



Our Lady of Lourdes Church

December 10, 2023

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Second Sunday Of Advent

Parish Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Thursday ~ Office Closed

Fridays 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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

6:30 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 is ill,
hospitalized, or homebound
wishes to receive Communion.

OCIA (formerly RCIA)

Mondays ~ 7:00 p.m.

Parish Membership

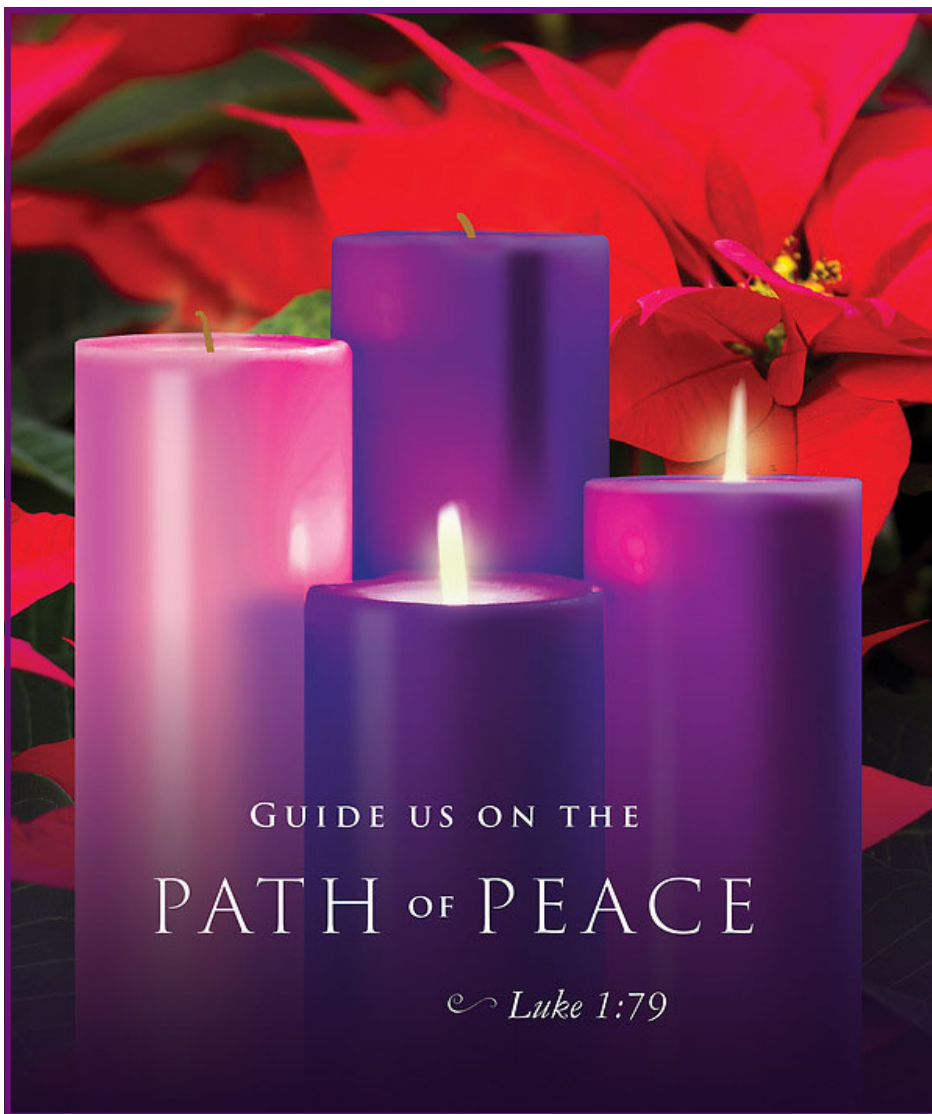
New parishioners are
always welcome
Please call the parish office
to register.

Knights of Columbus

Council 14329

Parish Council

Rita Clayton
Deb Steinbacher
Jamie Wieder
Mary Etta Legarski
Sharon O'Malley
Keith Kuzio
Colleen Brown
Lydia Baylor



GUIDE US ON THE

PATH OF PEACE

~ Luke 1:79

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.



Dear Parish Family & Friends,

If there was ever a set of readings specifically designed to lift us up out of our doldrums, the readings of the second week of Advent would certainly qualify. We hear words of comfort and kindness, hope and salvation. The Psalmist tells us that “kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss”. We are even called beloved by Saint Paul.

