





We wish you and yours a blessed Christmas and peace, love, good health and happiness for the New Year.

Fr. Prior, Padre Guida, Deacon Money, Deacon Lauri and the staff of Sacred Heart Church

REGULAR MASS SCHEDULES

Saturday Vigil Mass
4:00 pm - (November thru March)
5:00 pm - (April thru October)

Sunday Masses
7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, & 4:00 pm

<u>Daily Mass</u>
8:00 am

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Reconciliation/Confession Schedule

Thursdays 5:30—6:30 pm Saturday 3:00—3:45 pm

Monday December 20th

"The Light Is On For You" 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve: 4:00 pm Church

4:00 pm Gym

6:00 pm Church

Midnight Church

Christmas Day: 8:00 am

9:30 am

11:00 am

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WORD OF LIFE

"Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother." Learn ten tips at respectlife.org/support-her.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Mary was excited about her first pregnancy and rushed to tell her cousin. Sadly children are often seen as a liability, "another mouth to feed" or an "obstacle to my career." It is said "Christmas is for children." It is more accurate to say 'Christmas is for adults to appreciate the gift of children!".

Fisherman's Club Fall 2021-2022

All are welcome to attend the Fisherman's Club, which is an initiative sponsored by the Office of Vocation Promotion that aims to reach college-age and young adult men who are thinking about the priesthood. For more information please contact Fr. Nathan Brooks, the coordinator of this outreach at NBrooks@syrdio.org.

Next Get Together is Tuesday, Feb. 1st, 2022 at 6:30 pm

SACRED HEART PRAYER LIST

As a Parish family, please remember all who are struggling or suffering in mind, spirit, or body and especially those who have asked for our prayers. Please notify the Parish Office if a name can be removed from the list. The list will be purged every 3 months if we have not heard from you.

Fred Bennink Maria S.

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Sandi DiBianco Jim O'Connor
Linda Hendrix Pamela Price
Sharon Hollister Diana Procopio

Joan Patrick Schaubroeck

Dr. Richard Kotwas Samuel Tassone

Al Langstrom Bill West
Libby Lougnot Diane Willis
Jared Mace Jennifer Wright

SACRAMENTS

<u>BAPTISM</u>

Sundays at 12:00 pm
Pre-Baptism Class Required
for the first child.

Call the office for arrangements (699-2752)

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION

Saturdays 3:00-3:45 pm (November - March)
Thursdays 5:30-6:30 pm

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By Appointment—Call the office to arrange a date and time

MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made 6 months in advance. Contact the parish office to speak with the Pastor regarding preparations.

Message from the Pastor

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The readings of Advent's Fourth Sunday lead us down the path of messianic expectation to the long-hoped-for arrival. The eighth-century BC prophet Micah speaks God's word of a ruler who is both Shepherd and a majestic Name, bringing peace and greatness. The catch is that he will come forth from tiny Bethlehem, unexpected in every way. In this context, the Prophet Micah is speaking to the threat of Assyria that will wipe out the Northern Kingdom of Israel, from which Judah was spared. In our time, these words translate to an openness to God and how God might work in our world and in our lives, counter to society's expectations.

In today's Gospel, St. Luke presents the encounter between two faithful women, Mary and her cousin Elizabeth, who show themselves open to God working both in the world and in their lives in such profoundly unexpected ways. As they come together in support of one another, they realize the depth and breadth of God's plan and how they are called beyond both their comfort and society's role for them.

LOOKING FOR DONATION/TAX WRITE-OFF

As many of you know, we are searching for a new Youth Minister to lead our Youth Ministry programs here at Sacred Heart. A young man has come forward who is willing to leave a very lucrative career and take on the Youth Ministry responsibilities, but to do that he would need Sacred Heart to provide housing for him and his family. If someone would like to donate housing or if there is someone in need of a tax write-off, please give me a call at the Parish Office at 315-699-2752.

HAITI 180 MISSION TRIP

May 23rd to May 29th, 2022 Initial Informational Meeting Tuesday, January 18, 2022 from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Church Hall.

Human Development and Anna's Pantry



Yes! I believe in the miracles of Christmas! Thanks to all of you, our Angel Tree was another most successful expression of God's compassion for others. Your love, kindness, generosity, and empathy for those less fortunate embody the true meaning of Christmas. Children will have presents under the tree, seniors will know we care, and those needing assistance with transportation especially to medical appointments will be able to get there. You're all Angels! Thank You so much! Along with your thoughtful and beautifully wrapped gifts, our church is providing each family household a Christmas ham meal to enjoy. Again this year, the hams are being provided by everyone's favorite neighborhood store, Speara's.

Thank you friends!

For Christmas, our church will once again be getting all those who seek refuge at the Catholic Charities Men's Shelter special sub sandwiches. If anyone would like to further help spread the joy of the season by making and sharing your delicious Christmas cookies, you may leave them in the upstairs kitchen the week of December 21st, and we'll be sure they accompany the sandwiches. I know the men would greatly appreciate them!

