



# Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

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First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 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.

## Knights of Columbus

Council 14329

## Parish Council

Wendy Bonus

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Rita Clayton

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Sharon O'Malley

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*First Sunday of Advent*  
*Hope*

## 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*



Dear Parish Family,

After the rather frightening warnings we read at the end of the Church year regarding the end times, the readings for this first week of Advent are a breath of fresh air. They reflect the new beginning we are given any time we come to our Lord Jesus. There *is* a warning given by our Lord in the Gospel. It is, however, a hope-filled warning. I remember that old saying, "Forewarned is forearmed." Advance awareness of a situation, especially a risky one, prepares us to deal with it. I think we must, if we are being honest, admit that each of us is at risk of falling into sinfulness. So Jesus calls us to be ready for His return. Be in a state of grace, and if you fall into sin, avail yourselves of Holy Confession as soon as possible.

"Watch, for you do not know the day or the hour." Like many other scriptural texts, this admonition is addressed to all of us, though it is formulated in such a way that it would seem to concern only Christ's immediate audience. We can all apply it to ourselves because the Last Day and the end of the world will come for each of us on the day we depart this present life. This means we must make sure we die in the state in which we wish to appear on the Day of Judgment.

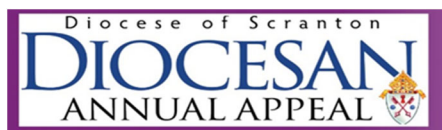
The Advent season is a four-week period before Christmas that celebrates the anticipation and coming of Jesus Christ, the Messiah. The origin of "advent" is from the Latin word *adventus* which simply translates "coming" or "arrival". Not only is the Christian meaning for preparation and celebration of the coming of Jesus Christ, His birth at Christmas, the new life He brings to all who follow Him, but also the anticipation of His returning again. Each week of Advent may have a theme assigned to the candles being lighted. Usually they are listed, from 1st to 4th: hope, faith, joy and peace.

So be forewarned: Christmas is just around the corner, and the Lord is Coming! Prepare ye the way of the Lord!

Joyfully yours,  
Fr. Michael



## *December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception*



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Each day, our schools are fulfilling their mission of preparing today's youth and young adults to become tomorrow's faith-filled leaders.

### **GIFTS OF ALL SIZES ARE NEEDED AND APPRECIATED.**

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish has reached 60% of our Appeal goal of \$41,000 by pledging \$24,447 as of November 14, 2022. *Thank you*, all who pledged so far, for your generosity!



### **The Giving Tree**

The Annual Giving Tree will be put up **Monday, November 21**, and 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.

### **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:

**Thursday, December 1 at 5:30 p.m.**

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

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



### **Sung Vespers (Evening Prayer)**

Please join us for Sung Vespers, or Evening Prayer, every **Sunday evening in Advent at 7:00 p.m.** Consider taking thirty minutes of quiet time for prayer at this holy (but busy) time of year.

### **Altar Server Training**

There will be an altar server training session on **Sunday, December 4, at 9:15 a.m.**

### **Love Never Ends**

The next meeting of *Love Never Ends*, our grief support group, will be on Friday, **December 9, at noon**, in the parish hall. This will be our Christmas Party. Please call Curt Fink at 570-490-8230 for information or to sign up.

### **St. Nicholas Party**

Saturday, December 3  
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
PK and older



A fun afternoon for kids to prepare for the birth of Jesus! There will be games, crafts, snacks and more. This is a great opportunity for parents to do some Christmas shopping or enjoy a quiet afternoon together! Please contact Jackie Baylor at 267-236-2310, the parish office at 570-368-8598, or the parish email at [parishoffice@ourladyoflourdesrcc.org](mailto:parishoffice@ourladyoflourdesrcc.org), to make a reservation.

*This activity is sponsored by OLOL Teens.*



**St. Francis Xavier  
Feast Day—December 3**



## Community

### This Week at Our Lady of Lourdes

- ~**Sunday, November 27**  
No Religious Education Classes
- ~ **Monday, November 28**  
Parish Office Closed  
Holy Hour ~ 6:00 p.m.  
Confessions ~ 6:00 p.m.
- ~ **Wednesday, November 30**  
Begin St. Andrew Novena
- ~ **Thursday, December 1**  
Christmas Play Rehearsal ~ 5:30 p.m.
- ~ **Friday, December 2**  
First Friday  
Confessions ~ 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
- ~ **Saturday, December 3**  
First Saturday Devotions after 9:00 a.m. Mass  
St. Nicholas Party ~ 1:00 p.m. ~ 3:00 p.m.
- ~ **Sunday, December 4**  
Religious Education Classes ~ grades 1-8  
Altar Server Training ~ 9:15 a.m.  
Sung Vespers ~ 7:00 p.m.

