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Mission Statement

Through our gifts of time, talents, and treasures, we serve our parish as we journey together to the Kingdom of God.

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Boy Scout Troop 95..... smtroop95@gmail.com
Cub Scout Pack 95..... smtroop95@gmail.com

Confessions: Saturday: 3:00-3:45 p.m.

First Friday Week:

Thursday: 4:00 p.m. Until all are heard

Anytime by Appointment

Mass Schedule

Saturday - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday - 7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Weekday - 6:15 a.m. (Monday—Friday)

Holy Days - Listed in Bulletin

Bulletin Deadline Monday – 10:00 a.m. – In Writing

**TODAY WE START ADVENT, SO GLAD YOU ARE HERE
TO JOIN IN THIS CELEBRATION THAT WILL LEAD TO
THE BIRTH OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS.**

Blessed First Sunday in Advent to each of you!

Advent and Lent are the two penitential seasons of the church year. However, Advent is a season in anticipation of the birth of Christ in time. Now, what is meant by "the birth of Christ in time"? Our four Sundays of Advent are not just Sundays in preparation for the birth of a child destined to become the Savior of the nations, but the birth of a child every day in the hearts of every Christian and the future return of the second coming in time where everything will be taken back by our God.

In today's Gospel, for some this reading might strike fear into their hearts: "...perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright." Even today, we hear about doomsday sayers professing the end of the world on a particular date. To be sure, the end of the world will come! However, we truly do not know the time. Only God knows when God will call everything to return to him.

In the final lines of today's Gospel we are told to "be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent." This first Sunday in the season of Advent is a time for us to joyfully await the coming of Christ for the first time, at birth; for the second time, into our everyday lives; and looking forward to the last time when he will come to take all of creation back to his Father.



November 26(S): Vigil of First Sunday of Advent

4:00 p.m. † Mary Jane Johnson (An.)

November 27: First Sunday of Advent

7:00 a.m. † Ken Bauer (An.)

9:00 a.m. L/D of Al & Catherine Pfeufer Family

11:00 a.m. For Sacred Heart Parishioners

November 28(M): First Week of Advent

6:15 a.m. Larry & Jean Starner
52nd Wedding Adversary

November 29(T): First Week of Advent

6:15 a.m. † Janet Wolfe (An.)

November 30(W): St. Andrew, Apostle

6:15 a.m. † William C. Erich

December 1(Th): First Week of Advent

6:15 a.m. † † † Robert, Marilyn (An.) & Steven Hammer

December 2(F): First Week of Advent

6:15 a.m. † Frank Carnovale

December 3(S): Vigil of Second Sunday of Advent

4:00 p.m. † † Ed (An.) & Dorothy Mulcahy

December 4: Second Sunday of Advent

7:00 a.m. For Sacred Heart Parishioners

9:00 a.m. † † Doris & Rodney Pistner

11:00 a.m. † Craig W. Newton, Jr.



The week of November 27, 2022 the Angel Lamps in the Sanctuary burn for the following intentions:

† † Carl Sr. (An.) & Katie Loeffler
† Lynda Pontzer

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

In today's gospel Jesus advises: "Stay awake, watch out, and pray for the strength to hold your ground" when "fearful and bewildering signs" appear threatening your family. Resist being "fearful," fear cripples! Instead "pray for the strength" to be courageous.



BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES

Date: November 29, 2022 **Time:** 7:00 a.m. **Place:** St. Mary's Parish
814-781-1019

WORD OF LIFE!!

"Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." (Mt. 24:42) This scripture alludes to end times. We don't know for sure when we or our beloved will die but try not to end any day with anger against your spouse. Forgive before you sleep.

THANK YOU

For the donation to the Church

In memory of **Roy & Mary Jane Johnson: \$100**

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

will be held in Sacred Heart Church on Friday from 7:00 a.m. until closing with Benediction at 4:00 p.m.

