

St. Mary of the Assumption

December 14, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent



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Monday - Thursday • 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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Sacramental Preparation

Sacrament of Baptism: infants and children under the age of 7, third Sunday of each month (except during Lent)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm

Sacrament of Matrimony: Contact Mary Rushkoski

OCIA- Order of Christian Initiation for Adults:

Contact Mrs. Hamilton, Director of Faith Formation

Sacrament of the Sick: Contact the parish office to arrange for a visit for a sick family member. If leaving a message, please leave a call back number.

Mass Schedule

Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday at 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 am

Weekdays: Tues. & Thurs. 8:30 a.m.

First Friday: 11:00 a.m. w/ St. Mary's School

Open for private prayer from 7 am -11 am (M-F)

Rosary is prayed daily Mon.-Fri. @ 7:30 a.m. & after weekend liturgies

Livestream Mass: 8:00 a.m. Sunday.

To view, visit stmaryswaterford.org and click on the link "Watch St. Mary's Online" or Youtube

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Mass Intentions

for the week of **December 14, 2025**
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Tues. Dec. 16 8:30 AM

Edward Comtois

Linda Christopher

Thurs. Dec. 18 8:30 AM

Mary Scarchilli

Family

Sat. Dec. 20 4:00 PM

Marion G. Edwards

Linda Christopher

William T. Laviolette

Laurie & Raymond Cerrone

Sun. Dec. 21

8 AM

Jim & Tina Cerqua

Joni & family

Anna Marie Kaiser

Donna, Darlene & Diane

Chris G. Marchand

Louie & Nancy Daigle & family

Rosemary & Bill Varcasio

Mary Ellen & Jim Dziarck

Albert Patregnani

Dick & Kathy Vermilyea

10 AM Priest's Intentions

When winter storms hit, and St. Mary's School is delayed in opening or Closed for the day, daily morning mass is cancelled.

Please check channel 6 (WRGB) or channel 10 (WTEN) for school closing information of St. Mary's Waterford.

NEWS Channel 13 no longer displays closing information provided to school closings network.

Gifts Received for the St. Mary's Restoration Fund

December Bread

In Loving Memory of Fr. David J. Kelley, O.S.A.

By the Merola Family



December Wine

In Loving Memory of Eugene A. Kromrey

By Wife and Children

December Sanctuary Candles

In Loving Memory of Jack O'Brien

By Family



In Loving Memory of Harry & Lucille Senecal

By Family

December Mother of Good Counsel Candle

In Loving Memory of Fr. David J. Kelley, O.S.A.

By Staff



Calendar of Events

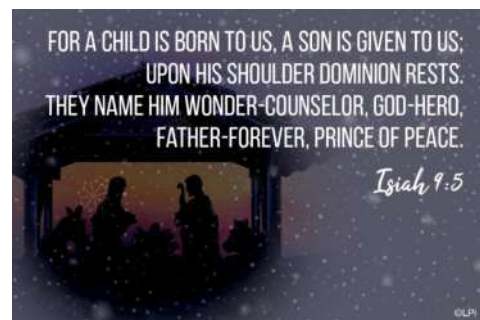
12/17 Penance Service- 6:30 p.m.

12/19 St. Mary's School Mass @ 11:00 am ~
Christmas break begins

12/21 Second collection-FUEL envelope

12/24 Christmas Eve: Masses at 4 pm & 8 pm

12/25 **The Nativity of the Lord** 10:00 am mass



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Vigil

4:00 PM

8:00 PM

Christmas Mass

10:00 PM



Sacrificial Offerings for Nov. 23, 2025

Regular Weekly Offertory

In Church: 4,202.00

e-Giving: 530.00 (through 11/20)

Mail In: 712.00

Total: 5,444.00



Thank you for your on-going support of St. Mary's parish!



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Third Sunday of Advent

The third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday, the day we light the rose candle on the Advent wreath. Its name is taken from the entrance antiphon of the Mass, which is: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near." You may see rose colored vestments and other items, which emphasize our joy that Christmas is near.

Gaudete means "rejoice" in Latin. In the midst of Advent fasting and devotions, we rejoice because the time we have been preparing for is almost at hand. A day like this is always good to remind us not to take ourselves too seriously. The life of a Christian is not always easy, but it is one of joy.

May the joy of the Lord be yours on this Gaudete Sunday! The Lord is coming!



ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION RESTORATION FUND

IN MEMORY OF BETTE SWARTFIGURE JIM & PATTY MEROLA



Update on the Diocesan Appeal!

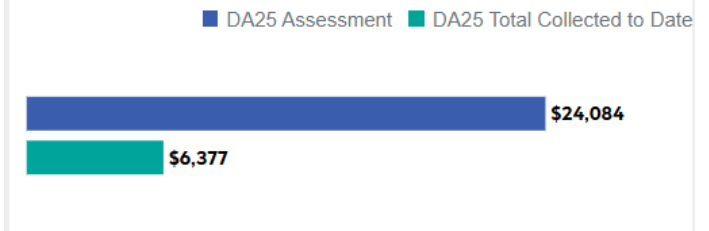
THANK YOU to the families who have made their commitment or outright donation to this year's 2025-2026 Diocesan Appeal! Our parish goal this year is \$ 24,084, a goal that is entirely attainable for our community.



The statistics as of December:

Table with 2 columns: Statistic and Amount. Rows include Total Raised (\$7,777), Total Collected (\$6,377), Number of Donors (38), Number of Pledges (3), and Number of Cash gifts (43).

Progress to Goal



We're off to a slower start than desired but the great news is there's plenty of time to reach that goal. The Appeal, which began in July, runs through June 30, 2026.

But we need your help to do it!

Remember....100% of your donation is used to fund programs throughout the diocese, such as Vocation Initiatives and the Catholic School Office which supports schools like ours.


There are a variety of ways to donate! Appeal envelopes are available in church. Or, for more information, visit www.thediocesanappeal.org or contact the Stewardship office at 518-453-6680 or stewardship@rcda.org

ADVENT Penance Service Wednesday, December 17th at 6:30 p.m.

Please pray for all the sick and suffering and for anyone close to death; for those troubled in body, mind, or heart, and for their care givers in a special way: Carol Travis, Alexa Papperman, Marcia Trombly, Patricia Komoroski, Jack Neumann, Mary Beth Woodard, Irene & Frank Marra, Judith M Hervieux, Andrew Melville, Christopher Goyette, Brady Sullivan, Michael Clune, Ginny Grigoliet, Randy Morley, Nicholas Muscatiello, Cindy Vandiver, Loretta Fredricks, Sr. Maura Rhode, C.S.J., Michelle Weitz, Carla Salmon, Joann Guertin, Bill Dame, Bernard & Francoise Ouimet, John Neilson, Kathleen Walsh, Mary Ann Daly, Betty and Jim Ziegler, Sandy Skiba, Anne Fay, and R. J. Scarchilli

If you requested a loved one be added to the this prayer list, please contact the office (518.237.3131) and let us know if prayers are still needed.





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