

ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

November 30th
2025
1st 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
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Natalie Sutto
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Torin Hedley
Jamie Kouba
Daryl Wanner
Gail Walls
LuAnn Woeste
Ashley Braem
David Berger
Ardie Krueger
Heather Woroneicki

Mass Intentions

Nov 29 th	6:30 PM	+ Paul Wehri by Mark & Sara Hauser
Nov 30 th	8:30 AM	Special Intentions for Josephine Erickson
Dec 2 nd	9:00 AM	+ Al Feist by Dorothy Feist
Dec 3 rd	6:00 PM	+Pari Pearson by Leonard & Irene Wehri
Dec 5 th	9:00 AM	+ Steve Schneider
Dec 6 th	6:30 PM	+ Ernie Schantz
Dec 7 th	8:30 AM	For the People of the Parish

Ministers

November 29th Saturday- 6:30 PM:

Lector: Nicole Vogle
Ushers: Clayton & Jan Carter
Servers: Jovie & Levi
Rosary: Volunteer

November 30th - Sunday- 8:30 AM:

Lector: Ken Duppong
Ushers: Don & Deb Wanner
Servers: Easton & Linus
Rosary: Don Wanner

December 2nd -Tuesday- Mass at 9:00 AM

December 3rd- Wednesday- Adoration 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM; Mass at 6:00 PM

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

December 6th- Saturday- 6:30 PM:

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

December 7th - Sunday- 8:30 AM:

Lector: Kirk Peterson
Ushers: Lee & Sara Reinbold
Servers: Scarlet, Felix & Hattie
Rosary: Don Wanner

Immaculate Conception Masses on December 8th

Sacred Heart: 9:00 AM & 7:30 PM

St. Ann's : 5:30 PM

Ministries volunteer signups available in gathering space for St. Ann's

**** 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 Friday

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

Nov 30 *Isaiah 2:1-5*
Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Matthew 24:37-44
Romans 13:11-14
Dec 1 *Isaiah 4:2-6*
Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4, 8-9
Matthew 8:5-11
Dec 2 *Isaiah 11:1-10*
Psalms 72:1, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Luke 10:21-24
Dec 3 *Isaiah 25:6-10*
Psalms 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6
Matthew 15:29-37
Dec 4 *Isaiah 26:1-6*
Psalms 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27
Matthew 7:21, 24-27
Dec 5 *Isaiah 29:17-24*
Psalms 27:1, 4, 13-14
Matthew 9:27-31
Dec 6 *Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26*
Psalms 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Matthew 9:35-10:1, 6-8

Upcoming Events

*Bible Study- Monday nights at 7:00 PM

*St. Anns Annual Fall Collection-
envelopes with family name available in
the gathering space.

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

*Giving Tree- Angel/Giving tree this year
will benefit needy students and families at
the Hebron Public School. We will be
putting together Hebron community bucks
for these families, so that they can utilize
them for some of the necessities of life
offered by our local businesses. To make it
easy for those wishing to donate, the bulbs
on the Giving Tree will have a dollar
amount that you can donate toward this
cause. You can prepare a check (made out
to St. Anns) or some cash and place it in
an envelope marked *Giving Tree*, and then
we will pool these monetary resources and
purchase the necessary Hebron
community bucks for the given families.

*December 7th- KC Breakfast at St. Ann's
after the 8:30 AM Mass- Free will donation-
proceeds will go towards local
seminarians. Knights of Columbus
members please bring rolls!

*Christmas Cookies and Cocoa- Sunday,
December 7th, 2025, from 1 PM to 4 PM-
The Christian Mothers will be selling
Christmas goodies. There will also be a hot
chocolate bar, popcorn and pop!
Christmas crafts will be provided for the
children as well! Come join and celebrate
with friends and family!

*December 14th at 5:30 PM: Knights of
Columbus will be caroling at Marion Manor
in Glen Ullin.

Stewardship of Treasure

Adult: \$1665

Loose: \$78

Fall Collection: \$4105

“Two men will be out in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left.” For fundamentalist Christians, today's Gospel speaks of the rapture, the end times, when the righteous will be taken up to heaven and the unrighteous will be left behind on earth. There are many books, movies, and podcasts which speak of the rapture and normally they instill great fear in people who embrace this theology. But as Catholics, fear is not to mark the end times. We anticipate with joy the inauguration of Christ's Kingdom, because this is what the world has been waiting for. We look forward to a new Heaven and a new Earth because we know that this Earth is not our true home. In fact, we cannot wait to leave Earth behind, because our faith has at its very core the desire to reign forever in Heaven with Christ. The thought of eternal glory, light, and joy in Heaven casts aside all fear. Who would want to stay here on Earth when so much more is waiting for us in Heaven?

