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CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES FOR SACRED HEART

Christmas Eve Mass~ Friday, Dec., 24th ~ 4:00 p.m.

Christmas Mass~ Midnight (Choir Music at 11:30 p.m.)

Christmas Day Masses~ Saturday, Dec., 25th ~ 7:00 a.m.
and 11:00 a.m. which will be the Children's Mass.

NO 4:00 p.m. MASS ~ Saturday, Dec., 25th

Masses for Sunday, Dec., 26 Holy Family will be
7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

The Parish Office will be closed from Dec., 24, 2021 thru
Jan., 2, 2022., we will reopen Jan., 3, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Sacred Heart Parishioners, on behalf of the parish staff, Warmest wishes for a Merry Christmas. I have enjoyed getting to know you over the past few months and I humbly look forward to my "freshman" Christmas season with you. So take a moment to give thanks to God for all of your blessings. Do experience in a new way the wonder of the Christmas season. Do come home for Christmas, you are all welcome!! Always remember the true reason we as a church community celebrate Christmas...to welcome Jesus. Recall the acronym for JOY: Jesus, Others, Yourself.

Christmas Peace Fr. Tom, O.S.B.

December 18(S): Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Advent
4:00 p.m. L/D of Kraus Family

December 19: Fourth Sunday of Advent
7:00 a.m. † Mary Kronenwetter (An.)
9:00 a.m. † Edward Hornung
11:00 a.m. For Sacred Heart Parishioners

December 20(M): Fourth Week of Advent
6:15 a.m. L/D of Art (An.), Mercedes & David Krieg Family

December 21(T): Fourth Week of Advent
6:15 a.m. Deceased Members of the Benedictine Association of Saint Marys

December 22(W): Fourth Week of Advent
6:15 a.m. † John Minnick (An.)

December 23(Th): Fourth Week of Advent
6:15 a.m. ††† Robert, Marilyn (An.) & Steven Hammer

December 24(F): Fourth Week of Advent
6:15 a.m. † Anna Mae Prusak
4:00 p.m. Intention of All Volunteers of Sacred Heart
11:30 p.m. Christmas Music with the Choir
12:00 a.m. For Sacred Heart Parishioners

December 25(S): Nativity of Our Lord
7:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant
11:00 a.m. Patients & Staff of Pinecrest, Elk Haven & Silver Creek Terrace
NO MASS
4:00 p.m.

December 26: Holy Family
7:00 a.m. For Sacred Heart Parishioners
9:00 a.m. L/D of Herman & Catherine Lenze Family
11:00 a.m. L/D of Lang, Dell'Aere & Beck Families

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
PLEASE NOTE! Adoration will take place Friday, December 24, 2021 with closing at **2:30 p.m.**

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially Antoinette "Toni" Carver, Margaret M. Evers, Carl E. Hasselman (Brother-in-law of Mary Hasselman) & Florence T. Wolfe (Sister of Rich Geci and Sister-in-law of Marie Bauer). May God grant them eternal rest and comfort all those who mourn them.

PRAYER LIST - Let us remember all the sick especially Chrissy Aikens, Sharon Boylan, Alice Feldbauer, Michael Gary, Don Geci, Louise Georgevich, Deacon Bill Gibson, Kathleen Glatfelter, Beth Gornati, Beula Kestler, Tom Nellis Jr., Tammy Pearsall, Asher Quinn, John Rettger, Kathleen (Daisy) Rowley, Matthew Sharrow, Joanne Weidow, Steve Wendel, & Judy Wolfel. We pray in hope that God's healing power may touch all those who are sick.

FATIMA PRAYER GROUP

Monday Night Apostolate of Fatima Prayer Group will pray the Rosary at Sacred Heart Church starting at 6:00 p.m. **All are welcome.**



The week of December 19, 2021 the Angel Lamps in the Sanctuary burn for the following intentions:
L/D of Nicholas & Matilda Young Family
L/D of the Kraus Family

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES

Date:	Time:	Place:
Jan., 4, 2022	6:30 p.m.	Queen of the World 814-834-4701



WORD OF LIFE!!

Dec. 21 is the winter solstice, the longest night of the year. Dark nights can be cozy when warmed by love and candlelight, but for some it can be a time of personal depression. If this week finds you blessed with pleasant experiences of darkness, pray for those who aren't. If you are among those who are currently struggling in your marriage, or life in general, accept the power of prayer.

SACRED HEART PRAYER CHAIN - If you want to be placed on the prayer chain for any need, just call Rose at 781-6430, or Ann at 834-6534. The names of those listed on this prayer chain will not be published in the bulletin. If you want a name to be listed in the bulletin, please call the Parish Office.



2022 MASS BOOK & TABERNACLE ANGEL CANDLES~ IS NOW OPEN Please stop by the Parish Office or call to schedule your 2022 Masses. Keep in mind that

Weekend Masses and Tabernacle Angel Candles are limited. Please try to combine your Intentions wherever possible as we are unable to give you all Weekend Mass times.



Thank you for your cooperation.

