

Merry Christmas

For unto *you* is
born this day, in
the city of David,
a *Savior*, which is
Christ the Lord
Luke 2:11



St. Hippolyte
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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 22, 2019

EVENTS THIS WEEK

**Please note: The parish office is closed this week.*

Today	8:00am	Confessions at OLL
	9:30am	Decorating at OLL
	11:45am	Confessions at SH
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Monday	9:00am	Bible Study at SH
Tuesday		
Wednesday		Merry Christmas
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday	4:30pm	Confessions at SH
Sunday	8:00am	Confessions at OLL
	11:45am	Confessions at SH



COMING EVENTS

Dec. 31-Jan. 1 Parish Office Closed

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

TODAY:	Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24
MONDAY:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66
TUESDAY:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79
WEDNESDAY:	Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
THURSDAY:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
FRIDAY:	1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
SATURDAY:	1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18
SUNDAY:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dec. 23: Chris Bornemann, Kristen Ferguson, Kitty Jehn
 Dec. 25: Cec Richard, Chad Robinson
 Dec. 26: Beth Holcomb, Gregg Kalinowski
 Dec. 27: Tom Brooks, Joseph Grundy, Tyler Kalinowski
 Dec. 28: Noah Carless, Cale Miller

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Dec. 26: Paddy & Evelyn Padlan

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel

Adults – What experiences do you have of God “speaking to you” and directing your life and work? How does God speak to you in prayer?

Youth – God speaks to us in our intuitions and imagination, as He did to Joseph in this dream. What is your experience of hearing God speak in this way? What is God asking of you?

Children – When you pray, how do you hear God's voice in response?

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Visit the Diocese of Erie family website at <http://www.eriecd.org/fam.htm> and discover why families always matter!



SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Our gifts given in thanksgiving for what we have already received.

	SH	OLL
Offertory last week:	\$1,077	\$2,264
envelopes used:	50	52
Building Fund last week:	\$ 341	\$ 454
envelopes used:	21	25

Catholic Services Appeal 2019:

Dio Assessment: \$27,485

of Gifts/Pledges: 104

Pledged: \$40,900 Received: \$37,675

Thanks for your generosity and dedication.

BEHOLD

HELPING HANDS PRAYER: God of mystery Whom no eye can see, You Yourself have given us a sign we can behold: The virgin is with child and bears a Son Whose name is Emmanuel, for God is with us. Plant within our hearts Your living Word of promise, that, into a world grown weary of empty dreams and broken promises, we may bring forth the living presence of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

TICKET RETURNS FOR THE PARISH RAFFLE can be made through the collection basket, mailed to the parish office or given to Kathy Young. If you need more tickets, please contact the parish office. The first monthly drawing is January 5.

INTERESTED IN ATTENDING A CURSILLO WEEKEND or NEED MORE INFO? Pick up a brochure in the church vestibule or call Carl and Kay Hotchkiss at 425-3933.

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Contact the parish office for bulletin announcements. The deadline for submitting information to be included in the parish bulletin is Monday at noon. To avoid confusion, information should be submitted in writing.

Weekly Liturgy Schedule

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY
8:30am SH Communion Service

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY
VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
5:00pm OLL Jim Schneider (Family)
10:00pm SH Judy Schoening (David & Desi Wagner)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
8:30am OLL For the Parishioners
10:30am SH Jack Jacklett (Bill & Kim Ferguson)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, SAINT STEPHEN

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, SAINT JOHN
8:30am OLL George Klein (George & Betty Klein)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, THE HOLY INNOCENTS
Anticipated Sunday Liturgy
5:00pm SH Barb King (SSJ Associates)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29,
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
8:30am OLL For the Parishioners
10:30am SH MaryAnn Affinito (Jack & Carole Jones)

Come 30 minutes early for musical presentations by the parish choir at the Christmas Eve Masses and the 10:30am Mass on Christmas Day.

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Mary, Mother of God
Tuesday, December 31
6:00pm at Our Lady of Lourdes
Wednesday, January 1
10:00am at Saint Hippolyte

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE UPCOMING FRENCH DINNER. This annual dinner, sponsored by Le Nom du Pere Society, will be held on Saturday, February 15, 2020 at Saint Hippolyte. The menu includes French Onion Soup, Salad, Chicken Cordon Blue and Crème Brule. Dinner also includes bread and a glass of wine. Dinner is served on the hour at 5:00pm, 6:00pm and 7:00pm. The price remains at \$18 per person for this elegant 4-course dinner. Reservations and payment must be made in advance before the February 5 deadline. **Tickets to this dinner would make a great Christmas gift!** For reservations call 967-3813.

CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR MARRIED COUPLES: Give your spouse the gift of your time and love by signing up for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, held on February 14-16 in Grove City. It's the best gift you'll ever give to each other, your family and your marriage! For more info call 330-305-9963 or visit WWME.org.

MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP—Attend the March for Life in Washington, DC on Friday January 24. Buses chartered by People for Life will leave Erie on January 23 at 11:00pm and return about 1:30am on January 25. Reservations should be made ASAP by sending \$55 per seat to People of Life, PO Box 1126, Erie PA 16512. Pay by Dec. 21 and get a \$5 early bird discount. For more info and/or to use your credit or debit card, call 814-882-1333.

WHOLE COMMUNITY CATECHESIS

CHRISTMAS SEASON



Today is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. During the season of Advent we as a Parish have had a prelude to the Christmas Season with our traditional Christ-Kindle name exchange and prayers, along with the display of the *Journey to Bethlehem* provided by the students in our Faith Formation program under the direction of Kevin Merritt who obtains many animals from the local farmers. Many thanks to all who were involved with the production of Journey To Bethlehem, to our parish choir for their performance and to all who provided the cookies, hot chocolate and other snacks.

We begin the season of Christmas with our first Mass of the Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord on December 24th and the season extends through the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Sunday, January 12, 2020.

The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) is a holy day of obligation, along with the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on January 1, 2020. We celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph on Sunday, December 29. January 5, 2020 is the day we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord to celebrate the long wait of our Lord's coming. After we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord on Sunday, January 12, the season of Ordinary Time begins on Monday, January 13 until February 25, the day before Ash Wednesday. Many people think that Christmas is over on December 26, which is not true for people of the Catholic Faith Tradition.

MERRY CHRISTMAS SEASON!

WINERY TOUR—Visit Hartford Hill Winery and Barrell 33 near Warren, OH on January 18, 2020. Cost is \$25 per person, motor coach leaving Our Lady of Lourdes at 1:00pm and Home Depot at 1:20pm, returning around 8:00pm. **Firm commitment needed TODAY. Contact Mary Beth Coyle at 814-425-2502.** Check out Hartford Hill Winery at www.hartfordhillwinery.com. Dinner on your own at Barrell 33 (<https://barrell33.us>)

CHRIST-KINDEL CORNER...Did you know...Some Pennsylvania Dutch farmers would throw a pile of hay in the barnyard on Christmas Eve so that the dew might fall on it? In the morning he would feed this hay, heavy with the Christmas dew, to his livestock convinced that they would prosper for the next twelve months. There is an old adage: "The hay is for the mule on which the *Christ-kindel* comes riding on Christmas Eve." **Don't forget...**Say a prayer! Find a small gift! Plan a surprise for your Advent Prayer Partner!



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Address _____

Check One:

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☐ Our Lady of Lourdes

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