November 29, 2026 – 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			**FEASTS & MEMORIALS**
Monday, November 30	7:45 AM	SJ -	H/W Julie Evans	
	7:45 AM	SB-	Harry Templeton, requested by Vic Lesznski fam.	*St. Andrew*
Tuesday, Dec. 1	7:45 AM	MHT	Mary McCarthy, requested by Alice Nale	
	6:00PM	***SJ-***	***Advent Retreat***	
	6:30 PM	IC -	Harry Templeton	
Wednesday, Dec. 2	7:45 AM	IC -	Dave Schrift	
	7:45 AM	SJ -	Debbie Keller	
Thursday, Dec. 3	7:45 AM	MHT –	Anastasia Dempsey, requested by Alice Nale	*St. Francis Xavier*
	7:45 AM	SB-	Harry Sanders & fam, requested by Regis Schall	*Our Lady of Loreto*
	3 PM to 8 PM SJ Exposition & Adoration – St. John's			
Friday, Dec. 4	7:45 AM	IC -	Lawrence & Phyllis Long	*St. Damasus I*
Saturday, Dec. 5	**4:00 PM**	**MHT-**	**Val Hudson request by George & Fran Mehall**	
	4:00 PM	**IC -**	**Wilbur Shrift & For the Parish**	*Our Lady of Guadalupe*
	5:30 PM	**SB -**	**Al Grobosky, Shirley Costlow, Donna Shandor, request Mary Grobosky**	
	5:30 PM	**SJ -**	**Tom & Marge Gallardy**	
Sunday, Dec. 6	**7:00 AM**	**IC -**	**Ruth & Jim Henry**	*Second Sunday of Advent*
	8:30 AM	**SJ -**	**Craig Werfel & For the Parish**	
	9:00 AM	**SB -**	**Janet Kick, requested by Nancy & Wayne Merkins**	
	10:30 AM	**MHT-**	**Parishioners of MHT & SB**	

Sanctuary Candles	St. Bartholomew	MHT	St. John	Immaculate C.
Nov. 29-Dec. 5	Dec. Members Kmetz fam	Roberta Chaney	Melissa	John Stohon

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Dec. 5th & 6th	Lector	EMHC	Altar Servers
IC 4:00PM	Cody McCoy	Doris Knisel	Aiden & Connor McCoy
MHT 4:00PM	G Mehall	G Mehall	
St. J 5:30PM	Bruce Wise	John Salamon	
St. B 5:30PM	M Branas	M Branas	
IC 7:00AM	Linus Smith	Denise Miljenovich	
St. J 8:30AM	Lisa Boyd	Suzie Pearson	
St. B 9:00AM	M Ringler	M Ringler	
MHT 10:30AM	E Richardson	R Gramling	E Gramling
M/B Count-Nov. 30	B Rosmus	StB-Dec. Church cleaning	Judy Fleegle

Offertory Collections

Nov. 22	Reg	Votive		Christmas	Spec.	Flowers		Diocese	Cem.	Build	Total
MHT	$1490	$		$	$10	$		$25	$10	$20	$1555
St. B	$3210	$			$40	$20		$10	$25	$147	$3452
IC	$2066							$195			$2261
SJ	$2387							$330			$2717

Catholic Ministry Drive 2026 Envelopes are in the vestibules of the churches. Please support these ministries.

M-goal	M-pledge	B-goal	B-pledge	SJ-goal	SJ-pledge	IC-goal	IC-pledge
$9,700	$3,735	$11,400	$1,345	$11,000	$3,790	$13,500	$10,500

IC & SJ WEBSITE: The only time our Lord asked the Apostles for anything was the night He went into agony. Not for activity did He plead but for an hour of companionship. ***"Could you not watch with me one hour?" (Mt. 26:40)***. He asks the same of us today. What prevents you from dedicating one hour a week to adoration? Learn how to make Eucharistic Adoration a regular part of your life at stjic.org.

