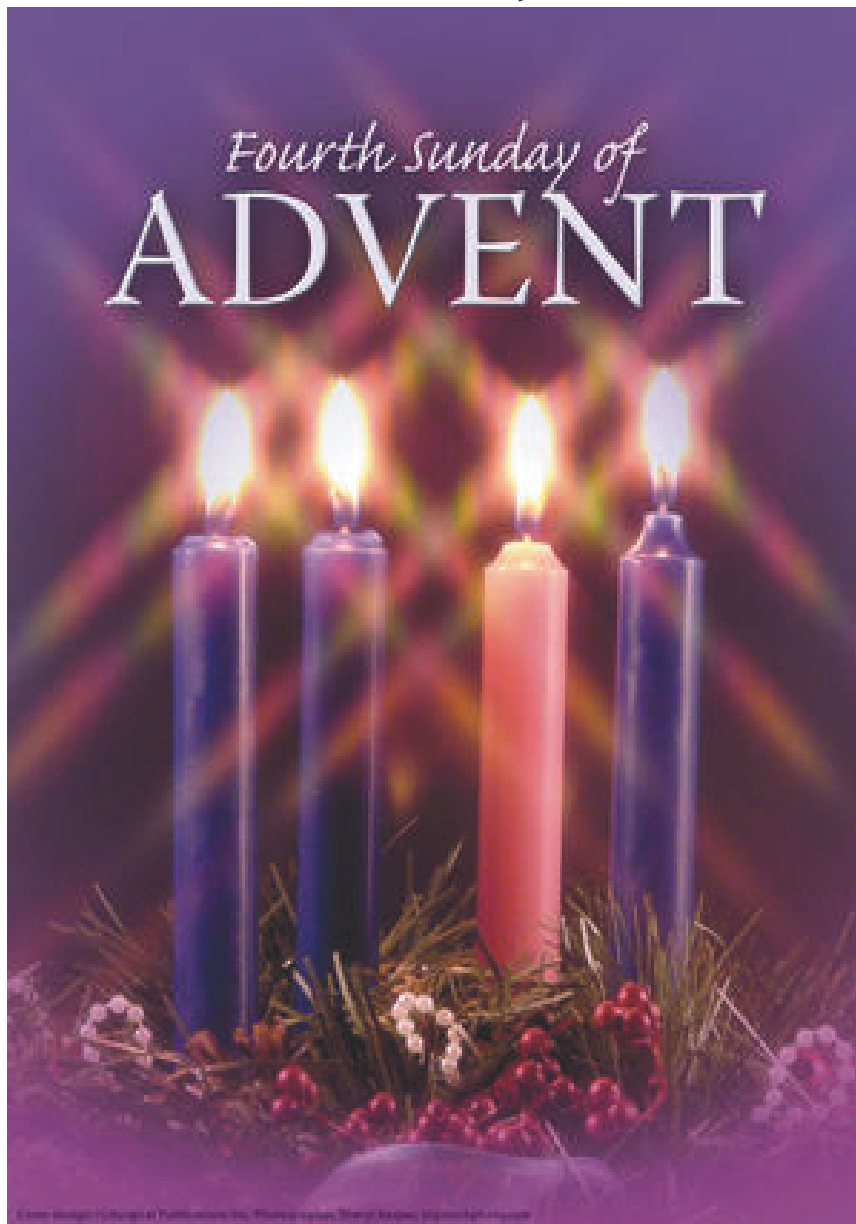




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Welcome!

Our sacred purpose at St. Jerome Catholic Church is to become Holy Disciples on the path to heaven. In the midst of a welcoming community we learn the teachings of our faith by celebrating Word and Sacrament as we grow in our personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

MASSES:

Saturday Vigil: 4:30PM
Sunday: 8:00AM and 10:00AM
Tuesday - Friday: 8:00AM

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Membership in the Parish

We welcome each one of you who has come to worship today. We extend a special welcome to those who are new to the area. If you are a Catholic returning home after a absence, the church has missed you and warmly welcomes you back. Welcome packets and registration forms are available in the back of Church or please stop in to the Parish Office and register in person. We hope you will decide to make St. Jerome your Parish home!

Sacrament of Baptism Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Marriage requires a six-month planning period and participation in a marriage preparation program. DO NOT book your hall until you meet with Father Anthony. Please contact the Parish Office to make an appointment.

Homebound or Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is offered to anyone seriously ill or facing surgery. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are also available to bring Communion to the homebound. Please contact the Parish office.

Religious Education Classes (PREP) is offered for children who attend public school in grades 1 through 8 on Sunday mornings starting at 11:15am ending at 12:15pm. from September to May. Please contact the Parish Office.

RCIA is for anyone searching for a spiritual home or anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. RCIA is a Journey of Faith to encounter Christ and discover His teachings and way of life. For more information, contact Deacon Paul Nungester at deaconpaul@stjeromewalbridge.org.

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Merry Christmas, Friends!

I say, "Merry Christmas," not because I put other people's beliefs down or because I think I am superior to others, but because I have so much joy in my heart that **God did indeed come to earth!** Emmanuel—God is with us!

A cousin asked me one time which feast day was better, Christmas or Easter. Theologians have debated this for years but one of the general conclusions is that these two events complement each other. The reason God took flesh was to mount the wood of the Cross. He was born to die and rise! Where there is life there is death, but life triumphs. The Christ child was born to bring eternal life. How could we keep from saying *Merry Christmas* to our neighbors when this reality is true?

