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*FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
AT EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD PARISH*

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Community



Mass Intentions

For the Week of December 2nd
(C) Church (R) Rectory Chapel

Sat, Dec. 1st: Vigil of First Sunday in Advent

4:00pm (C) +Lucille DiBlasi
By Pete and Sue Kehr

Sunday, Dec. 2nd: First Sunday of Advent

8:30am (C) +Cherie Hohman-Piniewski
By Chuck and Diane Hoffman
11:00am (C) +Jim Rebman
By Roger and Kathy Powenski

Monday, Dec. 3rd: Saint Francis Xavier

8:30am (R) +All Souls
By Parish All Souls Intentions

Tuesday, Dec. 4th: Advent Weekday

8:30am (R) All Epiphany of Our Lord Parishioners
By Father Mitch Byeck

Wednesday, Dec. 5th: Advent Weekday

8:30am (R) +Richard Armbruster Sr.
By The Family

Thursday, Dec. 6th: Advent Weekday

8:30am (R) +Deceased OMI Brothers and Priests
By Father Mitch Byeck

Friday, Dec. 7th: Saint Ambrose

8:30am (R) For All Parents and Children
By Father Mitch Byeck

Friday, Dec. 7th: Vigil of the Immaculate Conception

7:00pm (C) +Ida Daugerty
By Sylvia and Family

Sat. Dec. 8th: The Immaculate Conception

8:30am (R) +Jane Haag
By The Family

Sat, Dec. 8th: Vigil of Second Sunday of Advent

4:00pm (C) +Joan Crance
By Mary and Mike Gattie

Sunday, Dec. 9th: Second Sunday of Advent

8:30am (C) +Jim Schmitz
By Norman Smith
11:00am (C) +Phyllis Schmitz
By Don Dole and Mary



The Sanctuary Candles are lit this week for Rosie Kohn's 89th Birthday as requested by Clyde and Joanne Hoffman and family.

Readings for the Week of December 2nd

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12-4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
Monday: Is 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Next Sun: Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Ministry Schedule	Dec 8th 4pm	Dec 9th 8:30am	Dec 9th 11:00am
EMOHC	Ronnie and Monnie Geiger Leonard Muehlbauer	Mary Beth Andrews Robin Hohman Judy Palleschi	Mary Szeglowksi Elane Wittmeyer Marty Ptak
Lectors	Mary Gattie Rose Rojek	Nancy Gabel Nicole Lauer	Maryanne Kozub Annette Noto
Altar serv.	Rachel and Haley Kehr Guadalupe Ramirez	Peyton and Annabelle Koszelak	Grace Gabel Brianna Kruszka
Greeters	Chuck and Mary Richmond	Andre and Ginny Kowal	Sally Castillo Dorothy Bracikowski

Compassion Ministry

To place someone on the prayer list, please complete and return a card available at the entrances of the church, or call the rectory. Individuals will remain on the list for 4 weeks unless the rectory is notified otherwise. *If you have a loved one on our list and they pass away, please let the parish office know.*

Pat Allan, Lena Anzalone, Elaine Bauer, Linda Bettinger, Kathy Bley, Ernest Bracikowski, Kaitlyn Bunn, Mary Jane Butzer, Theresa Butzer, Chris Carnell, Joey Crocker, Paula Czora, Norie Donhauser, Tracy Drozd, Knoah Duggan, John Duggan, Otto Duggan, Suzanne Duggan, Sheila Dytschkowskij Diane Enser, Ron Enser, Sharon Fry, Baby Sam Gabel, Eddie Gabel, Dean Gallaway, James Gardner, Art Gernatt, Jenny Gernatt, Joseph "Duffer" Gernatt, Mark Grugel, Ron Hintz, Bob Holbrook, Jeanne Hutchings, Bee Jenson, Dennis Jensen, Dolores Kirst, Fran Kohn, Barbara Korthals, Daniel Kozub, Tom and Sue Kruse, Sara Mackey Dunn, Diane May, Loretta McDonald, Mary Meyer, Donna Motak, Millie Muehlbauer, Marty Niefergold, Jean Ott, Holly Pearce, Clark Phillips, Pat Ricotta, Ron Schmitt Sr., Don Schmitz, Wilfred Sion, Kathy Smith, Werner Stang, Danielle Stark, Lorraine Stark, Bonnie Tanner, Joan Tartick, Leo Tartick Sr., John and Laura Thiel, David Timmons, Gary Wentland, Loretta Winkelman, John Witkowski.

Next Weekend's Second Collection

Support the Retirement Fund for Religious. A donor writes, "Your flyer touched my heart—seeing the retired religious, such memories surfaced." Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Please give to next week's second collection.



Regular Sunday Collection: \$2,074.50
Loose Collection: \$287.50
Number of Regular Offering Envelopes: 98
Average Donation: \$18.23
Thanksgiving Day Collection: \$228.00

Mass Intentions for 2019 may now be scheduled!

To schedule a mass please contact the parish office! A Mass is a sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, brought forward in time to the present. At Mass you could say that a "time warp" is opened in which the sacrifice of Jesus is mystically brought forward to be present to us. When we are present at a celebration of the Eucharist, we are not merely turning our attention to the past, we are actually bringing forward into the present the most pivotal moment of human history. Masses can be offered for a number of intentions: for the deceased, to invoke the Lord's special graces for a friend or loved one, for a successful surgery and recovery, or for an anniversary. A \$15 donation is asked for each Mass requested.

