



St. Catherine Church

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SATURDAY, December 23: VIGIL OF FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:00 p.m. – † Joan Renninger by Mary Leonard Family

SUNDAY, December 24: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 a.m. MASS – People of the Parish

4:00 p.m. MASS – People of the Parish

Monday, December 25: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Christmas)

9:00 a.m. – † People of the Parish

Tuesday, December 26: Saint Stephen, The First Martyr

8:00 a.m. – † Deceased of Clara Puchalla Family by Joe and Maria Danish

Wednesday, December 27: Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

8:00 a.m. – † Katherine Yakymac by the Yakymac Family

Thursday, December 28: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

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

Friday, December 29: Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

8:00 a.m. MASS – † Paul Perencevic by Grant and Maggie

SATURDAY, December 30: VIGIL OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

5:00 p.m. – † Jean DeVecchis by Audrey Kumpf Family

SUNDAY, December 31: THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

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

Mass Schedule:

December 23, 2023 (Saturday): **ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA** Mass Schedule: 5:00 p.m.

December 24, 2023 (Sunday): **ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA** Mass Schedule: 9:00 a.m.

December 24, 2023 (Sunday): **CHRISTMAS MASS AT St. CATHERINE OF SIENA** Mass Schedule:
4:00 p.m. Holy Day of Obligation

December 25, 2023 (Monday): **CHRISTMAS MASS AT ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA** Mass Schedule:
9:00 a.m. Holy Day of Obligation

January 1st, 2024 – Mary, Mother of God is **NOT A HOLYDAY THIS YEAR**

Regular Mass Schedule for weekend of December 30th – January 1st is normal times.

Mass on Saturday, December 30th is 5:00 p.m.

Mass on Sunday, December 31 is 9:00 a.m.

Mass on Monday, January 1st is at 8:00 a.m. Regular 8:00 a.m. Masses the week of January 1st
thru January 4th.

Schedule of Liturgical Ministries for December 30/31 2023

MASS	Lectors	Altar Servers	Hospitality Ministers (Greeters)	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Cathy Wilson	Maggie Stiffler		Kathy Lantz Mary Lyons
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Dennis Drake	Maria Mellott Bella Starr Abe Weirich		Will Crouse Volunteer

Pro Life

Dec. 24 – Let us remember that the Christmas heart is a giving heart, a wide open heart that thinks of others first. The birth of the Baby Jesus stands as the most significant event in all history, because it has meant the pouring into a sick world of the healing medicine of love which has transformed all manner of hearts for almost two thousand years.



SANCTUARY CANDLE:
Poor Souls



GIFT BEARERS for:

Saturday, December 30, 2023: Volunteers
Sunday, December 31, 2023: Volunteers

COLLECTION COUNTING SCHEDULE for:
Sunday, December 24, 2023: Postponed
Sunday, December 31, 2023: Postponed

Healing Mass: Holy Spirit Ministry will hold a Special Healing Mass on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 7 pm, at St. Michael Church, Hollidaysburg. This powerful night of hope and healing is for all who are suffering physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Fr. Brad Baldwin TOR will be the main celebrant.

Praise and worship will precede the Mass at 6:30 pm and prayer ministry will follow the Mass. If you are suffering physically, or from an addiction, or hurting or struggling in any way, come and experience the healing power of Jesus and be set free! All are welcome!

LITURGICAL REFLECTION... The Word has become flesh and dwells among us. This Christmas Day Christians celebrate the mystery of the eternal Word of God becoming one like us in all things but sin. The Eternal Word lived on this earth, to reveal to us the great love of God. God who has no beginning or end has arrived as an infant in a manger. We are filled with awe as we attempt to understand the mystery of this birth. Angels and shepherds sing Christmas praise. We join in singing-*Glory to God in the highest and peace to people of good will!*



DEPRESSED OR ANXIOUS? NEED SOME HELP AND SUPPORT?

Catholic Charities, an agency of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown offers professional, confidential counseling for individuals, children and youth, families, and couples. Please call them at 944-9388 for more information.



Birthdays Fay Smith

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.