



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

Reverend Michael S. McCormick, Pastor

Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2022

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil ~ 4:00 p.m.

Sunday ~ 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday-

Friday ~ 9:00 a.m.

Thursday ~ no daily Mass

Adoration

Monday ~ 6:00 p.m. ~ 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptismal instruction offered at

7:00 p.m. on the

third Tuesday of every month.

Call the office to register.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Friday ~ 5:00 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Saturday ~ 3:00 ~ 3:30 p.m.

Anytime by appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage

Arranged at least six months
in advance

Pastoral Care of the Sick

Notify the parish office

whenever someone ill,

hospitalized, or homebound

wishes to receive Communion.

RCIA

Mondays ~ 7:00 p.m.

Parish Membership

New parishioners are

always welcome

Please call the parish office

to register.

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Parish Council

Wendy Bonus

Bob Nolan

Russell Gombosi, M.D.

Rita Clayton

Deb Steinbacher

Paul Moerschbacher

Jamie Wieder

Mary Etta Legarski

Sharon O'Malley

Keith Kuzio



Third Sunday of Advent

*Joy
Gaudete!*

Mission Statement

We are a Christian Community rooted in Word and Sacrament
striving to fulfill our Baptismal commitment

by following the example and teaching of Christ.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we endeavor to pass on our faith,
through the Roman Catholic Tradition, to the next generation
for the greater glory of God.

From the Pastor's Desk



Parishioners and Friends,

Our Advent journey has brought us to the third week of Advent. This Sunday is known as *Gaudete Sunday*, which means “Rejoice.” *Gaudete* is pronounced gow-day-tay. It is also sometimes referred to as Rose Sunday because the priest may wear rose-colored vestments instead of the purple vestments. In the early tradition of Advent, the season was forty days, mirroring Lent, and a period of fasting. *Gaudete Sunday* was a day to break the fasting and celebrate, for Christmas is drawing near. Though our current season of Advent is considerably shorter than in previous eras, the tradition of acknowledging the rapid approach of Christmas with the rose vestments remains.

On this Sunday, we rejoice in God our Savior, a God who has remained faithful to all of us through the promises made to our ancestors in the faith, long ago. God continues to work for our liberation from oppression in this world, the world we have made, as well as for our eternal freedom in His Kingdom. God continues to pay attention to those our society often marginalizes and leaves out: those experiencing poverty, widows, orphans, disabled folks—and God prepares a way for them. When we see good news for all people, including the “least” among us, then we see the Gospel. If there isn’t good news for the poor, it just simply is not the Gospel.

So during this week of rejoicing make a concerted effort to bring joy to others. Don’t allow the last mad dash to Christmas to rob you of the very joy Jesus intends for all who know, love and follow Him. Light the pink candle on your Advent wreath at home. Maybe make cookies with your kids and use pink icing to decorate them. You could share them with your priest or a neighbor. Take a small gift to someone who is lonely. Call an old friend you have not heard from in a while. Spread the joy, and you will actually find even more joy!

Gaudete,

Fr. Mike



December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception



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Gifts to the 2022 Diocesan Annual Appeal impact the lives of our brothers and sister in need each day. As Christmas draws near, ask God what gift you can offer Him in support of the poor, lonely, and vulnerable in our community.

GIFTS OF ALL SIZES ARE NEEDED AND APPRECIATED.

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish has reached 65% of our Appeal goal of \$41,000 by pledging \$26,517 as of December 5, 2022. *Thank you, all who pledged so far, for your generosity!*

Help our Parish reach its goal by the end of 2022

The Giving Tree

The Annual Giving Tree will be up until **Monday, December 19**. By request, we will be switching to Weis gift cards only, in amounts of \$5, \$10, \$15, and \$20. Thank you for your generosity.

Pro-Life Dedication & Reception

Please join our Pro-Life Committee on **Monday, December 12, at 9:30 a.m.**, for the dedication of the Pro-Life Center in our parish hall. There will be a light reception afterwards.

Children's Christmas Play Rehearsal

Practices for the Posada, which will be performed at 3:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve, before 4:00 p.m. Mass, will be held at:

Wednesday, December 14 at 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 22 at 5:30 p.m.

Lessons and Carols

Please join us for an evening of "Lessons and Carols" on **Thursday, December 15, at 7:00 p.m.** in the church. We will hear readings from Scripture, paired with some of our favorite Advent and Christmas music and prayer.

Adult Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation will be held this Wednesday and next, **December 14 and 21**, in the parish hall at **7:00 p.m.** Come join the discussion and prayer with Deacon Steve Frye.

Area Advent Penance Services

Wednesday, December 14 ~ 7:00 p.m. at Church of St. Joseph the Worker, Williamsport
Wednesday, December 21 ~ 7:00 p.m. at Church of the Resurrection, Muncy

Vespers

Vespers, or Evening Prayer, is held **Advent Sunday evenings, December 11 and 18 at 7:00 p.m.** Consider taking thirty minutes at this busy time of year for quiet time and prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

Christmas Schedule

Saturday, December 24

3:30 p.m. Children's Play

4:00 p.m. Children's Mass

10:00 p.m. Prelude

10:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday, December 25

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Christmas Mass

Solemnity of Mary

Saturday, December 31

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 1

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Masses



*O Mary conceived without sin,
Pray for us who have recourse to thee.*

Community

This Week at Our Lady of Lourdes

~Sunday, December 11

Religious Ed Classes ~ Grades 1-8

Vespers ~ 7:00 p.m.

~ Monday, December 12

Pro-Life Center Dedication ~ 9:30 a.m.

Holy Hour & Confessions ~ 6:00 p.m.

Nominating Committee ~ 7:00 p.m.

