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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)

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

THANK YOU FOR JOYFULLY COMING TO MASS TODAY THE THIRD SUNDAY **OF ADVENT**

Holy Days - Listed in Bulletin



Luke 3:10-18 Blessed Advent!

Remember last week where we read about this crazy man John "crying out in the desert"? Well, this week we read about what the people of his time wondered about him. They all asked him "What should we do?" The crowds were asking, the tax collectors were asking, the soldiers were asking. And he answers each of them according to the temptation of their particular state in life. To the crowds he says, share of your abundance. To the tax collectors he says, stop taking more money for yourselves. Only collect from the people what is proscribed. To the soldiers he says, stop extorting money. And so, what must we do to prepare? I ask myself if I am sharing from even the little that I think I have. Do I charge more than a fair price for my work? If I lend money to anyone, do I expect too much more in return? I challenge myself this week, and I challenge you, to take some time and think about how we are preparing for the coming birth of Christ, in history, in today's world, and in the future when he will come to bring all of creation back to the Father.

December 10(S): Vigil of Third Sunday of Advent

4:00 p.m. For Sacred Heart Parishioners

December 11: Third Sunday of Advent 7:00 a.m. †† Bernard & Ellen Leuschel

9:00 a.m. L/D of Giordano & Cheatle Families 11:00 a.m. †† Howard (An.) & Elizabeth Gausman

December 12(M): Our Lady of Guadalupe 6:15 a.m. † Margaret Evers (An.) December 13(T): St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr 6:15 a.m. † Adam Wolfel (An.)

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December 14(W): St. John of the Cross, Priest,

Religious, Doctor of the Church

6:15 a.m. † Bernadette Gerg

December 15(Th): Third Week of Advent

6:15 a.m. † Bill Erich

December 16(F): Third Week of Advent

6:15 a.m. ††† Inez, Joseph & Richard Carrara

December 17(S): Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Advent
4:00 p.m. For Sacred Heart Parishioners

December 18: Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:00 a.m. †† Mary (An.) & Barney Kronenwetter 9:00 a.m. L/D of Herman & Catherine Lenze Family 11:00 a.m. †† Dave Weidow & Robert Bullers

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 especially Velma T. Gross. 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, Dennis Maffei, John Murone, Darlene Nappe, Tom Nellis Jr., Tammy Pearsall, Asher Quinn, Kathleen (Daisy) Rowley, William "Bill" Schatz, Dave Schneider, Keith Schreiber, Matthew Sharrow, Eileen Spence & Mary Jo Wheeler. 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.

THANK YOU

For the donations to the Church In memory of **Zita Carino:** \$25.00

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

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 11, 2022 the Angel Lamps in the Sanctuary burn for the following intentions:

L/D of Frank & Rose Skrzypek Family L/D of Frank & Rose Mary Kneidel Family

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

The question put to Jesus in today's gospel is also put to us today: "Are you the one?" Are you the one who will give guidance to the children in your life or must they look to TV sitcoms, Facebook, Instagram, videos or music lyrics for direction? Are you the one? Will you be the one?



2023 MASS BOOK & TABERNACLE ANGEL CANDLES

The 2023 Mass Book is now open. Please call or stop by the Parish Office to schedule your 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.



CANDLE INCREASE JUST A REMINDER

Due to the rising costs of prices, handling & delivery charges of candles, we have to increase the price of our candles, 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!!

"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.
- 12th Tom Dornisch
- 13th Carleen Koch, Alice Wiesner
- 14th Leonard Chalot, Phylis Haberberger
- 15th Frank Fodge, Delores Frey
- 16th Jerry & Ann Brennen
- 17th Kathy Cheatle, Sue Lynch, Dave Shaffer
- 18th Julie Handwerger, Barb Linder, Bonnie Housler

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PENANCE SERVICE ~

Sun., Dec., 11th at 4:00 p.m.

Thurs., Dec., 15th at 6:30 p.m.

Sun., Dec., 18th at 2:00 p.m.

Tues., Dec., 20th at 6:30 p.m.

Wed., Dec., 21st at 6:30 p.m.

St. Marys Faith Formation Confessions

Elementary Students Wed., Dec., 14th at 6:00 p.m.

Elementary Students Wed., Dec.,14th at 6:00 p.m. at Saint Mary's Parish

SEE PAGE 5 FOR CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES.