"31 DAY" VOCATION CALENDAR - Please

consider joining the Parish "31 Club" for Vocations to the Religious Life. Try to attend a Mass, Holy Hour, Pray a Rosary **OR** pray on your chosen date and offer it for:

- Priests/religious who have served our parish in the **past**.
- For those priests, religious and deacons serving **now**.
- To ask the Lord of the harvest for **future** vocations.

20th	Gretchen Meyer, Mary Jo Scott
21st	Carl Loeffler, Barb Linder
22nd	Sally Smith, Kathy Reuscher
23rd	Mary Bowser Gee, Heidi Bach
24th	Sylvia & B. G. Kronenwetter
25th	Dutch Wegemer, Cathy Schneider, Karen Dick
26th	A.J. Feidler, Amy Gorman

If you would like to be a part of the "31 Day" Vocation Calendar, please call the Parish Office at 834-7861 #1.



St. Marys Inter-Parish



Sun. Dec. 19 First Grade Sacred Heart session
10:45 a.m. - noon at Sacred Heart Parish Center Atrium
Confirmation Service Project 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. and/
or 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Location to be announced
Middle School (Grade 6- 8) and Life Teen (grade 9 – 10)
6:00 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.

Wed. Dec. 22 Elementary Faith Formation (grade 1-5)
6:00 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.

Prayer of Thanks for Christmas

Thank you God for sending Your Son
on one glorious night to be born a
virgin, to live a perfect life and to die
on the cross for my sins. Thank you
that he rose from the dead three days
later and that this Christmas and every
Christmas we can celebrate the gift of
eternal life through Jesus Christ.

Amen.



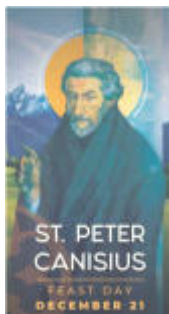
Sun. Dec. 26 NO Faith Formation for Grades 6-11
Christmas Break

Wed. Dec. 29 NO Elementary Faith Formation -
Christmas Break

Sun. Jan. 2, 2022 NO Faith Formation for
Grades 6-11 Christmas Break

SAINT OF THE WEEK –

St. Peter Canisius ~ Feast Day December 21
Born in Holland, St. Peter Canisius (May 8, 1521 –
December 21, 1597) was a preacher, teacher, and writer
throughout his whole life. At the age of 19, he received a
master's degree from the university at
Cologne. Soon afterwards, St. Peter met
Peter Faber, the first disciple of Ignatius
of Loyola, who influenced him so much
that he eventually joined the Society of
Jesus. St. Peter Canisius founded
colleges and seminaries, served as a
missionary, cared for the sick or
imprisoned, and wrote close to eight
volumes of letters — many about
St. Cyril of Alexandria and St. Leo the
Great. A man blessed with many talents,
St. Peter Canisius is a wonderful example of
a man who developed his talents to further
God's work here on earth.



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AREA NEWS

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE~ Will be offered
at St. Mary's Church on **Mon., Dec., 20th at**
6:30 p.m. Several Confessors will be available.

BENEDICTINE GIFT SHOP (Phone 834-1353)

Tuesday thru Friday 9:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

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& Holidays. **The gift shop has some great
ideas for Christmas.**

**SUNDAY MEALS ON WHEELS—
NEEDS A COORDINATOR**

Phyllis Cook has been coordinator for 54
years. Coordinator calls volunteers to see if they are
willing to continue delivering for the next year, then
makes out the new schedule. **If you would be
interested, call the St. Mary's parish office,
814-781-1019.**

**ST. MARYS AREA CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER**

Saturday, December 25, 2021

Deliveries Only

RESERVATIONS FOR DELIVERIES

Please call Carol at 814-781-7401

by December 22.



ECC PTO Holiday Club Tickets~ The PTO is
giving away \$480 a week for 50 weeks!

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Christmas! *\$7000 at the final drawing in
January! Can win multiple times per ticket! Tickets
\$60/donation. Starts Jan., 2nd, 2022. Contact: Becky
@ 814-335-3034 or email becky.gabler@yahoo.com

**LUCKY LION LOTTO CALENDARS**

Pickup a calendar **NOW~** St. Leo Church
Weekend Masses ~ Ridgway Record or
St. Leo Rectory. Starts 1/1/22 thru 12/31/22
Donation \$25.



RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS~ A sister
writes, Our prayers belong most of all to the generous
benefactors whose donations have made this financial
assistance possible." Thank you for supporting last
week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection.
Visit retiredreligious.org to learn how your gift supports
elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

SPECIAL ENVELOPES FOR DECEMBER

Dec., 19 Support of School Children
Jan., 01, 2022 Solemnity of Mary Offering

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mondays Praying the Rosary in Church **6:00 p.m.**
Wednesdays Rosary in Church **6:00 p.m.**
Fridays Rosary in Church **1:00 p.m.**
Dec., 20 Saint Anne Society Christmas **12:00 p.m.**
Dec., **NO PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

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A NOTE OF THANKS FROM THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE ~ To **each** baking elf that took time out of your busy schedule to bake all of the delicious Rolls, Breads, Fruit Cakes, Cookies, Sweet Treats, Soups, and Sandwiches. To **everyone** that worked the Bah-Humbug. To **ALL** that donated Baskets and to **ALL** that put the Basket Raffle in place, thank you. Thank you to **everyone** that set up for the festival and those that did clean up. For all the laughter that was shared between everyone. Bah-Humbug would never have happened if it were not for **ALL OF YOU!** Thank you too, to all of the vendors that shared their talents for others to enjoy and buy gifts this Christmas Season.
THANK YOU, TO ALL THOSE WHO PATRONIZED THE EVENT!



