

December 5 – Second Sunday of Advent



Saint Luke loves to be precise in his Gospel, so he documents the exact time and place of the appearance of John the Baptist, the precursor to Jesus. Tiberius was the second emperor of Rome, and the fifteenth year of his reign corresponds to AD 27. Pontius Pilate was prefect from the years 26 to 36. Herod Antipas, son of Herod the Great, ruled in Galilee until his death in the year 39 and is the Herod who had John the Baptist beheaded. On the Jewish side, Caiaphas was high priest, and his influential father-in-law Annas was considered a leader of Jewish religious life.

These historical dates align with Luke's explanation, as well as other events described in his Gospel. Ours is a faith based on real people and events. No doubt there is a great appreciation for the supernatural in our faith, but it is never against nature, just beyond it.

Jesus praised John the Baptist (see Matthew 11:2–9) for his strong will and dedication. Humility, austerity, courage, and a spirit of prayer are also a large part of the testimony John left us. In the Vatican painting, Virgin and Child Surrounded by Saints, the artist Marco Palmezzano dresses John the Baptist in the martyr's red and camel skin to accent his supreme virtue. So dedicated and heroic was he in his fulfillment of the mission entrusted to him, Jesus acclaimed "among those born of women there has been none greater" (Matthew 11:11). "He was a burning and shining lamp" (John 5:35) to illuminate the path toward the true light who was coming into the world. Once that divine light arrived, John receded into the shadows. + Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



"God of hope, I look to you with an open heart and yearning spirit. During this Advent season, I will keep alert and awake, listening for your word and keeping to your precepts. My hope is in you." ~ Matthew Kelly

SANCTUARY LIGHT

December 5 – Maurice Mistler
December 12 – Jim and Ruby Freeman
December 19 – Jim and Glenna Schuler

MASS INTENTIONS

December 4 – Kenny Walke
December 5 – Andrew Niese
December 8 – Dennis Schwering
December 11 – Richard Wagner
December 12 – Martha Moorman

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Wednesday – December 8 at 7:00 PM

Lectors: Susan Schutte, Jack Ferkinhoff
Gifts: Paul and Arlene Gehl
Eucharist Minister: Judy Steuri

Saturday – December 11 at 4:00 PM

Lector: Jack Ferkinhoff
Gifts: Mike and Cathy Wagner
Eucharist Minister: Judy Steuri

Sunday – December 12 at 10:00 AM

Lectors: Donna Harlemert, Julie Stephens
Gifts: Steve and Ann Wagner
Eucharist Minister: Cindy Weisenbach

Saturday – December 18 at 4:00 PM

Lector: Tara Ricke
Gifts: Mark and Rosie Lunsford
Eucharist Minister: Terry Harmeyer

Sunday – December 19 at 10:00 AM

Lectors: David Hardesty, Amanda Schutte
Gifts: Ron and Donna Harlemert
Eucharist Minister: Vicki Wagner

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$2246.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 3.33
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 260.00</u>
Total Collection	\$2509.33
Capital Improvement	\$620.00
Religious Ed	\$100.00
Cemetery	\$50.00

THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU IN HIS LOVING CARE!

MANY THANKS – Fr. Bill Turner wishes to thank you for your prayers and wonderful thoughts as he works his way to recovery. He has grown to appreciate ever more fully now how important good health is. He is very much looking forward to returning and is determined to get back to serving God's people. He gives thanks during this time of thanksgiving that he knows such wonderful people like you.

BLOOD PRESSURE – You can get your blood pressure checked this weekend in the St. Anne Room following the Masses. Roseann Wirth and Jodi Meister will be there to assist you.

HOLY DAY – **The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is this Wednesday, December 8. Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 PM. Mary, who was conceived without sin, answered the call to welcome Christ into her life and brought him forth into the world. Together in love, let us celebrate this feast of love. St. John's Mass will be celebrated that morning at 8:00 AM.**

CHURCH CLEANING – Committee #12 with Linda Wagner as chairperson will be cleaning the church for the month of December. Thanks to all the ladies for a job well done!

