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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 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 Friday: 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:30 PM – 4:00 PM
Wednesday: 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 at 7:00 PM on the third Thursday of 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.

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735-4024

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713-4914

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Ellen McCarthy
735-2028

Welcome

Carol Rocha
996-7612

Weekly Schedule

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11TH — 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12TH — 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 AM MASS

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM FAMILY MASS

12:00 PM ST. NICHOLAS CELEBRATION

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

8:00 AM MASS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

8:00 AM MASS

1:00 PM PRAYER SHAWL MEETING

7:00 PM KNIGHTS BUSINESS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

8:00 AM MASS

6:30 PM — 8:00 PM 6TH & 7TH RELIGIOUS ED

6:30 PM RECONCILIATION

7:00 PM MASS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

8:00 AM MASS

7:00 PM BAPTISMAL PREP CLASS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

8:00 AM MASS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18TH — 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

3:30 PM — 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION

4:30 PM MASS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19TH — 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 AM MASS

8:00 AM — 9:00 AM 2ND GRADE RELIGIOUS ED

9:30 AM MASS

11:00 AM MASS

11:45 AM COOKIE EXCHANGE

4:00 PM — 6:00 PM ADVENT RETREAT

6:00 PM — 7:00 PM PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION

6:30 PM — 8:15 PM 8TH GRADE RELIGIOUS ED

After every weekend Mass, please join us for coffee, conversation, and SCRIP ordering in the kitchen area!



Readings for the week of December 12, 2021

- Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
- 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: Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a, and 13b [2a]/Lk 7:24-30
- Friday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17
- Saturday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
- Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

Observances for the week of December 12, 2021

- Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent
- Monday: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
- Tuesday: St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent

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Advent Adoration, Retreat, and Reconciliation

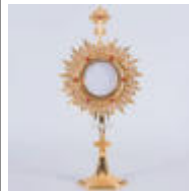
December 19th at 5:00 PM

Join us for “The people in darkness have seen a great light.” A journey from darkness to the Light of Christ at an Advent retreat with Lisa Lee and Deacon Mike Meyer on Sunday, December 19th at 5:00 PM in the Church.

Light refreshments will be served prior to retreat from 4:30-5:00 PM in the kitchen area.

Eucharistic Adoration will take place during the retreat.

Our Parish Advent Reconciliation Service will immediately follow Adoration and the retreat, with 3 priests hearing confessions from 6:00-7:00 PM.



SCRIP For Christmas



Deadline for Ordering Great Lakes SCRIP for Christmas is December 13th

Great Lakes Order Forms are located on a stand in the undercroft (kitchen area). Complete the form, attach payment, and drop in the SCRIP Box. All orders will be placed on Monday, December 13th. You will receive an email when your order is ready for pick up.

Pickup is during office hours Monday — Friday 9:30 AM — 2:30 PM or by arrangement. For any questions, please contact Jennifer Perna, at scoscoffice@gmail.com or (908) 208-0472.

Holy Day Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24th:

- 3:30 PM Children’s Pageant
- 4:00 PM Children’s Mass
- 6:00 PM Mass
- Midnight Mass

Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25th:

- 8:00 AM Mass
- 10:00 AM Mass

Solemnity of Mary, January 1st, not a Holy Day of Obligation this year

- 4:30 PM Mass



The 2022 Catholic Calendars are here!

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



Christmas Cookie Exchange

**December 19th
after the 11:00 AM Mass**

Join your fellow parishioners for coffee/tea/hot chocolate and holiday conversation.

Bring 2 dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies with recipes to share (if possible) and an empty container to fill up for the holidays.

Please bring your cookies downstairs before Mass for early set up.

If interested please contact:

Doreen Opeikun cell 908-507-6752 or email doreenope@gmail.com

Dawn Salerno cell 908-477-0105 or email dawnsalerno@verizon.net

Family Advent Wreath Lighting

Our sign-up sheet for the Family Advent Wreath Lighting is located in the Narthex. Please prayerfully consider signing up.

Lighting of the wreath takes place at the beginning of each weekend Mass. We ask that you arrive approximately 10 minutes prior to your Mass.



St. Catherine's Family Mass

Bring the whole crew out for
St. Catherine's Family Mass
Sunday, December 12th at 11 AM
to celebrate **St. Nicholas, a man of faith**
who lived his life devoted to Christ!



Calling all 5th graders to volunteer to serve as ushers, readers, offertory helpers, and altar servers (if trained). **Please call or text Katharine Lawrence at 908-892-1526 to volunteer for this Family Mass.**

All children, please bring a special unwrapped gift to be brought up during the Offertory. Gifts ideas:

- Toiletries
- socks for all ages, including baby
- small, boxed food items
- small package of diapers and wipes

We will be expecting a special guest to be with us during this Mass. Goodie bags for all kids!

St. Nicholas takes us to the heart of Christmas and honors the Christ Child who selflessly gave the greatest gift of all – Himself!

Parish Reconciliation for Advent

December 19th from 6:00 PM–7:00 PM,
with 3 priests

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

The Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry will be honoring Juniors and Seniors from our diocese with the St. Timothy and St. Teresa of Calcutta Awards. Last year, we hosted the ceremony online, and this year we are happy to announce that **we will gather again in person at St. Francis Cathedral on January 26th at 7 PM to honor our youth with Bishop Checchio!**

These awards are an opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments and ways that these students have exemplified the qualities of moral integrity, prayer, good works, and Christian leadership.

All nominations are due by December 15th. Students' personal statements are due by January 2nd. The cost per nomination is \$20.

Contact Megan Vantslot
Director of Youth and Young Adult
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Mass Intentions

Saturday: December 11, 2021

4:30 PM Eleanor Bachenberg
r/o Beth Burkey

Sunday: December 12, 2021

8:00 AM Jose Matos
r/o Koretzky & Matos Family

9:30 AM The Parishioners of St. Catherine's

11:00 AM Samuel Schofield
r/o Bob & Dori Schofield

Monday: December 13, 2021

8:00 AM Spiritual Bouquet for Bishop Bootkoski
r/o Patrick & Pat Dziubek

Tuesday: December 14, 2021

8:00 AM The Rosarian's
r/o Claire & Gary Forsyth

Wednesday: December 15, 2021

7:00 PM Victoria & Anthony Natalizio
r/o Anthony & Jennifer Natalizio

Thursday: December 16, 2021

8:00 AM Cindy Rubino
r/o Sarah Pettorson

Friday: December 17, 2021

8:00 AM Nancy Monaco
r/o Marge Roger Tosco

Saturday: December 18, 2021

4:30 PM Protection of Babies in the Womb &
their Families

Sunday: December 19, 2021

8:00 AM Catherine & Jerry Santry
r/o Joan & Jim Flotteron

9:30 AM Carol Jean Muir
r/o The Paulmeno Family

11:00 AM John Raymonds
r/o St. Catherine's Parish

From the Pastor's Desk

A Tradition for Your Eve of Christmas

We 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?

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.

Fr. Chester



The collections for December 5th will be posted in the December 19th bulletin.



On-Line Giving for December 5th will be posted in the December 19th bulletin.

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