Our personal care shelves are almost bare. If anyone would like to help us replenish, we are in need of: bar soap, shampoo, and toothpaste, along with toothbrushes and feminine hygiene products. Our desire is to help others look and feel their best! As always, thank you so much!

May you all be experiencing a blessed Advent Season with the hope and excitement of waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ. May God's love and protection continue to keep you and yours safe and healthy.

> Cheerfully in Christ, Kathye

CHURCH ACTIVITIES FOR WEEK

Saturday, Dec. 18, 2021

Holy Name Lottery Ticket Sales in Gathering Space after Mass

3:00-3:45 pm Confessions

4:00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, Dec. 19, 2021 (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

Mass at 7:30, 9:30, 11:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.

Holy Name Lottery Ticket Sales in Gathering Space after Masses

8:15 am — 10:45 am Faith Formation/Confirmation Classes

12:00 pm No Baptisms

12:15—1:00 pm Children's Choir Practice

3:00 pm Youth Bible Study Group (Youth Room)

5:00 pm Life Teen after Mass

Monday, Dec. 20, 2021

8:00 am Daily Mass

12:15—1:15 pm No AOA Exercise Class

4:00 pm—7:00 pm Reconciliation—"The Light Is On For You"

5:30—6:30 pm Daisy Girl Scouts Meeting

6:00 pm— 8:00 pm Sacred Heart Bereavement Group

7:00 pm AA Meeting

Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2021

8:00 am Daily Mass

8:30 am Soulcore

1:00 pm Pickleball League

6:00-7:00 PM Faith Formation/Confirmation Classes

7:00 pm High School Open Gym (Grades 9-12)

8:00 pm Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2021

8:00 am Daily Mass

12:15 pm No AOA Exercise Class

5:00 pm Blessed Is She Women's Group (Community Rm)

6:00 pm Adult Choir Practice

7:00 pm No RCIA Classes

Thursday, Dec. 23, 2021

6:30 am Men's Prayer Group

8:00 am Daily Mass

8:30 am Soulcore

5:30 pm—6:30 pm Confessions/Reconciliation

6:00 pm No K of C Assembly & Council Meeting

7:00 pm Pickleball (Gym)

Friday, Dec. 24, 2021 (Christmas Eve)

Offices Closed

8:00 am No Daily Mass

3:45 pm — 4:00 pm Christmas Pageant

4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass in Church and Gym

6:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass in Church

8:00 pm AA Meeting (Community Room)

Midnight Christmas Eve Mass (Church)

Saturday, December 25 2021 (Nativity of the Lord)

8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am - Christmas Day Masses

No 4:00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 26, 2021 (Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph)

Mass at 7:30, 9:30, 11:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.

12:00 pm No Baptisms

12:15—1:00 pm Children's Choir Practice

3:00 pm No Youth Bible Study Group (Youth Room)

5:00 pm No Life Teen after Mass

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Dec.20, 2021

8:00 am Arthur Carrow

From Jackie Fietkiewicz

Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2021

8:00 am **Douglas Fehrman**

From Nicholas Kowalczyk & Family

Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2021

8:00 am Harry Hansen

From Josephine and Family

Thursday, Dec. 23, 2021

8:00 am Victoria Galuppo

From Mark, Patti & Kayla

Friday, Dec. 24, 2021 (Christmas Eve)

No 8:00 am Mass

4:00 pm (Church) Griffin Engle

From Family

4:00 pm (Gym) Rosemary Corl

From Corl Family

6:00 pm (Church) Harry Heath

From Ann Marie, Danny Schlie

and Family

Midnight Mass (Church) Raymond Sexton

From Kathye, Ed, & Raymond

Saturday, Dec. 25, 2021 (Nativity of the Lord)

8:00 am William Linder

From Wife, Elaine

9:30 am Lois DiFabio & Brandon DiFabio

From Family

11:00 am Deceased Children of Veronica

From Veronica Huh

No 4:00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, Dec. 26, 2021 (Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph)

7:30 am Robert & Garna Morgan

From Richard & MaryAnne Hankins

9:30 am **Donald Butler**

From his daughter

11:00 am Richard Peck

From Family

4:00 pm Kayla Schlie

From Serrano Family





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RIGHT TO LIFE MARCH

Jan. 20th-22nd, 2022 - Washington, DC

Contact Office for more information

3:00 pm Bible Study in the Youth Room All teens are welcome

Life Teen Meeting Sundays after 4:00 pm Mass



Sam Donnelly , EDGE Coordinator 315-744-4743 sjd9@alfred.edu

EDGE will meet every other Wednesday from 6-8 pm

Next EDGE Meeting: December 15th at 6:00 pm

K-4 Youth Group

Angel Fikes, K-4 Coordinator rivera5949@yahoo.com

Meetings will be on the 1st Friday of each month

NEXT MEETING: January 7th, 2022 at 6:00 pm

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!



Tracy Shaughnessy, Director (315) 699-7678 sheartfaithformation@syrdio.org www.sacredheartofcicero.com

Faith Formation, previously referred to as Religious Education, is intended to begin by 1st grade and continue through Confirmation. At Sacred Heart the two-year Confirmation program begins as early as 7th grade. After Confirmation, we learn about our faith as we live and share it. Our goal is to assist families, where the majority of the faith is learned, along their path.

