

Liturgical Roles

Mon. December 23	HR	8:00am	Mass
Server: Adult Server			
Tues. December 24	HR	4:30pm	Mass
Servers: Max Mielke, Dustin Moore, Evan Menker			
Lectors: Dave Helmstetter, Mary Beth Mielke			
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: Volunteers			
Tues. December 24	SP	4:30pm	Mass
Servers: Ally Ott, Chloe Ott			
Lectors: Linda Lunz			
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: Virgil Brown, Dustin Knapke, Christine Knatz, Mackenzie Ott			
Sacristan: Ellen Brown			
Ushers: Janet Ott, Mike Ott, Dave Dwenger			
Tues. December 24	HR	10:00pm	Mass
Servers: Bryce & Nate Wilker, Gavin Ahlers, Justin Grannan			
Lectors: Lydia Krugh, Brent Miller			
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: Volunteers			
Wed. December 25	SP	9:30am	Mass
Servers: Leah Brackman, Hannah Brackman			
Lector: Dave Steinke			
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: Mary Cogan, Kent Schlegel, LuAnna Scott, Judy Steinke			
Sacristan: Kent Schlegel			
Ushers: Allen Steinke, Nick Brackman, Marc Hines			
Wed. December 25	HR	11:00am	Mass
Servers: Brayden Sullivan, Cory Sullivan, Ross Henschen, Logan Henschen			
Lectors: Carla Eaglowski, Greg Eaglowski			
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: Volunteers			
Thurs. December 26	SP	8:00am	Mass
Server: Adult Server			
Fri. December 27	HR	8:00am	Mass
Server: Adult Server			
Sat. December 28	HR	4:30pm	Mass
Servers: Cory Sullivan, Bre Miller, Emma Largent			
Lectors: Randy Wilker, Annette Bayham			
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: Emily Klosterman, Dianne Engel, Peg Larkin, Michelle Miller, Rita Larkin, Deacon Marty, Connie Rempfer, Adele Walls			
Sun. December 29	HR	8:00am	Mass
Servers: Lily Rammel, Emma Lininger, Breanna Howe			
Lector: Lil Heitkamp, Todd Spieles			
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: Dave Coleman, Gene Wilker, Cindy Wilker			
Sun. December 29	SP	9:30am	Mass
Servers: Ally Ott, Owen Ott			
Lector: Kent Schlegel			
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: Luke Kohler, Carla Kohler, Ericka Aller, Virgil Brown			
Sacristan: Diane Wright			
Ushers: Virgil Brown, Dave Dwenger, Tom Naseman			
Sun. December 29	HR	11:00am	Mass
Servers: Will Menker, Elena Menker, Alyvia Halko			
Lectors: Nick Kiel, Zac Steva			
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: Matt Axe, Teresa Bertke, Stephanie Brown, Matt Brown, Margene Craft, Dave Gossard, Mike Grannan, Chrissy Hensley			

Calendar of Events

Sunday	December 22
8:00am	Mass at Holy Rosary
9:30am	Mass at St. Patrick
11:00am	Mass at Holy Rosary
Monday	December 23
8:00am	Mass at Holy Rosary
Following Mass	Decorating of Holy Rosary Church
6:00 - 8:00pm	SP Youth Choir Practice - Church
6:30 - 7:30pm	Confessions at Holy Rosary
Tuesday	December 24
4:30pm	Mass at Holy Rosary
4:30pm	Mass at St. Patrick - Fr. Vince Hoying
10:00pm	Mass & Choir at Holy Rosary
Wednesday	December 25
9:30am	Mass & Youth Choir at St. Patrick
11:00am	Mass & Choir at Holy Rosary
Thursday	December 26
8:00am	Mass at St. Patrick
Friday	December 27
8:00am	Mass at Holy Rosary
Saturday	December 28
8:00am	Men's Fellowship - Upper Room
3:30pm	Confessions at Holy Rosary
4:30pm	Mass & Choir at Holy Rosary
Sunday	December 29
8:00am	Mass & Choir at Holy Rosary
9:30am	Mass at St. Patrick
11:00am	Mass at Holy Rosary



Parish Office Hours for the Holidays

December 23	Open 7:30am - 2:30pm
December 24 & 25	Closed
December 26 & 27	Open 7:30am - Noon
December 30	Open 7:30am - 2:30pm
December 31	Open 7:30am - Noon
January 1	Closed
January 2 & 3	Open 7:30am - Noon

If you have an emergency after hours, call Patti at 419-733-7982.

News From Holy Rosary School

Holy Rosary School's music department performed *The Twelve Days of Christmas* on Thursday, December 12th at Memorial High School's performing arts center. The Christmas spirit was alive and well, as students in Pre-K through Grade 8 lit the Christmas tree for the Christ Child, as Mary's riddles added more and more light to the world.

