



St. Catherine Church

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SATURDAY, November 30: VIGIL OF FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:00 p.m. MASS – † Paul and Mildred McGarvey by Ed and Joann McGarvey

SUNDAY, December 1: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 a.m. MASS – † Living and Deceased Members of Saint Catherine of Siena Parish

Monday, December 2: Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. – † **NO MASS**

Tuesday, December 3: Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

8:00 a.m. – † **NO MASS**

Wednesday, December 4: Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. – † Harry Cholewinski by Ken and Kathryn Ross

Thursday, December 5: Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. – † Mike Cholewinski by Ken and Kathryn Ross

Friday, December 6: Saint Nicholas

8:00 a.m. – † Dan Hancock by Family

SATURDAY, December 7: VIGIL OF SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:00 p.m. MASS – † Wilson DeVecchis by Tonnie and Bill

SUNDAY, December 8: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 a.m. MASS Living and Deceased Members of Saint Catherine of Siena Parish

The **Catholic Daughters** have a **Giving Tree** in the vestibule of the church. The directions are the same as in previous years and they are also on the tree. Please return gifts on or before **Sunday, December 15th**. Thank you in advance for your help in this worthy cause.

The **Catholic Daughters** will be having a **Cookie Sale** on **Saturday, December 21** and **Sunday, December 22**. It will be in the Gathering Space.

Snow Removal: We are looking for someone to shovel the sidewalks this winter for the Church and Rectory. If anyone is interested or knows of someone who would be interested; please contact Father Joe.

Family Ritual: This Advent, instead of trying to get all the presents on a child's Christmas list, get them one or two, and then allow your presence in their life to be their present. Spend time with your children baking cookies for others instead of running from store to store. Help them to think of someone in the neighborhood that they can be a 'Santa' for, so that the focus isn't on the receiving, but the giving. Make sure to tell the story of Jesus' birth to your kids, as this is what the Season really is all about.

Schedule of Liturgical Ministries for December 7/8 2019

MASS	Lectors	Altar Servers	Hospitality Ministers (Greeters)	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Ed McGarvey	Mary Secrest	Janet Daschbach	Andrea Christoff Jerry Norris Kathy Lantz
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Louise Ketner Beth Lear	Aubrey Roddy Michael Chilcote	Lori Varner	Louise Ketner Beth Lear Marcia Slates

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION Jesus come to us without earthly glory but on a cross, crowned by thorns. “The grandeur of his kingdom is not power as defined in this world, but the love of God, a love capable of encountering and healing all things.” (Pope Francis, *Homily*, November 20, 2016). Reflect on possibilities of how you can honor God through stewardship.

Dinnertime PRAYER

If your family drones off “Bless Us, O Lord” before dinner lacks a prayerful intention, **change things up...with silence**. Start with less than 30 seconds of silence and work yourselves up to around two minutes. “Around our little table each night there is a sort of collective sigh as we relax into this one quiet moment. The point of holding this silence is to deepen one’s attention,” writes Kim John Payne in *Simplicity Parenting* (Ballentine). “We aren’t always aware of the tension we’re carrying. For a child who talks or moves or fidgets quite continuously all day, this moment of quiet stillness will be very noticeable. A moment of silence not only releases the tension of constant doing, it presents a remarkable alternative: just being. Calm. Now, you may say “Grace.”

OVERWHELMED BY BILLS? NEED HELP WITH UTILITY TERMINATIONS?

Catholic Charities, a program of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, offers qualified applicant’s emergency financial assistance to help pay utility costs, medications, rent and temporary housing, and transportation expenses. Please call them at 944-9388.



SANCTUARY CANDLE:

The Sanctuary Candle acknowledging The Real Presence of Christ in the tabernacle is burning this week in loving memory of **Poor Souls**



GIFT BEARERS for:

Saturday, December 7, 2019: Tonnie

Sunday, December 8, 2019: Ushers

COLLECTION COUNTING SCHEDULE for:

Sunday, December 1, 2019: Maggie Stiffler

Sunday, December 8, 2019: Dennis Drake

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

In today’s gospel Jesus advises: “Stay **awake**, watch out, and pray for the strength to hold your ground” when “fearful and bewildering signs” appear threatening your family. Resist being “fearful;” fear cripples! Instead “pray for the strength” to be courageous.

PRO LIFE CORNER

The next time you read the genealogy of Jesus think about this. If just one person in that lineage would have had an abortion the greatest event in all history would not have taken place, the birth of Jesus the salvation of the world. The taking of 1 single life wipes out the countless offspring who would have followed in all generations to come. Every abortion interferes with God’s plans for us and our future generations. Pray and work to end abortion and euthanasia.

