

**Preble County Catholics  
St. John, St. Mary and Visitation Churches**

**December 1, 2019**

**Mass Schedule for November 30th – December 8th**

- Sat. 30th 5:00 p.m. - Adrian Homan (Visn)  
(Fr.DD)
- Sat. 30th 7:00 p.m. - Fr. Charles Caserta (St. J)  
(Fr.DD)
- Sun. 1st 8:00a.m. - Wyatt Clevenger(St. J) (Fr. GV)
- Sun. 1st 9:30a.m. - DennisWilhoit (St. J) (Fr. DD)
- Sun. 1st 11:00a.m. - Parishioners (Visn) (Fr. GV)
- Mon. 2nd 9:00a.m. - Private Intention (Visn)
- Tues. 3rd 9:00a.m. - Fr. Gary Witsken(Visn)
- Wed. 4th 12:00p.m. - Int. of Randy Morton(Visn)
- Thurs. 5th 9:00a.m. - Vocations to the Priesthood  
and Religious Life(Visn)
- Fri. 6th 9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Vonderhaar  
Family (Visn)
- Sat. 7th 5:00p.m. - Martha Copenhaver (Visn)  
(Fr. GV)
- Sat. 7th 7:00p.m. - Parishioners (St. J) (Fr. GV)
- Sun. 8th 8:00a.m. - Nick Bennett (St. M) (Fr. GV)
- Sun. 8th 9:30a.m. - Harry Flieman (St. J) (Fr. GV)
- Sun. 8th 11:00a.m. - Int. of Larry Stone (Visn)  
(Fr. DD)

**Calendar Visitation:**

- Sun. Dec. 1 **RCIA** 9:30 a.m.
- Sun Dec 1 **Children's Liturgy** at 11 a.m. Mass
- Sun Dec 1 **Coffee & donuts** after 11 a.m. Mass
- Mon Dec 2 **Parish Council** 7 p.m.
- Tues. Dec. **K of C Meeting**
- Tues. Dec 3 **Faith & Fitness class** 10 a.m.

**Calendar St. John:**

- Sun Dec 1 **Fellowship Breakfast** following 9:30  
Mass
- Tues. Dec. 3 **Recitation of the Rosary** at 5:30 p.m.
- Sun. Dec. 8 **Gifts presented** by Tenalyn & Evan  
Zurwell

**Calendar St. Mary:**

- Tues. Dec. 3 **Ladies Sodality Christmas Party.**
- Sun. Dec. 8 **Breakfast in basement** after Mass.  
Christmas Party & Auction

**Stewardship Moments**  
**from 'What Can I Do? 8 Ways to Help Build Community**  
**in Your Parish' by Leisa Anslinger**

“Living and growing as a disciple is the work of a  
lifetime.”

**ST. MARY SODALITY CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The annual Sodality Christmas Party at St. Mary Church will  
be Tuesday, Dec. 3rd at 6:30p.m. This is a fun evening . We  
will play Christmas games, win prizes and share laughs. Join  
us for a fun evening. For more information and to RSVP con-  
tact Vicki Mumma at 513-796-2206.

**CHRISTMAS CRAFTS AND BAKED GOODS AUCTION**

The Christmas auction is scheduled for Sunday, Dec;8th  
immediately after Mass, in the church basement. Everyone is  
welcome to attend. Everyone on the bake list is asked to bake  
that day so there will be plenty of goodies to sample and  
share.

The women's Sodality used this event as a fund-raiser  
therefore we appreciate everyone's support and participation.

Any type of Christmas craft or novelty can be do-  
nated and baked goods are always popular. For more  
from all parishes to attend. Those attending **are asked to** bring  
an appetizer or dessert to share. Drinks will be provided.

