

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 25

The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord Solemnity of Mary The Holy Mother of God

10:00 Ryan Picklesimer and Kenneth Picklesimer

12:00 Jenny Family

Monday, December 26 *Saint Stephen, The First Martyr*

7:00 Communion Prayer Service

8:15 Frank Ballard and Robert Finley

Tuesday, December 27 *Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist*

7:00 Communion Prayer Service

8:15 SMM Parishioners and Beatrice Bastek

Wednesday, December 28 *The Holy Innocents, Martyrs*

7:00 Communion Prayer Service

8:15 Betty J. Miller

Thursday, December 29

The Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

7:00 Communion Prayer Service

8:15 Susie and Cecil Iglehart 55th Wedding Anniversary

Friday, December 30

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

7:00 Communion Prayer Service

8:15 Chuck Gipperich Family

Saturday, December 31 *Saint Sylvester, I, Pope*

8:15 SMM Parishioners

5:00 Francis E. Jenkins

Sunday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary The Holy Mother of God

8:00 SMM Parishioners and Carolyn Wahl

10:00 Jennifer Head and Courtney Ann Garrett

12:00 John Anthony Metts Birthday and
Sigmund Targonski

**Please Note: Rosary in the Chapel following the
8:15 a.m. Mass – Please Join Us.**

THE GOSPEL READING

FOR TODAY IS JOHN 1:1 5, 9-14

**REFLECT ON THE TRUE VALUE OF THE GIFT WE
HAVE BEEN GIVEN, GOD BECOMING FULLY
HUMAN.**

“FOR WHOM OR WHAT SHALL WE PRAY?”

Readings for the Week of December 25, 011	
Sunday	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Monday	Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Ps 31; Mt 10:17-22
Tuesday	1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Wednesday	1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124; Mt 2:13-18
Thursday	1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96; Lk 2:22-35
Friday	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 105; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40
Saturday	1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96; Jn 1:1-18
Sunday	The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord Solemnity of Mary The Holy Mother of God Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21



SUNDAY, December 25

The Nativity of The Lord

MONDAY, December 26

Parish Office Closed

THURSDAY, December 29

5:00 p.m. Sacred Heart Prayer Gr. Church

SATURDAY, December 31

3:30 p.m. Confessions – Church

SUNDAY, January 1

1:30 p.m. Seniors – H.R.

**TIME
TALENT
TREASURE**

Thank you for turning in your

2012 Stewardship Commitment Cards!

If you forgot to turn your cards in, it is not too late. Please bring them by the Parish Office, drop them in the collection basket, or mail them to us.

You can also download the 2012 Stewardship Commitment Card from the Parish web site www.stmm.org. Thank you and God Bless.

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the souls of **Archbishop Thomas Cajetan Kelly, O.P.** Archbishop Kelly served for more than a quarter century as the Archbishop of Louisville and remained active as Archbishop Emeritus for almost five years, **Charlotte Morris**, our parishioner, **Keith Duncan**, cousin of Lisa and Brian Gahwyler.



Grant them peace, O'Lord, and to their friends and family the consolation of your love.



Monday, December 26 – Closed
Monday, January 2 – Closed

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us,"

John 1:13

Christmas is the celebration of God's greatest gift: His only Son. No matter what we consider our personal gifts, we will never be able to give more than this.

FORMATION



BECOMING CATHOLIC

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) is a process designed for adults who want to learn more about becoming Catholic Christians. If an individual chooses to participate in R.C.I.A. meetings it does not mean they are obliged to join the Church. There are multiple stages in the R.C.I.A. and at any point participants are free to leave the process.

Weekly R.C.I.A. meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. in the Hospitality Room. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic Church please call Jerid Miller at 426-1588 jmiller@stmm.org. Those that are already Catholic and just want to learn more about their Church are welcome to attend as well



In The Hospital

One of the most important things you can do to help us in our ministry is to notify us if you or a loved one go to the hospital or into a nursing home. The new HIPPA laws prevent those facilities from notifying us, so unless you or a loved one call, we are unaware if there has been a change in your situation. Many times people have felt abandoned because "no one from the Church visited them?"

Please remember, we can't visit if we don't know that you are there. Please call the parish office 426-1588.

SNOW INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

With winter's arrival this is a good time to publish our inclement weather policy. Masses will not be cancelled because the priest lives on Church property. We would hope however, that people would use common sense in trying to get here by car, especially if side roads and main roads are dangerous or hazardous. If people live close, again use common sense if walking is a possibility.

Worship is the primary reason the Church exists. And, although on certain days we may not have a choir or a singer or an organist or very many people in the pews, worship will continue to be held for those safely able to come.

