

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Worship Schedule

Saturday December 7—St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
4pm SG + Mary Ellen Staszak

Sunday December 8—Second Sunday of Advent

8am HT + Erwin & Alma Brost, Dennis Brost

10am SG + Joseph P. Litz

7pm HT + Theodore Bonde Family

Tuesday December 10—Advent Weekday

8:15am HT + Special Intention

Wednesday December 11—Advent Weekday

8:15am HT + Ed Konopka

Holy Hour following Mass

Thursday December 12—Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:15am SG + Harvey & Carolyn Maurer

6:30pm HT Advent Reconciliation Service

Friday December 13—St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

8:15am SG + Francis & Donald Reinboldt

Saturday December 14—St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church

4pm SG + Alfred & Rita Binversie

Sunday December 15—Third Sunday of Advent

8am HT + Sandy Riesterer

10am SG + Janice Riesterer

7pm HT + Those committed to Religious Life

Liturgical Ministers December 14 & 15

Greeters:

4pm SG: N-Jim & Mary Bonde

M-Pete Olig Family

8am HT: Jane Rautmann, Pam Reindl

10am SG: N-Carl & Karen Schema

M-Rene & Judy Jelinek

7pm HT: Volunteer

Lectors:

4pm SG: Gene Riesterer

8am HT: McKenna Augustine

10am SG: Jerry Dewane

7pm HT: Miranda Schneider

Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

4pm SG: Meg Post, Mary Olig, Debbie Griem

8am HT: Mary Jo Grube, Sharon Mueller, Dennis & Lois Albright

10am SG: Jean Blattner, Steve Noworatzky

7pm HT: Cecelia DeBruin

Ushers:

4pm SG: Jim Bonde, Ken Riesterer

8am HT: Bob & Clara Salm, Kevin Bonde

10am SG: Ron Egan, Max Christel, Rene Jelinek, Joe Weber

7pm HT: Matt Schneider

Servers:

4pm SG: Josey Olig

8am HT: Adam Faust, Cody Joas

10am SG: Eli & Isaac Egan

7pm HT: Mason Schneider

Scrip:

4pm SG: Greg & Cheryl Schnell

8am HT: Ruth Kleczewski

10am SG: Judy Jelinek

St. Gregory Stewardship: November 30 & December 1, 2019

	Weekly	Fiscal Year Budget
Envelopes	\$ 3,475.00	\$180,000.00
Loose	\$ 400.00	\$ 10,000.00
Total	\$ 3,875.00	\$190,000.00
Support Budget/Week	\$ 3,653.85	\$ 64,156.22 <small>received for year</small>
Difference this Week	\$ 221.15	\$125,843.78 <small>needed by 6/30/20</small>

Total December Green Sunday: \$20.00

Parish News



Bring life to the written word of God. Proclaim the Scriptures. SG is in need of lectors at the 4pm Mass. Call the office today to volunteer.

SG extends a thank you to everyone who donated toward the Legacy Gift item of new altar linens. The monetary goal has been reached and linens have been ordered. Thank you for your generosity! God bless each of you.

SG Choir will practice on Monday, December 9 at 6:30pm in church. New voices are welcome. Come join us as we practice for both Advent and Christmas!

Food Pantry Advent Food Drive will begin in December. The following is a suggested list of items for the pantry.

Week Two: canned meats (tuna, chicken, Spam, small hams, beef stew), summer sausage

Week Three: personal products (deodorants, shampoo, bar soap, hand soap) coffee, cookies

Week Four: cereals (any kind—small boxes best), canned vegetables (carrots, beets, peas, potatoes), peanut butter, jams or jellies

Collection boxes are located in church entries at both SG and HT.

Thank you for your past donations and anticipated donations.

Faye Riesterer (773-2422), Food Pantry Coordinator

SG A Big Thank You to Catholic Financial Life Branch #109 members for the very generous donation to the Food Pantry. It is very much appreciated. May the Lord bless all of you for your generosity. Faye Riesterer, Food Pantry Coordinator

SG Parishioners Allen & Linda Dietrich recently returned from a trip to Israel. They will be sharing pictures and stories of their experiences on Thurs., Dec. 12 at 9:15am in the SG Cafeteria. Everyone is welcome.



You are Invited ... An Evening of the Living Rosary on Wed., Dec. 11 at 6pm. Religious Education students and teachers will be praying the Living Rosary outdoors. In case of inclement weather, prayer will be held in the gym. Please join us.

HT Ministry Schedule for December & January are in back of church.