WE NEED YOU!! Please volunteer to help decorate the church for Christmas on Sat., December 17th. We will begin at 8:00 a.m. The more help we have the less time it will take. If need be, fine tuning will be done on Sunday, December 18th around 1:00 p.m. If interested, call Mike & Krys Straub at 814-834-4675. If no answer, please leave a message.

ELK COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE ~ Will meet on Tues., Dec.,13th in the St. Mary's Church Parish Annex at 6:30 p.m. For additional information please call Mary Bea at 814-834-3834
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 Giving Tree is located in the Church on the Center St. entrance.



SAINT ANNE SOCIETY ~ will be meeting on Monday, **December 19, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.** for their Christmas Gathering. The officers will be providing the lunch, the price is \$10.00. If you haven't signed up you still can by calling either

Helene at 814-594-0439 or Patty at 814-834-7397.

SPECIAL ENVELOPES MONTH OF DECEMBER

Dec.,11 Retired Religious

Dec.,18 Support of Our Parish School Children

Dec.,25 My Christmas Offering

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mondays Praying the Rosary in Church Fridays Rosary in Church 1:00 p.m.

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

Dec., 19 Saint Anne Society Lunch/Meeting 1:00 p.m.

Dec., NO PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

AREA NEWS

BOWLS OF LOVE is a free meal served **every Wednesday** at the First United Methodist Church **from 4-5:00 PM**. Everyone is welcome.

ADORATION AT QUEEN of the WORLD every Thursday following the 7:00 am Mass. Closing: Prayer and Benediction: 5:00 p.m.



BENEDICTINE GIFT SHOP

Gift Shop Hours: Tues-Fri 9:30 A.M.-5:00 p.m. Sat 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.



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PHE PEPPERMINT STICK GIFT SHOP~ Starting Dec., 5th-29th ,will be having all Christmas items 25% off. Shop hours: Monday thru Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



THE MATERNITY CLOSET is located at 139 Church St. It is open to Elk County mothers, who have children from birth 3yrs. They are eligible to come once a month to receive diapers, wipes, lotion, onesies and an outfit. Hours: 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. 4th Thurs., 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Questions: Call Theresa at 814-781-1137.

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 Mary Lou, Bereavement Coordinator @ 814-788-8002.

REMINDER~ "FIND A WAY TO SERVE"

The ceremony for Our Veterans will begin at Noon on December 17th at the St. Marys Catholic Cemetery.



Join in this memorable memorial that will honor our Veterans that served our country.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICAS

Thanksgiving Drawing from Nov.,17th. **Winners**:

- Winners:
- Lap Top Barb Wilhelm
 55 Inch TV Molly Glatt
- 3. 28 Inch Griddle Steve & Joanne Herzing

Catholic Daughters of Americas would like to thank everyone for their support.



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., Dec. 11 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.

Wed., Dec. 14 Elementary Faith Formation

(grade 1-5) 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Sun., Dec. 18 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.

Confirmation class 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. with candidate

and sponsor or parent.

Wed., Dec. 21 No Elementary Faith Formation Christmas Break

Sun., Dec. 25 No Faith Formation

Christmas Break

Wed., Dec. 28 No Elementary Faith Formation Christmas Break

Sun., Jan. 1 No Faith Formation Christmas Break **Wed., Jan. 4** Elementary Faith Formation (grade 1-5) 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

The Digital World: The digital world is constantly evolving with new social media platforms, apps, and devices, and children and teens are often the first to use them. Sometimes with negative impacts such as cyberbullying, sexting, or the posting hateful messages or content. Parents need to become aware and stay up-to-date on the latest apps, social media platforms and digital slang used by children and teens. Parents should monitor their child's social media sites, apps and browsing history regularly.

Visit <u>www.eriercd.org/childprotection/</u> to see what the diocese is doing to help maintain safe environments for children and youth.

