

DECEMBER 7, 2025 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Our Lady of Victory Parish

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St. Margaret Mary Parish

OUR LADY OF VICTORY PARISH

Weekend Mass

Sunday Mass: 9:00 am

Weekday Mass

Wednesday: 10:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation
by appointment.

ST MARIA GORETTI PARISH

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 11:30 am

Weekday Masses

Wed. & Fri. Rosary: 8:40 am

Wednesday & Friday: 9:00 am

Adoration: Friday 9:30 to 10:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday half an hour before Mass
or any day by appointment.

ST MARGARET MARY PARISH

Weekend Mass

Rosary at 9:45 am

Sunday Mass: 10:15 am

Weekday Mass

Tuesday: 10:30 am

Adoration: 10:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation
by appointment.

Cemetery Contacts:

Our Lady of Victory - Thorsby: Mark Bendoritis - 780.985.3779

St Francis: Ed Naprawa - 780.789.2195 and/or George Cygan 780 918 3412

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Holy Trinity - Nisku: Gerry Chamulka 780.955.8048

St. Margaret Mary - Calmar: Barb Abel 780-985-3655 and/or Cheryl Hancar 780-980-3046

MISSION STATEMENT

Radiating Christ's message of love and hope in the daily celebration of the Eucharist and incorporating it in our family life.

PPC Chair: Travis Schoenfelder 780-566-7417

Finance Chair: Matthew Yarmuch 780-987-5470

Liturgy: Connie Schumacher 780-458-6487



St. Maria Goretti's Annual Christmas Food Drive

Please help us fill the baskets located in the foyer.
Everyman shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God which he has given you. Deuteronomy 16:17



MASS INTENTIONS

When a priest celebrates Mass every day, he offers each celebration of the Eucharist for a particular person or intention. By doing so, he applies special graces from God upon that person or intention. To request a Mass intention, please visit or call the parish office.

Mass Intentions for this week

Date		Intention
6	Sat	Rhodes & Hills Family members, Living & Deceased
		Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Deleani Forchuk and Ronin Rhodes
7	Sun	Robert Kelly - Health and Wellbeing
		Barbara Zimmer - Personal Intentions
8	Mon	Repose of the Soul of Bill Bates R.I.P.
9	Tue	Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Brett Kaupula
10	Wed	Robert Kelly and his surgery team
		Repose of the Soul of Peter Hills R.I.P.
11	Thu	Thanksgiving for the Birthday of Sally Williams
12	Fri	Repose of the Soul of Derek Persson R.I.P
13	Sat	Amanda and Travis Schoenfelder - Health and Personal Intentions
14	Sun	Barbara Zimmer - Personal Intentions

Dear Friends in Christ;

Thank You for all the kindness you have shown me while Bill was in hospital and after his passing. Heartfelt gratitude to everyone who helped with the funeral mass - Father Luan, Roger, CWL Ladies, K of C men, the musicians, choir, altar servers and many more parishioners who offered help – wherever help was needed.

May Our Good Lord bless each of you and God Bless our wonderful Parish.

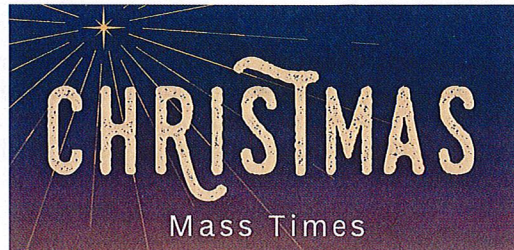
A big hug to all - Gloria Sirski-Bates

PPC Chair: Ernest Jablonski 780-789-2363 Finance Chair: Mary Jablonski 780-789-2363

TRI-PARISH NEWS

2026 Donation Envelopes can be found at the church entrance

Please call the office at 780-987-2858 If you did not get yours or if you would like a new set.



CHRISTMAS EVE - Wednesday December 24

St. Maria Goretti - Devon	5:00 PM
Our Lady of Victory - Thorsby	7:00 PM
St. Margaret Mary - Calmar	9:00 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY - Thursday December 25

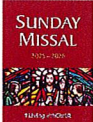
St. Maria Goretti - Devon	11:00 AM
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NEW YEAR'S EVE - Wednesday December 31

Our Lady of Victory - Thorsby	4:00 PM
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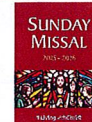
NEW YEAR'S DAY - Thursday January 1

St. Maria Goretti - Devon	9:00 AM
St. Margaret Mary - Calmar	10:30 AM



2026 Missals are now available

\$7 each - located at the Foyer of the Church



2nd Sunday of Advent – December 7, 2025

1st Reading: Isaiah 11, 1-10

2nd Reading: Romans 15, 4-9

Gospel: Matthew 3, 1-12

Repentance - the Foundation of Holiness

"I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Matthew 3:11-12

This passage comes just before Jesus is baptized and begins His public ministry. John the Baptist had been ministering in the desert of Judea, preaching, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" Many came to him to be baptized with a baptism of repentance. But when John saw many scribes and Pharisees coming to him, he said, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance." The passage above is John's warning to them—and to us—about what will happen if we fail to repent.

At that time, when wheat was harvested, it was left to dry. Then, a winnowing fan was used to blow the wheat and chaff into the air. The lighter chaff would blow away, while the grains of wheat would fall to the ground to be gathered, milled into flour, and used for baking. John uses this familiar image to depict what Jesus will do with the righteous and the wicked. The righteous are like the grains of wheat that will be gathered and brought to Heaven. The wicked are like the chaff that, once separated from the righteous, will burn in the unquenchable fire of hell.

Though it is comforting to speak of the glories of Heaven and to anticipate being brought there by our Lord, it is necessary to also consider the reality of the unquenchable fires of hell. Pondering the reality of those unquenchable fires is something we should not neglect.

Reflect today on the unquenchable fires of hell, and allow yourself to foster a burning desire to flee from every sin that leads to that end. As we enter the second week of the penitential season of Advent, ponder this warning from Saint John the Baptist. Hear him speak those words directly to you. We must fear sin and avoid it, as much as we want to avoid the unquenchable fires of hell. Start with this foundational truth, so that having fostered deep repentance, you are ready to turn your heart and mind toward the glorious promise of Heaven. (mycatholiclife.com)

Sick? Shut-in?

Would you like to receive communion? Please call the office at 780-987-2858 to arrange communion, and/or to be put on our prayer list.

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PPC Chair: Barb Abel 780-985-3655

Finance Chair: Bonnie Thomas 780-910-6312

Carmelite Nuns - Christmas Hamper - December 15 Delivery

Donations of Non-perishable items are appreciated