

ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 21st
2025
Fourth Sunday
of Advent

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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:

Blake Kuntz
Jenny Funk
Ann Kitzan
Shane Focht
Father James Kilzer OSB
Natalie Sutto
Lyndsey Gasper
Torin Hedley
Jamie Kouba
Daryl Wanner
Gail Walls
LuAnn Woeste
Ashley Braem
David Berger
Ardie Krueger
Heather Woroneicki
Mitch Moszer
Antonio (baby from St. Gianna's)
Ardelle Tibor

Mass Intentions

Dec 20 th	6:30 PM	+ Gerard Tibor
Dec 21 st	8:30 AM	For the People of the Parish
Dec 23 rd	9:00 AM	+ Jerome Feist by Dorothy Feist
Dec 24 th	9:30 PM	For the People of the Parish
Dec 25 th	10:30 AM	Servant of God + Michelle Duppong
Dec 26 th	9:00 AM	+Anh Gietzen
Dec 27 th	6:30 PM	+ Francis Tibor by Lance & Anisa Gartner
Dec 28 th	8:30 AM	For the People of the Parish

Ministers

December 20th Saturday- 6:30 PM:

Lector: Ty Wehri
Ushers: Kerry & Brenda Richardson
Servers: Cambri, Brynlee & Cade
Rosary: Volunteer

December 21st - Sunday- 8:30 AM:

Lector: David Wanner
Ushers: David & Cheryl Wanner
Servers: Addison, Tegan & Talon
Rosary: Ken Duppong

December 21st - Sunday Penance Services

Sacred Heart: 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM
St. Ann's 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM.

December 23rd -Tuesday- Mass at 9:00 AM

December 24th -Christmas Eve- Wednesday- 9:30 PM:

Lector: David Wanner
Ushers:
Servers:
Rosary: Volunteer

December 25th- Christmas Day- Thursday- 10:30 AM:

Lector: Nicole Vogle
Ushers:
Servers: Jovie & Levi
Rosary: Volunteer

December 26th- Friday- Mass at 9:00 AM;
Adoration 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM

** Confessions 30 minutes before Mass**

First, third and fifth Wednesdays
there will be Eucharistic Adoration
from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM
followed by Mass

Mass Schedule - Central Time

Masses at St. Ann's

Saturday 6:30 PM
Sunday 8:30 AM
Tuesday 9:00 AM
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

Tuesdays and Fridays

The Church is open from
7:30 AM TO 7:30 PM Everyday

ST. ANNS IS AN EMERGENCY STORM SHELTER
FOR THOSE IN NEED DOORS WILL REMAIN OPEN
DURING STORMS

Daily Readings

Dec 21 *Isaiah 7:10-14*
Psalms 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Matthew 1:18-24
Romans 1:1-7
Dec 22 *First Samuel 1:24-28*
First Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8
Luke 1:46-56
Dec 23 *Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24*
Psalms 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14
Luke 1:57-66
Dec 24 *Second Samuel 7:1-5, 8-11, 16*
Psalms 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29
Luke 1:67-79
Dec 25 *Isaiah 52:7-10*
Psalms 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6
John 1:1-18
Hebrews 1:1-6
Dec 26 *Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59*
Psalms 31:3-4, 6, 7, 8, 17, 21
Matthew 10:17-22
Dec 27 *First John 1:1-4*
Psalms 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12
John 20:2-8

Upcoming Events

*Bible Study- Monday nights at 7:00 PM

* Flower Offering envelopes are available in the gathering space to those who wish to donate in the memory of a loved one.

*Giving Tree- Thank you to everyone that donated to the Giving Tree. We will be able to help out families in our community during the Christmas Season!

*December 13th & 14th- Collection for the Retirement for Religious- envelopes available in the gathering space

*Sunday, December 21st- Sacrament of Penance in our parishes:
Sacred Heart: 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM
St. Ann's 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM.

*Children's Advent and Christmas items available in the St. Ann's bookstore!

*Christmas Schedule and Volunteer sign up sheets are in the gathering space.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve:

4:00 PM at Sacred Heart.

6:30 PM at St. Joseph's

9:30 PM at St. Ann's

Midnight at Sacred Heart

Christmas Day:

10:30 AM at St. Ann's

2:00 PM at Marian Manor

Ministries sign up will be in the gathering space

Stewardship of Treasure

Adult: \$1555

Loose: \$118

Fall Collection: \$1825

Immaculate Conception: \$363

Thank you for your donations!

“Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly.”