NOV. PRAYER INTENTIONS: Donna Sawarynski, Ann Ray, Kenny Plummer, Brian Buzby, Christine Kosto, Alissa Myers, Cindy Buday, Verta Denne, Susan Poldiak, Peter Gerko, Becky Gregovich, MaryLou Mandichak, Regina Erzal, Yvonne, Fran Mehall, Lowell Seabolt, Addilyn Fenchak Kutzner, Samilda Huber, Bernie Baumgardner, Francis Girard, Ray Bodenschatz, Alyse Crownover, Marlene Rummel, Ethan Racicot, Mary Ann Weinzierl, John, Susan & Mary Jo, Debbie Smay/Moyer, Roseann Subich, Mary Domidica, Eddie Werfel, Trinity /Rose/Adam, Seth Georg, Mary Giallonardo, George & Cathy Fetsko, Maria Felix, Mary Ann Penatzer, Karen Y, shut-ins.
ADVENT LITTLE BOOKS: are in the vestibule for your home prayer devotions. **Special Advent Edition of the Word Among Us** are in the **SJ/IC** vestibule for you for home prayer devotions.
OPLATKI: Christmas wafers are in the vestibule of all 4 churches for a donation of $3/packet.
2027 CHURCH CALENDARS: are in the vestibule compliments of Dimond Funeral Home.
ADVENT RETREAT: WWP invite **all women** for prayer, confessions, refreshments, and advent wreath making. Dec. 1, 6 pm at St. John Church, Summerhill.
FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CELEBRATION: Dec. 8 at IC. Begins with Rosary at 6PM, Mass at 6:30 with social to follow in the hall. Everyone is invited to join in this celebration of the Parish Patron.
BUS TRIP: St. Anthony Relic Church, Pittsburgh and Phipps Conservatory on Dec. 15, leaving IC parking lot at 7 am Cost $60. Flyers are in the vestibule or call Andrea for more information, 814-659-3637. Have 8 seats available.
GIVING TUESDAY: Dec. 1 is Giving Tuesday; envelopes are in the vestibules or you can go online. People around the world come together to give back, support meaningful causes, and strengthen their communities. You can be part of that generosity by supporting our parishes & ministries in Diocese of Altoona/Johnstown. Create Hope for tomorrow.
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: to minister in our parishes as lectors, eucharistic ministers, altar servers, choir members, and St. Bartholomew needs volunteers to clean the church each month. MHT & St. B need collection counters for Monday mornings. God needs your hands and feet to minister for him! Contact your parish office for more information.
IC BIRTHRIGHT CHRISTMAS ANGELS - tags are on the "Love Tree" and **SJ GABRIEL PROJECT BABIES** – tags are on the "Tree" in the back of SJ/IC Churches. Please return the wrapped gifts (tags attached) by **Sunday, December 6.**
VETERAN'S MEMORIAL WREATH (replaces Wreaths Across America) at IC's St. Mary's Cemetery on Sat., Dec. 19 at 11:30 AM. Remember the fallen, honor those who serve and teach the next generation the value of freedom. Donations are appreciated. Donations will be sent to VA in Altoona for the residents to purchase necessities. All are welcome to attend at 11:30 AM. Make check for donations payable to St. John Church in an envelope marked "Veterans" by Dec. 12.
IC ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY: Christmas Party, which will be held on **Sun, Dec. 6** starting at 12:30 PM with Rosary and the party to follow at 1:15 PM in Marian Hall. RSVP Doris 814-495-=5100 or Anita 814-244-3651. The Menu Choice will be Chicken or Roast Beef from Rita's. **Deadline to make your reservations – Sunday, November 29.**
SJ/IC Religious Education Classes December 6 & 20; January 10 & 24; February 7 & 21; March 7 & 14.
