

December 3, 2023 – First Sunday of Advent

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Approximately 15 minutes before the Saturday & Sunday Masses when possible.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, Dec. 4 7:45 AM SJ – Barry Buriani
 Tuesday, Dec. 5 7:45 AM MHT- Souls in Purgatory, requested by Alice Nale
 Wednesday, Dec. 6 7:45 AM IC – Gail Ann Tallion
 Thursday, Dec. 7 No Morning Mass –
3 to 8 PM SJ – Exposition & Adoration – Chaplet & Rosary at 3 PM

FEASTS & MEMORIALS

St. John Damascene

St. Nicholas
St. Ambrose

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the BVM- Dec. 8- Holy Day of Obligation				
Thurs. Dec. 7	St B	5 PM	Anastasia Dempsey	Alice Nale
Thurs. Dec. 7	MHT	6:30 PM	Carm Colton	Missy & Tony Barlam
Fri. Dec. 8	SJ	7 AM	Bob Penatzer	
Fri. Dec. 8	IC	6 PM	Tom & Rod Coudriet	

Saturday, Dec. 9 4:00 PM MHT –Helen Cordek, requested by Pat Petrun *St. Juan Diego*
 4:00 PM IC – Jack & Grace Heinlein & Gaynell Shrift
 5:30 PM SB – Parishioners of Most Holy Trinity/ St. Bartholomew
 5:30 PM SJ – Gary Edwards, Michelle Edwards & Wilma Turgeon

Sunday, Dec. 10 7:00 AM IC – Louise C. Bodenschatz & For the Parish **Second Sunday of Advent**
 8:30 AM SJ – Jack Wilburn & For the Parish
 9:00 AM SB – All Souls in Purgatory, requested by Eleanor Ball
 10:30 AM MHT–Thelma Robinson, requested by Paul

Sanctuary Candles	St. Bart	MHT	St. John	Immaculate C.
Dec. 3-9	Curtis & Martha Brummert	Helen Cordek	William & Catherine Romese	Claude Wirfel

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Dec. 9/10	Lector	EMHC	Altar Servers
IC - 4:00 PM	Ron Kulback	Jack Smith	
MHT- 4:00 PM	J Kaylor	D Yonkoski	
St. J - 5:30PM	Scott Curtis	Carol Curtis	
St. B - 5:30PM	D Frantz	D Frantz	
IC- 7:00AM	Anita McCoy	Linus Smith	
St. J 8:30 AM	Cheryl Long	Suzie Pearson	Daniel Yunetz
St. B 9:00AM	M Ringler	M Ringler	
MHT 10:30AM	K Edmondson	K Edmondson	C Wechtenhiser
M/B Count- 12/4	C Zaramba, B Rosmus	St. B. -Dec. Church cleaning	Judy Fleegle/Dianne Fox

Offertory Collections

Nov. 26	Regular	Votive	Christmas	Specials	Flowers	Diocese	Cem	Building	Total
MHT	\$1196				\$ 586	\$40			\$1822
St. B	\$2226	\$20		\$15	\$848	\$33		\$10	\$3152
IC	\$1530			\$634					\$2164
SJ	\$1605			\$406					\$2011

Catholic Ministry Drive

M-goal	M-pledge	B-goal	B-pledge	SJ-goal	SJ-pledge	IC-goal	IC-pledge
\$11,443	\$2795	\$11,683	\$2190	\$11,923	\$4065	\$15,430	\$9280

DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR SICK: Jean Dunmire, Alan Zajdel, George Mehall, Karissa (Wess) Angleson, Sharon Goughenour, Audrey Wirfel, Keith Smith, David J, Trinity McCall, Jerri Phillips, Maria Felix, Carol Carden, Jennifer Shrift, Leroy Smith, Dave Wyland, Angie Smay, Karen Y, Donna Moyer, Mary Ann Penatzer, shut-ins and special intentions.

2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: All four parishes will have offertory envelopes mailed bi-monthly to your home instead of a yearly box distributed in the Church. The envelopes will come in a white envelope ***please do not throw them away*** as junk mail. The first mailing should be in mid-December. If you do not receive a packet by Dec. 31, please call the office.

LECTOR WORKBOOKS: Lectors, please pick up your 2024 workbooks in the vestibules.

SECOND COLLECTION: Next weekend the second collection will be for our local Retired Religious Communities.

ADVENT BOOKS – Special Word Among Us magazines with Advent prayers, projects and daily meditations are in the back of both SJ/IC Churches. Free while supplies last!

MASS CANCELLATION (for during the week): If Forest Hills School District cancels or delays school because of weather, morning Mass (Monday-Friday) and Adoration will be cancelled. The Mass intention will be rescheduled ASAP.

CHURCH DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS will be on Sunday, Dec. 17 after the Masses at St. J-9:30 and MHT at 11:30, and St B at 10. Help is needed and appreciated.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBER NEEDED: The finance council of St. Bartholomew is in need a new member. If interested, put your name in an envelope marked "Finance Council" and place in the collection by Dec. 10.

SJ & IC CCD CLASSES are scheduled for December 3 & 17; January 7 & 21; February 4 & 25.

IC ROSARY ALTAR Society Christmas Party will be held next Sunday, December 10 at 12:30 PM with rosary in the Church and the dinner will be at 1:30 PM in Marian Hall for those who made reservations.

