



## St. Catherine Church

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**SATURDAY, December 13: VIGIL OF THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**5:00 p.m. MASS** – † Fr. Joe by Mary Lou

**SUNDAY, December 14: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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

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**Monday, December 15: Advent Weekday**

**8:00 a.m.** – † A.J. Welch by Keats and Janet Daschbach

**Tuesday, December 16: Advent Weekday**

**8:00 a.m.** – † Betty Feagley by Carol and Family

**Wednesday, December 17: Late Advent Weekday**

**8:00 a.m.** – † Fr. Joe by Ron and Judy Hayduk

**Thursday, December 18: Late Advent Weekday**

**8:00 a.m.** – † Mary Agnes Akens by Bob and Ann Gilliland

**Friday, December 19: Late Advent Weekday**

**8:00 a.m.** – † For Vocations

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**SATURDAY, December 20: VIGIL OF FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**5:00 p.m. MASS** – † Richard Calupca by Family

**SUNDAY, December 21: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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

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**Look around the Stable** will be presented on Sunday, December 21 during the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Practice will be Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> during CCD.

The **Catholic Daughters** will be selling cookie trays on Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> after Masses.

**The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown** Permanent Diaconate is still active. Across impoverished villages, our Permanent Deacons and mission volunteer are transforming lives through education, nourishment, and compassion. This holiday season please consider making a donation. Please see Deacon John for more information.

**Advent Prayer for Life:** Lord of Light and Life, in this holy season of waiting, we remember that you came to bring life in all its fullness. Awaken our hearts to cherish every breath, to protect the vulnerable, and to honor the sacred gift of life in all its forms. As we light the candles of Advent, may hope burn brightly in our spirits, peace settle gently in our homes, joy overflow in our words, and love guide every choice we make. Prepare us, O Lord, to welcome you not only in the manger, but in the faces of those we meet each day. May our lives reflect your light, until the day we see you face to face. Amen

**Third Sunday of Advent December 14, 2025**

## Schedule of Liturgical Ministries for December 20/21, 2025

MASS	Lectors	Altar Servers	Hospitality Ministers (Greeters)	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Saturday <b>5:00 p.m.</b>	Maggie Stiffler	Guy Kumpf	Volunteer	Maggie Stiffler Maria Danish
Sunday <b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Beth Lear	Maria Mellott Bella Starr	Volunteer	Will Crouse Marcia Slates

**December 14, 2025 –  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Advent**

Good news, Christian Stewards – we are gaining ground on our Advent mountain climb and it is time to take a moment to rejoice in the Good News that our Savior will come again in triumph one day. Today’s reading on this Gaudete (‘Rejoice’) Sunday are filled with reminders of God’s final victory over suffering and injustice, and encouragement to remain steadfast in our mission to live as faith-filled disciples.

Our Gospel passage, from Matthew, connects the prophecy of Isaiah to the arrival of Jesus almost word for word. In this passage we find the imprisoned John the Baptist sending his disciples to ask Jesus if he is indeed the long-awaited Messiah. Jesus’ reply is almost identical to Isaiah’s prophetic words. He says, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised... “The Savior really has arrived just as promised! Yet that arrival was 700 years after Isaiah’s prediction. God always fulfills his promises, but patience and firmness of heart are required as we await his perfect timing.

Let us rejoice in the knowledge that God has called us to enter this kingdom. Let us keep our hearts firmly fixed on this eternal goal and strive with all our might to give God and others the very best of ourselves in gratitude for such a privilege.



Lisa Callahan, Mary Hancock, Jess Whitsel



**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, December 14, 2025:** Dennis Drake  
**Sunday, December 21, 2025:** Mary Secrest

### ProLife

**December 14** -“God’s love does not distinguish between the infant in the mother’s womb or the child or the youth or the adult or the older person. In each one God sees His image and likeness. Human life is a manifestation of God and His glory.” Pope Benedict XVI

**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.

### **December 14 Third Sunday of Advent Matthew 11:2-11**

The question put to Jesus in today’s gospel is also put to us today. “Are you the one?” Are you the one who will give guidance to the children in your life or must they look to TV sitcoms, films, videos and music lyrics for direction? Are you the one? Will you be the one?

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**December 2025 Schedule for Liturgical Ministries at Saint Catherine**

Date/Mass	Readers	Altar Servers	Ministers
5:00 p.m. Saturday December 6, 2025	Maggie Stiffler	Ann Bonson	Maggie Stiffler Kevin Muha
9:00 a.m. Sunday December 7, 2025	Dennis Drake	Jax McCartney Dane Varner Nolan Starr	Beth Lear Volunteer
5:00 p.m. Saturday December 13, 2025	Cathy Wilson	Volunteer	Ann Bonson Mary Lyons
9:00 a.m. Sunday December 14, 2025	Louise Ketner	Kasen Gipe Branson Gipe	Louise Ketner Volunteer
5:00 p.m. Saturday December 20, 2025	Maggie Stiffler	Guy Kumpf	Maria Danish Volunteer
9:00 a.m. Sunday December 21, 2025	Beth Lear	Maria Mellott Bella Starr	Will Crouse Marcia Slates
5:00 p.m. Saturday December 27, 2025	Ed McGarvey	Maggie Stiffler	Andrea Christoff Volunteer
9:00 a.m. Sunday December 28, 2025	Suzanne Brown	Quinn Stoltzfus Quinn Weirich Abe Weirich	Brent Stoltzfus Beth Lear