



Our Lady of Lourdes Church

December 3, 2023

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First 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

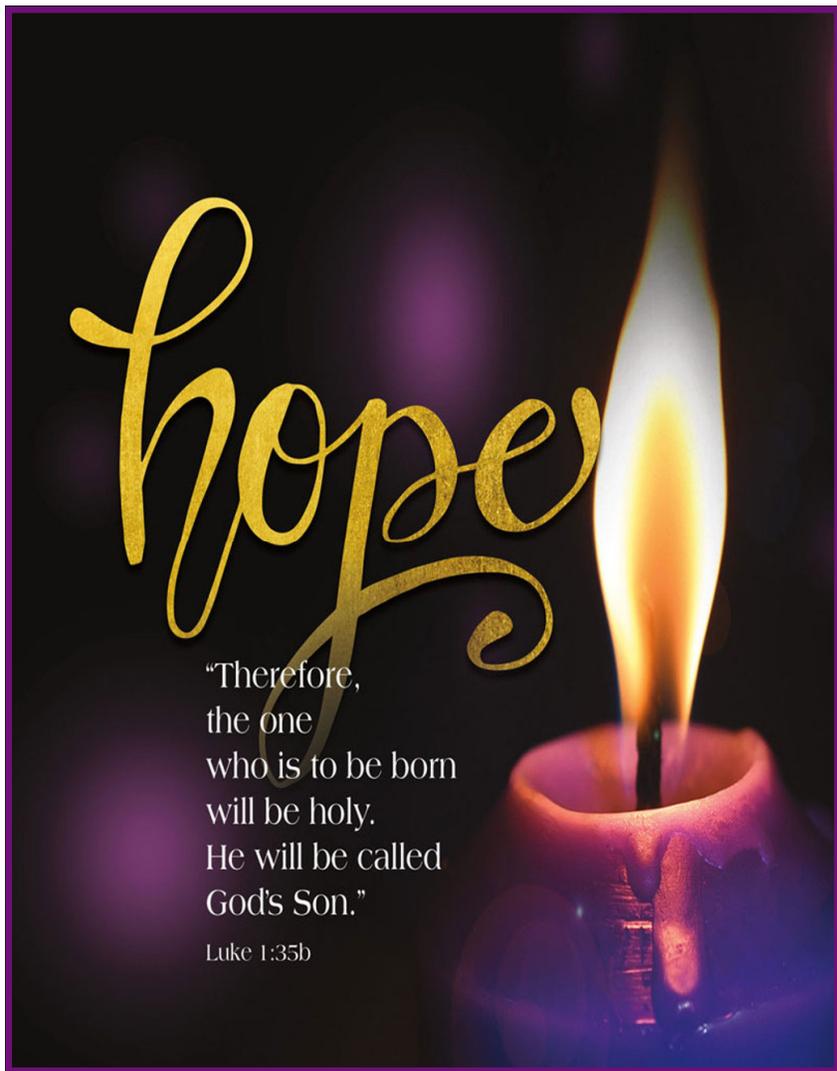
Mary Etta Legarski

Sharon O'Malley

Keith Kuzio

Colleen Brown

Lydia Baylor



“Therefore,
the one
who is to be born
will be holy.
He will be called
God's Son.”

Luke 1:35b

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.

A picture paints a thousand words.....

From the Pastor's Desk



Worship

(Pictured on far left) Children adoring Jesus at family adoration.

Youth Masses are held monthly. Children participate by altar serving, singing, assisting the ushers, bringing up the gifts, etc. Next Youth Mass will be Sunday, December 17 @ 10:30 a.m.

Service and Community

(Pictured on the right) Our youth raked leaves for the elderly and homebound of OLOL. Afterwards, they enjoyed fellowship with each other by going out for pizza. Thank you to all who helped organize this event.

(Pictured below) Children enjoyed decorating pumpkins for Thanksgiving at our Celebrating Parish Life and families prepared for the coming of Jesus by making advent wreaths.



