

# Hancock County Catholic Churches



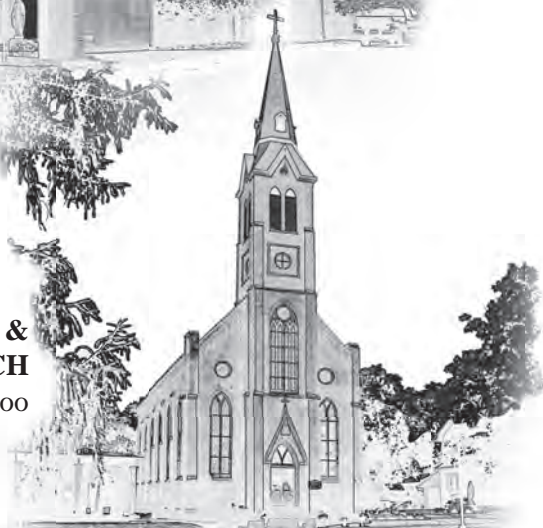
**IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION  
CHURCH**  
Carthage



**SACRED HEART  
CHURCH**  
Dallas City



**SAINT MARY CHURCH**  
Hamilton



**SAINTS PETER &  
PAUL CHURCH**  
Nauvoo



**SACRED HEART  
CHURCH**  
Warsaw

*We the  
Hancock County  
Catholic  
Churches,  
work together to  
form disciples of  
Jesus,  
to lead all to  
Him in the  
Eucharist, and  
to be His  
presence  
in the world.*

## **RECTORY FOR ALL CHURCHES**

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## **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 p.m.	Carthage
	5:30 p.m.	Hamilton
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 a.m.	Warsaw
	10:00 a.m.	Nauvoo
	Noon	Dallas City

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 17, 2023

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## Location of Our Parishes

### Immaculate Conception

125 N. Fayette St.  
Carthage, IL 62321

### Sacred Heart

90 W. Fifth St.  
Dallas City, IL 62330

### St. Mary

560 Lakeview Ave.  
Hamilton, IL 62341

### Sts. Peter and Paul

190 N. Wells St.  
Nauvoo, IL 62354

### Sacred Heart

8th & Webster St.  
Warsaw, IL 62379

## Preparation for Christmas

It's the most difficult thing to understand about Catholics in the present day: how we minimize and even deny the Lord's institution of the sacrament of Penance. Biblically, there's no justification for rejecting or dismissing this sacrament. On the night of His Resurrection, Jesus imparted to his apostles a tremendous power to forgive sins: "Whose sins you shall forgive are forgiven them; whose sins you retain are retained." (Gospel of John) How is it possible that an all-knowing God, the Resurrected Lord Jesus Christ, would give the apostles this power, and then render it meaningless by nullifying its exercise?

Throughout this week, from Sunday through Thursday, opportunities for Confession abound. Confession is the renewal and purification of your Baptism promises. Think about what you want to tell God you're sorry about - recent or distant past. Jesus, from His place in heaven, wants to impart a grace through your priests. And yes - your priests need to meet the Lord in confession, too. Our parish prayer book has an examination of conscience to assist you. Confession can be as commonplace or as deeply moving as your soul's need. But don't go looking for an emotional high. Instead, with any regular practice of Confession, look for the deepening challenge to fight against sin - and then, the joy of overcoming what's holding your spiritual life down. Fr. T.

## Week's Mass Intentions

<b>Monday:</b> 8:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	<b>December 18, (Late Advent Weekday; Jer 23:5-8, Mt 1:18-25)</b> Nauvoo-Edward Radel, by Pegi (Radel) Langan Warsaw-Mary Russell, by Melanie Longenecker
<b>Tuesday:</b> 8:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	<b>December 19, (Late Advent Weekday; Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a, Lk 1:5-25)</b> Carthage-Dorothy Huston, by John and Sherry Huston Hamilton-Lloyd Holtman, by Sal and Marilyn Candido
<b>Wednesday:</b> 5:30 p.m.	<b>December 20, (Late Advent Weekday; Is 7:10-14, Lk 1:26-38)</b> Dallas City-Jan Jacobs, by Deacon Tony and Lana Herdrich
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>December 21, (St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church; Sg 2:8-14, Lk 1:39-45)</b> No Masses
<b>Friday:</b> 8:30 a.m.	<b>December 22, (Late Advent Weekday; 1 Sm 1:24-28, Lk 1:46-56)</b> Nauvoo-Anida and Henrietta Haas, by Ann Haas and family
<b>Saturday:</b> 4:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	<b>December 23, (St. John of Kanty, Priest; Mal 3:1-4, 23-24, Lk 1:57-66)</b> Carthage-Julie Holt, by Virginia Hurwitz family Hamilton-Euvon Mapes Radel, by John Radel
<b>Sunday:</b> 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	<b>December 24, (Fourth Sunday of Advent; 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16, Rom 16:25-27, Lk 1:26-38)</b> Warsaw-For the People Nauvoo-Bill Wilkens, by Ann Wilkens Dallas City-Teresa Adair, by Jerry and Kathleen Keimig
<b>Sunday:</b> 4:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 10:00p.m.	<b>December 24, (Vigil of Nativity of the Lord; Is 62:1-5, Acts 13:16-17, 22-25, Mt 1:1-25)</b> Carthage-Martha Habben, by Joyce Samuels Dallas City-Had and Shirley Gracey, by their family Warsaw-Deceased members of Foley and Miller families