IC GABRIEL PROJECT BABIES and **SJ BIRTHRIGHT CHRISTMAS ANGELS** Christmas gifts are due today, Sunday, Dec. 3.

ST. JOHN'S ROSARY ALTAR Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 10 at noon in the church and the dinner will be at 12:30 PM in the social hall. Cost is \$5 a person. Meals can be delivered to our shut-in members. Please call Vivian at 814-421-8387 (leave message) to RSVP by Dec. 3. All members & those non-members that help with our activities are welcome to attend. Donations will be given to Retired Religious instead of an exchange gift.

SJ Rosary Altar Society would like to do a **CHRISTMAS CARD SHOWER** for all the Shut-ins of our parish. A basket will be in the gathering space of the church for the cards. Please bring the cards by December 10. Our shut-ins are: Lewis Brown, Catherine Podrasky, JoAnn Bodenschatz, Irene Shrift, Caroline Moss, Peggy Cann, Elio Lucci, Fran White, Ray Shrift, Dick Wilkinson, Dolores Skrout, Mary Lou Penatzer, Helen Wilson, Barb Toth, Jay Bimle, Yvonne Kruper.

ST. MARY'S CEMETERY ASSOC. - meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 6 PM in Marian Hall. The public is invited to attend.

IC FINANCE/PARISH COUNCIL will meet on Monday, December 11 at 6 PM in Marian Hall.

MHT CHRISTMAS ANGELS: Names of children from Forest Hills School District are on the tree in the vestibule. Please mark your name beside the child you will provide a Christmas gift for. Please return gifts and tags by **Dec. 10**.

SB CHRISTMAS PROJECTS: **Christmas stockings** for the nursing homes are in the vestibule for parishioners to fill.

Angel Birthright Tree: sponsored by the Youth Group is in the vestibule, please take a tag. Both stockings and Birthright gifts must be returned by Dec. 17. **Christmas CCD Day:** December 17 at 2:00 with the packing of Fruit baskets, delivering baskets, pizza party, Play, a visit from Santa and a cookie social.

IC: Our JEWELRY RAFFLE is Sat, **Jan 20**, at New Germany Grove Hall. For tickets, call Becky/Dave 244-8243, or Pam at parish office 495-5241. All proceeds benefit repairs and upgrades to our parish and Grove Hall. Tickets are \$25 each. Only 500 tickets sold. Doors will open at 5 PM. Ticket includes admission, meal, dessert, and drinks. Many volunteers are needed to make this event successful. If you are willing to help, please call the rectory.

STB PIEROGIES: Pick up before or after the Masses Dec. 2/3.

MHT THANKSGIVING NUT ROLLS: Pick up Friday, Dec. 8 from 9-noon or after weekend Masses at MHT.

Baking: Tues, Dec 5 & Wed, Dec. 6 starting at 9AM if you are available to help please join us.

MHT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Christmas Festival: Sunday, Dec. 17 with Soups and Sandwiches, baked goods, a visit from Santa, and a Basket Raffle. Come support our children and enjoy an afternoon of food, fun, and fellowship.

Basket Raffle: CCD families and parishioners are asked to donate a basket for the raffle. Baskets can be dropped off on the stage in the Church Hall by **Dec. 7**. Baskets will be available to purchase tickets after the Masses on Dec. 9,10,16,17.

Blanket Chances: on a fleece winter blanket donated by Sis Johnson are attached to today's MHT bulletins and are in the vestibule. Chances are \$1 each. The blanket will be on display in the vestibule next weekend.

Christmas Pageant: Parents are asked to text Alissa at 814-659-1305 if your child is interested in participating.

MHT HOLIDAY TICKET SALE: Tickets are \$5 with chances to win \$500 on Christmas Eve and \$500 on Christmas Day. Return money & stubs by Dec. 9.

St. Mary's Cemetery, New Germany & St. Bartolomew, Wilmore WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA-Wreath Day is Dec. 16. At St. Bart's service will be noon in the church hall and at St. Mary's be at the cemetery at 11:45 AM.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE will be Tuesday, December 5 at New Germany Grove Hall from 1:30 PM to 6 PM. Volunteers and donors (*please give*) are needed. Call Twila Flynn at 814-495-5247 if you can help.

COMMUNITY BOOK Club Monday, **December 18** at 3:30 PM in Marian Hall on the book "An Irish Country Christmas" by Patrick Taylor. Note the date changed for this month.

SQUARE DANCES have been scheduled! The dates are: January 6, 13 & 27; February 3 & 17; March 2 & 16 at New Germany Grove Hall. Mark your calendars!

PINOCHLE CARD PARTY at Holy Family Parish, 509 Caldwell Ave., Portage on Sunday, December 10 from 1 to 4 PM.

Admission is \$5. Light refreshments. No registration is necessary but would be appreciated. Call Pam at 814-736-4279 Extension 102. This is a fun social and open to anyone who likes to play pinochle!

FOREST HILLS COMMUNITY BAND Annual Christmas Concert will be Sunday, December 17 at New Germany Grove Hall at 7 PM. Admission is free. All are welcome!

BASKETBALL FOR BABIES: Dec. 6 Bishop Carroll Gym at 7:15. Lady Huskies vs Westmont Hilltop. Benefits Birthright of Johnstown. Admission: baby wipes, 4 oz. bottles, onesies or cash donation.