Prayer and Study, Conference Room 7:45-9:00pm Youth Group, Youth Area <i>Reconciliation Service Assumption Church, 6:30pm (Granger)</i>	14 8:00am Mass, St. Mary <i>Reconciliation Service, St. Pius X Church, 7:00pm (Des Moines)</i>	15	16 8:00-9:00am Meditative Prayer Time, Office Area 4:00-4:30pm Reconciliation Food Pantry Collection: Catholic Charities Emergency Family Shelter



**Celebrate
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<p>17 Third Sunday of Advent </p> <p>Food Pantry: Catholic Charities Emergency Family Shelter</p> <p>Children's Liturgy of the Word during 10am Mass</p> <p>11am-12:30pm combined choirs & instrumentalists practice, St. Mary</p> <p>2:00pm Advent Reconciliation Service, St. Mary </p> <p>6:00-7:30pm Confirmation 1 & 2, Social Hall</p> <p><i>Reconciliation Service, St. Luke the Evangelist Church, 3:00pm (Ankeny)</i></p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:00-11:00am <i>Mourning Coffee Club, Widows and widowers group, Conference Room</i></p> <p><i>Reconciliation Service SS John & Paul Church, 7:00pm, (Altoona)</i></p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross</p> <p>6:00-6:45pm Children's Choir practice, SM Church</p> <p>6:00-7:00pm ONE PreK-6th RE Class — <i>Birthday Party for Jesus</i></p> <p>6:00-7:30pm EDGE 7 & 8th gr, Social Hall</p> <p>7:00pm Sunday Scripture Prayer and Study, Conference Room</p> <p>7:45-9:00pm Youth Group, Youth Area</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8:00am Mass, St. Mary</p> <p>9:30am Crafts, Games and Social Time, Social Hall </p> <p> 7:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Cross</p>	<p>22</p> <p><i>Office closes at Noon</i></p>	<p>23</p> <p>8:00-9:00am Meditative Prayer Time, Office Area</p> <p>4:00-4:30pm Reconciliation</p>
<p>24 Fourth Sunday of Advent </p> <p>9:00am Mass, St. Mary — Sunday Obligation</p> <p><i>No 8:00am Mass at Holy Cross today</i></p> <p>Christmas Eve </p> <p>Masses: 5:00pm, St. Mary 7:00pm, Holy Cross</p>	<p>25 Christmas </p> <p>9:00am Mass St. Mary</p> <p><i>Office closed</i></p>	<p>26</p> <p><i>Office closed</i></p>	<p>27</p> <p>5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross</p> <p>7:00pm Sunday Scripture Prayer and Study, Conference Room</p> <p><i>No PreK-12th Grade Religious Ed Classes</i></p>	<p>28</p> <p>8:00am Mass, St. Mary</p>	<p>29</p> <p>5:00pm Wedding Rehearsal, St. Mary</p> <p><i>Office closes at Noon</i></p>	<p>30</p> <p>8:00-9:00am Meditative Prayer Time, Office Area</p> <p> 2:00pm Wedding of Lanie Crouse and Brian Stutz, St. Mary</p> <p>4:00-4:30pm Reconciliation</p>
<p>31 Feast of the Holy Family </p> <p>8am Mass, Holy Cross and 10am Mass, St. Mary for Sunday Obligation</p> <p>Coffee & donuts after 8:00am Mass</p> <p>Vigil, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God </p> <p>Holy Day of Obligation Vigil 5:00pm Mass, St. Mary</p>	<p>Jan. 1</p> <p>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</p> <p>Holy Day of Obligation</p> <p>9:00am Mass, Holy Cross</p> <p><i>Office closed</i></p>	<p>Jan. 2</p>	<p>Jan. 3</p> <p>5:30pm Mass, Holy Cross</p> <p>7:00pm Sunday Scripture Prayer and Study, Conference Room</p> <p><i>No PreK-12th Religious Ed Classes</i></p>	<p>Jan. 4</p> <p>8:00am Mass, St. Mary</p>	<p>Jan. 5</p> <p>8:00am First Friday Mass, St. Mary, followed by conversation and refreshments, Hall</p>	<p>Jan. 6</p> <p>8:00-9:00am Meditative Prayer Time, Office Area</p> <p>4:00-4:30pm Reconciliation</p> <p> RCIA celebration of Eucharist and Confirmation; reception in Social Hall following Mass</p>

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 a Savior has been born to you;
 He is Christ the Lord.**