

St. Mary of Victories & St. Stephen of Hungary Chapel

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Rev. Brian W. Harrison, O.S., Chaplain Confessions ½ hour before Mass
Sunday Masses: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
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December 20, 2015 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions this week:

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| Sunday: | 9:00 a.m. | For the people of St. Mary of Victories, living and deceased |
| | 11:00 a.m. | For Ilona Nagyváradí Sándor (deceased), requested by Klara Schwarcz |
| Monday: | 5:00 a.m. | For Anca Shaw, requested by Judith Shaw |
| Tuesday: | 5:00 a.m. | For the intentions of Msgr. Joseph Herres |
| Wednesday: | 5:00 a.m. | For the physical and spiritual health of Dale Martell |
| Thursday: | 5:00 a.m. | For the intentions of Msgr. Joseph Herres |
| Friday | 5:00 a.m. | Peter Stimac Sr. (deceased) requested by his son Peter Stimac Jr. |
| | 6:00 a.m. | For the intentions of Msgr. Joseph Herres |
| | 7:00 a.m. | <i>(Celebrant's intentions)</i> |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Howard Cole (deceased), requested by his brother James Cole |
| | 11:00 a.m. | For the people of St. Mary of Victories, living and deceased |
| Saturday | 5:00 a.m. | Frank Zemen (deceased), requested by Max Kaiser, Jr. |
| Sunday: | 9:00 a.m. | For the people of St. Mary of Victories, living and deceased |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Catherine, Emil, Michael & John Hoffmann (deceased), requested by Fred Hoffmann |

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| Sunday Collection, December 13 | 9:00 a.m. | \$545.00 |
| | 11:00 a.m. | \$138.00 |

Readings for the 4th Sunday of Advent (pp. 391-392): As we now approach the wonder of Christmas, the Bible readings turn our hearts and minds toward two small Judean towns: Bethlehem, prophesied by Micah as the Messiah's birthplace (1st reading), and Ein Karim, where his expectant Mother would visit Elizabeth (Gospel). The 2nd reading (Hebrews) gives us a simple but profoundly theological answer to the question as to *why* God became man: "*I come to do your will, O God*". Only Jesus' perfect sacrifice of his human will in total obedience to the Father was able to bring us salvation.

Christmas Masses: Friday, December 25th, Christmas Day, is a holy day of obligation. Our Masses will be at the same time as on Sundays: 9:00 a.m. Latin/English *Novus Ordo* and 11:00 a.m. English/Hungarian. (We have no midnight Mass at SMV.) Next Sunday (**Feast of the Holy Family**) we will bring out our relic of St. Joseph's cloak. **New Year's Day:** Latin *Novus Ordo* Mass at 11:00 a.m.

Special Collection at Christmas: On Christmas Day at both Masses we will take up the annual collection for our archdiocesan **Kenrick-Glennon Seminary**. Jesus' birth is a great time to remember that the seminary "gives birth" to the future leaders of our St. Louis Catholic community! Please also take the opportunity to pray fervently for more priestly vocations. There is still a grave shortage of young men offering their lives as priests. Thanks for your generous support of our seminary!

Please read Archbishop Carlson's Christmas message on the reverse side of this bulletin.

Christmas Party: Today, Dec. 20th, after the 11:00 Mass, we'll have our annual Christmas party in the Mindszenty Hall. Santa Claus will visit the kids, and there'll be face-painting and other games for them. Come join in the fun! If you can bring along a plate of cookies, that will be great!

SMV Children's Book: The Hooper family has produced a beautiful coloring & prayer book, adorned with lovely photos of St. Mary of Victories and the Child Jesus from our church! Get several copies from Jim and Lisa for only **\$8.00** apiece. Great kids' Christmas gifts! *All proceeds to our church!*

Msgr. McCarthy's 60th Anniversary: Today we offer special congratulations, prayers and best wishes to our former chaplain Msgr. John McCarthy, who on Dec. 17 completed **60 years** of priestly ministry! We give thanks to God for Monsignor's lifetime of faithful service to Jesus through Mary.

You're invited! . . . to Stan and Sue Metheny's Christmas 'open house' next **Sunday, December 27th**, after 4:00 p.m. at 130 N. Newstead, near the Cathedral Basilica. They'll provide meat, cheese and beverages. If you'd like to bring a potluck dish, it will be most welcome. Phone Stan at 314-330-2610.

Imádkozatok betegeinkért: Please pray for our sick parishioners, especially Jimmy Essex, Frank Borin, Dante Proseri, and others who are suffering pain as advancing years take their toll.

“Pray for Bishops Now” apostolate: There is always an urgent need in the Church to pray for our Catholic bishops, including of course the Holy Father. Visit www.prayforbishopsnow.com for more info.