

December 17, 2023 – Third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete

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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, Dec. 18	7:45 AM	SJ – Clyde & Marie Gallardy	
Tuesday, Dec. 19	7:45 AM	MHT- Anastasia Dempsey, requested by Alice Nale	
Wednesday, Dec. 20	7:45 AM	IC – Stephanie Flynn	
Thursday, Dec. 21	7:45 AM	SB- Irene Minor, requested by Michael & Regina Barton	<i>St. Peter Canisius</i>
	3 to 8 PM	SJ – Exposition & Adoration – Chaplet & Rosary at 3 PM	

FEASTS & MEMORIALS

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, Dec. 23	4:00 PM	MHT – Frank Smiach, requested by family
	4:00 PM	IC – Gary Schrift & For the Parish
	5:30 PM	SB – Parishioners of Most Holy Trinity/ St. Bartholomew
	5:30 PM	SJ – Carl Huber Family & For the Parish

Sunday, Dec. 24	8:00 AM	IC - Barbara Dumm	<i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>
	10:00 AM	MHT – Deceased of the Nale family	

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Christmas Eve	4:00 PM	SB	Parishioners of St. Bart & MHT	
Pageant	4:00 PM	IC	For the Parish	
Pageant	6:00 PM	MHT	Deceased of the Murphy/Brence family	M/M Don Murphy
	6:00 PM	SJ	For the Parish	
Christmas Day	Midnight	SJ	Joseph & Dorothy Long	
	8:00 AM	SJ	Stephanie McCall Dorsch	
	8:00 AM	SB	Deceased Zane & Zaramba families	Gary & Cathy
	10:00 AM	MHT	Steve Sikora-30th Anniv. of death	Sue & Family
	10:00 AM	IC	H/W For All Priests & Deacons	

Sanctuary Candles	St. Bart	MHT	St. John	Immaculate C.
Dec. 17-23	Shirl Costlow	Rose Wills	Fr. Nale	Lee & Leona Wirfel

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Dec. 23/24	Lector	EMHC	Altar Servers
IC - 4:00 PM	Greg Madison	Ginny Rosko	
MHT- 4:00 PM	A Richardson	D Yonkoski	
St. J - 5:30PM	Jessica Singer	John Salamon	
St. B - 5:30PM	C Zaramba	C Zaramba	
IC – 8 AM	Erin Kirby	Bernie Smith	
MHT – 10 AM	K Edmondson	K Edmondson	
Christmas Masses	Volunteers are needed for all Masses at all four Churches-call the offices		
M/B Count- 12/18	D Fox, J Resick	St. B. -Dec. Church cleaning	Judy Fleegle/Dianne Fox

Offertory Collections

Dec. 10	Regular	Votive	Christmas	Specials	Flowers	Diocese	Cem	Building	Total
MHT	\$2053	\$272	\$160	\$258	\$75	\$119	\$10	\$20	\$2967
St. B	\$1668	\$257	\$25	\$341	\$160	\$507	\$40	\$65	\$3063
IC	\$1972			\$946		\$215			\$3133
SJ	\$2238			\$630		\$355			\$3223

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

WE WILL HAVE A MIDNIGHT MASS FOR CHRISTMAS AT SJ CHURCH. Fr. Boniface Hicks, OSB will be the celebrant.
THERE WILL BE ONLY 2 MASSES next Sunday, Dec. 24 (in the morning). IC at 8 AM and MHT at 10 AM.

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. If anyone would like their children to have envelopes, please call the offices.

CHURCH DECORATING: **Today**, after the Masses at all the Churches. Help is needed and appreciated.

2024 CHURCH CALENDARS are in the gathering space of all 4 Churches. Please take one to a family. Thanks again to the Charles O. Dimond Funeral Home, Inc., Joseph J. Golden, Supervisor, for providing us with the calendars.

OPLATKI: Christmas Wafers are in the vestibules at St. B and MHT for a donation of \$3

LITURGICAL SERVICE: Ministers please email or mark your January unavailability on the form in the vestibule.

BENEDICTINE PASTOR'S AWARD: St. Vincent Archabbey is offering a \$2000 grant, renewable for 4 years, to students of parishes served by the Benedictine monks. Call the parish office for more information. Applications due by Feb. 1

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.

AREA PENANCE SERVICES: Dec. 18- St Michael– 6:00 PM, Holy Family, Portage– 7:00 PM; Dec 19- St Aloysius, Cresson- 7:00 PM; Dec. 22- Our Lady of the Alleghenies, Lilly – 6:00 PM

MHT CHOIR PRACTICE will be held this Monday, Dec. 18th at 6 PM.

SJ & IC PARISHES: The Society of St. Vincent DePaul Ebensburg Food Pantry wishes to thank everyone from both SJ & IC Parishes for our kind & generous donations from our Thanksgiving Food Drive. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.

SB: First Communion Children will take up the offertory and the Baby Jesus at the beginning of the Christmas Eve Mass.

St.B 2024 CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE: If you wish to change your months or are unable to clean this year. Please contact the office by Dec. 17. Volunteers are always needed to help clean. Please call or drop a note in the collection.

SJ & IC CCD CLASSES are scheduled for today, December 17; January 7 & 21; February 4 & 25; March 3 & 24

ST.B LOTTERY CALENDARS: Money and stubs are due **NOW**. If not sold please turn in - Have sales for them!

SB CHRISTMAS PROJECTS: *Christmas stockings* and *Angel Birthright gifts* are due by **today**. **Christmas CCD Day:** Today, Dec. 17 at 2:00 with the packing and delivering of Fruit 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. **BASKETS** are needed for the night of the raffle, **and someone is needed to help run the basket raffle**. The person that normally ran the raffle can't. Please call Pam at the rectory if you can help. Donations of baskets can be dropped off at the rectory anytime.

MHT CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL: **Today**, 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.

MHT NUT ROLLS: there are extra rolls available for purchase. Call Rita: 495-5169 and leave a message or call the office.

MHT HOLIDAY TICKET SALE: Money & stubs are due **NOW!**

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

NEW GERMANY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (NGAA) will have Sign-ups for Baseball and Softball on Sunday, December 17 (today) from 11 AM to 1 PM at New Germany Grove Hall. Please contact Cody McCoy with any questions 814-999-4257.

SQUARE DANCES have been scheduled! The dates are: January 6, 13 & 27; February 3 & 17; March 2 & 16 at New Germany Grove Hall. Dancing with the band Klassic Kountry from 7 to 10 PM. Cost is \$10 a person which includes food, & drinks. Proceeds benefit Pro-Life. Mark your calendars!

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.

POLISH CHRISTMAS CAROLS: Jan. 7 at 2PM All Saints Parish, Boswell. Singing of hymns, Benediction, refreshments.

NATIVITY FESTIVAL: St. Mary's Hall, Hollidaysburg Sunday Dec. 17: 8:30-6. Free Christmas concert by Altoona Community Band at 3. Over 200 Nativities will be on display.