SJ ROSARY ALTAR SOC. CHRISTMAS PARTY will be Sunday, December 13, 2026, with Rosary at 12:30 PM in Church Hall. Roast Beef Dinner to follow. Cost is $10. A collection will be taken up for the Retired Religious. Call Vivian 814-421-8387 **before Dec. 1 to make a reservation.** There is also a sign-up sheet in the back of SJ Church.
SJ ROSARY ALTAR Soc. would like to do a ***CHRISTMAS CARD SHOWER*** for the Shut-ins of our parish. A basket will be in the gathering space of the church for the cards. Please bring the cards on/or before Dec. 15. Our shut-ins are: Jay Bimle; Lewis Brown, Betty McCall, Catherine Podrasky, Irene Shrift, Caroline Moss, Peggy Cann, Helen Wilson, Yvonne Kruper, Ray Shrift, Barb & Paul Toth, Mary Lou Penatzer, Joann Wilkinson, Vera Serre, Gail Faher, Samilda Huber, Violet Kline.
SB CALENDARS: Please return all stubs and money by **Dec. 15.**
ST B STOCKINGS: are available in the vestibule. Please fill and return by **Dec. 13**.
ST ANNE CHRISTMAS PARTY: Dec. 6 at noon in the hall. Sign-up sheet is in the vestibule. A guest is welcome. $5 exchange and 3 bingo prizes are requested.
SB- PIEROGIES: Help is needed to make pierogies on **Dec. 3** at 8am. All are welcome.
ST. BARTHOLOMEW CHRISTMAS CARDS: Purchase custom 5x7 Christmas cards with a photo of the St. Bartholomew nativity scene, before/after Masses or call/text 814-243-6065 to order. $1/each or $10/dozen, Benefits St. Anne's Society. Send family and friends a Christmas message in a card featuring our beautiful nativity scene!
IC JEWELRY RAFFLE will be **Saturday, January 23, 2027,** at New Germany Grove Hall. Tickets are now available. Cost is $30 a person. Call Becky or Dave Templeton 814-495-9594 or Pam at the church to get your tickets.
MHT HOLIDAY TICKET SALE: Return money and stubs no later than **Dec. 6.** Your support is greatly appreciated.
MHT CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL: Dec. 13. **Basket donations** for their raffle can be placed on the stage in the hall.
CHRISTMAS ANGELS: Please do not wrap gifts. Return gifts by **Dec. 6.**
MHT CCD CHRISTMAS BLANKET CHANCES: Donated by Sis Johnson. Chances are $2 each. Drawing at the Christmas Festival on Dec. 13. The Blanket is on display in the vestibule along with extra chances. Please return by **Dec. 6.**
MHT CHRISTMAS NUT ROLLS: Pick up Friday, Dec. 4 from 9-noon or after weekend Masses at MHT. **If you are available to help**, we will bake 9am Mon, Nov. 30, Tues, Dec. 1 & Wed, Dec. 2. Volunteers welcome.
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS & LADY'S COURT: The Christmas party will be Dec 13th at 6pm at Rita's. RSVP to Dave 814-487-5252. There will be no meeting in December.
COMMUNITY BOOK CLUB, Monday, Nov. 30, at 3:30 PM Marian Hall on the book ***"Before I Go to Sleep"*** by F.J. Watson.

S. FORK LIGHT-UP NIGHT: Dec. 5 at 6pm in the park; Forest Hills Choral Group at 5:30 at museum–light refreshments.
BISHOP CARROLL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA CLUB proudly presents ***Miracle on 34th Street***. December 3-5, 2026. Doors open at 6:30 PM and the Curtain rises at 7 PM. Tickets available at the door. Adults $10 and students $5.
RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE on Tuesday, Dec. 1 from 12:30 PM to 6 PM at New Germany Grove Hall. *Donors needed.*
DIOCESAN POSITIONS: Part-time (25 hrs/wk) DRE at Holy Family, Portage and Part-time Maintenance (15hr/wk)at St. John Vianney, Johnstown. Resumes: mporada@dioceseaj.org or view info at https://humanresources.dioceseaj.org.

*Loving God, we thank you for the **hope** you give us. Help us prepare our hearts for the Lord's coming by being open to seeing the light of Christ in others. We ask this in the name of the one born in Bethlehem, Jesus our Lord. Amen*