Schedules and registrations for 2021-2022 are now available on the Faith Formation page of the parish website.

Faith Formation Classes-1st through 6th Sunday class–12/19 Ch. 9 & Christmas; next class 1/9 **Tues. class**– 12/21 Ch. 8 & Christmas; next class 1/4

First Sacraments—Session 6 in You are Forgiven should be completed by 12/19. You can hand the worksheet in by placing it in the purple bin in the Gathering Space.

Confirmation Classes

Year 1-Sunday 12/19 Les. 6 Seg. 1; next class 1/9 **Tuesday** 12/21 Les. 5; next class 1/4 **Year 2– Sun** 12/19 Les. 17 Seg. 1 & 2; next class 1/9 **Tuesday** 12/21 Les. 16; next class 1/4

Children's Liturgy of the Word is back at the 9:30 A.M Mass during the weeks we have Faith Formation classes. We are in need of Adult volunteers to serve this ministry. Please contact Tracy at tshau@syrdio.org or (315)699-7678 ext. 14.

Please see the Faith
Formation bulletin board
in the Gathering Space
for
Christmas Pageant
information.
All ages are invited to
participate!
Pageant will be held
before the 4:00 P.M.
Mass on Christmas Eve
in the Church.



Contributions from Previous Week:

12/12/2021 Weekly Offering:

\$16,823.16

Immaculate Conception: \$2,029.00

Memorial Sanctuary Lamp this week In Memory of: Harry Heath From wife, Janet

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY 2022

The 39th Annual World Marriage Day will be celebrated on February 13, 2022 at 2:00 pm at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Syracuse, the Most Reverend Douglas J. Lucia will celebrate Mass and invite all couples in attendance to renew their commitment to Holy Matrimony. He will especially honor couples who will celebrate their 25th, 50th and beyond 50th anniversary in 2022. If celebrating your 25th, 50th or 50+ anniversary in 2022, please contact the parish office to receive a special invitation to the Mass from Bishop Lucia.

FINDING HOPE IN HEALING

Faith Grace Love Compassion Prayer
Please join us for a special program
"Coping With Grief Through the Holidays"
Our Guest Speaker is from

The Hope for Bereaved Support Association

He will give suggestions for coping during the holidays along with a question and answer segment.

Monday, December 20th 6:00-8:00 pm

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Please wear a mask

HOLY NAME SOCIETY—LOTTERY TICKETS

We have started our major fund raiser for 2022. We will be in the Church gathering space this weekend, December 18th and 19th after every Mass selling lottery raffle tickets. The Holy Name Society supports many programs within the Church and surrounding Community, which includes Anna's Pantry, Youth Activities, CropWalk, Joseph's House, Faith Formation Programs and Church needs. With your support, we will be able to continue supporting these and many more. Please ask your family, friends and neighbors if they would like to purchase some. These are great Stocking Stuffers or/ and Christmas gifts. THANK YOU!

"WILD GOOSE" IS RETURNING!

Starting Wednesday, January 12, 2022 The Wild Goose will be held downstairs in the Church Hall at 6:30 pm. It will be for 14 weeks ending in the Life in the Spirit Seminar on April 30th from 8:30-4:30. Please mark your calendars and watch for more information.

DID YOU KNOW...

In 2019, 20 weeks into her pregnancy, a woman was told her child would be born with spina bifida and was offered a termination of pregnancy. The couple refused and instead opted for a new surgery just approved in the UK which involved operating on their daughter in the womb. The mother was 25 weeks pregnant when they did the surgery to correct the defect by closing it and ensuring there was no more damage to her spine. Earlier this year another baby received the surgery at 23 weeks gestation. That child is now "walking fine without any intervention." She can run, jump, spin, climb stairs and climb tables." With advances in medication, there are often other options to look at before opting for termination. However, babies receiving surgery in the womb receive painkillers before the surgery. Babies to be aborted do not. (LifeNews.com). Pray for the end of abortion on demand.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ARE STILL SELLING THE 2022 \$AVE AROUND COUPON BOOKS. If you are interested in one for yourself or for a family member, or as a gift, please contact either Gary Natali at 315-436-5204 or John Roder at 315-317-6619. They are \$25 a book and if you purchase 5 books, you will get a book free! Make great stocking stuffers! THANK YOU!

LeMoyne College C.Y.O. Scholarships Eight \$4,000 scholarships (\$1,000/year)

These scholarships will be awarded to prospective Le Moyne students (in the geographical Diocese of Syracuse) who have demonstrated leadership abilities and have performed outstanding service to their school, community, and parish. If you have any questions or concerns about the process, please contact 315-445-4300 or 800-333-4733.

The completed application packet must be returned to the Regional Chairperson, NOT Le Moyne College, no later than January 1, 2022. The application packet can be picked up in the Parish Office or contact the Office and request that a packet be mailed to you.



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