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed. 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, Carol Bullers, Dennis J. Cunningham, Henry James Farkas, Alice Feldbauer, Michael Gary, Don Geci, Louise Georgevich, Kathleen Glatfelter, Miranda J. Halpin, "Puggie" Iorfida, Beula Kestler, Anita Kosmowski, John Murone, Darlene Nappe, Tom Nellis Jr., Tammy Pearsall, Asher Quinn, Kathleen (Daisy) Rowley, William "Bill" Schatz, Dave Schneider, Matthew Sharrow, Eileen Spence, Mary Jo Wheeler, Dave Gutowski, Ruth Donachy, Dennis Maffei & Keith Schreiber. We pray in hope that God's healing power may touch all those who are sick.

SACRED HEART PRAYER CHAIN - If you want to be placed on the prayer chain for any need, just call Rose at 814-781-6430, or Ann at 814-834-6534. 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.

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.**



"Understand what you do, imitate what you celebrate, and conform your life to the mystery of the Lord's cross."

-Ordination Rite of Priests-

"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.

28th Patsy McAllister, Mark Bauer

29th Myra Trgovac, John Kosco

30th Jeanne Dippold, Gary Lang

1st Rose Johnston, Terri Bish

2nd Catherine Labant, Joe Lynch

3rd Sue Dornisch, Andy Dornisch

4th Tom Nellis, Sr., Sue Kneidel Werner

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

GIVING TREE AT SACRED HEART

Due to the overwhelming generosity of Sacred Heart Parishioners the Maternity Closet is over stocked. The numbers of mothers coming have decreased. This year we are asking for monetary donations to the **Elk County Right to Life**. This non-profit organization offers immediate help to those contemplating an abortion plus follow ups. This organization not only helps women but provides help for men also such as Rachel's Vineyard, Pro Life Activities, and valuable information and much more. So please, if you will generously continue to support the Giving Tree by making a donation to the Elk County Right to Life. The placement of the Giving Tree will be on Dec., 3rd/4th.



BIG THANK YOU ~ to the many volunteers that helped in anyway with the Pumpkin Roll Sale. It was a **SUCCESS!**

A BIG thank you to each of you that bought one of those delicious pumpkin rolls. May God continue to bless you now during this Holiday Season and in the New Year.

**CANDLE INCREASE**

Due to the rising costs of prices, handling & delivery charges of candles, we have to increase the price of our candles, **effective December 1, 2022**, as follows:

Small Votive Candles: From 25 cents to 50 cents.

Large Ruby Votive Candles: From \$2.00 to \$3.00.

Case of Large (12) From \$24 to \$36

This price increase will help to balance our books.

God bless you for your understanding & most importantly God bless you for remembering your loved ones!!

**CONCERT CHOIR OF ELK COUNTY PRESENTS**

"Christmas is Coming"

Tuesday, Nov., 29th at

St. Leo's Church in Ridgway

and **Saturday, Dec., 3rd at**

Sacred Heart Church in Saint Marys

Performances will begin at 7:30 p.m.

followed by a Social.

No admittance charge/Free will offering

Questions call Lois at 814-834-2321

Please join the Concert Choir of Elk County as they usher in the Christmas Season.



SPECIAL ENVELOPES FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER
Nov., 27 Human Development

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mondays Praying the Rosary in Church **6:00 p.m.**

Fridays Rosary in Church **1:00 p.m.**

Dec., 2 S.H. Super BINGO doors open at **4:00 p.m.**

Dec., 10 Bah-Humbig Festival **9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Dec., 13 Elk County Right to Life Meeting **6:30 p.m.**

Dec., 19 Saint Anne Society Lunch/Meeting **Noon**

Dec., NO PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

AREA NEWS

ADORATION AT QUEEN of the WORLD every **Thurs.**, following the **7:00 AM Mass**. Closing: Evening prayer & **Benediction: 5:00 PM.**



BREAKFAST BUFFET~ St. Boniface Social Hall on **Dec. 4th** starting at 8am till 11:30/sold out, \$8 for adults and \$5 for kids under 16, all are welcome.

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Brian@CatholicCruisesandTours.com.