The month of December is devoted to The Immaculate Conception

This Week at Our Lady of Lourdes

Sunday, December 3

~Religious Education (Grades 1-8) 9:00 a.m.
~Youth Candy Sales after both Masses

Monday, December 4

~Holy Hour/Confessions ~ 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
~Knights of Columbus ~ 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 5

~Coordinating Team ~ 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 6

~Christmas Play Practice ~ 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 7 ~ Office Closed

~Lighting of the Manger ~ After Vigil Mass
~Choir 6:30 p.m.

Friday, December 8

~Confessions~5:00-5:30 p.m.(Time change due to Holy Day)

Saturday, December 9

~St. Nicholas Party ~ 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Offertory Collections

(Includes on-line contributions)

November 18 & 19 and 25 & 26, 2023

Loose	\$	1,406.00
Offertory	\$	11,491.00
Maintenance	\$	109.00
Utilities & Fuel	\$	19.00
Votives	\$	207.00
Religious Education	\$	2.00
Holy Day ~ All Saints Day	\$	45.00
Easter	\$	3.00
Christmas	\$	133.00
Holy Day ~ Solemnity of Mary	\$	30.00
Immaculate Conception	\$	45.00
TOTAL	\$	13,490.00

Diocesan Collections

Care & Education of Priests	\$	143.50
Human Development	\$	463.00
TOTAL	\$	606.50

Holy Day Of Obligation

Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
December 8

December 7 at 5:00 p.m. ~ Vigil
December 8 at 9:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

*Blessed are You among women and
Blessed is the fruit of Your womb.*

Luke 1:45



Collection Counter Schedule



December 4 ~ Group 3 Judy DeGregorio, Jan Ransdorf, Gloria Renchan

December 11 ~ Group 4 Deb Vincenzes, Bonnie Fry, Judy DeGregorio

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

Sunday, December 3 ~ First Sunday Of Advent

8:00 a.m. Ed Shuhler ~ By Family
10:30 a.m. People Of The Parish

Monday, December 4 ~ St. Thomas John Damascene

9:00 a.m. James Bower (By Family)

Tuesday, December 5

9:00 a.m. Charles Jean (By Family)

Wednesday, December 6 ~ St. Nicholas

9:00 a.m. Kathy, Dick & Missy Wertz (By Teresa & Joe Moore)

Thursday, December 7 ~ Vigil Mass for Immaculate Conception

5:00 p.m. Stanley Kuzio, Jr. (By Kuzio Family)

Friday, December 8 ~ The Immaculate Conception Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 a.m. Joyce Hatlee (By Judy Swanson)

6:00 p.m. Holy Mother Church (By Romey Fagnano Family)

Saturday, December 9 ~ St. Juan Diego

4:00 a.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

Readings For The Week

Monday:	<i>Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11</i>
Tuesday:	<i>Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-17; Luke 10:21-24</i>
Wednesday:	<i>Is 25:6-10; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37</i>
Thursday:	<i>Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1-27; Mt 7:21-27</i>
Friday:	<i>Dan 7:2-14; Ps 117; Luke 21:29-33</i>
Saturday :	<i>Is 30:19-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35</i>
Sunday:	<i>Is 30:19,30; Ps 85:9-14; 2Pet 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8</i>



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, Knights of Columbus, 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.



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.

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

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.

~Homemade Candy Sale~

The Youth of our parish are selling homemade chocolate candies after each Mass this weekend. You will have a choice of Peanut/Almond Clusters. They will make great gifts!



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. Hope to see you there!

Play Rehearsal Schedule

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

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



If your child would like to participate in the play, please contact Mrs. B. at 570-666-5300.

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.



Our Lady of Lourdes Diocesan Annual Appeal Update

We're at \$21,532. (52% of goal) with pledges and donations from 113 families (17.28%) of the parish as of 11/24/2023. Please prayerfully consider how you might support the campaign and help the parish to reach our goal. Thank you!

Sponsor Of The Week

We sincerely thank JNNJ, Deluxe for being our bulletin sponsor this week. Thank you for your continued support.

Music Ministry

All are welcome to join the Choir! Practices are on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Contact Jo Marie Latini @ 570-666-4915 for info.

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