

St. John, St. Mary, Visitation Churches

Mass Schedule for December 19th – December 27th

Sat. 19 th 5:00 p.m.	Parishioners (Visn) (GV)
Sun. 20 th 7:45 a.m.	David Schulte (SM) (DD)
Sun. 20 th 9:45 a.m.	Eileen Green (SJ) (DD)
Sun. 20 th 11:30 a.m.	Leona Harris (Visn) (DD)
Mon. 21 st 9:00 a.m.	Anna Bell (Visn)
Tues. 22 nd 9:00 a.m.	Living & deceased of the Reed family (Visn)
Wed. 23 rd 12 noon	Melvin Wohlfrom (Visn)
Wed. 23 rd 6:00 p.m.	Rosalie Doran (Visn)

CHRISTMAS EVE:

Thurs. 24 th 5:00 p.m.	In thanksgiving for our many blessings (Visn) (DD)
Thurs. 24 th midnight	Fr. Mark Schmeider (Visn) (DD)

CHRISTMAS DAY:

Fri. 25 th 7:45 a.m.	Teresa Schatzle (SM) (DD)
Fri. 25 th 9:45 a.m.	Harry & Ruth Fliehman (SJ) (GV)
Fri. 25 th 11:30 a.m.	Marjorie Walsh (Visn) (GV)
Sat. 26 th 5:00 p.m.	Intention of Sam & Alice Rickard (Visn) (GV)
Sun. 27 th 7:45 a.m.	Pinky Broermann (SM) (DD)
Sun. 27 th 9:45 a.m.	Parishioners (SJ) (DD)
Sun. 27 th 11:30 a.m.	Living & deceased of the Furrey family (Visn) (DD)

**Confessions Saturday 4:00 – 4:30pm Visitation
Wednesday 5:00-6:00pm Visitation**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Barbara Wessel and for her family. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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

Offertory December 6, 2020
Visitation \$3145.00 St. John \$865.05
St. Mary \$1300.00

Thank you for your continued support of our second collections through your donations.

Catholic Relief Services
Visitation \$266.00 St. John \$171.00
St. Mary \$58.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development
Visitation \$140.00 St. John \$20.00
St. Mary \$75.00

December Meetings/Activities

Parish Council meetings

December 21 St. John 7p.m.



We conclude the Advent season this week. Cards with our Advent Mass setting are available at the entrances at each parish. Please take one and keep it throughout the season for use during Mass. At Visitation, we will begin each Sunday of Advent with a Wreath Lighting at the beginning of Mass.

NEW BULLETIN DEADLINE for SUBMISSIONS

Want to have something included in the bulletin? 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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thoughts - Merry Christmas! We hear the angels singing the GLORIA and we join the shepherds in beholding such a beautiful sight. Jesus Christ, our Lord, is here to save us. Jesus Christ is here with us to lead, help, and heal us. Jesus is the reason for the season! Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night.

Prayer - Emmanuel, God with us, help me unwrap the true gift of Christmas. I have prepared all Advent, to the best of my ability, to welcome you and open the doors of my life to be filled with your presence. This Christmas, I behold your glory and join in singing your praises. He is my newborn King, who came to set me free, suffered and died for me, so that I too might rejoice when he comes again. Amen.

Advent Action - Keep singing those Christmas songs all these next eight days of Christmas. Don't give up Christmas right when it is just beginning. Keep the joy of Christmas alive in our hearts by retelling the story of Jesus' birth from Luke 2:1-14.

God Love you,
Fr. David Doseck

Spread the Word. Keep Christ in CHRISTmas! Christmas is nearly here. While COVID may have changed many aspects of our lives, it has not changed the reason for the season. As we rein in our normal holiday routine again, maybe we have a little more time to reflect on the birth of Christ, the Light of the World. If we happen to venture out, we can still remind others of the real meaning of CHRISTmas. If you see a box of **Keep Christ in CHRISTmas** business cards near the church door, feel free to pick some up and pass them along to others. You can put them in Christmas letters, hand them to delivery drivers, or in this age of social distancing, lay one on the counter of the business you are in. And remember... the CHRISTmas season lasts until January 6th. Help the Knights of Columbus keep the Christ child in the hearts and minds of others. Have a blessed Christmas!

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Congratulations to Vic Geise who was elected to serve on the St. Mary Parish Council and to Mark Eilerman and Kim Schmidt who were elected to serve on the Visitation Parish Council! Many thanks to all those candidates who were willing to help serve the parishes. There are always many opportunities and ways to help bring the Catholic faith to life in Preble County.

Angels and Crosses: St. Anne's of Visitation is selling angels and crosses for a \$5 donation again this year in memory of your loved ones to put on the Visitation Christmas tree. Mail your request to Visitation or to Alice Rickard (416 Lexington Ave., Eaton, 45320) or drop it in the collection basket at Mass. You can pick up your items in the Visitation hall after Epiphany, January 6. Questions? Call Alice at 937-456-1088. Thank you and God bless!

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 for 2021** Please fill out an index card including the Box "#number" so that we can have accurate records for tax purposes.
2. **FREE 2021 Calendars**
Beautiful images and a calendar connected to our Catholic faith.

Beacons of Light: Pastoral Planning for Our Third Century: If you would like to receive monthly updates about Beacons of Light, you can sign up to receive a free monthly newsletter at <https://catholicaoc.org/beacons#newsletter>. The newsletter will contain monthly prayers, reflections and planning process updates beginning January 15.