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### **MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday Evening:** 4:30 PM  
**Sundays:** 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM  
**Daily:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 8:00 AM  
Wednesday 7:00 PM.

### **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**First Fridays:** 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**Saturdays:** 3:30 PM – 4:00 PM  
**Wednesdays:** 6:30 PM – 7:00 PM or by appointment.

### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

For registered and practicing parishioners (weekly attendance at Mass) by arrangement with Father Chester. Preparation classes are held 7:00 PM on the third Thursday each month. Please call to register.

### **SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY**

Engaged parishioners are requested to make arrangements with Father Chester at least one year in advance.

### **CARE OF THE SICK**

Please notify the Parish Office for a visit for a homebound or ill individual. Call for a prayer intention to be included in the bulletin and/or weekly intentions. Please notify us when someone is hospitalized.

### **PARISH MEMBERSHIP AND REGISTRATION**

Every family should be registered properly. Registration is necessary to qualify for the Religious Education Program and the reception of the Sacraments.

Certificates of eligibility for sponsorship for Baptism or Confirmation will be given only to active (weekly Mass attendance) registered parishioners.

**PARISH MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS**

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**Welcome**  
Carol Rocha 996-7612

***The week ahead...***

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14H  
8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15TH  
8:00 AM MASS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16TH  
6:30 PM RECONCILIATION  
7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17TH  
8:00 AM MASS  
7:00 PM BAPTISMAL PREP. CLASS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18TH  
8:00 AM MASS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20th  
12:00 PM-4:00 PM DECORATING COMMITTEE

**Readings for the week of December 13, 2020**

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/ Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7: 18b-23

Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17

Friday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25

Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89: 2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/ Lk 1:26-38

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***Parish Reconciliation for Advent***

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered every  
Saturday at 3:30pm and  
Wednesday at 6:30pm or by appointment by phoning  
the Parish Office.

“When you approach the confessional, know this: that  
I myself am waiting there for you.  
I am only hidden by the priest, but I myself act in your  
soul. Here, the misery of the soul meets the  
God of mercy.”  
(Our Lord speaking to St. Faustina)

Holy Day Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 24th Christmas Eve:

4:00 pm Mass  
5:30 pm Mass  
7:00 pm Mass  
Midnight Mass



Friday, December 25th Christmas Day:


8:00 am Mass  
10:00 am Mass

Thursday, December 31st Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary:

7:00 pm Mass


Friday, January 1st Solemnity of Mary:

10:00 am Mass



**The "Oplatki"  
or  
"Christmas Wafers"**

is available and located in the Narthex for \$1.00 Donation



**The 2021 Catholic Calendars  
are here!**

Please take 1 or 2 for your family. They will be available all month in the Narthex.




We are saddened to announce the death of

Antonio Rofrano,  
daughter of  
Ortensia Clancey

who passed away on  
December 6, 2020

Family Advent Wreath Lighting



Located in the Narthex is a sign-up sheet for our Family Advent Wreath Lighting, which takes place at the beginning of weekend Masses during Advent. Advent begins the weekend of November 28th & 29th

We ask that you arrive approximately 10 minutes prior to your Mass.

SCRIP For Christmas



**Deadline for Ordering SCRIP for Christmas is  
December 14th**

ShopRite & Great Lakes Order forms are located on a stand in the undercroft (kitchen area). Complete the form, attach payment and drop in SCRIP box. You will receive an email when your order is ready for pick up.

Pickup is during office hours Monday-Friday 9:30am—2:30pm. For any questions, please contact Jennifer Perna, at Jperna58@ptd.net.



## St. Catherine Christmas Mass Schedule and Concerns with Covid-19

Dear St. Catherine Parishioners,

**Limited seating in the church will be adhered to for every Mass as per state law.**

Our Christmas Mass schedule is as follows:

**Christmas Eve**      4:00 PM  
                             5:30 PM  
                             7:00 PM  
                             Midnight

