

Our Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saint Casimir Church, Saint Ann Church and Holy Family Church



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 19th: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Private (SA) Leonard Kowalski by Family
8:30 am (SC) Confessions
9:00 am (SC) *Latin Mass* ~ John Burik, Sr. by The Vento Family
10:30 am (SC) Confessions
11:00 am (SC) Michael Lucas by Janet Kunik and Family

Monday, December 20th: Late Advent Weekday

(SC) No Public Mass or Confessions
11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Agnes Ruza Priscaro by Lottie Carter

Tuesday, December 21st: St. Peter Canisius

(SC) No Public Mass or Confessions
11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) In Memory of Mary Lou Wiczorek by Tex and Moni Ritter

Wednesday, December 22nd: Late Advent Weekday

(SC) No Public Mass or Confessions
11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Anna L. Winschel by Ed & Sue Winschel
5:30pm (SC) *Latin Mass*: The Souls in Purgatory by John A. McNamara

Thursday, December 23rd: St. John of Kanty

(SC) No Public Mass or Confessions
11:30am (SA) Confessions
12:05pm (SA) Daniel A. Ropelewski, Birthday by Sisters

Friday, December 24th: Late Advent Weekday

(SC) No Public Mass or Confession
12:05 pm (SA) No Public Mass or Confession

Friday, December 24th: Christmas Eve

4:00 pm (SC) Sandra Kujan Demchak, Birthday by Bob and Joan Kowalewski

Saturday, December 25th: The Nativity of the Lord Christmas Day

8:00 am (SC) No Public Mass
8:30 am (SC) No Confessions
9:00 am (SC) *Latin Mass* ~ Mr. Patrick Minnaugh by The Vento Family
10:30 am (SC) No Confessions
11:00 am (SC) Chuck Brower, Anniversary by wife Florence

Sunday, December 26th: Feast Day

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:30 am (SC) Confessions
9:00 am (SC) *Latin Mass* ~ Souls in Purgatory by The Vento Family
10:30 am (SC) Confessions
11:00 am (SC) Stephen Ropelewski, Birthday by the Ropelewski Family

→ 11:00 am (HF) Feast Day Mass at Holy Family Church
Michael Kuhar by Jerry and Denise Sobrowski

THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Holy Family

1) Galla & Walach Families by Paul & Lisa Galla
2) Rev. James T. O'Hara by Friend
Our Mother of Sorrows: Robert Merski, Sr. and Mildred Merski by The Merski Family

St. Ann's

1) Joseph Pochatko by Family
2) Charles Chase by Family

St. Casimir's

1) Sandra Kujan Demchak, Birthday by Larry and Dorothi Blout
2) All Parishioners Living and Deceased

FINANCIAL REPORT

Offertory December 5, 2021: \$4,540.00

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

2021 Goal: \$20,164.00

Pledged: \$13,741.00

Paid: \$13,151.00

Thank you for keeping the Home Fires Burning!

Wishing you a Very Merry and Blessed Christmas Season.



Sunday, December 26th is the Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

A Feast Day Mass will be celebrated at 11:00AM at Holy Family Church with Fr. John Paul Kuzma presiding. There will also be an 11:00AM Mass at St. Casimir's on December 26th.

The information in this bulletin is Accurate as of the Publication Date, Saturday, December 11, 2021

From the Desk of Deacon Jerry **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Our **Christmas Masses** this year are 4:00 pm on Christmas Eve and 9:00 am and 11:00 am on Christmas Day. The 9:00 am Mass is the Traditional Latin Mass. All masses are at St. Casimir Church.

There will be an 11:00 am mass at Holy Family Church on the **Feast of the Holy Family, December 26th** with Fr. John Paul Kuzma presiding. There will also be a 11:00 am Mass at St. Casimir's Church on December 26th.

January 1st is the **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**. It is not a Holy Day of obligation. Masses on January 1st will be at 9:00am at St. Ann's and the 9:00am Traditional Latin Mass at St. Casimir's.

Thanks to everyone who supported this year's **GECAC Giving Tree**. Once again, your generosity has brightened the holiday season for many and made a difference right in our parish neighborhood.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish, 1531 E. Grandview Blvd., will present a family friendly **Living Nativity** today, Sunday, December 19th. Bethlehem will come to life for you and your family! The free outdoor performance will be held continuously every five minutes, beginning at 6:00pm, with the last performance at 7:15pm. Real animals, including a donkey, and goats are all a part of the performance. Free hot chocolate will be provided! Don't miss this interactive opportunity to teach your family about the true meaning of Christmas! Please call Sue Berdis in the Faith Life office with questions, 814-825-7313.

Are you ready for Christmas?

Most of us have probably been asked this question many times. What does "being ready for Christmas" mean? In these final days before Christmas, it is easy to become absorbed in the last-minute details. Yet it is impossible to get ready for Christmas without reflecting on the story of Mary. At a glance this week's Gospel may appear as a conversation between two women but it is much more. It is about these women being open to God's grace and how God has entered their lives in a mysterious yet beautiful way.

While we may not think about these stories for most of the year, they give us lessons for everyday life: Mary was selected, Mary believed the Lord would fulfill the work he had begun in her, and Mary said yes. It was that "yes" that forever changed history.

Each one of us is selected—God has a plan for each of us before we realize it. It is our faith and prayer life that help us discern this plan and to believe! Think about how Mary struggled yet it was her faith that sustained her. Finally, it is an act of our own free will to say yes—to choose God. When we respond generously to God's call our hearts leap continuously with joy.

As the first one to welcome Jesus into the world Mary shows all of us how to prepare for the Christmas season—for that matter every season of Christian life—with faith. Through her example, Jesus teaches us how to respond to God's action in and around us: by believing in him and trust that whatever he may be asking of us is the best available option.

So, as we prepare to celebrate the gift that God gave us through the Incarnation of his Son, it is a perfect time to allow God to work in our lives in a mysterious and beautiful way. It is a time for us to be gifts to those around us in much need of a glimmer of hope. It is a time for us to open our hearts that we might always strive to know God's will in our lives and to follow that will. Let us pray that, like Elizabeth, we might be enlightened by the Holy Spirit to see God's work in unexpected places and people.

If you are caught up in the stress of preparation, or experiencing anxiety this season, spend quiet time with our Blessed Mother, ask her to take your intentions to her son. You may receive the last-minute-gift you are looking for. We have been selected; do we believe? Are we ready for Christmas?



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