HT Perch Fry is quickly approaching. When you're out shopping, look for raffle & silent auction items. We will also be having the 'Scrip Fish' again this year.

December 14 & 15

Second Collection—Retirement Collection

SHARE IN THE CARE – Retirement Collection benefits the men and women religious as well as our senior diocesan priests. In thanksgiving for all that our senior diocesan priests and religious have done, please prayerfully consider giving a generous gift to the collection. Please also pray for God's continued blessings on our diocesan priests, religious order priests, sisters and brothers.

Holy Trinity Stewardship for December 1, 2019

	Weekly	Fiscal Year Budget
Envelopes	\$ 1,282.00	\$85,000.00
Loose	\$ 111.97	\$12,500.00
Total	\$ 1,393.97	\$97,500.00
Support Budget/Week	\$ 1,875.00	\$38,691.90 <small>received for year</small>
Difference This Week	\$ -481.03	\$58,808.10 <small>needed by 6/30/20</small>

Green Sunday: \$80.00

Military Services: \$5.00 Total: \$544.00

December

Dates to Remember

Mon., Dec. 9 Caring Hearts & Hands 1pm at SG
Mon., Dec. 9 SG Building & Grounds Mtg 6:30 @ Parish Center
Wed., Dec. 11 Knights of Columbus Mtg 6:30pm at HT
Thurs., Dec. 12 Penance Service 6:30pm at HT
Sat., Dec. 14 & Sun., Dec. 15 Second Collection: Retirement Collection
Tues., Dec. 17 Food Pantry 1pm at SG
Tues., Dec. 17 SG Finance Council 6pm; Parish Council 7:15pm
Thurs., Dec. 19 Penance Service 6:30pm at SG
Dec. 24 & 25 Parish Offices Closed
Sat., Dec. 28 & Sun., Dec. 29 Second Collection: Green Sunday
Dec., 31 & Jan. 1 Parish Offices Closed

Knightly News

Thank You to all parishioners that have 'Keep Christ In Christmas' signs on display! Your enthusiasm for the signs was tremendous!



Meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of the month. For more information about our Council contact Dave Christel at (920) 773-3113



Area Parish Events & Faith Formation Opportunities

Sun., Dec. 8—Chili Lunch with Cookie and Candy Sale, St. Anne Parish, Francis Creek; 10am—1pm Chili, bread, cheese, dessert, and beverage; Adults \$6; Children 3-10 yrs \$2.50; Under 3 Donation; Carry outs \$6/quart.
Mon., Dec. 10—Love & Mercy, St. Faustina Movie—Sheboygan Cinema 7pm showing or 7pm at Green Bay Theaters. In 1931, Jesus appeared to Faustina Kowalska as the King of Mercy. The gripping new docudrama LOVE AND MERCY presents unknown facts and recently disclosed documents that shed new light on the vision of Faustina.

Community Events

Sun., Dec. 8—Christmas Craft Fair, Chilton High School, 10am-3pm; For the benefit of "Bread of Life Assistance Center"; sponsored by The Salvation Army; Free Admission; Food & Refreshments; Door Prizes.
Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer at the Timm House, 1600 Wisconsin Ave, New Holstein; Celebrate the 80th Anniv. of the 1939 book by Robert Lewis May & 70th Anniv of Gene Autrey's song 1949. Dates, times, and admission information on bulletin boards.

Mass Readings for Week of December 9—December 15

	Readings	Gospel
Mon/Dec 9	Genesis 3:9-15, 20 Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12	Luke 1:26-38
Tues/Dec 10	Isaiah 40:1-11	Matthew 18:12-14
Wed/Dec 11	Isaiah 40:25-31	Matthew 11:28-30
Thurs/Dec 12	Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab	Luke 1:39-47
Fri/Dec 13	Isaiah 48:17-19	Matthew 11:16-19
Sat/Dec 14	Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11	Matthew 17:9a, 10-13
Sun/Dec 15	Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10 James 5:7-10	Matthew 11:2-11

Hear to Serve ...



SHE PONDERED WHAT SORT OF GREETING THIS MIGHT BE

This Monday, December 9, we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. We are celebrating the Immaculate Conception of Mary herself, not of Jesus. (Immaculate meaning free from Original Sin.) It's easy to see why we get confused with Christmas around the corner, and with the Gospel being about the upcoming pregnancy of Mary with Jesus. So, the question remains for many of us, how can Mary, totally human like us, conceived by human parents (St. Anna & St. Joachim) be free from original sin?