My brothers and sisters, rejoice always (cf. Philippians 4:4) and tell all the people the Good News! The Magi say it in the star and the shepherds heard it from the voice of the angels. The angels not only spoke this message, but they sang it (cf. Luke 2:14) and we every Sunday sing it: *Gloria in excelsis Deo!* (*Glory to God in the Highest! And on earth peace to people of goodwill!*). This season is full of great songs, join in the music of the season and tell everyone you meet the joy you have in your hearts. Merry Christmas!

In the Hearts of Mary & Jesus,

Rev. Anthony Coci



Happenings at St. Jerome And The Community

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Office will be closed for Christmas Thursday, December 24, 2020 through January 3, 2021 and will re-open Monday, January 4, 2021.

Christmas Mass times are as follows:

Thursday, December 24th	4:00pm 6:30pm
Friday, December 25th	Midnight (12am) 10:00am

Please note the changes in Mass times for Christmas Eve. These modifications have been made to facilitate sanitation of the facilities between Masses. If you do attend one of our Masses and it appears “too full” be advised that we will have live in-house streaming to the Parish Hall to accommodate proper social distancing.

Thursday, December 31st, 2020 at 4:30pm
Friday, January 1st, 2021 at 10:00am

****Solemnity of Mary, Holy Day of Obligation**

****While normally a Holy Day of Obligation, the faithful are dispensed from their obligation to attend Mass this year. Parishes are free to adjust their Mass schedule for this day as they deem appropriate.**

OPERATION: SUPPORTING OUR HEROES!

Join us as we gather together for prayer and support of our Health Care Workers. Join us **December 20th, 2020 12:30-1pm** on the top level of the Jobst Parking Garage, P2. If you have further questions, please contact Lisa Long at 419-460-3967. Thank you for your support! We hope to see you there!



RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Journey

Advent comes along every year and will continue to do so until Jesus returns. As this season draws to a close, we can each ask ourselves, “Am I now any better a disciple of Jesus Christ and more of a steward of all my gifts than before the Advent season started?” I have been on this earth for 40+ years. I have had 40+ Advents to draw closer to God and to work on taking more seriously my baptismal call. Some have gone better than others, but I would like to think my spiritual life progressed at least a small amount during each of them.

Conversion is a process. Stewardship is about a way of living and it is about more than simply being generous when a situation calls for it. Stewardship and conversion go hand-in-hand and we are always moving closer to holiness in Jesus Christ. Living in this way takes practice and commitment. If this Advent didn’t go as you had hoped, remember is not really an end. It is just another step along your journey.

This Christmas, while you are giving and receiving gifts and hopefully spending time with those you love, may you take the time to cherish the true gift that came to us over 2000 years ago and continues to call us to this day: Jesus. Let us be grateful beyond measure for this gift above all gifts, let us continue on our journey, and let our lives give testimony to the one who leads us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to the following parishioners for making the honors list at St. Francis De Sales!

1st Honors—Joshua Maasel

2nd Honors—Jackson Maassel, Andrew Maassel & Andrew Tucker

President’s List—Michael Sapara

St. Jerome Calendar

Monday, December 21

3:30-8pm—Stritch/CYO Basketball/Gym

Tuesday, December 22

8:00am Mass/Church

9-9pm—ADORATION/Church

1:30pm—Emmaus Charismatic Prayer Group/
Chapel

3:30-8pm—Stritch/CYO Basketball/Gym

7-8pm—Timeline Bible Study/Library

7-9pm—RCIA/St. Kateri MR

Wednesday, December 23

8:00am Mass/Church

8:30am—Rosary Following Mass/Church

3:30-8pm—Stritch/CYO Basketball/Gym

Thursday, December 24

OFFICE CLOSED

4:00pm --Christmas Mass/Church

6:30pm—Christmas Mass/Church

Friday, December 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS

OFFICE CLOSED

12:00am (Midnight)—Christmas Mass/Church

10:00am—Christmas Mass/Church

Saturday, December 26

3:30-4:00pm—Reconciliation/Church

4:30pm---Mass

Sunday, December 27

8:00am—Mass

10:00am—Mass

Eucharistic Adoration is every Tuesday through May 26, 2021. The church remains open from 9-9pm for you to spend time with the Lord. This is a peaceful, quiet time for you to reflect and pray. Slow down during this Christmas season and take time for yourself spiritually!



Weekend of December 12th & 13th, 2020



The financial numbers were not available due to early bulletin submission. They will appear in a future bulletin.

Pastoral Council: Angie Raglow (Interim President) Debbie Ekey, Frank Kiss, Matt Wise, Sonnie Bullock, Jim Halicek, Carman Tolles, John Smith, Thomas DeStazio and Emily Tajblik

Finance Council: Charles Rupp (Chair), Julie Pinciotti, Robin Kamann, Sue Trumbull, and Jim Lager



Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, December 19 Late Advent Weekday; Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25

4:30pm Rick Delvecchio

Sunday, December 20 Fourth Sunday of Advent; 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

8:00am Georgia Smith Baldwin

10:00am Dwight Claus

Monday, December 21 Late Advent Weekday; Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church; Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday, December 22 Late Advent Weekday; 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd]/Lk 1:46-56

8:00am No intentions

Wednesday, December 23 Late Advent Weekday; Saint John of Kanty, Priest; Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

8:00am Edwina Biel

Thursday, December 24 Late Advent Weekday; Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

4:00pm Pro Populum

6:30pm Pro Populum

Friday, December 25 The Nativity of the Lord, Christmas; Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25. Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14. Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20. Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

12:00am Pro Populum

(Midnight Mass)

10:00am Pro Populum

Saturday, December 26 Saint Stephen, The First Martyr; Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22


4:30pm Matt & Rose Papik

Sunday, December 27 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph; Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

8:00am John & Ruth Hoffman

10:00am Dwight Claus

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