~ Tuesday, December 13

Mass at Embassy at Loyalsock ~ 2:00 p.m.

Advent Retreat: Catechists & Servers ~ 6:00 p.m.

~ Wednesday, December 14

Children's Christmas Play Practice ~ 5:30 p.m.

Advent Bible Study ~ 7:00 p.m.

~ Thursday, December 15

Lessons & Carols ~ 7:00 p.m.

Choir practice immediately following

~ Friday, December 16

Confessions ~ 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

~ Sunday, December 18

Religious Education Classes ~ grades 1-8

Vespers ~ 7:00 p.m.

Ministry Corner

Our Lady of Guadalupe

By Deb Steinbacher

This Monday is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. With our parish being that of Our Lady of Lourdes, we know how important our Blessed Mother and her apparitions are to our faith! The feast on Monday marks the appearance of our Lady to Juan Diego on December 9, 1531, on Tepeyac Hill, which is outside of what is now Mexico City. She asked Juan to build a shrine and, when the bishop did not believe him, provided the sign requested by the bishop in the form of roses (in December) which Juan gathered in his mantle. When he dropped the roses out of his mantle, the image of our Blessed Mother remained (*Jimmy Akin, National Catholic Register, 12/10/21*). Our Lady has appeared in various forms, but this time she appeared pregnant! According to Priests for Life on their website, this was significant since human sacrifice was prevalent at the time. The thinking was that this would appease the gods who were against them, but our Lady brought to them Emmanuel (God with us). She brought the sanctity of life and hope! Perhaps we can bring hope to others this year with our gifts of time, talent, and/or treasure. Our Lady brought to us the greatest Gift of all! Can we give back in Her honor? God bless you during this Third Week of Advent!



St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Patron Saint of the Blind

Feast Day—December 13

Saint Lucy, you did not hide your light under a basket, but let it shine for the whole world, for all the centuries to see. We may not suffer torture in our lives the way you did, but we are still called to let the light of our Christianity illumine our daily lives. Please help us to have the courage to bring our Christianity into our work, our recreation, our relationships, our conversation—every corner of our day. Amen.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention

The Holy Father has asked us to pray for **Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations** during the month of December:

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation. Amen.

Check out our updated website:
www.ourladyoflourdesmontoursville.org



Our Lady of Guadalupe

Worship and Service

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 10

Vigil of the Third Sunday of Advent

4:00 p.m. Steven & Dana Grady (*Susie & Wayne Moore*)
Sir 48:1-19; Ps 80:2-19; Mt 17:9-13

Sunday, December 11

Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Dorothea Bacher (*John & Mary Legarski*)
 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish
Is 35:1-10; Ps 146:6-10; James 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Monday, December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

9:00 a.m. Tim Crotty (*Ruthanne Crotty*)
Rev 11:19; 12:1-10; Ps Ju 13:18-19; Lk 1:39-47

Tuesday, December 13

St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

Miraculous Medal Novena

9:00 a.m. Thomas Kelly (*The Kelly Family*)
 2:00 p.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory
(Romey Fagnano Family)
Zeph 3:1-13; Ps 34:2-23; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday, December 14

St. John of the Cross,

Priest and Doctor of the Church

9:00 a.m. Lorraine McCormick (*Father Mike*)
Is 45:6-25; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 7:18-23

Thursday, December 15

NO MASS

Is 54:1-10; Ps 31:2-13; Lk 7:24-30

Friday, December 16

9:00 a.m. Isabel Kripp (*Father Mike*)
Is 56:1-8; Ps 67:2-8; Jn 5:33-36

Saturday, December 17

Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Advent

4:00 p.m. James & Helen O'Brien, James Nestlerode
(Jan & Karen Ransdorf)
Gen 49:2-10; Ps 72:1-17; Mt 1:1-17

Sunday, December 18

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
 10:30 a.m. Cathy Finnerty (*Ed & Deb Steinbacher*)

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Votives	\$ 102.00
Religious Education	\$ 2.00
Christmas	\$ 176.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 150.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 90.00
Total	\$ 7,971.00

Diocesan Collections

Catholic Relief Services	\$ 10.00
Care & Education of Priest	\$ 141.00
Human Development	\$ 6.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 5.00
Total Diocesan Collections	\$ 162.00

Collection Counters Schedule

December 12—Group 2—Glenda Farrington, Mary McNamara, Carol Everett

December 19—Group 3—Judy DeGregorio, Barbara Gallagher, Jan Ransdorf

Faith in Action

We will be collecting hats and mittens of *all sizes* through the month of December. Please place any donations in the bins at the church entrances.

We continue to collect **16 ounce jars of peanut butter** to help support the Montoursville Area School District Backpack Program. Please help us feed the hungry. Drop off donations inside the church.

Prayer List for the Month of December


If you or a loved one would like to be added to our prayer list, please contact the parish office.

James Bender, Karen Boyle, Theresa Brown, Dave Bonus, Joanie Campbell, Jerry Dincher, Ann Marie Dorin, Grant Falls, Margie Foulds, Carisa Foulds, Cliff Hales, Geraldine Hamm, Mary Heffner, Michael Hook, Charles Gries, Cliff Hales, Mary Kranz, Chuck Ligosh, Kathleen Maiolo, Karen Marlett, Lois O'Malley, Denise Miller, Linda Phillips, Carol Rogers, Dan Rogers, Nicole Selleck, Denise Sharar, Robert Steinbacher, Sofia Steinbacher, Carl Ulsamer, Debbie Winterer, Christine Watts Wright

Please note: With the First Sunday of Advent, the start of the liturgical year, we also re-start our prayer list. If you have a loved one you would like to remove, or one you would like to remain on the prayer list, please notify the Parish Office by December 15.

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