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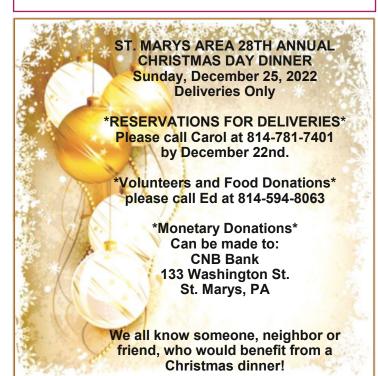
An Advent message from your Senior Priest, Fr. Eric

Scripture told us this past Sunday that St. John the Baptist appeared in the desert preaching a new order presented to the people, baptism of repentance with the forgiveness of sins for the Savior is on his way. It is tough to accept John because he was not ordinary and easily dismissed by his very presence of camel hair and unruly demeanor. The one thing that he preached was that the savior is coming so get ready. His humility was that he accepted his role without question.

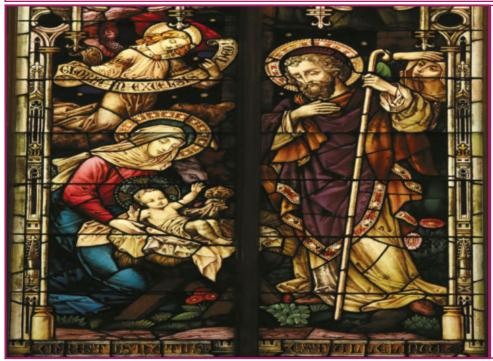
YOUR HEART. He did not worry about his own welfare but what God asked him to do. He worried more about healing than about power. HE ASKED YOU TO PUT God as the center of your life and not on what you wanted. He asked Jesus: "Are you the one who is coming or should we expect someone else?" His answer is "Do you see the lame walking, recovery of sight of the blind?" There is a new order in the world. God is visiting His people and salvation is close at hand.

As we listen to the call of John the Baptist we are reminded of our preparation in the season of Advent. We know it is a busy season but let us not lose sight of what we celebrate. The business of the season should not lose our focus of getting ready to greet Our Savior. Take time to get our minds and souls ready for the coming of Christ in Christmas. Get our souls ready to receive Our Lord by using the sacrament of reconciliation. What a good way to get our souls refreshed with a spirit of forgiveness from our Lord.

WE PREPARE for Christmas not for what Santa brings us or what we receive in gifts, but the gift of salvation **JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD!**



CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES FOR 2022 AND NEW YEAR'S EVE & NEW YEAR'S DAY



SACRED HEART PARISH

Christmas Eve Mass December 24th 4:00 p.m.

Christmas Midnight Mass

December 24th Christmas Hymns at 11:30 p.m. Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

December 25th 7:00 a.m. **NO** 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

New Year's Eve & New Year's Day December 31st 4:00 p.m. January 1st 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

SAINT MARY'S PARISH

Christmas Eve Masses

December 24th 4:30 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day

December 25th 7:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

New Year's Eve

December 31st 5:00 p.m.

New Year's Day

January 1st 6:30, 8:30, & 10:30 a.m.

ST. LEO PARISH ~ RIDGWAY

Christmas Eve Masses

December 24th 4:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day

December 25th 10:00 a.m.

New Year's Eve

December 31st 5:15 p.m.

New Year's Day

January 1st 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

Christmas Eve Masses

December 24th 5:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m.

Christmas Day

December 25th 9:00 a.m. ONLY

New Year's Eve

December 31st 5:15 p.m.

New Year's Day

January 1st 7:30 & 10:00 a.m.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH ~ FORCE

Christmas Eve Masses

December 24th 4:30 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day

December 25th 9:15 a.m.

New Year's Eve

December 31st 5:30 p.m.

New Year's Day

January 1st 9:15 a.m.

Christmas Eve Masses

December 24th 5:15 p.m. & 11:00 p.m.

Christmas Day

QUEEN OF THE WORLD PARISH ST. BONIFACE PARISH ~ KERSEY

December 25th 8:00 a.m.

New Year's Eve

December 31st 4:15 p.m.

New Year's Day

January 1st 8:00 & 10:15 a.m.

HOLY ROSARY PARISH ~ JOHNSONBURG

Christmas Eve Masses

December 24th 6:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m.

Christmas Day

December 25th 10:00 a.m. Holy Rosary and at **St. Anne Parish in Wilcox 8:30 a.m.**

New Year's Eve

December 31st 5:30 p.m. Holy Rosary

New Year's Day

January 1st 8:30 a.m. St. Anne Parish

10:00 a.m. Holy Rosary



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