**Blessing for Non-Catholic & Children in  
Communion Line**

All are welcome! Even as a non-Catholic friend or  
spouse, or if you are not in the state of grace and have  
not gone to confession yet, or any child before  
receiving First Reconciliation and First Holy  
Communion...we are all invited to come forward in  
the Communion line and receive a blessing if we  
cannot receive Holy Communion. Those who will not  
receive Holy Communion are welcome to join in the  
procession and cross their arms over their chest to  
receive a “Blessing” from the Priest or Extraordinary  
Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC). The EMHC is  
to say to the person coming forward for the blessing,  
“God Bless You! Thank you for being here  
today!” The priest alone is obliged to make the sign  
of the Cross in his blessing of the non-Catholic/child  
coming forward. Again, all are welcome and we are  
all equally charged to examine our life and receive the  
Eucharistic Lord in a worthy manner so to participate  
in the fruits of this Holy Communion at the  
celebration of Mass.

## First Sunday in Advent

Hello Friends In Christ,

It is with great joy and anticipation that I bid you all a Happy Advent. It would not even be wrong to say, "Merry Christmas" a little early. We are glad to share with one another the news of great joy (even as we wait) that in the fullness of time God the Father sent His Son, a Savior, conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, who is Christ the Lord, Emmanuel with us. Amen.

With that same joy in mind, our seasonal musical setting for Mass is from the *Missa Emmanuelle*. *It is amazing to note that all of our Masses at all of our parishes in our Preble County Catholic Region are using this musical setting during the seasons of Advent & Christmas. Please join along as it follows a familiar tune that I am sure we will all get a handle on singing it as we hear it more often. If you do better with music in front of you, grab the music notation handout at the doors/in the pews if that helps you to sing along. Remember to rejoice in this season of the year and let Christ shine through your Christmas greetings. Thanks to all of our musicians, cantors, and choir for all their skill and time in helping all of us join together in song as a parish region around our source of unity, which is discovered in the Eucharist.*

You will also note that our new liturgical guidelines for Servers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and Ushers go into effect on the weekend of Nov. 30/Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions or concerns about the guidelines, please contact me about those issues. I am grateful for all the people involved in these ministries. Thanks to those who attended the "Renewal" sessions in November. For anyone in these ministries who was not able to attend, please pick up the guidelines from the sacristy or visit our new Preble County Catholic region website at [preblecountycatholics.org](http://preblecountycatholics.org) to download the resources.

That is right; we are beginning to venture into the new media and will be updating our parish region website. It is with joy that now we will be able to proclaim the message of Christ to our "digital world" as well as those we encounter in this physical world. All of our print materials, such as the bulletin, will continue alongside this digital opportunity for our Parishes and our Preble County Catholic Region. So, please go to [preblecountycatholics.org](http://preblecountycatholics.org) today and check out all that is happening in our parish region and your local Church.

Keep praying and enjoying the beautiful gifts of this season filled with joyful anticipation of the coming of the Lord.

God love you,

Fr. David Doseck

### RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Next week we will have a second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests spent years working in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies—often for little or no pay. Now, their religious communities do not have enough savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more. Almost 94 percent of donations aid senior religious. Please be generous.

### ST. ANNE'S SODALITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

St. Anne's Sodality will hold its annual Christmas party on December 16th at noon. Meat and drinks will be provided and each member is asked to bring a dish to share. We'll play bingo and have some more surprises.

### GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree is starting this weekend. The Giving Tree helps Birthright (Preble County), the YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter (Preble County), the Preble County Homeless Shelter (near Eaton), St. Vincent de Paul at St. Mary, and your local food banks in Eaton, Camden, and New Paris. Please take a tag from the Giving Tree, and be generous in helping these worthwhile charities by buying what is listed on the tag. Please place your gifts (and tags) in the following places: Visitation—the last pew; St. John the first pew; St. Mary -east pew.

### READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

<b>This Sunday:</b>	Is 2:1-5 Rom 13:11-14 Mt 24:37-44	First Sunday of Advent
<b>Monday:</b>	Is 4:2-6 Mt 8:5-11	
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Is 11:1-10 Lk 10:21-24	St. Francis Xavier
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Is 25:6-10a Mt 15:29-37	St. John Dsmascene
<b>Thursday:</b>	Is 26:1-6 Mt 7:21,24-27	
<b>Friday:</b>	Is 29:17-24 Mt 9:27-31	St. Nicholas
<b>Saturday:</b>	Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8	St. Ambrose
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Is 11:1-10 Rom 15:4-9 Mt 3:1-12	Second Sunday of Advent