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**IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION
CHURCH**
Carthage



**SACRED HEART
CHURCH**
Dallas City



SAINT MARY CHURCH
Hamilton



**SAINTS PETER &
PAUL CHURCH**
Nauvoo



**SACRED HEART
CHURCH**
Warsaw

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

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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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 22, 2024

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ICC: 125 N. Fayette St., Carthage IL
SHDC: 90 W. 5th St., Dallas City IL
SMH: 560 Lakeview Ave, Hamilton IL
SPP: 190 N. Wells St., Nauvoo IL
SHW: 8th & Webster St, Warsaw IL

Confession Schedule

15 Min before Daily Mass
30 Min before weekend masses (Nauvoo,
Carthage, Dallas City, Warsaw)
After Mass at Hamilton
Or 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

Weekday Masses

Monday: **December 23, (St. John of Kanty, Priest; Mal 3:1-4, 23-24, Lk 1:57-66)**
8:00 a.m. Nauvoo-Amy Rogers, by Rita Allen
5:30 p.m. Warsaw-Al Jungles, by Denise Yuskis and family

Tuesday: **December 24, (Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord; Is 62:1-5, Acts 13:16-17, 22-25, Mt 1:1-25)**
4:00 p.m. Dallas City-Had and Shirley Gracey, by Wibbell family
7:00 p.m. Warsaw-Rod Yuskis, by Yuskis family
10:00 p.m. Hamilton-Ralph Taylor, by Rita Taylor and family

Wednesday: **December 25, (The Nativity of the Lord; Is 52:7-10, Heb 1:1-6, Jn 1:1-18)**
8:00 a.m. Nauvoo-Bill Wilkens, by his family
10:00 a.m. Carthage-Cecilia Mary Parkin (L), by Gambrell family

Thursday: **December 26, (St. Stephen, The First Martyr; Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59, Mt 10:17-22)**
No Masses

Friday: **December 27, (St. John Apostle, and Evangelist; 1 Jn 1:1-4, Jn 20:1a, 2-8)**
8:30 a.m. Nauvoo-Paul Haas, by Debby Jones

Saturday **December 28, (The Holy Innocents; 1 Jn 1:5-2:2, Mt 2:13-18)**
4:00 p.m. Carthage-Denise Land, by Gambrell family
5:30 p.m. Hamilton-Arnold Luedtke, by Paul Luedtke

Sunday: **December 29, (The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph; 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28, 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24, Lk 2:41-52)**
8:00 a.m. Warsaw-For the People
10:00 a.m. Nauvoo-Amy Langford Rogers and Missy Langford in remembrance of their birthdays, by Jane Langford
12:00 p.m. Dallas City-Souls in Purgatory, by Connie Becker Memorial

Rosary Intention for December: Families.

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"For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace...." (from Isaiah 9: 1-6). "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home, for it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, *because he will save his people from their sins* (from Matthew 1: 1-25). In the midst of all for which we ask of God - and Santa! - a reminder of *His* reason for being born, this and every Christmas day!

The Season of Advent. Our preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ on Christmas Day begins with the Advent season. Our faith enters into the remembrance of awaiting the Lord's *first* coming, as a pattern in which to be awake, alert, and prepared for the comings of Jesus Christ throughout our lives, as well as his *second* coming, at the end of time.

Advent Confession Times, Prior to Christmas Eve:

December 21, Saturday: SMH: after 5:30 p.m. Mass, during the Healing Service this evening.

December 22, Sunday: ICC, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. SPPN: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

December 23, Monday: SHDC, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. SHW: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses: Note: 3rd year of our rotation among the churches still in effect.

December 24, Tuesday: SHDC, 4:00 p.m. SHW, 7:00 p.m.; SMH, 10:00 p.m.

December 25, Wednesday: SPPN, 8:00 a.m.; ICC, 10:00 a.m.

Dear Parishioners of Sacred Heart Church, Dallas City, and Immaculate Conception Church, Hamilton,

On the occasion of our third year in the rotation of our churches, in order for each church to have its turn at the most favored Masses for Christmas and Easter, your "turn" has come to host the treasured Christmas Masses of Christmas Eve (4 p.m. at Dallas City) and Christmas Night (10 p.m. at Hamilton). And despite whatever the inconvenience or loss of personal preference, nevertheless, we offer you our support, and if there's any way possible, our attendance and participation at your Masses.