**Christmas Day**    8:00 AM  
                             10:00 AM

### ***Please Note:***

1. Due to concerns with Covid-19, all Masses will have **limited seating in the church as per state law**. Ushers will be seating parishioners in a first-come, first-seated manner. It is recommended that parishioners try to arrive 15 minutes before Mass begins.
2. This is the tough one for all of us - **Once maximum Mass attendance has been reached, we will, unfortunately, be forced to close the doors to the church upstairs as per state law.**
3. There will be a limited "overflow" allowance at each Mass with seating downstairs. The Mass will be televised on a monitor and Communion will be offered to those parishioners who are seated downstairs. Masks that cover the nose and mouth, hand sanitizing, and social distancing will still be adhered to. **Parishioners can request Communion before the Mass is started and leave the church to watch the televised Mass on Facebook at home.**
4. The Covid-19 health standard of wearing masks that cover the nose and mouth and sanitizing hands upon entry to the church will be adhered to by all.
5. Seating at Mass will be adjusted by ushers for maximum safety and capacity. Please accommodate the ushers if they ask you to move to another pew to maximize this effort.
6. There will be a virtual, live televised Mass at 4:00 PM on FaceBook (FB), which can be viewed at any time for your convenience.
7. All Knights of Columbus members are asked to please assist with ushering duties at all Masses. It is requested that you announce your presence and aid the ushers in the narthex.
8. Please remember, this is a very special time of the year for all of us. We have been through a lot during 2020. We sincerely hope that we can all pray together as a parish family, for patience and for God to bless each and every one of us. Merry Christmas!



## Mass Intentions

- Saturday: December 12, 2020**  
4:30 PM The Parishioners of St. Catherine
- Sunday: December 13, 2020**  
8:00 AM Vincent DiFazio Sr.  
r/o The DiFazio Family  
9:30 AM Galina Plaksin  
r/o The Piotrowski Family  
11:00 AM Samuel Schofield  
r/o Bob & Doris Schofield
- Monday: December 14, 2020**  
8:00 AM Thank You Blessings Jim & Kathy Mathews  
r/o Sandy & Kris Wisniewski
- Tuesday: December 15, 2020**  
8:00 AM Eva Rotajzyk  
r/o Bill & Diane Smith
- Wednesday: December 16, 2020**  
7:00 PM John Porvaznik  
r/o Rocca/Perna Family
- Thursday: December 17, 2020**  
8:00 AM Anne Olson  
r/o The Quick Family
- Friday: December 18, 2020**  
8:00 AM John Opeikun  
r/o The Quick Family
- Saturday: December 19, 2020**  
4:30 PM Douglas Wunder  
r/o The O'Rourke Family
- Sunday: December 20, 2020**  
8:00 AM Jerry & Catherine Santry  
r/o Jim & Joan Flotteron  
9:30 AM John W. Raymonds  
r/o The Parishioners of St. Catherine  
  
11:00 AM Joan V. Wade  
r/o The Wade Family

### Stewardship



The collection for December 6th will be reported in the next bulletin. Thank you.



## From the Pastor's Desk

### A Tradition for Your Eve of Christmas



We now have available the "Oplatki" or "Christmas Wafers" for your use. This is millennia old tradition that began in Poland, Slovakia and Lithuania.

At the Christmas Eve Meal one of the wafers or, a part of one, are placed on each person's plate. Before the meal a prayer is said and then beginning with the father and mother of the house, a Sign of Peace is exchanged in the same manner and the wish of a Happy Christmas. Then each person, with wafer in hand, breaks off a part of the wafer from the other person and eats it. This continues until each person has greeted and eaten a part of the wafer of everyone present.

There are usually four wafers in the package: three white and one pink. The white are for the people at the Christmas Eve Dinner. The pink wafer is broken and a small piece is given to each of the animals in the house. On this night the animals are given special due. This is because of an old tradition which holds that since the animals were the first to welcome the Christ Child at His birth, they are given the blessing to talk on Christmas Eve Night.

What Traditions do you hold on this Holy Night for yourself and your family and are they about the reason of this season – the Love of God Made Flesh?

*Fr. Chester*

P.S. If you need a Prayer to begin The Christmas Eve Meal ...

Begin with The Sign of the Cross.

All: We gather together on this Holy Night for the sacred and joyful Christmas Eve Vigil. We Celebrate the Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The love of God made Flesh.

Through the sharing of these holy wafers we praise God and forgive each other of all wrongs, real or imagined. As Christ loves and forgives us, so we love and forgive one another. Glory to God in the Highest and Peace to this family and all God's People. Amen.

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