This all culminates with the rather striking figure of John the Baptist calling us to prepare the way of the Lord. Just thinking about his camel hair clothing makes me itch. I wonder if some people were dissuaded from hearing the message because of the locust eating figure proclaiming all these wonders. Though he might have been initially a bit scary, I would have been inspired with his humility. He said, “One mightier than I is coming after me.” There is something so compelling about John the Baptist as he quotes Isaiah the prophet, “Prepare the way of the Lord.”

This call, first given to the contemporaries of Jesus, spans the centuries and touches this heart with a desire to “prepare”. And here is the miracle, not only do we receive the call and motivation to prepare for the Lord's coming, He, Jesus, is doing a bit of His own preparing. While we are called to make the path straight, Jesus is busy about smoothing out our rough places. He is changing our disorderly ways into level paths, creating in us an even and unimpeded road. So, let us prepare, and let us let Him do the rest. For me with my imperfections this is a major construction project. I only have to recall the deep valleys and perilous pits of my life before I put my faith in Jesus to see how masterfully He works in our world and in our human hearts when we cooperate with Him.

One of the Church Fathers has written that, “if Christ did not come to your soul, of what use would His historical coming in the flesh be to you? Let us pray that each day we may experience His coming!” Amen!

Joyfully yours,

Fr. Michael



The month of December is devoted to The Immaculate Conception

This Week at Our Lady of Lourdes

Sunday, December 10
~Religious Education (Grades 1-8) 9:00 a.m.

Monday, December 11
~Holy Hour/Confessions ~ 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 12
~Christmas Play Practice ~ 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 13
~Youth Ministry Meeting ~ 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 14 ~ Office Closed
~Choir 6:30 p.m.

Friday, December 15
~Love Never Ends ~ Christmas Luncheon ~ 12:00 p.m.
~Evening Prayer followed by Confessions ~ 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 16
~Youth selling homemade candies after Mass

Sunday, December 17
~Religious Education ~ Grades 1 - 8 ~ 9:00 a.m.
~Youth selling homemade candies after each Mass

Offertory Collections (Includes on-line contributions) December 02 & 03, 2023

Loose	\$	663.00
Offertory	\$	6,610.00
Maintenance	\$	254.00
Utilities & Fuel	\$	7.00
Votives	\$	130.00
Religious Education	\$	1.00
Christmas	\$	595.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	250.00
Holy Day ~ Immaculate Conception	\$	80.00
TOTAL	\$	8,590.00

Diocesan Collections

Care & Education of Priests	\$	267.50
Human Development	\$	463.00
Religious Retirement Fund	\$	5.00
TOTAL	\$	735.50

Christmas Flower Envelopes

Christmas flowers may be purchased in memory of loved ones. Envelopes were placed at each entrance of the Church and can be found in your offertory packets.



Area Advent Penance Services

Immaculate Conception ~ Sunday, December 10 @ 2:00 p.m.
St. Joseph The Worker ~ Wednesday, December 20 @ 6:30 p.m.



Collection Counter Schedule

December 11 ~ Group 4 Deb Vincenzes, Bonnie Fry, Judy DeGregorio
December 18 ~ Group 1 Darl Simms, Mary Ann Hollenbach, Wendy Marshalek

Mass Intention Book

Deadline for scheduling your 3 Masses for the 2024 year will be December 15. There is no time limit on unscheduled Masses.

Faith In Action

For the month of December we will be collecting **Hats and Mittens**. Thank you and God Bless!



We continue to collect 16 oz. jars of peanut butter for the Montoursville Back Pack Program. Our goal is to collect 120/month to help the 120+ families in our School District who are in need. Drop off donations inside the Church or the Church office.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 9 ~ St. Juan Diego
4:00 p.m. Rita C. Koch (Rita A. Koch)

Sunday, December 10 ~ Second Sunday Of Advent
8:00 a.m. Arthur McClellan (By Family)
10:30 a.m. People Of The Parish

Monday, December 11 ~ St. Damasus
9:00 a.m. Timmy English (By Mother)

Tuesday, December 12 ~ Our Lady of Guadalupe
9:00 a.m. Herta Aguirre & Family (By Aguirre Family)
2:00 p.m. (At WeCare) William Gammel (By Lou Cappello)

Wednesday, December 13 ~ St. Lucy
9:00 Barbara Swartz (By Frank & Linda Lopez and Family)

Thursday, December 14 ~ St. John the Cross
No Mass

Friday, December 15
9:00 a.m. Jay K. Finkbeiner (By Family)

Saturday, December 16
4:00 p.m. Isabel Kripp (By Father Michael)

Sunday, December 17
8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
10:30 a.m. Jerome Mitchell (By Stephen Logue Family)

Please pray for the Repose of the Souls of Richard Weilminster and Marilyn Jackson.