CONGRATULATIONS – Congratulations to **Kayla Simon**, who was one of the five finalists selected for the Ripley County Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship. We're proud of you!

DONUTS AND COFFEE – Donuts and coffee will not be served Sunday after Mass until the first of the year. The hall is being rented several times in December. Sunday, January 2, coffee and donuts will resume, but only on the first Sunday of each month.

GIVING TREE – The ornaments on the Giving Tree contain items for the residents at the Silver Memories Nursing Home and the retired Sisters at the Motherhouse. We have helped them in the past, and the Liturgy Committee decided to continue this practice again this Advent season. Return your gifts by December 19 is possible.

UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL – Please send your donation to the Archdiocese. Thank you.

PRE-CHRISTMAS GATHERING:
December 11 and 12 following the Masses



**HOT CHOCOLATE, COOKIES,
TREATS FOR THE CHILDREN**

*Stay as long or as briefly as you wish!
Let's come together "in His Love."*

NATIONAL COLLECTION – The weekend of December 11-12, parishes in the Archdiocese will participate in the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. This national collection assists those eligible religious communities with supplemental funding to provide eldercare, nursing care, and medications for our senior women and men religious. Thank you for your ongoing financial support to this collection.

ADVENT BOOKLETS – You will find two Advent booklets in the vestibule of church for your home use. "Waiting in Wondrous Expectation" is for adults and "Jesus, Fill My Heart with Joy" is for children

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – Preschool through Grade 5 on Wednesday, December 8, 6:45 PM. The children will attend the 7:00 PM Mass in honor of Mary.

Junior High and High School – Your next class is on Sunday, December 12, 8:30 AM.

Confirmation class will also meet on December 12, 8:30 AM also. Your topic will be Holy Orders and Anointing of the Sick.

CHRISTMAS CARDS – If you are sending Christmas cards, you might want to send one to the following parishioners: Frances Borgman, 3518 W. Napoleon Wilson St., Batesville, IN 47006; Rosemary Mistler, 6569 N. Old Michigan Rd., Osgood, IN 47037; Frances Werner, 6568 S. Co. Rd. 700 E., Greensburg, IN 47240; and Lynn Herbert, Heritage House, 410 Park Rd., Greensburg, IN 47240.

THE LORD'S LAUGHTER – "Respect your elders. They graduated from school without the Internet." (via Dr. Risa Samra, Saginaw, MI, The Joyful Noiseletter)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
			Confession for Grades 3, 4, and 5 7:00 PM	Finance Committee Meeting 6:00 PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00 – Noon 	Celebration of the Eucharist 4:00 PM Confession Before and After Mass Hall Rented
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Mass – Second Sunday of Advent Religious Education 8:30 AM Hall Rented		 Ladies Christmas Party 6:00 PM (Doors Open at 5:30 PM)	Mass for Feast of the Immaculate Conception <i>Religious Education Children Will Attend</i>		St. Anthony, Morris, Live Nativity 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Celebration of the Eucharist 4:00 PM Confession Before and After Mass Parish Pre-Christmas Gathering
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
RE Classes – 8:30 AM 10:00 Mass – Third Sunday of Advent Confession Before and After Mass Parish Pre-Christmas Gathering St. John Parish Mission – 7:00 PM	St. John Parish Mission 7:00 PM	St. John Parish Mission 7:00 PM Holy Family, Oldenburg, Parish Mission 7:00 PM	RE Classes and Christmas Party 6:45 PM Holy Family, Oldenburg, Parish Mission 7:00 PM	Holy Family, Oldenburg, Parish Mission 7:00 PM		Celebration of the Eucharist 4:00 PM Hall Rented
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
RE Classes and Breakfast – 8:30 AM 10:00 Mass – Fourth Sunday of Advent GIVING TREE GIFTS RETURNED DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS					 <i>Christmas Eve</i> Mass 4:00 PM	 <i>Christmas Day</i> Mass 8:30 AM
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
10:00 Mass – Feast of the Holy Family 					Feast of Mary, Mother of God 4:00 PM	