Thank you to Mrs. Anderson for all of her work in preparing the students. Another thank you to Mr. Doug Axe who gave us his talents to run the lights and sound system. Mr. Brian Rutter played piano for us as well, and we thank him for his presence on Thursday and at all of our Masses through the year. Many thanks to our public school system for allowing us to use the beautiful facility!

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS	
Mon. 12/23	St. John of Kanty <i>Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66</i>
8:00am	HR Karen Williams
Tues. 12/24	Late Advent Weekday <i>Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:18-25</i>
4:30pm	HR Richard & Sally Hurm
4:30pm	SP Eva Steinbrunner
	<i>Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14</i>
10:00pm	HR Nanette Bowling
Wed. 12/25	The Nativity of the Lord <i>Is 62:11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20</i>
9:30am	SP Ray Barber
	<i>Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-5, 9-14</i>
11:00am	HR Judy Palmer
Thurs. 12/26	St. Stephen <i>Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22</i>
8:00am	SP Ruby Smothers
Fri. 12/27	St. John <i>1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8</i>
8:00am	HR Edna Heitkamp
Sat. 12/28	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs <i>1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18</i>
4:30pm	HR Albert H. Reier
Sun. 12/29	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph <i>Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23</i>
8:00am	HR Pauline Kunk
9:30am	SP Christine Storer
11:00am	HR Mary Schmitmeyer

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

When I think about the mystery of the little baby born in Bethlehem, it makes me long for the day when we all will treat life with greater respect and even reverence. We have so belittled life itself in our modern materialistic, hedonistic, secular culture where self-interest is the most important thing, relegating weaker, more vulnerable life to a lower level. If a pregnancy is not what I want, and if it is inconvenient to my lifestyle or budget, then I should have a right to end it. If that unborn child has Downs Syndrome, I also should not have to have it due to the severe toll it would take on my comfortable life. And if having more kids is a perceived burden to my budget, then I should be able to use artificial birth control to prevent another one from coming along, including sterilizing myself to make sure I don't have any more children, all while preserving the selfish pleasure of sex for my own satisfaction.

Then I turn my eyes to that cave just outside of Bethlehem and see this little boy wrapped in swaddling clothes. Talk about an inconvenient pregnancy for Mary and Joseph! Having a child in a cave on a cold night in December, no room in the inn, no crib for a bed, laying him in a manger, a feeding trough! But did his parents ever say 'no'? Did they ever weigh their own comfort against the burden this child would bring to their life? Did they try to prevent that pregnancy? Did they consider ending that pregnancy? No. That little Child would go on to save the world, justifying us before God the Father.

There is such injustice in abortion, artificial contraception and sterilization! Not giving a human life the chance to be born and to know and love God is a sin of injustice that cries out to the heavens. Preventing pregnancy by artificial means is a sin of injustice because it denies God the act of creating a soul to know and love, and it denies a brother or a sister to siblings whose lives would be greatly enriched by an addition to the family. Sterilization is a sin of injustice because it denies the gift of motherhood from the woman. When the husband has a vasectomy, he sins of injustice, denying his wife the chance to have more children that she could love and care for. When the woman has a tubal ligation, she denies her husband the joy of more children to provide for and love. These acts are an injustice – to mother, to father, to family, to community, and to God.

The root of injustice is selfishness; my way rules. The selfishness of these sins against life, abortion, contraception and sterilization, is the real tragedy of our times and is totally contrary to the message of the Gospel, which is self-giving that justifies. So much more life and love could be in our world if we would be open to life – a promise that all Catholic spouses make on the day of their marriage. These sins are destroying our marriages, families and society. We are going to go to our ruin, blinded by our own misguided and self-centered outlook.

My prayer to the Christ Child this year is for all Catholics to personally embrace all the teachings of the Church in regards to life, marriage and sex, and that we build a truly pro-life, pro-family, and morally just society.

Have blessed & joyful Christmas!



May the love
that was born
that
Christmas
Night, light all
your days with
joy and hope.

Prayer Hotlines	Weekend Mass Attendance	
Holy Rosary: Julie 305-7937	4:30pm	330
St. Patrick Mary 657-2346	8:00am	237
	9:30am	203
	11:00am	417
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"MAKE A DATE"
THE MARRIAGE COURSE
7 SENSATIONAL DATES
January 10, 17, 24, 31 & February 7, 14 & 21, 2020
6:00-9:00 at the K of C Hall

Each night includes a catered dinner from local restaurants at private candlelit tables for two, couples view a DVD and discuss important issues often ignored in the rush of daily life.

COST \$92 per couple (that's only \$13 for a night out)

There is no group discussion or group sharing.
Call the parish office at 419-394-5050 to RSVP.