Louisville Women's Basketball Faith Night – Tuesday, January 3rd at 7:00 p.m. KFC Yum Center. Mention your parish and receive \$2.00 tickets to the game. The church that brings the most people will be winners of a pizza party for one of their youth groups. Tickets must be purchased in advance to count towards the contest. However, \$2.00 tickets can still be purchased at the door.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

December 18, 2011 Fiscal YTD – December 18, 2011

Budget \$	103,392	\$	1,625,609
Actual \$	77,715	\$	1,557,015
Fiscal Year Annual Budgeted Collection	\$3,725,000		

Please remember St. Margaret Mary in your will.

Do to earlier publications figures for

12/18/11 not available

SMM WELCOMES VISITORS TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY!

Thank you for choosing St. Margaret Mary as your place of worship today. If you are interested in joining our Parish, our *New Parishioner Meeting, will be held on Wednesday, January 4, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hospitality Room.* You can receive your registration packet at this informative, one hour meeting. If you have any questions, call the Parish Office at 426-1588.

"Walking the Way of the Cross – With Women."

SMM Women's Ministry has plans to bring nationally recognized speaker Sister Paula Hagen, a consultant and published author and speaker to St. Margaret Mary this winter. Sister Paula will be at St. Margaret Mary on March 3rd from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. to give a Lenten Retreat.

The Theme of the retreat is "*Walking the Way of the Cross -With Women.*"

Women of all ages are welcome to attend. The price for the retreat is \$40 and lunch is included. The deadline for registration is February 17th. For more information and registration contact Jennifer Barker at 327-9561 or at jenniferbarker@yahoo.com

Draw closer to our God
In weekly Eucharistic Adoration at SMM

The parish will begin offering a weekly hour for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in January 2012. It will be on Thursdays from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. in the Church, starting on Thursday, January 5.

STOCK TRANSFERS



The 2011 stewardship and tax year-end are just around the corner, so we would like to remind everyone that this is a great time of year to make stock transfers to St. Margaret Mary. This is a wonderful way to ease your tax burden before year-end. In most instances, you can deduct the current appreciated value of these securities from your taxes and avoid paying capital gains. As with any financial decision, we recommend that you seek advice from a qualified professional.

The most efficient way to process your stock donation is as follows:

1. Stop by the Parish Office and pick up a “*Stock Authorization Form*,” also available on www.stmm.org website. (*All stock donations must have this form completed.*) *Note: Building a Future of Hope donations should be made directly to the Archdiocese of Louisville.*
2. Mail, fax, or drop by a copy of the “*Stock Authorization Form*” to the Parish Office.
3. *Get the “*Stock Authorization Form*” to your broker to handle the transfer or pick one the brokers listed on the form to help you.

NOTE: It is very important that you notify the Parish Office if you decide to transfer stock on-line. This will ensure that you receive the proper credit for your donation.

If you are planning to make a donation of stock before the end of this year, please try to make arrangements so that the transfer can go through prior to year end in order for you to take the charitable donation in 2011 for tax purposes. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Parish Office at 426-1588. ***Thank you for your continued support of St. Margaret Mary Parish.***

In order to get a tax deduction for the calendar year 2011, please make your donations on or before **December 31.**

Thank you!!

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING A
COMMUNION MINISTER?**

The next formation classes for NEWLY INTERESTED COMMUNION MINISTERS will be:

Monday, February 6th and 13th 2012, from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at St. Albert the Great Church, 1395 Girard Drive.

You will need to attend both sessions of the Archdiocesan training and the in house training at St. Margaret Mary in order to become a communion Minister.

There will also be Archdiocesan formation classes offered: Tuesday, April 17th and 24th 2012, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. St. Gabriel Church, 5505 Bardstown Rd.

Again you will need to attend both of these sessions in order to become a Communion Minister.

If you have attended only one day and need to pick up the second day to be Mandated please do so at this time.

For more Info or to register for these classes please contact: Maria Harouff 618-0964.



Prospective Parent Meeting

If you are the parent of a child who will be attending Kindergarten in the fall of 2012, or are interested in your child in grade 1-8 joining our school community, please make plans to attend a Prospective Parent meeting on Tuesday, January 17, 2012. Members of our school Administration Team will be on hand to give an overview of our school. Information regarding our registration process will be discussed and registration packets will be available. This meeting will be held at 6:30pm in the Hospitality Room. If you have previously attended a Parent Tour, there is no need to attend this meeting.

If you are unable to attend this meeting, registration packets will be available in the school office beginning January 18, 2012.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office at 426-2635 ext. 0 or school@stmm.org.