### Ministry Corner

#### **Past and Present**

*By Deb Steinbacher*

No, this is not about Christmas past and present. Today, past and present is this past week and the first Sunday of Advent. Thanksgiving has come and gone, but it was difficult to tell, judging from displays in the various stores. One would think that we have been well into the Christmas season, not just beginning Advent! Of course, Thanksgiving day gave us pause to reflect on that for which we are thankful, even in these difficult times. We know the plan and the end of the story! But Advent is about the beginning of the story-the story of our salvation and that is where we are now. When asking the Holy Spirit's guidance for this offering, the song *O Come All Ye Faithful* came to mind. One verse invites us to come to Bethlehem. Visualizing the scene with the Holy Family and the angels, shepherds, and maybe even a drummer boy, brought to mind the gifts that they may have offered, even from their poverty. What gifts can we bring to our newborn King during this season of Advent? Can we come and adore Him? Can we bring Him to others with our prayers and with charitable giving? Our most important ministry is to share Him with our family, friends, and those in need! God bless you as we begin this beautiful season of preparation!

*Mary of the Immaculate Conception, pray for us.*

### Come Home for Advent and Christmas

*Our Lady of Lourdes Church*

#### Save the Date

##### *~ Love Never Ends \**

*For those who have lost a spouse or a loved one  
Friday, December 9 ~ noon (Christmas Party)*

##### *\* Call the office to sign up*

##### *~ Adult Faith Formation ~ 7 p.m.*

*December 7, December 14, December 21*

##### *~ Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)*

*December 7 (Vigil) 6 p.m. \*\**

*\*\* KofC Annual Lighting of the Manger*

*December 8 ~ 9 a.m. & 6 p.m.*

##### *~ Lessons and Carols*

*Thursday, December 15 ~ 7 p.m.*



#### Mass Schedule

*9 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday  
Friday*

*4 p.m. Saturday*

*8 & 10:30 a.m. Sunday*

#### Vespers

*Sundays at 7 p.m.*

*November 27, December 4, 11, 18*

#### Adoration

*Mondays 6 ~ 7 p.m.*

#### Confession

*Fridays 5 ~ 6 p.m.*

*Saturdays 3 ~ 3:30 p.m.*

#### Advent Penance Service

*Our Lady of Lourdes & Resurrection*

*Wednesday, December 21 ~ 7 p.m. at  
Church of the Resurrection*

# Worship and Service

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, November 26

Vigil of the First Sunday of Advent

4:00 p.m. Arthur McClellan (*By family*)

*Rev 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7; Lk 21:34-36*

### Sunday, November 27

First Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. John Catino (*Catino Family*)

10:30 a.m. Tom Bafle (*Family*)

*Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14 Mt 24:3-44*

### Monday, November 28

9:00 a.m. Carol Bower (*Oscar & Willie Hepburn*)

*Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11*

### Tuesday, November 29

9:00 a.m. Tim Edwartoski (*By his wife*)

*Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-17; Lk 10:21-24*

### Wednesday, November 30

St. Andrew, Apostle

9:00 a.m. Kathy & Dick Wertz (*John & Vicki Tartera*)

*Rom 10:9-13; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22*

### Thursday, December 1

NO MASS

*Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1-9 19-27; Mt 7:21-27*

### Friday, December 2

First Friday

9:00 a.m. Delia Vogel (*Sue Leisenring & family*)

*Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1-14; Mt 9:27-31*

### Saturday, December 3

First Saturday & St. Francis Xavier

9:00a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory

(*Romey Fagnano family*)

Vigil of the Second Sunday of Advent

4:00 p.m. Eleanor, Louis & Joe Mazzante (*Family*)

### Sunday, December 4

Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. James Bower (*Family*)

*Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12*

## Sponsor of the Week Baker Insurance

We want to highlight our sponsor of the week, **Baker Insurance**. We appreciate their support, and that of all our advertisers. Please support them as they do Our Lady of Lourdes.

## Offertory Collections (Includes on-line contribution)

Due to the early bulletin deadline,  
financial information for  
November 20, 2022, was not available.

## Collection Counters Schedule

**November 29—Group 3**—Judy DeGregorio, Barbara Gallagher, Jan Ransdorf

**December 5—Group 1**—Darl Simms, Mary Ann Hollenbach, Wendy Marshalek

## 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.

## 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.*

## 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, Theresa Brown, Dave Bonus, Joanie Campbell, Jerry Dincher, Ann Marie Dorin, Grant Falls, Margie Foulds, Carisa Foulds, 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, 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 1.*

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