

**December 24, 2023 – Fourth Sunday of Advent**

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

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**FEASTS & MEMORIALS**

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

<b>Christmas Eve-Dec. 24</b>	<b>4:00 PM-Vigil</b>	<b>SB</b>	<b>Parishioners of St. Bart &amp; MHT</b>	
<b>Pageant</b>	<b>4:00 PM-Vigil</b>	<b>IC</b>	<b>For the Parish</b>	
<b>Pageant</b>	<b>6:00 PM-Vigil</b>	<b>MHT</b>	<b>Deceased of the Murphy/Brence fam.</b>	<b>M/M Don Murphy</b>
	<b>6:00 PM-Night</b>	<b>SJ</b>	<b>For the Parish</b>	
<b>Christmas Day-Dec. 25</b>	<b>Midnight-Night</b>	<b>SJ</b>	<b>Joseph &amp; Dorothy Long</b>	
	<b>8:00 AM-Dawn</b>	<b>SJ</b>	<b>Stephanie McCall Dorsch</b>	
	<b>8:00 AM-Dawn</b>	<b>SB</b>	<b>Deceased Zane &amp; Zaramba families</b>	<b>Gary &amp; Cathy</b>
	<b>10:00 AM-Day</b>	<b>MHT</b>	<b>Steve Sikora-30<sup>th</sup> Anniv. of death</b>	<b>Sue &amp; Family</b>
	<b>10:00 AM-Day</b>	<b>IC</b>	<b>H/W For All Priests &amp; Deacons</b>	

Tuesday, Dec. 26 NO MASS

Wednesday, Dec. 27 NO MASS

Thursday, Dec. 28 NO MASS

**3 to 8 PM SJ – Exposition & Adoration – Chaplet & Rosary at 3 PM**

Friday, Dec. 29 NO MASS

**Saturday, Dec. 30 4:00 PM MHT – Bernie Brown, requested by Larry Celmer**

**4:00 PM IC – Michele Knisel & For the Parish**

**5:30 PM SB – Parishioners of Most Holy Trinity/ St. Bartholomew**

**5:30 PM SJ – Ed, Shirley & Susan Beyer & For the Parish**

**Sunday, Dec. 31 7:00 AM IC – Carl Wirfel**

**8:30 AM SJ – First Anniversary Ginny Hull**

**9:00 AM SB – Fred W Gray-Bday, requested by family**

**10:30 AM MHT – Carm Colton requested by Val & Don Hudson**

<b>Sanctuary Candles</b>	St. Bart	MHT	St. John	Immaculate C.
Dec. 24-30	Fred W Gray	Dick Vivian	Debbie Ann Keller	Brad Wess

**Liturgical Minister Schedule**

Dec. 30/31	Lector	EMHC	Altar Servers
IC - 4:00 PM	Martha Smith	Deacon Rick Golden	
MHT- 4:00 PM	L Celmer	D Yonkoski	
St. J - 5:30PM	Scott Curtis	Deacon Rick Golden	
St. B - 5:30PM	D Frantz	D Frantz	
IC –7 AM	Steve Pappas	Deacon Rick Golden	
St. J – 8:30 AM	Lisa Boyd	Deacon Rick Golden	Daniel Yunetz
St. B 9:00 AM	D Templeton	D Templeton	
MHT – 10:30 AM	B Kessler	R Gramling	
M/B Count- 12/7	D Fox, J Resick	St. B. -Jan. Church cleaning	Judy Fleegle/Dianne Fox

**Offertory Collections**

<b>Dec. 17</b>	Regular	Votive	Christmas	Specials	Flowers	Diocese	Cem	Building	Total
MHT	\$1886		\$240	\$20	\$25	\$180	\$10	\$458	\$2809
St. B	\$1263		\$160	\$5		\$20		\$622	\$2070
IC	\$3041				\$905				\$3946
SJ	\$2129				\$1060				\$3189

**DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR SICK:** Denny Gramling, 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. **Please turn in all names for January Prayer intentions. We will start fresh with a new list for 2024.**

**FOUR CHRISTMAS MASSES:** Catholic practice observes the Eucharistic liturgy at the four “cardinal points” of the Solemnity of the Nativity: sunset, midnight, dawn and noonday: *Vigil Readings:* the genealogy of Jesus -the descendant of dozens of people whom God blessed. *Night Readings:* Christ, the Prince of Peace, brings peace to our hearts and peace to the world. *Dawn Readings:* The shepherds gave witness to what they saw and heard. *Day Readings:* Through the words that Jesus left us, our bread and wine become his Body and Blood. Word becomes action. If your schedule allows, participate in the four “cardinal” Masses of the Nativity and hear all four Christmas readings.

**MANY, many, THANKS** to the organists, lectors, cantors, Eucharistic Ministers, our Church decorating committees, office staff, maintenance persons, those whom I may have forgotten, for all your hard work to make our Christmas Masses so special and beautiful. *Fr. Nale*

**2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** All four parishes will have offertory envelopes mailed bi-monthly to your home instead of a yearly box. The envelopes should arrive mid-December **please do not throw them away** as junk mail. If you do not receive a packet by Dec. 31, please call the office. If you want children’s envelopes, please call the offices.

**MASS CANCELLATION:** There will be NO morning Masses this week.

**THE PARISH OFFICES** will be closed this week on Monday and Tuesday. **Merry Christmas!**

**JANUARY 1:** Solemnity of Mary- New Years Day- is not a holy day of obligation this year because it is on a Monday. There will not be any Masses on New Year’s Eve or Monday.

**2024 CALENDARS** are in the gathering space of all 4 Churches. Thanks to Dimond Funeral Home, Joseph J. Golden.

**BENEDICTINE PASTOR’S AWARD:** St. Vincent Archabbey is offering a \$2000 grant, renewable for 4 years, to students of parishes serve 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.

**(B/M)LITURGICAL SERVICE:** Ministers please email or mark your January unavailability on the form in the vestibule.

**SJ & IC CCD CLASSES** are scheduled for January 7 & 21; February 4 & 25; March 3 & 2; April 7 & 21.

**IC:** We extend to the family & friends of **Carla Smith** our prayers & sympathy for her passing from here to eternity.

**IC ROSARY ALTAR Society Members:** The new 2024 lists for prayer chain & hospitality are in vestibule of the Church.

**SJ:** Thanks to the St. John’s Altar Rosary Society for their thoughtfulness to our parish shut ins. In having the Mass for them, for the Christmas bags filled with treats, and for the Christmas cards. Also, thanks to all the parishioners for the beautiful cards that were given to them. Everyone’s thoughtfulness was truly appreciated by all.

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

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

**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.

**DONATIONS OF 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.

**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!

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

**HEALING MASS:** Holy Spirit Ministry will hold a special Healing Mass on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 7 PM, at St. Michael Church, Hollidaysburg. This powerful night of hope and healing is for all who are suffering physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Fr. Brad Baldwin, TOR will be the main celebrant. Praise and worship will precede the Mass at 6:30 PM and prayer ministry will follow the Mass. If you are suffering physically, or from an addiction, or hurting or struggling in any way, come and experience the healing power of Jesus and be set free! All are welcome.