Sanctuary Candle requests can also be placed. A \$10 donation is asked per week requested.



Family Faith Formation News

December Class Dates

Dec. 2nd– Family Classes
 Dec. 3rd– CGS 2
 Dec. 9th– CGS and Y-Disciple
 Dec. 10th– CGS 2
 Dec. 16th– CGS & Y-Disciple
 Dec. 17th– CGS 2
 Dec 23rd– JOY Rosary Musical 12:15pm-2pm

FAITH FORMATION



Please be an "Epiphany Christmas Angel" again this year by taking one or more tags from the tree at the rear of the Church and return the requested items to the back of Church, in a gift bag with the tag attached **no later than December 16th!** Thank you for all the gifts for the Angel Tree!

In addition to families, we also support the Tri-County Crisis Pregnancy Center. They have a "wish list" that is more like the food pantry than individual gifts. If you would like to donate something, they have the following needs. If you would like to give a Walmart gift card (put in an envelope marked Pregnancy Center), it will be applied to the purchase of high chairs, swings, walkers, and baby gates. Your support is greatly appreciated:

Please put unwrapped items under the tree.
 Diapers sizes 2, 3, and 4, Pull Ups, Training Pants
 Baby Wash, Baby Lotion, Wipes, 8oz Bottles,
 Enfamil Formula, Toddler Gloves and Hats,
 Receiving Blankets Mom Products: Pads, Tampons,
 Shampoo, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, hair care products.

Christmas Flower Sale



Order Envelopes are available in the back of Church, and at the side door, to order Poinsettias for Christmas. Orders need to be returned to the Office (or in the collection basket) by **Monday, December 10th at noon.**

Christmas Card Blessings

We invite you to bring your, addressed and postage stamped Christmas Cards to Mass with you and place them on the Offertory table (back of church on the right hand side). A label will be placed on them saying that they were blessed at Epiphany. They will be mailed out for you on the following Monday!



Round and Square Dance

December 8, 2018
 Music provided by Paul Zittel and Pure Country
 \$25 for Family; \$8 for adults; \$15 per Couple;
 \$5 for Children (ages 10-15)
 Call for table reservation
 Mary Richmond- (716)337-3952

CARD PARTIES

Our next Card Party will be held on December 2nd at the Langford New Oregon Fire Hall starting at 1pm. Players will pay \$7 each and get to choose from Euchre or Pinochle. When they get through with their games, they will get a delicious, home-cooked, hot meal. Top scorers will get prizes!

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- ♦ **Sun. Dec. 2nd:** Card Party at 1pm LNOFD
- ♦ **Tue. Dec. 4th:** Pastoral Council Meeting 7pm
- ♦ **Fri. Dec. 7th:** Vigil Mass of Immaculate Conception at 7pm in Church
- ♦ **Sat. Dec. 8th:** Immaculate Conception Mass 8:30am in Church
- ♦ **Sat. Dec. 8th:** Round and Square Dance 7:30pm-10:30pm

Make the Most of Advent

Every Christmas is a chance to welcome Jesus as an honored guest into our hearts. Think of all the planning, cooking, and cleaning needed to have a guest over. In Advent we prepare our hearts to welcome the Savior. Here are some ways to make the most of your Advent:

Spend 15 minutes daily with God. The best way to prepare to welcome the Savior at Christmas is to spend time with him. Set aside 15 minutes in your day for God and protect it. Perhaps read a chapter of Scripture, pray a decade of the Rosary, or just be still in his presence.

Get to know the Advent saints. One way to know God is to know his friends. There are several saints' feasts that occur this Advent, including: St. Nicholas, the Bishop of Myra (Dec. 6th), St. Juan Diego (Dec. 9th), St. Lucy (Dec. 13th), and St. John of the Cross (Dec. 14th). Adopt one of them to be your patron to pray for you, and to protect and encourage you.

Honor the Spirit of St. Nicholas

Feast Day– December 6th

St. Nicholas is one icon of the holiday season that has meaning in both the secular and spiritual celebrations of Christmas.

We know that St. Nicholas was born at the end of the third century in Asia Minor. His parents died when he was young and left him well off. His uncle, the archbishop of Myra (southeast of Turkey), ordained him and upon his uncle's death, Nicholas served as bishop until his own death.

Throughout he suffered imprisonment and persecution. One legend involving St. Nicholas concerns a desperate man on the verge of selling his daughters into slavery to pay his debts. Nicholas secretly threw a bag of gold into an open window (some say down a chimney) in the man's house to stop him.

Our present-day Santa Claus stems from the legends of St. Nicholas, but in the Church he is a saint, a confessor of faith, and a holy bishop. We can learn from his generosity to the poor, and imitate his acts of kindness to others.

Additional Confession Times During Advent

Fr. Mitch will be available in the Confessions during the following times, and as always by appointment.

Thursday December 6th—1pm to 2pm
 Friday December 7th—6:15pm to 6:45pm
 Thursday December 13th—1pm to 2pm
 Friday December 14th—7pm to 8pm
 Thursday December 20th—1pm to 2pm
 Friday December 21st—7pm to 8pm

Confessions are also available 30 minutes before weekend masses.

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