

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

December 29, 2019

Mass Schedule for December 28th – Jan 5th

- Sat. 28th 5:00 p.m. - Mary Anne Reinhart (SM)
(Fr. DD)
- Sat. 28th 7:00 p.m. - Parishioners (St. J) (Fr. GV)
- Sun. 29th 8:00a.m. - Pinky Broermann (St. M)
(Fr. DD)
- Sun. 29th 9:30a.m. - Living & Deceased of the
Harry Flieman family (St. J)
(Fr. GV)
- Sun. 29th 11:00a.m. - Leona Harris (Visn) (Fr. DD)
- Mon. 30th 9:00a.m. - Bill & Connie Hoy (Visn)
- Tues. 31st 9:00a.m. - Ed O'Malley (Visn)
- Wed. 1st 12:00p.m. - Melvin Wohlfrom (Visn)
(Fr. DD)
- Wed. 1st 6:00p.m. - Fr. Tom Espelage (St. J)
(Fr. GV)
- Wed. 1st 7:00 p.m. - Parishioners (Visn) (Fr. DD)
- Wed. 1st 8:00p.m. - Pinky Broermann (St. M)
(Fr. GV)
- Thurs. 2nd 9:00a.m. - In Thanksgiving (Visn)
- Fri. 3rd 9:00 a.m. - Fr. Pete Helmlinger (Visn)
- Sat. 4th 5:00p.m. - Bob & Wilma Bruns (Visn)
(Fr. DD)
- Sat. 4th 7:00p.m. - Parishioners (St. J) (Fr. DD)
- Sun. 5th 8:00a.m. - Pinky Broermann (St. M)
(Fr. DD)
- Sun. 5th 9:30a.m. - Gilbert Plute (St. J) (Fr. GV)
- Sun. 5th 11:00a.m. - Charles (Chuck) Theobald IV
(Visn) (Fr. DD)

Confessions heard 30 minutes before weekend Masses

Offertory

Information about collections was not available before the deadline to submit the bulletin.

2020 Collection envelopes are available in the hall (Visitation) and in the crying room (St. John). Use of envelopes implies your commitment to the parish; it also helps with the bookkeeping. Please *clearly* print your name, address, phone number and envelope number on the index card provided.

Calendar Visitation:

- Sun. Dec 29 RCIA 9:30 a.m.
- Tues. Dec 31 **NO Faith & Fitness class** 10 a.m.
- Wed. Jan 1 **Solemnity of Mary Mother of God**
- Thurs. Jan 2 **NO Faith & Fitness class** 10 a.m.
- Thurs. Jan 2 **Holy Hour** 6:30– 8:00 p.m.
- Sun. Jan 5 RCIA 9:30 a.m.
- Sun Jan 5 **Children's Liturgy** at 11 a.m. Mass
- Sun Jan 5 **Coffee & Donuts** after 11 a.m. Mass

Calendar St. John:

- Sun. Jan 5 **Fellowship Breakfast** following 9:30 a.m. Mass.
- Sun. Jan 5 **Gifts presented by Dan & Cindy Kramer.**
- Tues. Jan. 7 **Recitation of the Rosary**

Calendar St. Mary:

- Sun. Jan 5 **Breakfast in the Basement** following Mass.

St. Mary Christmas Auction

Thank you to all who helped make this year's auction a great success! This year we raised \$1024.00. Thanks to all who donated items to the auction and especially those who attended and purchased the wonderful crafts, items, and baked goods. We had lots of food, fun, and fellowship. St. Mary Sodality.

Stewardship Moments

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

In our parish, we are sure to meet and become friends with people who are very different from us. We encounter people with a wide range of experiences of life and faith and are enriched by our relationships with them.



Wednesday, January 1st is the **SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD. It is a holy day of obligation.**
Mass schedule Visitation 12 noon & 7:00 pm; St. John 6:00 pm; St. Mary 8:00 pm.

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

As we begin this New Year, I would like to draw us into reflecting upon the Holy Family and lessons on the art of family life from Pope Francis. I will begin this month of January by breaking up some quotes from the Holy Father in two parts.

Part I on THE FAMILY:

“This question was asked by Stefano and Valentina, two young people from Ciociaria. “Your Holiness, everyday life together is beautiful, it gives joy, and support. But it is a challenge to face. We believe that we need to learn how to love one another. There is a ‘style’ of life as a couple, a spirituality of daily life that we want to take on. Can you help us in this, Holy Father?”

The Pope responded: Living together is an art, a patient, beautiful, fascinating journey. It does not end once you have won each other’s love... Rather, it is precisely there where it begins! This journey of every day has a few rules that can be summed up in three phrases which you already said, phrases which I have already repeated many times to families, and which you have already learned to use among yourselves: May I — that is, “can I,” you said — thank you, and I’m sorry.

– Address, To Engaged Couples Preparing for Marriage, February 14, 2014

How often do we say these phrases, “Thank You,” “I’m Sorry,” and “I Love You!” to members of our family?

Nicolas and Marie Alexia, a young engaged couple from Gibraltar, asked: “Your Holiness, many today think that life-long fidelity is too challenging; many feel that the struggle to live together may be beautiful, enchanting, but it is difficult, even impossible. We ask you for a word to enlighten us on this.”

The Holy Father responded: Today everything changes so quickly, nothing lasts long. And this mentality leads many who are preparing for marriage to say: “we are together as long as the love lasts,” and then? All the best and see you later... and so ends the marriage. But what do we mean by “love”? Is it only a feeling, a psychophysical state? Certainly, if that is it, then we cannot build on anything solid. But if, instead, love is a relationship, then it is a reality that grows. –

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How do we let our vows in marriage give joy to the love we have? Until death do us part, unless for serious reasons of separation, a husband and wife are called to learn how to love in ‘good times and in bad.’

Part II for next week – God Love You!

Fr. David Doseck

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!!

- for your generous response to the Christmas Giving Trees. The help your gifts provide for Birthright of Eaton, the Domestic Violence Shelter, the Homeless Shelter and the local food banks is greatly appreciated.

- to our Children’s Christmas choir and their director Renee Piekutowski, to our Adult choir and their director Connie Studebaker and to all the musicians and cantors who helped with our Christmas liturgies.

- to all the servers, lectors, ushers and those who assisted with Holy Communion at our Christmas liturgies.

- to all who decorated the churches so nicely.

- for all the Christmas gifts, both for the Church and the personal gifts for our priests.



2020 PARISH CALENDARS are now available for our parish families. Please pick one up.

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

This Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Col 3:12-21 Mt 2:13-15, 19-23	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Monday:	1 Jn 2:12-17 Lk 2:36-40	
Tuesday:	1 Jn 2:18-21 Jn 1:1:1-18	
Wednesday:	Nm 6:22 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21	Solemnity of Mary The Holy Mother of God
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:22-28 Jn 1:19-28	Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen
Friday:	1 Jn 2:29-3:6 Jn 1:29-34	Holy Name of Jesus
Saturday:	1 Jn 3:7 Jn 1:35-42	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Next Sunday:	Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12	The Epiphany of the Lord