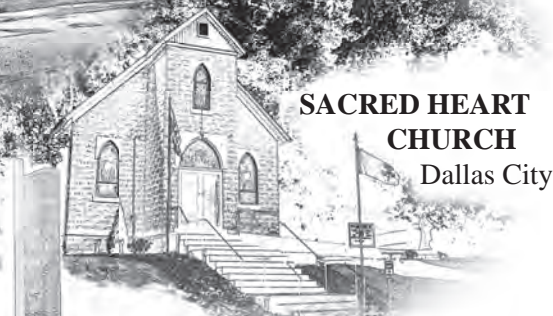


Hancock County Catholic Churches



**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.*

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 24, 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

Just Can't Understand It; Can You?

What a way to say "A Blessed Christmas To You!" Here's what I mean. Here you have a word, "Christmas," where, if you separate the syllables into "Christ" and "Mass", you can see the obvious connection to Mass on Christmas Day. Add to that, that the Mass of Christmas Day has been recognized as the designated day to recognize, celebrate, and worship Jesus Christ and the mystery of his birth: can't imagine any argument against that fact, with the track record of years into the thousands to back it up. And yet, despite the fact of the day, what the day means, and to whom it refers, you have people who will turn it into anything other than what the day actually is! "Happy Holidays": it's supposed to be "Happy Holy Days." The giving of gifts to show love for each other: how about the giving of gifts to show love for the presence of Christ *dwelling in* each other? And what gift to give *of ourselves* to Jesus *beyond* gift giving to others, to show reverence and appreciation for his birthday? Jesus came to found a people, a church: how many people want to encounter Jesus without His Body - which is what the Church is, warts and all? All of this, to mention what I don't understand. *I'd be surprised if there was anyone who would want his/her birthday turned into anything but their birthday, so that people could choose the celebration, do what they want with it, and discard both the birthday and the person whose birthday it is.* Can't imagine it. Somebody will tell me that it happens. Hooray. Or should I say, checkmate. Manipulate the person out of the reason you have the day, but don't get rid of the presents! Go figure. Hey - know what? Have a blessed Christmas! Fr. T.

Week's Mass Intentions

Monday: December 25, (The Nativity of the Lord; Is 52:7-10, Heb 1:1-6. Jn 1:1-18)
8:00 a.m. Hamilton-Rachelle Leroy, by Bill and Mindy Leroy
10:00 a.m. Nauvoo-Ralph Taylor, by Rita Taylor

Tuesday: December 26, (St. Stephen, The First Martyr; Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59, Mt 10:17-22)
8:00 a.m. Carthage-No Mass
5:30 p.m. Hamilton-Jim and Mary Dennis (L) Wedding Anniversary, by Marlene Short

Wednesday: December 27, (St. John, Apostle and Evangelist; 1 Jn 1:1-4, Jn 20: 1a, 2-8)
5:30 p.m. Dallas City-Dorothy Johnson, by Jeff and Judy Stevenson

Thursday: December 28, (The Holy Innocents; 1 Jn 1:5-2:2, Mt 2:13-18)
No Masses

Friday: December 29, (St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr; 1 Jn 2:3-11, Lk 2:22-35)
8:30 a.m. Nauvoo-Jim Drozd

Saturday: December 30, (Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; 1 Jn 2:12-17, Lk 2:36-40)
4:00 p.m. Carthage-Amy Rogers, by her family
5:30 p.m. Hamilton-Arnold Luedtke, by Paul Luedtke

Sunday: December 31, (The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph; Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3, Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19, Lk 2:22-40)
8:00 a.m. Warsaw-For the People
10:00 a.m. Nauvoo-John C. Allen, by Rita Allen
12:00 p.m. Dallas City-Jane Wolgemuth, by Deacon Tony and Lana Herdrich
4:00 p.m. Carthage-Tom Nutt, by Karen Nutt
4:00 p.m. Nauvoo-Lilah Ruth Radel, by Pegi (Radel) Langan

Rosary Intention for December: Families.

Rosary intention for January: The sick, dying, and those in nursing homes.

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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

Mass Schedule: Hope You Noticed. For both Christmas and New Years Day - the Solemnities of the Birth of Jesus Christ and the Mystery of Mary the Mother of God - we set up a generous, really extravagant, Mass schedule. We did this for two reasons. First, our Sunday obligation to be present at the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ at Mass - that's what the Mass is - is separate from our obligation to participate in Christmas and New Year's Day (January 1 is the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God). These obligations aren't combined into one; their focus is on separate facets of the mystery of the life of Christ. Second, I don't want to rearrange the Mass schedule in such a way as to cause suspicion whether we're tipping off decisions from Growing Disciples. We won't know what those decisions will be for some time yet. In the meantime, we maintain a Mass schedule that includes all of our churches. Please consult the bulletin to remain informed about our Mass schedule as we enter into the year 2024.

Fr. Tony's Retreat and Time Away Schedule, 2024. Hate to admit it, but I think I need it! Hope you understand! I will be on retreat, and at the same time, assisting as spiritual director for St. Louis Archdiocesan seminarians from the afternoon of January 7 through January 12, 2024. And I will be away for rest from February 5 through February 16 - with a brief return to be here for Ash Wednesday, February 14. *These commitments will make it impossible for me to return quickly for any emergency needs which may arise.* I thank Fr. James for his presence, his increasing assistance in the priestly ministry of our churches and school, and for his availability while I am gone. Fr. T.

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.

Deadline for bulletin announcements for the weekend of December 31 is noon, Friday, December 22.

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 28th.

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

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!

Alleman Council 1853, Nauvoo Knights of Columbus, will be sponsoring a holy hour the first Tuesday of every month at Sts. Peter and Paul in Nauvoo. Time will be 7-8 p.m. Need some time away from day-to-day activities, come spend some time with Jesus.

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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