Readings For The Week

Monday: *Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Luke 5:17-26*
Tuesday: *Acts 20:17-36; Ps 110:1-4; John 15:9-17*
Wednesday: *Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-10; Mt 11:28-30*
Thursday: *Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1-13; Mt 11:11-15*
Friday: *Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-6; Mt 11:16-19*
Saturday: *Sir 48:1-11; Ps 80:2-19; Mt 17:9-13*
Sunday: *Is 40:1-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pet 3:8-14; Luke 3:4,6*



Advent Evening of Reflection

December 20 ~ 6:00 p.m.

A night of reflection for all volunteers, especially Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Catechists, Parish Pastoral Council, Coordinating Team, K.O.C, Youth Ministry Team, etc. The evening will include dinner, and a talk on the Eucharist by Deacon John Bubb. Please RSVP by calling the parish office.



The Giving Tree



The **Giving Tree** is displayed at the main entrance of the Church. It will be up until December 18. By request, we are asking for Weis cards only in amounts of \$5, \$10, \$15 and \$20. Please write amount on the gift card or place the activation slip on card itself. Please consider helping those in need. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

Dave Bonus, Karen Boyle, D. Jane Brown, Margaret Campbell, Gerald Dincher, Diane DeTato, Ann Marie Dorin, Diane Folk, Margie Foulds, Carissa Foulds, Charles Gries, Cliff Hales, Geraldine Hamm, Michael Hook, Mina Hoover, Rosemary "Cate" Legarski, Chuck Ligosh, Kathleen Maiolo, Karen Marlett, Alex Mazzante, Tyler Morton, Mary Myers, Justin Reed (Father's nephew), Nicole Selleck, Isabel Shumbat, Kim Singer, Sofia Steinbacher, Shawn Steinbacher, Staci Stone, Christine Quinn, Carl Ulsamer, Debbie Winterer



Play Rehearsal Schedule

Practices for the Christmas play, which will take place on Christmas Eve at 3:30 p.m., are as follows:

Tuesday, December 12 ~ 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 21 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Coffee Chats ~ Women of the Parish

Please join us at the home of Lydia James on December 16 at 9:30 a.m. We will continue to study St. Edith Stein, Seeker of the Truth. To attend please text Lydia at #570-419-9744 or email Lydia at djams25@gmail.com and she will send you the study chapters, along with other details.



Oplatki

Christmas oplatki is a beautiful tradition that you can share with loved ones. The oplatki is now available near the altar. Requested donations are \$3. Thank you.



Upcoming Youth Events

On December 16 at 10:30 a.m., grades 5 - 12 are making Oreos Truffles, Peanut Butter Balls & Chocolate Potato Chips in the hall.

A youth family movie matinee is scheduled for December 28 @ 3:45 p.m.

Where: AMC Williamsport
Movie: Migration (Animated)

~Rated PG~

Who: All ages
 ~Come as a family or
 ~Drop child off and sign permission slip

Cost: FREE 😊

Permission slips are required and can be signed when dropping off your child at the theatre. Questions? Contact Rachel Nolan @ 814-341-6928.

Volunteers are needed to help make the candies and sell them at all Masses the weekend of December 16 & 17.

Volunteer forms are available at Church office or contact Kathleen McMahon at 570-419-1471.

Lunch will be provided!



Love Never Ends

Our Christmas luncheon will be held December 15 at 12:00 p.m. Turkey, stuffing, potatoes, gravy and dessert will be served. If you'd like, please bring a veggie side to share. Let us know if you want to attend by contacting Curt Fink at #570-490-8230 or contact the parish office.

Sponsor Of The Week

We sincerely thank **Quality Air Mechanical** for being our bulletin sponsor this week. Thank you for your continued support.

Our Lady of Lourdes Diocesan Annual Appeal Update

We're at \$21,532. (52% of goal) with pledges and donations from 115 families (17.58%) of the parish as of 12/01/2023. Please prayerfully consider how you might support the campaign and help the parish to reach our goal. Thank you!

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