After July 1, 2025, our Nauvoo, Carthage, and Warsaw churches will have more Christmas and Easter Masses to which to look forward. But this year, your Christmas Mass is the last. It isn't just you, losing your church; it's all of us, losing our churches. And the least we can do is to be in solidarity with you, if our solidarity with you up to this point has meant anything at all. Our hope is that you be a part of our newly aligned parish, with its separate church sites; perhaps...maybe...our understanding this Christmas season might win over a few of you.

We said, "Maybe"!! We understand, and acknowledge, whatever your decisions about your future Catholic Church of worship and membership.

And so....

If, for the sake of family reunion and little children, you don't see us with you, we ask your understanding. We ask the same, if it's just too cold, icy, or snowy outside. And if we come to your Masses, we're OK with contact with Mass through Facebook while in our vehicles. Did it before, during Covid; we can do it again. It's probably as close as we'll get to what the first Christmas must have been like for Mary and Joseph. Sorry, Dallas City, if our coming means you can't even get into the Church! We know you'll make as much room for everyone as you can.

At Dallas City, we understand that Santa is coming but change of location means that we'll only be able to see him outdoors. We've contacted the North Pole; we hear that if we're outside of the church after Mass, we'll catch a glimpse of him, while he's out of his sleigh.

Thank you for the part you played, among all of our five churches, in supporting our all-important Catholic school and other activities. We hope your memories of this Christmas are among the very best, even in the face of your loss.

Fr. Tony Trosley, and the Catholic Parish - currently having five church sites, all of them, still here - of Hancock County.

Blessed Christmas! This time of thanksgiving for the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ extends to an expression of gratitude for all the people who are Christ's presence to us, people in whom we honor Christ, in and through the gifts, the thoughts and prayers, we send their way. I would have a hard time believing that nobody tires of the annual "Christmas is more than giving gifts" approach to this season - "Got it! Now: where are the gifts?!!" And it doesn't look like the coming of Christ in Bethlehem is on people's minds as they run for their lives at the approach of the traffic and shopping stampedes. Talk about everything Christmas isn't supposed to be....

But perhaps you've noticed "Happy Holidays" instead of "Merry Christmas". And the Christmas tree lights not meaning the stars in the night sky in Bethlehem anymore. And the tree standing for the substance out of which a cross was fashioned...for the baby who created that tree, in the manger scene, under the tree: all of it, nearly lost. Just think about it: all those decorations, those night trips to see illuminated homes and properties, candy canes, Santas, sleighs and reindeer, illustrating what, without the person and the event bringing the season about? Thank you, culture: we're very close to Christmas being nothing more than a sports show at half time. Tailgate party, anyone?

Not here, though. We take this opportunity to offer our love, gratitude, and appreciation for all of you, and all you have done to make our churches and school a living sacrifice of praise. Fr. James, Deacon Dan, and Deacon Tony are together with me on this one. And in each and every one of you, our thanksgiving overflows into adoration and worship for the mystery of Christ, born in Bethlehem - born in you - for the salvation of the world. I hope Jesus likes the gifts we got him!! Tell the atheists and agnostics to "put a lid on it" for a while. We know what Christmas is; nobody is going to take Christmas from us. Fr. T.

Pastoral Care Visits and Sacraments for those unable to come to Church. Just in case we don't get to you before Christmas Eve, please remember that Christmas is all week-long. So, count on us coming your way for your Christmas visit with Jesus in the sacraments throughout Christmas week.

Bulletin deadline Thursday, December 26 for January 5 bulletin.

No Masses on Thursday, December 26.

Eucharistic Adoration: at SMH every Tuesday, 4-5:15 p.m.

Sacred Heart Dallas City We will decorate the church for Christmas on Sunday, December 22 following the noon Mass. If you would like to donate flowers or greenery, please have them in the church by that weekend. Thank you!

Nauvoo-If you would like to request a poinsettia in memory of a loved one or in honor of a loved one, price is \$15.

CCD classes will pick back up in January - enjoy your break! Merry Christmas! Remember to send Trisha your Circle of Grace paper before the end of December. January schedule is as follows: SSPP: 12&19, 8:15-9:45; IC: 11 & 18, 2:15-3:45; SHW: 12& 19, 9-10:30.

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