

Prayers for the Sick

Please help us keep the list of the sick updated. If you would like to be on the email prayer chain or want to submit a prayer request of any kind please email joanconlon59@yahoo.com:

Carol Sebastian
Cody Jacobsen
William Kelley
Ernie Schantz
Blake Kuntz
Ashley Braem
Harper Wetzell
Paul Wehri
Lee Ann Hoff
Jesse and Bud Woeste
Jenny Funk
Peter Remboldt
Lane William Joshua
Rick Wiege
Terry Schantz
Marty Kettering
Mike Hosman
Sharon Ornelas
John Wanner
Zach Dittus
Aaron Morman
Jim Wanner
Ann Kitzan
Julie Petersen
Katie Goetz
Ty Gietzen
Raleigh Miller
Joan Geiger

Mass Intentions

Dec 16 th	6:30 PM	+Mary Schantz by Tom & Joan Conlon
Dec 17 th	8:30 AM	For the People of the Parish
Dec 19 th	9:00 AM	Special Intentions for Ann Kitzan
Dec 20 th	6:00 PM	Merry Christmas to Glory Ann Wanner by Janice Potter
Dec 22 nd	9:00 AM	+ Jerome Feist by Dorothy Feist
Dec 23 rd	6:30 PM	++ Joe & Margaret Tibor & Deceased Family Members
Dec 24 th	Midnight	For the People of the Parish
Dec 25 th	10:30 AM	+ Michelle Duppong

**** Confessions Half an Hour before Mass****

Ministers

December 16th- Saturday- 6:30 PM:

Lector: David Wanner
Ushers: David & Cheryl Wanner
Servers: Cambri & Brynlee
Rosary: Volunteer

December 17th- Sunday- 8:30 AM:

Lector: Kevin Staiger
Ushers: Kevin & Toni Staiger
Servers: Scarlet, Felix, Hattie
Rosary: Ken Duppong

December 19th- Tuesday- 9:00 AM

December 20th- Wednesday- Adoration
5:00 PM TO 6:00 PM; Mass at 6:00 PM

December 22nd - Friday- Mass at 9:00 AM
Adoration 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM

December 23rd- Saturday- 6:30 PM:

Lector: Ty Wehri
Ushers: Kerry & Brenda Richardson
Servers: Addison & Tegan
Rosary: Volunteer

Christmas Eve Midnight Mass at Midnight
Lectors, Ushers, Servers and Rosary are all volunteer

Christmas Day- Monday- 10:30 AM:

Lector: Ken Duppong
Ushers: Don & Deb Wanner
Servers: Ava, Isla & Olivia
Rosary: Ken Duppong

**If you are unable to fulfill your ministry,
including Altar Servers,
PLEASE FIND SOMEONE TO FILL IN FOR YOU.**

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve: 4:00 PM- Sacred Heart

7:00 PM- St. Josephs

Midnight- St. Ann's

Christmas Day: 8:30 AM- Sacred Heart

10:30 AM- St. Ann's

RELIGIOUS CLASS SCHEDULES:

**CCD K-6TH: 3:30 PM TO 5PM EVERY
WEDNESDAY**

**CYO 7TH & 8TH: 7PM TO 8PM EVERY
WEDNESDAY**

POST CONFIRMATION- EVERY 1ST, 3RD

Mass Schedule – Central Time

Masses at St. Ann's

Saturday 6:30 PM

Sunday 8:30 AM

Tuesday & Friday 9:00 AM

Masses at Sacred Heart:

Saturday 9:00 AM & 4:00 PM

Sunday 10:30 AM

Thursday 9:00 AM

Parish Office Hours are 10 AM TO 1PM

Tuedays and Fridays

Stewardship of Treasure

Adult: \$ 878

Loose: \$ 146.01

Kids: \$ 26.25

Poinsettias: \$ 155

Retirement Fund for Religious: \$25

Immaculate Conception: \$315

Thank you for your donations!

**FIRST, THIRD AND FIFTH WEDNESDAYS THERE
WILL BE EUCHARTISTIC ADORATION FROM 5
TO 6 FOLLOWED BY MASS.**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

* **Angle Tree**- This year we will be giving back to our community in Hebron for those in need. If you wish to donate, please pick an ornament of your choice off of the tree and purchase the certificate that is on the ornament. Please return the certificates back to church by Dec. 17th. Thank you!

* **Poinsettias**- if you would like to donate money to help with the purchase of our poinsettias for Christmas, please donate in honor of a loved one. We will list the names in the Christmas Bulletin, Thank you!

* **Bookstore**- There are Christmas and Advent items in the Bookstore for purchase!

* **Bible Study**- Wednesday nights at 7 pm

* **Men's group**- Sundays at 6:30 PM in the resource room at Sacred Heart.