BASKET RAFFLE WINNERS:

BASKET NAME:

AND THE STOCKINGS WERE HUNG...
I SAW THREE SOAPS
I BROUGHT SOME CORN FOR POPPIN'
MUST LOVE DOGS
A CAMPING WE WILL GO
FUN FOR THE KIDS
A TASTE OF ST MARYS
COMFORT & JOY
CASH FOR CHRISTMAS
SANTA'S SURPRISE
UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN

COOKIES FOR SANTA
WARM UP FOR WINTER
JUST FOR HER
OH CHRISTMAS TEA, OH CHRISTMAS TEA
WINE NOT?
CRAZY FOR COFFEE
BREAKFAST WITH MICKEY
SERVE IT, SLICE IT, FLIP IT, DICE IT
MAKING SPIRITS BRIGHT
DOWNTOWN DINING
PEACE, LOVE, JOY
DINNER & A MOVIE
SNACKS, SNACKS, SNACKS
AND A BOTTLE OF WINE
A JOLLY HAPPY SOUL
CUDDLE UP
COMMON SCENTS
TAKE A CHANCE
CHARGE IT!
WINE AND CHEESE, TOO
ALL IS CALM
ALL IS BRIGHT
A CHRISTMAS BARREL
CRAFT TIME FOR KIDS
WINE AND CHEESE
BATH TIME FOR BABY
NATURE'S BEAUTY

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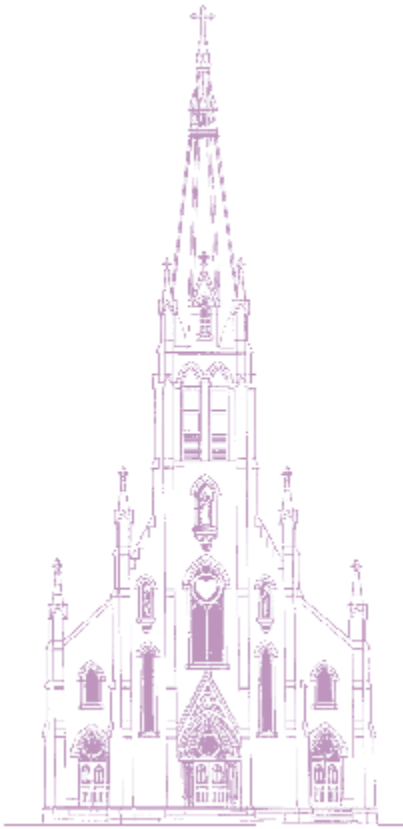


LOOK OF LOVE

The Heavenly Father gazed below,
His precious children seemed
so lost,
His loving heart devised a plan,
He'd bring them back at any cost.
To lose one soul could never be,
Each son and daughter He did claim
His means to save the
troubled world,
Came through the Sacred Name...
Of Jesus.
He chose a star to light the way,
Common shepherds
were first guests,
A stable was the humble place,
Where the new born King would rest.
Angels filled the night with song,
The young mother could be heard,
Singing joyful hymns of praise,
For the promise through the Word...
Of Jesus.



Poem by: Susan Kneidel Werner
Art by: David Bowman



PURPOSE

Ah, Bethlehem! The very name,
Stirs something in the soul,
A place without significance,
Until mankind came to know...
Its purpose.

A town like others we have seen,
With a pulse...a certain vibe,
Its people were the life force,
That kept its streets alive...
With purpose.

The Father chose this piece of land,
For the start of something grand,
Bethlehem...He spoke the word,
And with His mighty hand...
Gave it purpose.



Poem by: Susan Kneidel Werner
Art by: Greg Olsen

Fourth Sunday of ADVENT



INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Did you ever find yourself wishing that God would just step in and fix all that is wrong with the world? After all, how much longer can all of this go on? There is so much inequity in life. Our world's political, economic, and environmental systems do not always serve the best interests of people. We read stories about injustice, disregard for human life, greed, heartache, and people being hurt and deprived every day. People are still starving and there is often little regard for human life. This is not the way God intended it to be. Realizing that we have caused most of these problems ourselves, we look to God for an answer and a way out of the difficulties we have created. Taking responsibility for our actions is not something that comes easily. What we fail to see is that God has already sent the answer in the person of Jesus Christ. God did fix our problem! Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of Justice to come into the world. We need to do the same. It is only by believing in, listening to, and acting upon what God has spoken that true peace will ever come to be, and God's fix be made known. ©LPi

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