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Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

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LONG LIVE CHRIST THE KING

2024 KNIGHT'S MASS – The annual Knights of Columbus Mass for our deceased members will be Sunday, November 24th at the 8:30am Mass. A coffee, juice and donut reception for all parishioners, Mass attendees and brother Knights and families will be held in the IC school cafeteria immediately following the Mass.



Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to any Catholic man, 18 or older, living his life in accord with this Fraternal organization's principles:

Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

Immaculate Conception Council #7549 has 136 members and welcomes all Catholic men to join the Council.

THE LITTLE BLUE BOOKS: The Advent and Christmas Seasons 2024 - 2025 are available on the lobby bookrack for a donation of \$1.00. This edition of this popular "Little Book" series, published by the Diocese of Saginaw, MI, features a daily reflection from Scripture for every day of the Advent/Christmas/Epiphany cycle—December 1 through January 12, 2025. This year, the passages are from the Infancy Narratives According to the Gospel of Matthew. If you need a focus for the "holly daze" of December, then "The Little Blue Book" is for you. Pick one up today! Other free Advent/Christmas materials are available as well.

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR – The floral arrangement at the altar is given for the Glory of God and in memory of deceased members of the Knights of Columbus – Council #7549.

**COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME** – Mass in observance of Thanksgiving Day is at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, November 28.

THE PARISH AND SCHOOL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28 AND FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29 IN OBSERVANCE OF THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY.

## CHRISTMAS LITURGY SCHEDULE

Nativity of the Lord

Tuesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve Vigil Mass - 4:00 p.m. Mass at Night - 10:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 25 – Christmas Day Mass at Dawn - 8:30 a.m. Mass During the Day - 11:00 a.m.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sunday, December 29

Anticipated Mass - Saturday at 4:00 p.m. Sunday Morning - 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

#### A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MONTY – Saint Andrew Christmas Novena -

The annual Saint Andrew Christmas Novena begins this week. It's been a part of my family's spiritual devotion during Advent for over four decades. It is often called the "Christmas Novena" because the prayer is recited 15 times every day from the Feast of Saint Andrew the Apostle—Saturday, November 30—until Christmas Eve.

A novena is typically a nine-day prayer for a specific intention, like a novena to the Sacred Heart, Saint Joseph or Saint Jude. The Church's original novena is the nine-day period that separated Jesus' Ascension and the descent of the Holy Spirit on Mary and the disciples as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 1:12-14; 2:1-4). The term, however, can be used for any prayer that is repeated over a series of days.

The Saint Andrew Christmas Novena is not addressed to Saint Andrew but to God, asking Him to grant our request in the honor of the birth of His Son at Christmas. You can recite the prayer all at once—15 repetitions—or divide it up during the day.

#### Saint Andrew Christmas Novena

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour, vouchsafe, O my God! to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of Our Saviour Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.



FROM DEACON JOE – As part of our parish's ongoing effort to reach out to our neighbors in need, we will work with the Clarion Area Agency on Aging to help those elderly who may feel more isolated during the upcoming Christmas season. There are approximately 300 older individuals in Clarion County receiving Home Delivered Meals (Meals on Wheels) weekly. These seniors are mostly isolated due to health issues and a lack of family to help take care of them. We are asking parishioners to help us put together care packages this Advent Season: "Stockings for Seniors" is now underway.

Please consider donating the following new items.

Crossword puzzle / coloring books

Socks with non-skid bottoms

Gloves, mittens, scarfs, hats

Fruit / gelatin cups

Crackers

Individually wrapped candies / chocolates

The collection will begin on Saturday, November 30th. Please return all items to the church or school by Saturday, December 14th.

Volunteers will be needed to help assemble gift packages on Sunday, December 15, 2024 at 9:30 am in Our Lady of Clarion Center.

Thank you for your help and participation to share the light of Christ this Advent.

# Community Thanksgiving Dinner November 28, 2024





# PLEASE VISIT THE PARISH WEBSITE TO RESERVE MEALS.

You can also check for volunteer opportunities.

The Community **Thanksgiving Dinner Committee** looks forward to serving you this year.

**#iGiveCatholic** is a National Day of Giving. Both the Immaculate Conception Parish and our Parish School have set goals for this powerful 24 hours of online giving. The Advanced Giving Phase opened last Monday.

#GivingTuesday is Tuesday, December 3. All gifts made to our Parish and School remain in our Parish.

Online donations may be at erie.iGiveCatholic.org. Type "Immaculate Conception" in the Search field and "Clarion, PA" in the location field to search for our pages. There will be direct links to Immaculate Conception's giving pages on the parish website.

You will also find envelopes in your pew that can be returned in the collection baskets.

Immaculate Conception Parish 2024 funds will be designated for remodeling the reconciliation rooms.

Immaculate Conception Parish School 2024 funds will be used to purchase two new water refill stations.

## START SHOPPING NOW FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON

LOTTERY **CALENDARS** excellent Christmas gifts for the hard-tobuy-for person on your list. Tickets are currently available from school families or in the school office. They will also be



available to purchase during Script Blitz (11/16-12/8) after Mass. Calendars are \$20 and you get 366 chances to win in 2025! All you have to do is buy the ticket. We take care of watching the daily lotto numbers. You just watch your mailbox for a check with your winnings!

**SCRIP BLITZ** is on now and runs through Dec. 8. Scrip is our gift card program that earns money for , the Immaculate Conception Parish School. You buy gift cards (at face value) to give as gifts or to use for your own shopping and the school receives a percentage back. Scrip gift cards are

available all year round through the school office.

Both the Lottery Calendars and the Scrip program are amazing fundraisers for our school. We earn about \$10,000 from each fundraiser, every year! We thank you in advance for your generosity and continued support for our school. Let us help you simplify your shopping.



#### Monday, November 25 - Saint Catherine of Alexandria

NO MASS

Tuesday, November 26

11:00 a.m. Special Intention (Father Monty)

Wednesday, November 27

NO MASS -

Thursday, November 28 – Thanksgiving Day

8:30 a.m. Stella and Russ Miller (Heather McHenry)

Friday, November 29

NO MASS -

Saturday, November 30 – Saint Andrew

4:00 p.m. Deceased Members of the DelGreco and Grine Families (JoAnne DelGreco Grine)

Sunday, December 1 – First Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. For the People

11:00 a.m.

RADIO MASS - Deceased Members of the 8:30 a.m.

> Colantonio and Fletcher Families (John and Paulette Colantonio) Jack Slike and Neva Slike Fleming

(Susan Slike)

Readings for the week of November 24, 2024

**Monday:** Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6

/Lk 21:1-4

**Tuesday:** Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11 **Wednesday:** Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Lk 21:12-19 **Thursday:** Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3,

4, 5/Lk 21:20-28

**Friday:** Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a

/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22 **Next Sunday:** Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)

/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

#### BULLETIN ADVERTISING INVOICE CONCERNS -

It has been brought to the attention of the parish office that some area businesses that advertise in our church bulletin have received invoices from other advertising firms. Please be advised these are a scam. The only invoice for our advertising comes from LPi.





Offertory	November 9 - 10
Envelopes	\$ 6,253.00
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