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MASSES FOR THE WEEK: DEC. 8 - 14		
Mon.	7AM	Judy Viscalli-Joseph Gunta
	11:15AM	Deceased members of Petrosky, Steinkirchner and Croyle Families - Therese Croyle & Family
	7PM	Debbie Consiglio - Friends of the St. Vincent DePaul Society - St. Mary's Conference
Tues.	7AM	Elmer & Verda Glee Friedline - Carol & John Barbera Family
Wed.	7AM	Madeline Lightner - The Kazinski Family
Thurs.	7AM	Josephine & Joseph Polakoski - Family
Fri.	7AM	Maxine Rita Krause & Carol Longo - Anthony, Darlene & Harry
	11:15AM	Special Intention J. Shaulis
Sat.	4PM	Robert Kuch - Mary Ann and Leo Maluszewski
Sun.	8AM	Mary Vinzani - Anna, Ben, John, Gina & Families
	10AM	Gregory Svonavec, Sr. - Tom Kuhn & Angie
	12:15PM	For the People



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ORDINARY SCHEDULE - Sat. Mass: 4PM, Sun. Masses: 8AM, 10AM, & 12:15PM.
HOLY DAY MASSES - As announced.
CONFESSIONS: 2:45PM Sat. or upon request.
BAPTISM: Parish registration and participation in baptismal preparation are necessary.
MARRIAGES: The priest is your initial contact. Interview with the couple must precede setting a date.
PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK: Call the Rectory to request the Sacrament of the Sick for family members who are seriously ill. Communion is taken to the hospital, nursing homes, and home-bound on a regular basis.
PARISH MEMBERSHIP: It is important to be a registered parishioner in order to gain the benefits & privileges of parish membership. New parishioners are welcome. If you have moved into, within or outside the parish or are not a member, call the rectory so that your situation may be addressed. For questions, call the rectory, 814-443-6574.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE: DEC. 7 - 14

Sun.	11AM 6PM	Confirmation Candidates Nursing Home Donation Drive - All Masses CCD Class Confirmation Class
Mon.	7AM 11:15AM 7:15PM	Mass - Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass - Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass - Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Tues.	Noon 7PM	Bible Study - Sue Sube's House TMIY Meeting - Hall
Wed.	8AM 6:30PM	Quilters - Annex Adult Choir Practice - Church
Thurs.	6:30PM	Men's Group Rosary & Bible Study - Annex
Fri.	11:15AM	Mass
Sun. 14	11AM 6PM	CCD Class Confirmation Class

CHRISTMAS MASS & CONFESSION TIMES:

Christmas Eve: Wednesday, December 24th
Solemn Christmas Eve Mass - 5PM
Solemn Christmas Mass at Night - 10PM
(Songs by the Choir begin at 9:30PM)
Christmas Day: Thursday, December 25th
Solemn Mass of Christmas Morning - 8AM
Solemn Mass of Christmas Morning - 10AM

CONFESSIONS - In the Church
Thursday, December 18th: 6PM - 7PM
Saturday, December 20th: 1:30PM - 3PM
CONFESSIONS after DEC. 20, (By appointment only)
Please join us this Christmas Season and celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.



HOLIDAY BASKET BAZAAR TOTALS:

Revenue: \$17,859
Expenses \$2,303
Donation back to the Church: \$150
Profit: \$15,706

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH PASTOR’S NOTES:
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - MONDAY, DEC 8
December 8th is a HOLY DAY of OBLIGATION. This feast commemorates the Patroness of the United States, who gave birth to Jesus, the Incarnate Word of God, and who was immaculate herself from the first moment of her conception. Once again, America turns to Our Lady under the title of the Immaculate Conception asking her intercession to watch over and protect our country. **Masses will be celebrated on Monday at 7AM, 11:15AM & 7PM.**

PRIESTS FOR THE FUTURE - Bishop Bartchak would like to remind us to prayerfully consider participating in our diocese’s Vocation Appeal this weekend. Over the last few years, our diocese has had too few seminarians to replace our retiring priests, which poses an urgent need for our prayer and action. To ensure our parishes have priests for the future, our diocese’s Vocation Office has developed a robust plan to promote vocations to the priesthood by reaching out to young men and inviting them to consider the priesthood, which includes:

- A newly formed Vocation Team with 5 priests in different regions of the diocese who are committed to offering mentorship to young men as they discern their vocations.
- Our recent Called by Name campaign, which has already connected the Vocation Team with many incredible young men who may be open to the priesthood. **So far, we have received over 200 submissions,** and expect more as cards arrive in the mail.
- Discernment Retreats & In-Person Events
- Regional Priesthood Discernment Groups that are being held throughout the diocese to help teens and young adults learn about the priesthood and discernment. Dozens of young men are already participating.
- Fr. Brian Norris’s appointment as Vocation Recruiter, expanding the outreach of Fr. Peter Crowe (Vocations Director) and the Vocation Team.
- Revamping communications and marketing to reach more young men.
- Creating a new website with discernment resources that will be the communications hub for our new efforts: **ajvocations.org.**
- Personally accompanying men as they discern their vocations. We are planning an array of Discernment Events, Retreats, and more to support young men in person, all while building much needed community.