## Rosary Intention for December: Families

## Prayer Contacts

**Carthage** – Connie Kreps prayerwarrior1919@yahoo.com or 309-333-9483  
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**Confession schedule:**  
**15 minutes before daily Mass,**  
**30 minutes before weekend**  
**Masses at Carthage**  
**Warsaw**  
**Nauvoo**  
**Dallas City**  
**After Mass at Hamilton**  
  
**Or any other time by**  
**appointment**

## Live-Streaming Schedule

Monday, Tuesday & Friday  
8:00 a.m. – Mass  
Wednesday-5:30 p.m.  
Noon - Rosary  
3:00 p.m. - Chaplet of Divine Mercy  
Saturday – 4 p.m. Mass  
Sunday – 10 a.m. Mass

**With Deep Appreciation.** We are most grateful for the celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe this past Tuesday, December 12. The Rosary Novena, the decorated image of Our Lady of Guadalupe and of our outdoor Grotto, the Mass and music, the Posada, and the dinner: lots of communication, work, dedicated effort. And we'll be doing this again! Thanks to all concerned!

**Father Tony, Father James, Deacon Dan, and Deacon Tony** will be attempting - to the extent that we are able - to make Pastoral Care visits between now and Christmas. Along with the confession schedule and various other Pastoral Care concerns, it's going to be difficult to make time for appointments unless, of course, an emergency makes contact with us necessary. Please understand that availability meets with constraints, especially this time of year. *That doesn't mean "Don't bother them, they're too busy."* You need us in a serious situation? OK. We're there!

**Confession Schedule in Preparation for Christmas and Christmas Mass schedule.** The following is the schedule for the opportunity of Confession, in preparation for a meaningful reception of our Lord in the Holy Eucharist on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

SPPN, Sunday, December 17, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

SHW, Monday, December 18, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

SMH, Tuesday, December 19, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

SHDC, Wednesday, December 20, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

ICC, Thursday, December 21, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

*We are happy and honored to be available for Confessions before and after morning weekday Masses.*

**As for the weekend Masses December 23 and 24: the weekend Confession schedule remains, but please try not to squeeze into these "last minute" times. We have a full weekend Mass schedule, followed by a full Christmas Mass schedule. Time and schedule are stretched to the limit, as it is.**

**The following is the schedule for Mass on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.** Keep in mind that this is the second year of a five-year schedule of rotation, so that each of our churches has the opportunity to host the most desired Masses and Mass times for Christmas and Easter.

**Christmas Eve, December 24:**

4:00 p.m. Mass at Immaculate Conception Church in Carthage *(with a special visitor!)*.

7:00 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Church in Dallas City.

10:00 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Church in Warsaw.

**Christmas Day, December 25:**

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary Church in Hamilton.

10:00 a.m. Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Nauvoo.

**The parishioners of St. Mary's face a significant challenge.** The parish hall heating system must be replaced, at a cost of about \$10,000. The Trustees presented the challenge following Mass last Saturday evening. As expected, the response has been positive and immediate. A member of the congregation, who wishes to remain anonymous, has established a matching challenge. They will match all contributions made for the project by December 28, up to a maximum of \$5000. Everyone who would like to participate should place their contributions in the regular Mass collection (marked "St. Mary's Hall Heater Project") or send it directly to the parish office: PO Box 93, Warsaw, IL 62379 by December 28.

**Sacred Heart Dallas City**-If you would like to donate flowers to decorate for Christmas please leave them in the back of the church anytime from December 17 on..

**Upcoming Topics at the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA).** Sundays from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Immaculate Conception Parish Hall. Anyone who wishes to explore these subjects is welcome to attend.

December 17: Holy Communion – Why this is the most important thing we can do, why can't non-Catholics receive, how we should prepare ourselves to receive.

**SSPP CHOIR** There will be one additional practice on December 20 also at 7 p.m. All are welcome!

**The SPPS God's Portion Day The Grand Prize Drawing** will take place on Sunday, December 17, 2023. **Winner need not be present to win.** Winners: 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: \$5,000, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: \$2,000, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: \$100 each to 25 winners.

**Baby Jesus Shower** - Birthright of Keokuk is holding its annual "Baby Jesus Shower" throughout December. Collection baskets are available in each church. Needed items include but are not limited to: small packages of sizes 1 & 2 diapers, sizes 3 to 6-months & 6 to 9-months sleepers, clothing, sweaters, jackets, snowsuits, and toys, books, small stuffed animals, etc. To learn more about Birthright, our mission, or to make a referral, please call 319-524-3733 or stop by our office in Meyers Courtyard Monday, Friday, Saturday 10 a.m. - noon and Wednesday noon to 4 p.m. Thank you!

## **A Spiritual Communion**

**My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.**



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