Difficult Scripture Passages

“Another of His disciples said to Him, ‘Lord, let me go first and bury my father.’ But Jesus answered him, ‘Follow me and let the dead bury their dead.’” [Matthew 8:21-22]

The pious Jews who heard Jesus speak in this way concerning the dead must have been shocked! A proper burial for the dead was regarded as a family obligation of the highest importance. Christians adopted the same understanding, with the burial of the dead included among the corporal works of mercy... an obligation for the true followers of Jesus Christ. How then do we understand Jesus' seeming disregard for the proper burial of the dead?

First, we are to see in this saying a call to sacrificial service. Nothing must come between us and the call to follow Jesus and to serve Him. As Jesus reminds us earlier in Matthew's Gospel, “Not everybody who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in Heaven” (Matthew 7: 21). Second, Jesus is not disparaging the physically dead, but in this context is speaking of the *spiritually* dead, those who refuse to follow Him. If anyone refuses to listen to His voice, they are dead to the power of His grace in their lives. Furthermore, if they influence others to reject the His call to conversion and discipleship, such persons will also join the ranks of the spiritually dead and they can “bury one another”, a way of saying that they have little hope of eternal life with Him in Heaven. Lastly, in this passage, the disciples of Christ are encouraged to look to the future, to leave a dying cause behind. Whether this dying cause refers to the Pharisees laws and rituals, or to adherence to the way of John the Baptist, is not clear. But one message is clear: nothing equals the life-giving power of grace that Jesus offers, especially in the Holy Eucharist.

Advent Opportunities to Grow in Holiness: When I saw Christmas trees up at Menards already in September and heard Christmas music on the radio in early November, I knew that it was going to be yet another uphill battle to promote the season of Advent before Christmas. Let us be honest: this season has largely been lost because of the sights and sounds of Christmas. But for those who want to experience the true joy of Christmas, the birth of our Savior, the days of spiritual preparation in the Advent season are of the greatest importance. To help you grow closer to Jesus in this holy season, considering the following ways to do so:

- 1) Join in faith formation on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays after Adoration and Mass at Sacred Heart Parish and join in faith formation after the 9:00 Tuesday morning Mass at Saint Ann's.
- 2) Try to come to daily Mass, weekly Adoration, and the Sacrament of Penance during Advent. You cannot bypass these staples of our Faith during this holy season.
- 3) Take part in the Christian tradition of almsgiving by taking a bulb from the Giving Tree in your parish. At Sacred Heart, we will be supporting the needs of Saint Gianna's Maternity Home and at Saint Ann's, we will be supporting needy families in the Hebron community.
- 4) After Mass this weekend, remember to take the name of a family from the wicker basket in the back of each church and commit to praying and fasting for that family during the holy season of Advent. When Advent is complete, it is your choice to tell them or not to tell them that you were praying and fasting for their spiritual well-being during the Advent season.

5) Take part in the corporal work of mercy, feeding the hungry, by baking Christmas cookies for the parish priest. The smell of cookies rising from your oven is like prayers rising up to heaven . . . especially the smell of chocolate.

Rest in God's Peace: We offer our prayers to Janet Tibor and her son, Tate, as they mourn the death of *+Bob Tibor*, whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated last week at Saint Ann's. +Bob will be missed dearly by his family, his Parish of St. Ann's, and so many people beyond our community as well. +Bob was a servant, which stemmed from his deep love for our Lord and his Catholic Faith. For laying down his life so generously for others, may he receive now the unending life of the glory of heaven. *Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.*

Welcome to the Body of Christ: We offer our prayers and congratulations to Joseph & Leah (Gerving) Garland, whose son, *Jack Jerome Garland*, was baptized last Sunday at Sacred Heart Church. May Jack Jerome and his family give praise to God for the beautiful gift of Faith he received on the day of his Baptism . . . the gift that offers profound blessings to him every day throughout the entirety of his life here on earth. God bless you Jack Jerome and be assured of our prayers for you and your family.

On the Lighter Side, Advent Humor: As one door closes, another opens. As one door closes, another opens. As one door closes, another opens. As one door closes, and other opens. [Me eating through a chocolate Advent calendar on day one of the Advent season].

A Christian Point to Ponder: *"Lose yourself in God, and the more you lose, the more you will find."*

Thank you for your donations!

What do you call a sleepwalking nun?

A roamin' Catholic

Why did the priest giggle during his homily?

He had Mass hysteria.

What do you call a priest who becomes a lawyer?

A father-in-law.

Why did the sponge go to church?

It was hole-y.

What did God do to cure Moses' headache?

He gave him two tablets.

This pretty much says it all.

Happy moments, praise God.

Difficult moments, seek God.

Quiet moments, worship God.

Painful moments, trust God.

Every moment, thank God.