At a men's retreat, the priest who was the retreat master told the men present that Saint Joseph was a perfect model for them to imitate as fathers and husbands in their families. One man responded cynically that it was hard to associate with Saint Joseph, because he was a saint, his wife, Mary, was sinless, and his son, Jesus, was God. The man went on to say that he was far from being a saint, his wife was also a sinner, and his child was not the Son of God. But the retreat master challenged him and pointed out that all men could learn to *trust* like Saint Joseph, which is really at the heart of why he is a perfect model for them as husbands and fathers. When Saint Joseph could not understand initially that his wife Mary was pregnant by the Holy Spirit, he still trusted and divorced her quietly, rather than expose her to the harshness of the law. Saint Joseph also had to trust when the Holy Family had to flee King Herod and go to Egypt, where they were migrants, making it difficult for them to find shelter and employment. Lastly, when the child Jesus could not be found in the caravan on the way back from Jerusalem, for three days Saint Joseph had to trust that God would help him find his son. So, Saint Joseph is the perfect role model for husbands and fathers, because they must trust in God's providence every day, as they provide for their families and more importantly, guide them in the ways of faith. *Saint Joseph, pray for fathers to trust less in their own abilities and more in the power of God's grace.*

Difficult Scripture Passages

“While He was still speaking to the crowds, His mother and His brothers appeared outside, wishing to speak with Him” (Matthew 12:47).

Regarding the virginity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, “The deepening of faith in the virginal motherhood led the Church to confess Mary's real and perpetual virginity, even in the act of giving birth to the Son of God made man. And so, the liturgy of the Church celebrates Mary as Aeiparthenos, the Ever Virgin” (499). Against this doctrine, we must raise the objection that the Bible clearly mentions the brothers of Jesus. It thus appears that Church teaching contradicts the Sacred Scriptures, unless one understands the meaning of “brother” in the Scriptures.

In our contemporary understanding, a brother is a sibling, someone who shares the same biological parent or parents. But in the Sacred Scriptures, a brother (*adelphos*) also refers to a cousin or some broad relationship that cannot be equated with the bond forged by direct blood relationship or marriage. We witness this in both the Old and New Testaments, as in Hebrews 2: 11, which states, “He (Jesus) who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin. Therefore, He is not ashamed to call them brothers.”

That the brothers referred to in the above passage were really cousins, or some distant relation, has always been the common teaching of the Catholic Church. In fact, early Protestant reformers, namely Martin Luther and John Calvin, also held to Mary's perpetual virginity and therefore did not consider the brothers of Jesus to be true siblings. Jesus is Mary's only son, but her spiritual motherhood extends to all men whom indeed He came to save.

Prepare a Place in Your Soul for Christ at Christmas: When Jesus first came into our world at Bethlehem, He did not receive a great welcome. He was reduced to being born in a stable, a filthy environment, surrounded by animals. I hope this Christmas we can welcome Him in a much better way. The best way is to go to confession, to be in the state of grace, so that our pure and holy soul may welcome our Savior with immense joy and honor. This **Sunday, December 21st**, Father Bruce Krebs and I will be offering the Sacrament of Penance in our parishes: at **Sacred Heart**, confessions will be heard from **2:00 PM to 4:00 PM** and at **Saint Ann's** from **6:30 PM to 8:00 PM**. May God move your hearts to be in the state of grace this Christmas, to provide a worthy dwelling place for the Son of God.

A Blessed Christmas to All: As we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, our Savior, this week, please know that you and your families will be in my prayers, especially before the creche. May the light of the Christ Child brighten the darkest moments of your life and fill your homes with His light and peace. May Christmas always be reminder of the profound truth that God loved this world so much that He sent His only Son, Jesus, to be born among us. May the Christ Child bless you and your families with the abundance of His love and grace. A blessed Christmas to one and all and may the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you now and always.

We Welcome Your Feedback: In this bulletin is an insert, a compilation of the main points presented to us priests at a conference on how to prevent and/or respond to an active shooter entering a Catholic church or church complex. If you could please review the insert and please offer your feedback on this sad, but important matter. Thank you and God bless you.

On the Lighter Side, Christmas Humor: When you stop believing in Santa Claus is when you start getting clothes for Christmas.

A Christian Point to Ponder: *"A stable would be the last place in the world where one would have looked for Jesus. God is always found where one least expects to find Him."*



Saint Gianna Maternity Home Needs- anything is appreciated- no need to wrap the gifts!

Mothers are all in their 20's

Sizes are M, L and XL

Caps, Mittens, Gloves, Socks, Sweatshirts, Hoodies, Winter sweaters, Sweatpants, leggings, hairbrushes and combs, fragrances, lotions, shampoo, anything that a young woman would like.

Babies:

Boy clothes 6-9 months & 12-18 months, Girls clothes 12-18 months, toys and diapers

Gift cards: Walmart, Kohls & JC Penney

St. Gianna's is so appreciative for this baby shower, that will be held January 11th after the Sunday morning Mass. Please give generously this Christmas to these wonderful mothers who have chosen life for their babies!