The answer lies in the greeting that Mary got from the Angel Gabriel. Mary was troubled by the words Gabriel used, and she had to ponder their meaning. For the Angel Gabriel announced to her, "Hail, full of Grace! The Lord is with you!" What does this mean? By using the word "hail" and saying "full of grace," Gabriel told Mary two things. Hail was a word used for kings and for people that had a high status. Hail was not used for peasant girls from Nazareth. Therefore, Gabriel was venerating Mary with that word. By saying "full of grace," Gabriel told Mary she is full of God's Grace which means she is completed in God. She has been saved from sin already. We won't be full of God's grace until we reach Heaven.

We are born with original sin, and it's from Jesus' great sacrifice and our baptism that we are able to be saved and one day come into the Divine Life. Just like you and I, Mary also had to be saved by God, by Jesus her Son. However, she was saved beforehand so to speak. How is that possible? Go to the Gospel of John 1:1-5. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." This passage is talking about Jesus. It shows that Jesus, even though Jesus came into the world, into human history at the time of his birth, He was always there, from the very beginning. Jesus is not a creation like us.

It's like this. When my son was about four years old, we were at a friend's house overlooking a lake. My son was on the pier with the owner, Tom, who was turned looking and talking to us on shore. Matt fell in the lake, and Tom pulled him out because Matt couldn't swim. Now, if Tom would have been looking at Matt, he could have kept my son from falling in.

That's the difference between Mary and the rest of us. God grabbed Mary before she fell into the lake of sin. The rest of us have fallen into that lake of sin and need to be pulled out. Now, was this necessary that Mary be free from original sin before she became the Mother of Jesus? No, it was not. God can do whatever He wants, and this is His plan on how He wanted to save the human race. He gave Mary the gift of being free from original sin at the time of her conception. She is the Immaculate Conception.

Mary is called the Mother of all the Redeemed, and let us be grateful to God for His plan of salvation. We don't need to ponder; we need to just be grateful. Mary did all the pondering we need. We just need to say "yes" and accept God's will, just like Mary did. God gave Mary all she needed to live out the plan he had for her as the mother of Jesus. God gives us all we need to live out the plan He has for us.

In honor of God's plan and Mary's acceptance, let us pray the Magnificat everyday this week, found in the Gospel of Luke 1:46-55. "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord...."

*Deo gratias,
Deacon Gary*

WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 7 & 8, 2019

From December 9—December 15
the Sanctuary Candles are burning
in memory/honor of:

Holy Trinity:

Those recovering from illness
and surgery

St. Gregory:

Joseph P. Litz
Living & Deceased Members of
Donovan & Rief Families

Pray for the Sick:

John E. Meyer, John Casper, Mary Mueller, Orville Bonde, Leon
Mueller, Kay Binversie, Jasmine Bertschy, Tony Scharenbroch, Ken
Kozminski, Wendy (Riesterer) Puddy, Roy Schuler, Monica Clark,
Marie Koenig, Lucille Koenig, John Ryan, Jim Riesterer, and
Deacon Jim Steffen, Wilfred Kleinhans.

To **add or remove** a name from this listing, a family member should call
your Parish Office-SG: 773-2511 or HT: 773-2380 Thank you.



Legacy Gifts to St. Gregory Parish

Current projects for donation consideration:

- Main entry doors on the Parish Center
- Decorations for church environment (by liturgical seasons)
- Church ceiling rib repairs & paint

Sold in office:

M, T, TH 8am –Noon & 12:30-4pm,
W 8am-Noon, F 8am-noon & 12:30-2pm
Before and after 8am Mass on Sunday

HT Scrip Coordinators~Betty Hardy & Sandy
Neils~920-565-4588

**Back in inventory for limited time: Fleet Farm \$10/5%, Riverview
\$10/10%, Walmart \$10/2.5%**

Thank you to all who continue to purchase SCRIP!

Sales ending December 1 — \$3,595 (includes online sales)
Profits ending December 1 — \$129.01 (includes online sales)



Use Scrip cards for all your
Christmas shopping needs
(groceries, gas, gifts, etc) -
Including Amazon purchases!

ST. GREGORY SCRIP

Scrip is sold in the parish office:
M-W 7-Noon & 12:30-4, Th & F 7-Noon
Scrip is also sold after all Masses

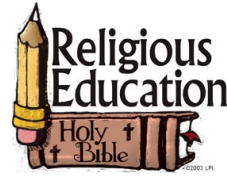
Scrip sales for week ending December 3: \$7,852.91
3% (average) profit to the parish: \$235.58

Scrip Coordinators:

Debbie Griem 773-2708 Marlene Zutz 775-4253
Thank you Scrip purchasers and volunteers!