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



Barbara Allgeier, Ann Allphin, Bryan Allphin, Robert Allphin, Mary Ann Arnold, Jane Ballard, Frankie Barnes, Margaret Bash, David Berg, Linda Black, Jane Boone, Kevin Bowles, Ed Brown, Tom Burdette, Mike Byrdwell, Lizbeth Brumleve, Ruth Caskey, Marcia Chambin, Nancy Cole, Theadora Contini, Madeline Craig, Clara Craven, Nonie Dant, Eileen Dicken, Carolyn M. Downs, Beverley Elder, Laura Tucker Ellis, Robin Evernham, Chady Eversole, Bill Feger, Lois Fitzgerald, Rudy and Dolly Franck, Willa Frankenberger, Phyllis Gipperich, Flo Glasgow, Mary Ann Gordon, Bernard Grady, Joyce Grady, Louis and Dorothy Grady, Gary Gruneisen, Pamela Hall, Karen Harmon, Norma Hart, Noe Joseph Hayden, Gerry Heaphy, Arnold Heise, Margaret Henley, Dorothy Herrmann, James Hill, Cynthia "Cindy" Holahan, Mark Holley, Barbara Jackson, Virginia Jefferson, Sara Johnson, Florence Joseph, Ann Kegebein, Bobbie Kessler, Bernard Kosse, Bernadine and Philip Kregor, Gene Lamb, Carmen Logsdon, Bud Liburdi, Mary M. Lodge, Hank Maeser, Jr., Agnes Mattingly, Sylvia Mattiussi, Robert McAdams, Betty and Roy McClung, Lois McClay, Connie McIntosh, Mary McLees, Jackson and Tersea McReynolds, Patrick McSweeney, Mark Meyers, Carolyn Morehous, Gerri Moriarity, Janice Moriarty, Keith Mulvaney, Lucille Neely, Nina O'Bryan, Donna Owen, Julia Peake, Patricia Peterson, Mary Lou Ponchot, Jodi Powers, Joe Reilly, Jean Ribar, Cristina Roberts, Terrance Robertson, Betty Roy, Joe Russell, Michael Saylor, Kathy Schlafer, Tim Schweri, Cathy Serpiglia, Rosie Schweri, Bertrand Sibling, Maria Sabolovich, Margaret Stemle, Nikki Taylor, Brenda Thompson, Pat Thurby, Al White, Wilma Torstrick, Lloyd Wessel, John Wethington, Susan Whelan, John R. Wolfe, Danica Rose Zahradenicek.

PLEASE PRAY FOR FAMILY MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY – Brian Bowles, Tony Campbell, Matt Conliffe, Billy Craft, Matthew Ebbert, Paul Edelen, Justin Frye, Scott A. Heise, David Maier, Sean Stewart, Carolyn M. Goode Broich, Jerry Whelan, Col. Robert Givens, Margaret Hawkins, Christopher Haynes, George Imorde III, Thomas McQuary, Matthew McQuary, Fr. Tim Meier, SJ, Ken Morissette, John Moriarity, Kevin Nash, Michael Stany, Patrick Stivers, Marty Zalla. Do you have a loved one serving in the military? Please call the Parish Office at 426-1588, with his/her name so that we will have an accurate list.

**Congratulations to Mary Irene and Cecil Semones, our parishioners
On their 73rd Wedding Anniversary - November 26th
Susie and Cecil Iglehart our parishioners on their
55th Wedding Anniversary – December 28th**

Catholicism

Indispensable Men: Peter, Paul, and the Missionary Adventure #104 [TV-G]

The Catholic Church's missionary endeavor begins with the adventures of Saint Peter and Saint Paul. From Ephesus, Corinth, Athens, and Rome and to the far reaches of the world, Father Robert Barron traces the influence of these two great apostles and their enduring legacies in the life of the Church.

KET2 Tuesday, December 27 at 10:00 p.m. EST

KET Thursday, December 29 at 3:00 a.m. EST

Right to Life Newspaper Ad Sign-Ups on January 7-8

Take a stand for the sacredness of human life. Speak up for the smallest member of our human family, those children yet in the womb. Sign up for the annual right to life newspaper advertisement after all Masses on January 7 & 8 at the church doors.

A donation of \$5.00 per line is requested. The ad will run on Sunday, January 22nd Courier Journal, which is the day of the 39th anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion on demand. Each year we have remembered the 54+ million babies killed by abortion, along with the mothers and fathers who suffer in the aftermath of this "right to choose."

Be proud of our Catholic Church that has consistently proclaimed the truth that human life is sacred, to be respected and protected, from conception until natural death. Sign your name – or your family's – and stand up for life. This Kentucky Right to Life project is sponsored by the SMM Catholic Life Issues Committee. Thank you for supporting life.



*Christmas is a wonderful time of year to come together with
family and friends to celebrate.*

Take time to connect with the people God has placed in your life.

Take time to enjoy each special moment.

Take time to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas.

Merry Christmas and God Bless You!

St. Margaret Mary Parish Staff