



St. Mary's Catholic Church

Located at the Corner of First & Polk in Moscow & 138 Jackson St. in Genesee

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**Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 24, 2023**

Merry Christmas!

The season of Christmas is here again! A season of divine visitation, a time of divine encounter. May the celebration of Christ's birth in time bring you and your family uncommon blessings and divine healing.

GRATITUDE!

How time flies: with almost six months gone by, we'd love to express our deepest sentiments of gratitude to every member of our parish family in particular, and the Moscow and Genesee communities in general for the journey so far. It's been quite an experience, a spiritual journey led by God Himself. I am grateful to God for the unity, love, and peace with which we have made this journey so far. "How good and pleasant when brothers and sisters dwell in unity.... For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life for evermore." (Ps 133) Many have in many ways offered themselves, their talents, time, and treasure selflessly and unreservedly to the service of God, for the good of the ecclesial community and humanity at large. May your generosity find favor in the sight of God.

Christmas is the greatest event in human history. Christ came into the world and the history of the world turned into His story. In Christ heaven is wedded to earth and man is reconciled with God. For in Christ God assumes human nature to restore man to the divine image in which he was created. Thus, the angel cried: "I bring you news of great joy (THE GOOD NEWS)... for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." (Lk 2:10-11) This great and fascinating mystery of the God-with-us, indeed, of the God who became one of us is the profound reason for our joy at Christmas.

We celebrate at Christmas, the mystery of God's love. "For God so loved the world that He sent His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." (Jn 3:16) As God fills our hearts with His love in this season of joy, may we be reminded that love shared is love multiplied and that the measure of love is to love without measure. Let us then fill our families, community, and world with the love of God. By this conscious effort we incarnate Christ more deeply into a world that seeks to steal Christ away from Christmas and consciously works to ex-carnate Him from human history and experience.

Like our blessed Mother Mary, let us open our hearts to the Word of God that Christ may take His proper place in our hearts. Come Lord Jesus and make your home within our hearts.

Merry Christmas and prosperous new year!

Fr. Benjamin & Fr. Anthony



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This Week at St. Mary's Church

Office closed this week

Mon.	Dec. 25	9:45 am Christmas Mass Genesee 10:00 am Christmas Day Mass
Tues.	Dec. 26	8:00 am Mass (†Dave Hutton)
Wed.	Dec. 27	8:00 am Mass 6:30 pm Genesee Mass
Thurs.	Dec. 28	8:00 am Mass 6:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul Society
Fri.	Dec. 29	8:00 am Mass (†Kathie Marsh) 10:30 am Mass at Paradise Creek of Olympus
Sat.	Dec. 30	8:00 am Mass (†Dick Stanley) 8:45 am Reconciliation 5:00 pm Mass

Schedule of Masses

Saturday Evening—5:00 pm
Sunday Morning— 8:00 & 11:30 am
Genesee—9:45 am Rosary @ 9:15 am
Rosary—Mon-Fri. 7:40 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday—8:30 am
Tuesday—4:30 pm
Sunday (Genesee)—9:15 am.

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Family Faith Formation

Take a break for the holidays!

We will meet again on

Saturday January 7th

Religious Education 9:15 a.m.

MS/HS Youth Groups at 12:45 p.m.

Come Celebrate the End of the Old Year!

All families are invited to join us for Ice Skating at the Rink on New Years Eve from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Half the rink will be set aside for family skating, while the other half will be reserved for the youth to play broomball. Entrance by donation. Ice Skate Rental not included. Be sure to sign a liability waiver from the rink. We will have hot cocoa rink side for all to enjoy!

Gifts for Baby Jesus

The Liturgy Committee is once again sponsoring "Gifts for Baby Jesus" to support mothers and babies at Palouse Care Network. Suggested donations include winter clothing, teething toys, pacifiers, newborn outfits, bath towel sets, and new bottles. They also need baby lotion, baby shampoo, thermometers, nail clippers, baby wipes, diapers (most needed sizes 3-6), and diaper bags. Leave your donations at church, or drop them off at the office. Thanks for your generosity!

Christmas Mass Schedule

When planning your Christmas celebrations please be mindful that both Christmas and 4th Sunday of Advent are Holy Days of Obligation. Therefore, it is necessary to attend Mass twice.

