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SATURDAY, November 29: VIGIL OF FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:00 p.m. MASS – † Deceased Knights of Columbus

SUNDAY, November 30: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

Monday, December 1: Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. – † Communion Service

Tuesday, December 2: Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. – † Nicholas Witychak by Bob and Ann Gilliland

Wednesday, December 3: Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

8:00 a.m. – † For Vocations

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

8:00 a.m. – † Dorothea Goodling by Bob and Ann Gilliland

Friday, December 5: Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. – † Nick Imperioli by Therese Branigan and Family

SATURDAY, December 6: VIGIL OF SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:00 p.m. MASS – † Father Joe by Maggie and Grant

SUNDAY, December 7: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

The Catholic Daughters are once again having the Giving Tree for Residents of Shirley Home and Head Start Children.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: One half hour before Saturday evening Mass or anytime by appointment/request.

THE STUDENTS WILL SING **TWO CHRISTMAS SONGS** AT THE END OF MASS ON **Sunday, December 14th**.

LOOK AROUND THE STABLE will be presented on **Sunday, December 21** during the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Practice will be December 7 and Sunday, December 14 during CCD.

There will be a **Children's Program** at the Christmas Eve Mass. The students will walk up to the reading of the Christmas Story during the homily. If your child is able to participate, please have them in the Holy Family Hall 30 min prior to Mass. They will dress in costume.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT NOVEMBER 30, 2025

Schedule of Liturgical Ministries for December 6/7, 2025

MASS	Lectors	Altar Servers	Hospitality Ministers (Greeters)	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Maggie Stiffler	Ann Bonson	Volunteer	Maggie Stiffler Kevin Muha
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Dennis Drake	Jax McCartney Dane Varner Nolan Starr	Volunteer	Beth Lear Volunteer

**November 30, 2025 –
1st Sunday of Advent**

Today we begin the beautiful season of Advent. It is a season meant for preparation – but for what exactly are we preparing? Two things actually –the celebration of our Savior’s birth and the anticipation of His second coming. These are weighty tasks that have eternal consequences. So, let us Christian stewards make the words of the Prophet Isaiah our motto for the season: “Come, let us climb the Lord’s mountain to the house of the God of Jacob, that He may instruct us in His ways and we may walk in His paths.”

How can we Christian stewards prepare ourselves and our families for a holy celebration of Jesus’ birth on Dec 25 and for his certain second coming at a date we do not know? We can push back against the world’s pressure to have the perfect Christmas.’ Scale back on the material kind of gift-giving, the complicated menus, and the unessential trappings of the season so that we have more time for spiritual preparation: confession, weekday Mass, adoration, family prayer time, lighting the Advent wreath, and performing acts of kindness.

It may feel like a mountain to climb, but the end, we will be prepared to celebrate a truly meaningful Christmas, we will have become more like our Savior, and we will be ready for Him to come again. Let’s go climb the Lords’ mountain.

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



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, November 30, 2025: Maggie Stiffler
Sunday, December 7, 2025: Will Crouse

ProLife

November 30 -The legal system has become equally inconsistent on the subject of life’s sanctity. While the courts permit abortion on grounds that a fetus doesn’t qualify as a human because it can neither survive outside the womb nor enjoy the finer things in life, federal officials ruthlessly prosecute people who harm birds or even a bird egg. How sad!

November 30, 2025: First Sunday of Advent

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 strength” to be courageous.

Marian Devotions:

Approximately 30 minutes before each Mass begins with the recitation of the Holy Rosary.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: One half hour before Saturday evening Mass or anytime by appointment/request.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT NOVEMBER 30, 2025

September/ October 2025 Schedule for Liturgical Ministries at Saint Catherine			
Date/Mass	Readers	Altar Servers	Ministers
5:00 p.m. Saturday November 22, 2025	Ed McGarvey	Maggie Stiffler	Kevin Muha Mary Lyons
9:00 a.m. Sunday November 23, 2025	Beth Lear	Bella Starr Maria Mellott	Will Crouse Volunteer
5:00 p.m. Saturday November 29, 2025	Louise Ketner	Volunteer	Louise Ketner Maria Danish
9:00 a.m. Sunday November 30, 2025	Suzanne Brown	Quinn Weirich Abe Weirich	Marcia Slates Volunteer
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	Dayton Shugarts	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
5:00 p.m. Saturday December 28, 2025	Suzanne Brown	Quinton Stolfus Quinn Weirich	Brent Stolfus Beth Lear