



St. Catherine Church

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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 – People of the Parish

Monday, January 1: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

8:00 a.m. – † People of the Parish

Tuesday, January 2: Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors

8:00 a.m. – † Salvatore and Concetta Magliere by Joe and Maria

Wednesday, January 3: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:00 a.m. – † Mary Rose Conrad by Jack and Family

Thursday, January 4: Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

8:00 a.m. MASS – † Joseph S. & Catherine Danish by Joe and Maria

Friday, January 5: Saint John Neumann, Bishop

8:00 a.m. MASS – † David Kalinowski by Keats and Janet Daschbach

SATURDAY, January 6: VIGIL OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

5:00 p.m. – † Gerard Lyons by Keats and Janet Daschbach

SUNDAY, January 7: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. They are a model for all families. And just as the Holy Family is holy, our families too are called to be holy. This may seem like a daunting task at times! Yet, as Christians stewards we know that this holiness is achievable by living as disciples of Christ.

Our Gospel today says a great deal about trust and surrender to our lord- two trademark words of a steward. As the Holy Family brought the infant Jesus to the temple, they encountered two key individuals. Simeon and Anna. Upon seeing the Infant, both praised the Lord, rejoiced in the coming of their Savior and prophesized about what was to come. It says, “the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was said about him.” We can imagine that two parents would be taken aback by these words! Yet, through all of this, the Holy Family surrendered their lives to God and had unwavering faith and trust in His plan. Thankfully, they did, because the fulfillment of this plan meant the salvation for man!

Believe it or not, God has a plan for our lives too. Oftentimes, we get in the way of what He has in store for us. Although our plan might be “good”, God’s plan is great and will fulfill our hearts more than we could ever have imagined. Like the Holy Family, we just need to trust, surrender and be attentive to God’s voice.

As we celebrate this Christmas season with joy and gladness for our Savior, let us deepen our commitment to Him through the love and service we give our family members, and trust and surrender we place in God to take care of us each day.

Schedule of Liturgical Ministries for January 6/7 2024

MASS	Lectors	Altar Servers	Hospitality Ministers (Greeters)	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Maggie Stiffler	Volunteer		Maggie Stiffler Maria Danish
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Louise Ketner	Quinn Weirich Nolan Starr Abe Weirich		Louise Ketner Volunteer

Pro Life

Dec. 31 – Abortion kills twice. It kills the body of the baby and it kills the conscience of the mother. Abortion is profoundly anti-woman. Three quarters of its victims are women: Half the babies and all the mothers.



SANCTUARY CANDLE:
Poor Souls



GIFT BEARERS for:

Saturday, January 6, 2024: Volunteers

Sunday, January 7, 2024: Volunteers

COLLECTION COUNTING SCHEDULE for:

Sunday, December 31, 2023: Postponed

Sunday, January 7, 2024: Mary Secrest

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!

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.

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



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 Ariana Detwiler, Guy Kumpf, Dane Varner, Katelynn Feather, Alison Roddy, Esther Gaisior

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.