

St. John, St. Mary, Visitation Churches

Mass Schedule for November 21st - 29th

Sat. 21 st 5:00 p.m.	Edward Cahill (Visn) (Fr. DD)
Sun. 22 nd 7:45 a.m.	Pinky Broermann (SM) (Fr. DD)
Sun. 22 nd 9:45 a.m.	Parishioners (SJ) (Fr. DD)
Sun. 22 nd 11:30 a.m.	Living & Deceased of the Furrey Family (Visn) (Fr. GV)
Mon. 23 rd 9:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased of the Mark & Dianna Metzger Family (Visn)
Tues. 24 th 9:00 a.m.	Bill Bell (Visn)
Wed. 25 th 12 noon	Melvin Wohlfrom (Visn)
Wed. 25 th 6:00 p.m.	Return of those who have left the Church (Visn)
Thurs. 26 th 9:00 a.m.	In thanksgiving for our many blessings (Visn)
Fri. 27 th 9:00 a.m.	Bob & Wilma Bruns & Leslie Bell (Visn)
Sat. 28 th 5:00 p.m.	Parishioners (Visn) (SUB)
Sun. 29 th 7:45 a.m.	Jerry Gerber (SM) (SUB)
Sun. 29 th 9:45 a.m.	Living & Deceased of the Jim Rossback Family (SJ) (SUB)
Sun. 29 th 11:30 a.m.	Ned Harris (Visn) (SUB)

Confessions Saturday 4:00 – 4:30pm Visitation

Wednesday 5:00-6:00 pm Visitation

NEW BULLETIN DEADLINE for SUBMISSIONS

Want to have something included in the bulletin? If so, you must submit your item at least 2 weeks before the bulletin date, earlier if possible. Items must be submitted **in writing**, preferably by emailing the item to bulletins@preblecountycatholics.org.

Thank you for your continued support of our parishes through mail and online donations.

OFFERTORY 11/15/2020

	Masses	Online	Total
Visitation	1927.00	1015.00	2942.00
St John	747.00	45.00	792.00
St Mary	450.00	135 .00	585.00

We will have a second collection for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development** this weekend.

St. Mary Custodial position: We are in need of a custodian for St. Mary parish in Camden. If you are interested in more information and/or applying for this part-time job, please call Kay Hansen at 937-456-3395. Applications will be accepted through Sunday, December 6th.

Preble County Resource News

25th Annual Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner: November 26 noon – 2 p.m. (Pick up or delivery only) Call 937-456-2800 to order your meal or make a reservation (by 11/15/2020).

Annual Items to Pick Up at/near Church Doors

All parishioners and new members are asked to pick up the following items:

1. **Collection Envelopes** (Please indicate on the index card the Box “#number” so that we can have accurate records for charitable tax purposes.
2. **FREE Advent Word Among Us** booklets. Daily readings, daily reflections, and a great way to spend every day of Advent preparing for Christ to come again.
3. **FREE 2021 Calendars** Beautiful images and a calendar connected to our Catholic faith.

Please pickup your items beginning 11/28 thru 12/20.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Dear Friends in Christ,

Every time we gather for mass we are able to receive from "two tables". God's people are nourished first from the table of Holy Scripture, which is proclaimed in the liturgy of the word. Then they are fed with the body of our Lord at the table of the Eucharist. The whole of Scripture always and everywhere leads us to a greater participation in the Eucharist.

We usually sit during the greater part of the readings at Mass until standing at the Gospel and Creed. We listen to not just moral exhortations or spiritual reflections about God; we listen to the very voice of God at Mass. The scriptures were written by human authors but inspired by the very voice of God (2 Tim 3:16). To listen to the scriptures at Mass is to listen to Jesus speaking to each of us personally. It is more real that Christ is speaking to us at the mass than having a conversation with one of our friends. Even our LECTORS, those who read the scriptures for us have Mass, are being used as the Lord's instruments through whom he proclaims his word to the people. We do not simply select scriptures that would fit a homily or an instruction rather the homily flows from the scriptures for that Sunday. The readings at Sunday Mass are determined by a 3-year cycle of readings from the various parts of the Bible: the Old Testament, the Psalms, the New Testament, and then the gospel. On the weekdays we have a 2-year cycle of readings. So often you might hear many other Christians say that Catholics don't know the Bible. We have no excuse brothers and sisters because we hear a greater majority of the Bible but perhaps we have not been listening as attentively as we should have been to God speaking to us daily. We all stand to welcome the Lord Jesus who is about to be proclaimed in the Gospel reading. We stand and welcome this guest in his every word in our lives. As we all sing the great alleluia, each priest or deacon about to proclaim the gospel prays this quiet prayer at the altar, "Cleanse my heart and my lips, almighty God, that I may worthily proclaim your holy gospel." As we begin to hear from the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to one of the four evangelists we make a three-fold sign of the cross over ourselves. It is a small ritual by which we consecrate our thoughts, words, and actions to the Lord asking that his word in the gospel be always on our minds, on our lips, and in our hearts. After the gospel we all sit to hear an ordained minister proclaim a homily. The homily should reflect on what we have just heard at this table of the word

and connected to how we are journeying towards the Eucharist. After the homily we stand and recite the creed together. The creed is our countercultural message that we proclaim in this modern and secular world. In this "anything goes" cultural milieu, the creed grounds us in reality and reminds us that our beliefs and choices do matter. The creed is our statement together as believers that we will not be lukewarm bystanders in this spiritual battle for the salvation of souls. We will be proponents of the Lord and take what we have received at the table of his word and put it into action with the Lord on our side. The first action we do in response to hearing God's word is to profess our faith together and then join one another in praying our intercessions. Having been formed in God's word, the faithful respond with the heart and mind of Jesus by praying for the needs of the church and the world. These prayers are universal in scope and address the many needs of our world but also personal to each community and individual person of the body of Christ. These prayers we place on the altar of God and look forward to the answer that he will provide for us in the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

God love you,
Fr. David Doseck

We are asking for you to prayerfully consider submitting your name for a nomination to the **Visitation Parish Council**. Two "At Large" positions are to be filled for the Council beginning January 2021. To be considered: members of the Parish Council must be 18 years of age or older, and a registered member of the parish and have received the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Parish Council meets once a month except for July and August. The term of an "At Large" is for three years. By volunteering for these positions, you will be helping towards your dedication to our Lord and to the Visitation Church. The voice of each member is extremely important to the ongoing needs and successes of our parish. Please contact Alice Rickard, Dianna Metzger, or Germaine Vonderhaar with any questions or concerns via email: Alice Rickard arickard@woh.rr.com Dianna Metzger mmetzger1@woh.rr.com GermaineVonderhaar gvonderhaar45@gmail.com The resumes or biography and a photo, if possible, will need to be given by November 29th so that a ballot can be prepared for the election by the Nominating Committee. On Dec. 5th/6th anyone who is of the age of 18 is eligible to vote at that time. Thank you for your consideration to run as a candidate for the future of our parish.