* **Facebook**- There is a new facebook page for our parish- please search for Church of St. Anns- this will be another way to keep up to date on activities going on within the church!

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“Who are you then?” The religious leaders of his day wanted to know who John the Baptist was, because the Jews were eagerly awaiting the coming of the Messiah. Sadly, when Jesus came and announced that He was the Messiah, they were envious of Him, reviled Him, and eventually put Him to death. As we continue our spiritual preparations for Christmas, we might ask daily in prayer: “Lord Jesus, help me to seek and find You in my life.” This raises an important question: What might be impeding me from *finding* Jesus in my life? Perhaps we need to remove these obstacles so that we may see Jesus clearly and welcome Him daily into our souls with great joy.

Saint of the Week: Saint John Cantius (1390-1473)

Feast day: December 23rd

Patron: Poland and Lithuania

Saint John Cantius was born in Oswiecim, Poland in 1390 into a pious Polish Catholic family. His parents were poor farmers who made many sacrifices to provide for their son’s education, especially when Saint John asked if he could attend the Academy of Krakow, with the hope of one day being a priest.

At the university and later at the seminary, Saint John distinguished himself as a man of deep piety and great intelligence. At a young age, he had acquired both a masters and a doctorate in philosophy and theology and upon ordination to the priesthood, he was assigned to teach at his alma mater, the Academy of Krakow. Here he was well loved by his students, because he provided orthodox teaching with charitable and practical applications. As a man of great humility and kindness, he was also sought out by many university students as a confessor and a spiritual advisor.

In his lifetime, few people knew of the charitable work he did throughout the city of Krakow, as a generous benefactor to the poor and needy. To the poor, he offered financial assistance, food, and clothing. Once, during a bitterly cold Polish winter, he even gave away the shoes he was wearing. When asked why, he humbly stated, “This impoverished individual needed my shoes more than I did.” He slept on the floor, having given his bed to a poor family, and he ate very little, because most of his daily rations were given to needy persons.

In his lifetime, people believed Saint John to be a man of God and many miracles were attributed to him. Once, a

poor servant girl dropped a jar of milk on her way from the market and feared a beating from her severe mistress. Saint John heard of the incident and he prayed over the jar, which was miraculously restored, with the milk in it! Other stories speak of sick people who were healed when he prayed over them and touched them, as well as money that seemed to come from nowhere, to benefit needy families.

Before Saint John died, in 1473, he had given everything away and was buried in mere rags. He died with so little, but was esteemed so greatly as an example of charity to emulate. In fact, for many years, on the anniversary of his death, it was a pious custom for a seminary professor to invite a poor man to have dinner with him. The great charity of Saint John continued to move others to imitate this holy servant of the Church. Like him, may our great charity for others leave a lasting impression.

May the Angels Lead You to Paradise

We offer our prayers and condolences to Mike Hauser and his family, with the death of *+Laurie Hauser*, whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated this past week at Saint Ann’s Church. *+Laurie’s* faith, spirit of joy, and love of all who came into her life will indeed leave a lasting impression. For her life of service and total self-giving, may *+Laurie* receive the gift of everlasting life in the glory of heaven. *Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.*

Spread the Joy of Christmas Through Caroling

Please join in the time-honored Christmas tradition of spreading holiday cheer through the great deposit of Christmas songs and hymns sung in Christmas caroling. This **Sunday, December 17th**, I invite all parishioners, including the youth of Sacred Heart Parish, to join the Knights of Columbus **at 5:00 p.m.** in Christmas caroling at Marian Manor and the adjoining assisted living apartments. At Saint Ann’s, the youth are invited to Christmas caroling in the Christmas season on **Tuesday, December 26th**. We will gather for a pizza supper at church **at 6:00 p.m.** and then go caroling throughout the community. I look forward to having you join in spreading the joy of Christmas through caroling. We assuredly will sing the favorite Christmas song of parents: *Silent Night*. This one they always seem to be humming

when the kids are finally in bed and sleeping. I wonder why?

May God Bless You for Your Generous Spirit

Thank you to everyone who has been so generous with our parish *Giving Tree* efforts this Christmas. So many people will be assisted in their basic needs because of your great Christian charity. May God reward you! If you want to be part of this holiday charitable effort, please do so before the end of this week, so that we can provide for the recipients of the *Giving Tree* campaign. A blessed Christmas to all who have helped bring blessings to the lives of so many this Christmas. The Christ Child is well pleased.

On the Lighter Side, *Christmas Humor*

Why did Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer fail to make the honor roll? Answer: He went down in history. [Go ahead, groan . . . this joke had it coming].

A Christian Point to Ponder

“The world might have expected the Son of God to be born in an inn. A stable would be the last place in the world where one would have looked for Him. Divinity is always where one would least expect it. [Blessed Fulton Sheen].