HT Christian Women Calendar Winners are...

Nov 24 - \$30	Eugene Durben, Manitowoc	#1173
Nov 25 - \$20	Veronica Evenson, Valders	#1506
Nov 26 - \$20	Matty Binversie, Dongola, IL	#1918
Nov 27 - \$20	Bernard Shesta, Cleveland	#1283
Nov 28 - \$100	Bernard Shesta, Cleveland	#1281
Nov 29 - \$20	Chmura Albright, Manitowoc	#95
Nov 30 - \$20	Jeremy Bushman, Sheboygan	#575



Pray a Living Rosary with us - Wed.,
Dec 11 at 6pm. Depending on weather,
we'll pray either outside in front of
the parish center or in the gym.

Wed., Dec. 11—6pm Class
Wed., Dec. 18—No Class
Wed., Dec. 25—No Class

** Mrs. Patty Wilhelm, Coordinator-
pwilhelm@stgregorycatholicsschool.org
** Mrs. Rita Steffen, Assistant Coordinator-
rsteffen@stgregorycatholicsschool.org



Thank you for
your generous gift!

God Bless You!

	2019 Goal	2019 Donated	Percentage Met
St. Gregory:	\$20,952.00	\$18,074.00	86%
Holy Trinity:	\$14,859.00	\$13,502.50	91%

Thank you for supporting the Bishop's Appeal!

The totals reflect the contributions made in the recent second collection.
The donated amount is current as of 12/2/19.



Legacy Gifts to Holy Trinity Parish

Current projects for donation consideration:

- Rectory Building-outdoor paint
- Update Parish office computer
- Liturgical Decorations in worship space (colored banners)
- Upgrading stain glass windows-worship space

The following parish family members are serving our
nation in the **Armed Forces**:

Jesse Augustine, Kurt Binversie, Dustin
Koenig, Matthew Koenig, Samuel
Koenig, Brandon Mueller, Greg Mueller,
Adam Satori, and Anton Simon.



Service
to your
country
is a gift
to us all.

Please contact the parish office to add a
family member.



SG Prayer Line: Lucille Heinzen at 773-2317

SG Nursing Home/Assisted Living: Melissa Frost
773-3270

SG Caring Hearts & Hands: Melissa Frost
773-3270

SG Food Pantry: Faye Riesterer at 773-2422

HT Prayer Line: Complete card by suggestion box in back of church
or call the parish office.

Would you like to receive Communion at home?

St. Gregory parishioners please contact: Mary Olig 775-4756,
Gene Riesterer 773-2585, or the parish office 773-2511.

Holy Trinity parishioners please contact: Dennis and Karen Graf
693-8700 or the parish office 920-773-2380.

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St. Gregory Parish

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INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

Weekday Masses, Events, & Office Hours

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During the week, St. Gregory Parish will follow the Valders School District to determine cancellation of daily Mass, scheduled events and office closure. If the schools are delayed, our schedule will NOT change.

During the week, Holy Trinity Parish will follow the Kiel School District to determine cancellation of daily Mass, scheduled events and office closure. If the schools are delayed, our schedule will NOT change.

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Cancellation of weekend Masses and events will be on local TV and radio stations. If weather appears questionable, please tune in to a local station.

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Closures will be listed as: St. Gregory Parish, St. Nazianz

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TV Stations:

Channels 2, 5, 11, 26

AM Radio Stations:

WOMT (1240), WCUB (980),

FM Radio Stations:

WQTC (102.3), WLTU (92.1), WLKN (98.1),
WEMP (98.9)

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WEMP (98.9)

Remember these people who have
been an important part of our
parish past with a Christmas card!

Sister Jane Barman & Sister Rita Faust

3810 N. 92nd Street
Milwaukee, WI 53222

Deacon Jim Steffen

Room 130
1706 Hoover Street
New Holstein, WI 53061

Fr. Gregory Coulthard

SDS Provincial Office
1735 Hi-Mount Blvd
Milwaukee, WI 53208

Fr. Patrick Nelson

St. Margaret Mary Parish
3970 North 92nd Street
Milwaukee, WI 53222



Mark Your Calendars ...

*Celebrate the Feast of
St. Gregory Parish's Patron Saint
St. Gregory of Nazianzen*

**Thursday, January 2
6:30pm Mass**

*Mass with Bishop Ricken
Blessing of the Adoration Chapel
and Reconciliation Room
(Reception of Follow)*

**Sunday, January 5
10am Mass**

More information coming soon!