



St. Catherine Church

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SATURDAY, December 9: VIGIL OF SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:00 p.m. MASS – † Gerard Lyons by Mary, Thomas, and Christa

SUNDAY, December 10: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

Monday, December 11: Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. – † In Honor of Sam and Carmela Ciccaglione by The Lyons Family

Tuesday, December 12: Our Lady Guadalupe

8:00 a.m. – † Mary Lynn ns Akens by Bob and Ann Gilliland

Wednesday, December 13: Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

8:00 a.m. – † Max Gaisior by Family

Thursday, December 14: Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. – † Cynthia Wisner by Joe and Maria Danish

Friday, December 15: Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. – † Patty Magusiak by Mary and Family

SATURDAY, December 16: VIGIL OF THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:00 p.m. MASS – Michael and Theresa Marino by Cheryl

SUNDAY, December 17: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

Giving Tree: Residents for the Shirley Home Please return your purchase before or by Saturday, December 16th or Sunday, 17th.

Catholic Daughters are also collecting: Socks, Hats, Scarfs, and Gloves.

Knights of Columbus meeting on **Sunday, December 17** at 10:00 a.m. in the School Hall.

Support a lifetime of service. Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education and care for those in need-usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. As they age, they require essential care and medications. Please support them by giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation makes a difference for nearly 25,000 senior men and women religious. Please give generously.

Schedule of Liturgical Ministries for December 16/ 17, 2023

MASS	Lectors	Altar Servers	Hospitality Ministers (Greeters)	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Dayton Shugarts	Guy Kumpf		Mary Lyons Maria Danish
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Louise Ketner	Dane Varner Jax McCartney Juliam Weirich		Louise Ketner Will Crouse

Pro Life – Dec. 10 – “When God says ‘Let there be life’, dare we say ‘It shall not be?’” Mother M. Angelica We must learn that when people devalue any one Life, they devalue all Life.



SANCTUARY CANDLE:
The Sanctuary Candle acknowledging The Real Presence of Christ in the tabernacle is burning this week for **Poor Souls**



COLLECTION COUNTING SCHEDULE for:

Sunday, Dec 10, 2023: Maggie Stiffler

Sunday, Dec 17, 2023: Dennis Drake

Today’s readings on this Second Sunday of Advent can be summed up as equal parts comfort and warning for the Christian steward. We serve a merciful and patient God – in His kindness, He warns us that we will be called to make an account one day for the way in which we made use of the gifts. He has given us. The most precious gift He has given us His own Son, Whose birth we are preparing to celebrate.

Though the reading today, we are to assimilate two truths – the merciful love of God and the responsibility that comes with the privilege of living as His disciple. St. Peter tells us we should conduct ourselves: in holiness and devotion” and that we should be “eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.”Indeed, this is the goal of our Advent ‘reset’ – to return to (or intensify) living lives focused on Christ, in gratitude for all He has done for us.

In practical terms, this means that we as Christian stewards must make good use of the gifts of time we have been given this Advent season. Let’s be sure to get to Confession, prioritize a daily reading of the Scriptures, and reach out to someone in need with a word of comfort or an act of service. In this way, we will honor both the mercy and justice of our God, and we will be prepared to celebrate the birth of Christ and give account for all His gifts to us.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD) –Regularly scheduled classes will be held every Sunday from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.



Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick:

Request the Anointing of the Sick when you know the date of an upcoming medical procedure or the beginning of the medical treatment by calling the Parish Office. The peace that the Sacrament offers can be yours during the days you prepare for the medical appointment.

LIVE MASS aired Every Sunday from Saint John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown on **WATM-TV ABC Channel 23** If you are homebound and not able to attend the Sunday Mass, please watch our Diocesan Program Proclaim at 10:30 a.m. and the live telecast of Sunday Liturgy at 11:00 a.m.



Carol Lutz, Keats Daschbach

December 2023 Schedule for Liturgical Ministries at Saint Catherine			
Date/Mass	Readers	Altar Servers	Ministers
5:00 p.m. Saturday December 2, 2023	Maggie Stiffler	Volunteer	Maggie Stiffler Andrea Christoff
9:00 a.m. Sunday December 3, 2023	Dennis Drake	Maria Mellott Bella Starr Juliam Weirich	Will Crouse Volunteer
8:00 p.m. Saturday December 9, 2023	Louise Ketner	Volunteer	Louise Ketner Kathy Lantz
9:00 a.m. Sunday December 10, 2023	Suzanne Brown	Quinn Weirich Nolan Starr Abe Weirich	Marcia Slates Volunteer
5:00 p.m. Saturday December 16, 2023	Dayton Shugarts	Guy Kumpf	Mary Lyons Maria Danish
9:00 a.m. Sunday December 17, 2023	Louise Ketner	Dane Varner Jax McCartney Juliam Weirich	Louise Ketner Will Crouse
5:00 p.m. Saturday December 23, 2023	Ed McGarvey	Volunteer	Andrea Christoff Volunteer
9:00 a.m. Sunday December 24, 2023	Suzanne Brown	Kasen Gipe Branson Gipe	Marcia Slates Volunteer
5:00 p.m. Saturday December 30, 2023	Cathy Wilson	Maggie Stiffler	Kathy Lantz Mary Lyons
9:00 a.m. Sunday December 31, 2023	Dennis Drake	Maria Mellott Bella Starr Abe Weirich	Will Crouse Volunteer

Sacrament of Baptism of Infants:

By appointment, preferably celebrated within the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, families, regardless of religious affiliation, are encouraged to attend and participate in Baptismal Sacramental Preparation and Celebration. Sponsor certificate must be received at the Parish Office if the sponsors are not members of Saint Catherine of Siena Church.

Becoming Catholic:

This is an ongoing journey of preparation. We invite all who are interested to contact the Parish Office or drop a note into the collection basket with your intention to become a Catholic, your name, address and telephone number to contact you for further information. Sacrament of Baptism or Reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church will be celebrated at Easter Vigil.