**THE MATERNITY CLOSET~ OPEN**

the 1st three weeks on Wednesdays & Thursdays of each month. Babies and children up to 3 years. **Wed's 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. & Thurs's 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.**

**RELIGIOUS AND PRO LIFE LENDING**

LIBRARY~ The library, located on the main floor, front room of the Sacred Heart Parish Center, is open to all in the community. **Hours 9 am to 4 pm.**



REMEMBER~ to check out Penn Highlands Elk Peppermint Stick Gift Shop for your Holiday Gift Shopping. **Shop hours: Monday thru Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**



MERRY WIDOWS~ Christmas Lunch will be at Hoss's on Monday, **Dec., 12th at Noon**. Please bring a \$10.00 Gift Exchange.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP - ST. MARYS**

Penn Highlands Community Nurses
757 Johnsonburg Road, Suite 200
No reservations are needed.
Questions? Call MaryLou, Bereavement Coordinator @ 814-788-8002

**THE ST. MARYS HERITAGE PRESERVATION GROUP ~ Presents**

A Victorian Christmas 1910

Sunday, Dec., 4, 2022 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Holiday House Tour 139 & 316 N. Michael St.

Circa 1910 ~ Donation \$5.00





St. Marys Inter-Parish



All classes are held at the St. Mary's Church Parish Center 325 Church Street, unless otherwise noted.

Schedule changes as the school calendar changes because of CDC guidelines.

Sun. Nov. 27 No Classes – Thanksgiving break

Wed., Nov. 30 Elementary Faith Formation (grade 1-5) 6:00pm – 7:30pm
4th and 5th grade Family Night

Sun., Dec. 4 First Grade Sacred Heart Session 10:45 a.m. – noon at Sacred Heart Parish Center Atrium
Middle School class 6:00 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.
Life Teen (Grade 9) 6:00 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.

Tues., Dec. 6 Confirmation class for SMA student only after 3rd period



BINGO

**Sacred Heart Parish Center
Center St. St. Marys -- 814-834-7861
Friday, December 2, 2022**

**Doors open at 4:00 p.m.
FREE Delicious Lunch at 5:30 p.m.**

**4 Early Bird Starburst
Double Bingo Games @ 50
Double on Starburst @100
starting at 6:30 p.m.**

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BAH-HUMBUG FESTIVAL IS SET FOR DECEMBER 10, 2022~

Social Committee still in need of Day Shift Bakers and Evening Bakers, **WE STILL NEED YOU!** If you can spare any time for Baking during the day call Sue Dornisch at 814-834-6550 or Nadine Carr at 814-834-7392.

Helene Burdick will also need help with making different food items during the day, give her a call at 814-594-0439.



Evening Baking will be on November 28th, starting time of 5:30 p.m. December dates TBA. If you have questions on evening baking call Linda Brunner at 814-781-6358.

BASKETS BY CHANCE ~ If you would like to participate by donating a filled basket or new items for a basket, please contact Mary Jo Scott at home 814-781-7823 or cell 814-788-0174 or by email jscott@windstream.net. You can also drop items off at the Parish Center Mon., thru Fri., 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Except for Holy Days and Holidays. **Thank you!!**



CHRISTMAS STORE DONATIONS ~

St. Mary's Catholic Elementary School is currently looking for donations for their Christmas Store that will be held in December.

Items Needed Are As Follows:

- ♦ Tissue Paper
- ♦ Wrapping Paper
- ♦ Scotch Tape
- ♦ Gift Bags (Small - Medium size)



Homemade Craft Items:

- * Ornaments/decorations
- * Paintings
- * Candles
- * Etc.



All items can be dropped off at the Elementary School office for the Christmas Store.

Questions call Jessica Bolden 814-594-6516.

ECCSS PTO Holiday Wreath Sale

- Lynch Creek Farms Wreaths, Centerpieces, Garland, Trees, & More
- Ship directly to home
- <https://www.lynchcreekfundraising.com/c/299786>
- Sale now through 12/5/22**



ECCSS PTO Holiday Club Tickets on Sale Now

- \$35,000 given away a year
- **Tickets \$60 now through 12/31/22**
- Contact: Becky Gabler @ 814-335-3034

THANK YOU!



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DECEMBER 10, 2022 9:00 a.m. Till 2:00 p.m.
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There will be
Craft Tables
Basket Raffle
50/50

Walnut Rolls
Cinnamon Rolls
Raisin Bread
Rye Bread



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