December
24
Sunday

**4th Sunday
of Advent**
Choose One

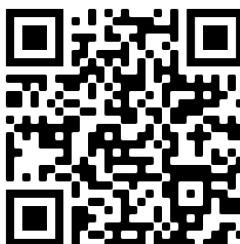
- ☐ 5 p.m. Saturday Vigil
- ☐ 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ☐ 9:45 a.m. Mass (Genesee)

December
25
Monday

**Christmas
Day**
Choose another One

- ☐ Christmas Eve at 4 p.m.
- ☐ Christmas Eve at 9 p.m.
- ☐ Christmas Day at 10 a.m.
- ☐ 9:45 a.m. (Genesee)

Online Giving



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Sacrificial Giving: December 2023

Budgeted Offertory Income: \$31,466.53

December 3:	\$ 7,585.63
December 10:	\$ 5,574.36
December 17:	\$ 7,382.36
December 24:	\$
December 31:	\$

December Offertory Income: \$20,542.35
Our Offertory Goal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 is \$318,000. At 48% of the year, we have received 48.37% of our annual goal. Thank you!



St. Mary's School

St. Mary's School, students, faculty, and staff would like to thank our Moscow parishes and community for all their help and support this past year. We thank the priests and parishioners and will keep you in our prayers as we look

forward to 2024 and all the exciting things that will happen at the school this spring. Thank you to all who attended our Christmas program and we look forward to sharing our talents with you in May. Our priests and faculty are helping enrich us every day in igniting our faith, knowledge creativity, and service. Merry Christmas and blessings on the new year.

St. Mary's Mission Statement

St. Mary's Catholic Church is a faith community bound by the love of God. We encounter Christ in the Sacraments and in sharing the Word of God, witnessing to His mercy through kindness, compassion and forgiveness. Our unity is deepened by practical charity, education, and service, after the example of our patron, Mary, Mother of God.

New Year's Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 31st at 11pm

Monday, January 1st at 10 am in Moscow
and 9:45 in Genesee



St. Vincent de Paul

Imagine how Mary felt at the birth of Jesus: excited, awed, frightened. Deep faith was her light in the darkness, for Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest.

Your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brings light into the darkness surrounding the heart of those living in poverty bringing them the real, lasting, and deep joy of Christmas.

Living Nativity—Thank You!!

Thank you to all those who helped plan, volunteer during, and clean up after our first Living Nativity and Celebration. A special thanks to Erin Clemm and Amanda Fowler for making the dream come true, to the Bass's for bringing their sheep, to the school for the use of their costumes, and to the Women's League for donating cookies and treats! Thanks be to God! Love our community! Check out the flocknote for a video!

Flowers for Christmas

Please consider donating a poinsettia for our Christmas Mass celebrations. Plants can be placed in the cry room or at the Family Center this coming week. Thank you!

Children's Rosary

Every First Saturday, after the 8am Mass, we will host a Children's Rosary Prayer Group. Join us on Saturday, January 6th at 9 am at the church. All are welcome.

Sojourners Alliance

Please remember to include Sojourners Alliance in your year-end gift giving. Sojourners houses homeless people, helping them find work, affordable housing, and getting them back on their feet. We have 8 women's units, 14 men's units, 2 family units, all of which are full, and upon a vacancy is immediately filled. We run Project Warmth which pays rent bills, as well as Homeless Prevention, which provides rental assistance to people who are just on the verge of becoming homeless.

Your gift to Sojourners Alliance in December will be matched if given through "Avenues for Hope Housing Challenge," an easy on-line giving option. Please select Sojourners Alliance of Moscow for your gift giving, and know of our endless appreciation! Thank you.

Please Join Us in Prayer

- ♦ **For the repose of the souls of our loved ones:** Margaret Joyce, Amelia Turk, Olga "Honey" Canney, Sue Schendel, Patty Funke, Sister Lillian Repak OSU, Sennoi Roth, Phil Mohan, Dave Hutton, Rodger Pedersen, Terry Dahmen, Alice Hall, Joe Ulliman, Sr. Mary Forman, Ellie Olesen, Harold Grassl, Conor Richards, Fr. Sean Caulfield, Leslie Wilson, Norma Bailey, Fern Bielenberg, Deborah Evans.
- ♦ **For our friends and family:** Carlton (C.K.) Brown, Amy Scott, Scott Troka, Kim Squires, Jill Rinaldi, Linda Nickels, Martha Bieker, Bettina Gilbert, Leona Ahles, Fr. Gabriel Morales, Mary Ann Moser, Eileen Brady, Dick & Doris Gludt, Terry Bielenberg, Arlene Stoddard, Randy Osborne, Doris West, & Chuck Stoddard.
- ♦ **For our Diocesan Seminarians:** Joshua Tennyson, Ian Willnerd, Nathan Ribb, Nicholas Sower, Monico Heredia, Connor Brown, Ryan Olenick, Zachary MacKeller, Joseph Patti, Christopher Din, Ronald Onyekwelu, Leonardo Guillermo Gutierrez.
- ♦ **For all married couples celebrating an anniversary in the month of December.**

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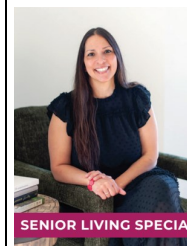
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