

# St. Mary Parish Community

...since 1860

118 Church Street Algoma, WI 54201-1033

Come Worship With Us!

December 7, 2008 - Second Sunday of Advent



*As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: "Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way." - Mk 1:2*

## MISSION STATEMENT

*With our eyes fixed on the Risen Lord Jesus Christ  
Conformed to his image in Baptism and the Eucharist  
We grow together in our Gospel faith And our  
understanding of our rich Catholic tradition Building the  
Kingdom by living in gratitude Reaching out generously  
to all people in need.*

## Baptism • Marriage • Reconciliation • Sacrament of the Sick

Please call Fr. Bill at 920-487-5001 to make arrangements for these Sacraments here at St. Mary's or at Holy Rosary where he is also Pastor.

### Pastor

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### Pastoral Minister

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### Administer of Catholic Education & Faith Formation

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### Trustees

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### Prayer Chain

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Kewaunee ..... (920) 388-2285

### St. Mary School

Laura Krzysiak, Principal  
Phone ..... (920) 487-5004  
Tina Nellis, Secretary

### Parish Office

In the School  
You are welcome from:  
8:30 am – 4:00 pm  
Monday Thru Friday  
Phone: (920) 487-5005  
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### Secretary/Bookkeeper

Patty Kubetz  
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### Chairpersons

Pastoral Council

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### Buildings & Grounds

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### Gift Bearer

Judie Blahnik.....487-3475

### TV Mass

Monday ..... 11:00 am  
Tuesday ..... 9:30 am  
Wednesday ..... 6:30 pm

## Liturgies For December 8 - 14, 2008

### Monday - Immaculate Conception

Kewaunee 8:15 am Wenzel & Ann Swintkoske  
Algoma 10:00 am Gladys Baudhuin  
Algoma 6:30 pm People of Our Parish

### Tuesday

Algoma 8:15 am † Linus Weidner  
Kewaunee 8:15 am Liturgy of the Word/Communion  
Kewaunee 10:00 am Liturgy of the Word/Communion @  
Emerald Shores

### Wednesday

Algoma 8:15 am Liturgy of the Word/Communion  
Kewaunee 8:15 am † Tyler Reinke, Wilbert, Joseph, Pauline  
Steinhorst  
Kewaunee 9:30 am Liturgy of the Word/Communion @ Silver  
Leaf  
Kewaunee 6:30 pm Advent Evening Prayer  
Kewaunee 7:15 pm Reconciliation

### Thursday

Kewaunee 8:15 am Morning Prayer  
Algoma 3:30 pm Perpetual help devotions  
Algoma 4:00 pm † Joe & Marie Seiler

### Friday

Kewaunee 10:00 am Mass at Kewaunee Care Center @ John  
Fiala  
Algoma 10:00 am Liturgy of the Word/Communion @ Bayroad  
Place  
Algoma 10:15 am Mass at Algoma Long Term Care Center with  
Father Cotter  
Kewaunee 2:00 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe with Bishop Banks

### Saturday

Algoma 3:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Algoma 4:00 pm † Mark Zahn  
Kewaunee 5:30 pm † Robby Pribek

### Sunday

Algoma 8:15 am † Sylvester Rodrian  
Kewaunee 10:15 am † Beatrice Kleiman Boucher

## Readings for December 7 - 14, 2008

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8  
Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38  
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14  
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30  
Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15  
Friday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/ Lk 1:26-38 or  
1:39-47  
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



## St. Mary Parish Lights

Tabernacle: Hazley Hurley  
Steeple: Rose Wautelet  
Grotto: Deceased members of the Knights of  
Columbus

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## Financial Update Summary

### Stewardship

Budgeted Weekly \$ 5,132.80 Budgeted YTD \$123,584.00  
Received \$ 5,331.04 Received \$118,587.52  
Overage/Deficit \$ 198.24 Overage/Deficit (\$4,996.48)

### Loose Collection

Budgeted Weekly \$ 429.00 Budgeted YTD \$ 11,075.00  
Received \$ 389.73 Received \$ 10,126.14  
Overage/Deficit (\$39.27) Overage/Deficit (\$948.86)

## Taking Care of Our Saint Mary Parish Financial Update is:

Thank you to all who donated to our Power Service Project. We have paid all the bills connected with this project. However we are still collecting for the Outdoor Projects that need to be completed. If you have not yet given to this project, please consider to do so.

Outdoor Projects \$10,000.00  
Collected as of 11/17/2008 \$5,657.50  
Total amount needed \$ 4,342.50

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## Children's Corner

Here are just a few of the many offerings to God from the youth at St. Mary's.

This week my prayers of Special Intention were for: For my mom, All those without family, Those in India, sad people, All the hunters, Jesus.

This is how I used my Time & Talent: vI cleaned my room, Helped make thanksgiving special, prayed extra for war to stop, Gave some of my money to Salvation army.

Gifts from the youth envelopes: \$7.65

## Happenings This Week:

### Monday, December 8, 2008

**Boys Junior High Basketball Games** versus Gibraltar at Algoma. Grade 7 - 4:30pm. Grade 8 follows.

### Wednesday, December 10, 2008

#### Religious Education and Faith Formation:

Grade School Faith Formation 3:45 pm –5:00 pm. High School Faith Formation 6:45 pm—8:00 pm

### Thursday, December 11, 2008

**Boys Junior High Basketball Games** versus Southern Door at Algoma Grade 7 - 4:30pm. Grade 8 follows.

### Saturday, December 13, 2008

**Boys 5/6 Basketball Games** versus Sturgeon Bay (away). Grade 5 - 11am. Grade 6 - Noon.

**Knights of Columbus Christmas Party** in the Cafeteria starting at 5:30 PM. Dinner at 6:15 PM. Anyone interested in joining the Knights of Columbus, call Ed Cross 487-5122 for details.

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## Other News, Notices and Happenings



### Liz Melotte invites all youth of the parish to join the Choir for the 4:00 pm Children's Mass.

Students will arrive @ 3:15 pm and sing carols from 3:30—4:00 pm. As well as songs of celebration during Mass. Families of participants may sit in reserved seating. Liz Melotte will hold a practice on Sunday, Dec.14 as well as Sunday Dec. 21 after the 8:15 am mass in church. Parents are encouraged to help with supervision. Please call the Parish/ School office if your family will be participating.

**Help Wanted :** Would you be willing to decorate Our Church on December 21 after the 8:15 am mass. If you have questions: Please contact Jean Rankin at 487-2647 Thank You!!!



### Keeping Christ in Christmas Begins in Advent!

Join us for Advent Evening Prayer at St. Mary Parish: Monday Dec. 15, 6:30 pm Tuesday Dec. 23, 6:30 pm  
Or at Holy Rosary Parish: Wednesday Dec. 10, 6:30 pm Tuesday Dec. 16, 6:30 pm  
The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available after the Prayer.



**Winterfest Raffle** tickets will be available for pickup in the back of church until after Christmas.

## Help Feed The Hungry!



St. Mary School & Religious Ed Students are collecting non-perishable food items for the local food pantry. Our goal is 1000 lbs! Please help us! Bring your donation and place in boxes in the Church Street entrance.

**Thank You**, Rosary Society Ladies, Adult Choir, and parish members, for all your donations, baked goods, fruit & veggie trays and work done to make the Ecumenical Service Social such a success. The nice social left a good impression in our faith community.



**Memorial Offering for Christmas Decorations Envelopes** are provided in the church pews for anyone who would like to donate money for Christmas flowers/decorations in memory of a loved one. Those who would prefer to donate a plant instead of money for a plant or decoration, please also fill out the envelope, and where the dollar amount donated is indicated, just write PLANT. Please have the plants in the server's sacristy by Saturday, Dec 20. Please return envelopes by Dec. 19th. Any questions, call Ann Schoenborn, 487-5595.



**Your "Giving Tree" Gift is due Today (12/7).** If you have forgotten to bring the gift to church it can be dropped off at Penquin City Pizza. If you have a problem, call: Linda Andre 487-2542

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## In Joy and Hope:

### JOURNEY TOGETHER ALONG THE LAKESHORE

Is it all sewn up – my life?  
Is it at this point so predictable,  
    so orderly,  
    so neat,  
    so arranged,  
        so right,  
that I don't have time or space  
for listening for the rustle of angels' wings  
or running to the stables to see a baby?  
Could this be what he meant when he said  
    Listen, those who have ears to hear...  
    Look, those who have eyes to see...  
O God, give me the humbleness of those shepherds  
    who saw in the cold December darkness  
        the Coming of Light  
        the Advent of Love!  
(from Kneeling in Bethlehem by Ann Weems)

One of the pre-eminent persons of Advent is Mary, the Mother of the Lord Jesus, the Son of God. It is so fitting that the only feast celebrated during Advent is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary on December 8. I imagine her emphatic "Yes!" to God's invitation to be the mother of the Son of God occurring in a moment of quiet and stillness. Maybe she had just finished the breakfast dishes – and while sitting at the kitchen table with a steaming cup of tea in front of her – and the warm rays of the sun streaming into the room – just soaking up the quiet and stillness – she had this tremendous sense of God's closeness to her and of God's great plan for her. She had time and she made space for the coming of God into her heart. Her receptivity to the Spirit of God was so finely tuned – no other human being has ever had such an openness to God.

Advent is all about listening and seeing in a new way. In order to listen for God – whose voice the prophet Elijah experienced as a tiny whisper – we make time and space to be available to God. Without a doubt, God always makes time for us. God is always knocking on the door of our heart – hoping to gain full entrance into our lives. Only you can open the door to the Lord. Take time to listen for God's reassuring, calming, loving voice.

See the things of life in a new way. Parents are telling their children that Santa's bag of gifts may be a little lighter this year because of the economic recession. I just received my personal portfolio review from Ameriprise Financial announcing that a whole lot of money has disappeared into a black hole somewhere. Oh well... What really matters? What really lasts? Certainly the happiest people among us are those who put even more stock in quality relationships with each other than in gifts or portfolios. Certainly the happiest people among us are those who have a strong love relationship with the Lord that is nourished daily in quiet prayer and in the reading and praying of God's Word. Do you see it this way?

Let's pray for open ears and open eyes and open hearts during this holy season of Advent.

May you have some quiet, still moments during this holy season of Advent.  
Father Bill +