Our Vocation Team’s overall strategy is to identify and accompany young men as they discern God’s call. Bishop Bartchak is asking all parishioners to be especially generous to this weekend’s Vocation Appeal. You can also learn more and make a gift by **visiting ajvocations.org/give.**

Why do we light candles on wreaths during Advent? - Advent wreaths are a time-honored tradition and are rich in symbolism. The wreath is an ancient symbol of victory, in this case, paying tribute to Christ's victory over sin. The circular shape of the wreath reminds us that God is eternal; he – like his everlasting love for us - has no beginning and no end. The wreath is usually made of evergreen branches, symbolizing everlasting life. Traditionally, the four candles (three violet, one rose) represent the four thousand years between the fall of Adam and Eve and the birth of Christ. Each week an additional candle is lit, accompanied by Scriptural meditations and prayers. The three violet candles stand for the prayers, penances, and good works we do to prepare for Christ's coming. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday of Advent as a reminder to rejoice, because it tells us the season is almost over. Finally, the progression

(CONT.) of the candles symbolizes the light of Jesus' arrival, which brought us out of the darkness of sin. Let your Advent wreath become the center around which your household gathers together each night during this joyous, but sometimes hectic, season of celebration. As you celebrate with the Advent wreath, include your favorite Advent hymns and songs, scripture readings and prayers focusing of Christ’s threefold Advent – past, present and future.

ADVENT PRAYER:
Help us, Lord Jesus, to hold steadfast to prayer, relying on the Word of God, in all our joys and sorrows, that our hopes in You will ever increase, while our doubts and fears slowly decrease. Help us, Lord, to be a light of hope to those who are in need. To be an example of Your love and mercy, and to tell others of Your great grace and glory. Amen.

Retirement Fund for Religious – A lifetime of service deserves care in return. “Thanks to your generosity, we can provide the very best care to the sisters in our community,” says Sister M. Stephanie Belgeri, 73, a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George in Alton, Illinois. Donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious will help provide housing, medical assistance, and essential care for thousands of aging religious. Please consider giving next week. May God bless you for your generosity.

On behalf of our parish family, we would like to extend our congratulations and blessings to all couples celebrating their wedding anniversaries this month.

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Heavenly Father, bless these couples so that the love they have for each other may continue to reflect the love of Christ for his Church. Look with kindness upon them and continue to bless them with peace, joy, health and happiness.

DECEMBER SANCTUARY CANLE
will burn in memory of Edward Hines from Wife Rita

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWERS may be purchased in memory of a friend, relative or loved one. The cost for a poinsettia is \$20 and there are envelopes in the vestibule. **The deadline is December 15th.** For questions, please call the rectory, 814 - 443 - 6574.

DEAR PARISHIONERS, The second collection will be for the building fund. The sum total of the costs for the following projects is \$122,000.

1.Roof Repairs: The slate roofs on our Church, Hall and Rectory are aging and are missing several slate tiles and ridge caps. The cost to repair the roofs and to install heat tracing in the gutters is \$25,000. **COMPLETED**


2. Church Pavers: \$6,700 **COMPLETED**

3. Parking Lot. Pavement repairs and resealed are needed. Total cost for this work is \$22,000. **COMPLETED**

4. Hall Air Conditioners: Replace the existing units with two high efficiency units at a cost of \$14,400.

5. School Boilers: We had to replace the boilers in the school. One boiler was replaced at a cost of \$18,000 and \$36,000 is still needed for the two remaining boilers, for a total cost of \$54,000. **COMPLETED**

Our Parish has always been very generous in supporting the needs of our Church and we hope you will be as generous as your means permit. Thank you! **FUNDS RAISED: \$91,829.**



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SCHOOL NEWS FOR Dec. 7th, 2025

12/8: Feast of Immaculate Conception Mass 11:15AM – Full Uniforms

12/10: PTA Winter Carnival Meeting - 7PM in Annex

12/12: Grade 3 School Mass 11:15AM – Full Uniforms

LOOKING AHEAD:

12/15: “Follow the Star” 6:30PM

12/18: St Peter School Nativity Play 11:15AM in Church

12/19: Grade 2 School Mass 11:15AM – Full Uniforms

12/23: Early Dismissal 12:40PM with Regular Transportation



CCD NEWS
Paula Vinzani, Interim DRE
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12/7: CCD & Confirmation Class
12/14: CCD & Confirmation Class
12/21: CCD Class
12/28: NO CLASS - CHRISTMAS BREAK
1/4: NO CLASS - NEW YEAR’S BREAK


LOOKING AHEAD:

1/11: CCD and Confirmation Class
1/18: NO CLASS MLK weekend
1/25: CCD and Confirmation Class


CCD and confirmation students! Get your Christmas ornaments ready to decorate our tree in the sanctuary. Date to be announced soon.

We are in need of a first grade CCD teacher. If you are interested, please contact Paula Vinzani at 814-279-1474 o4 paula.vinzani@gmail.com. Clearances are required.


NURSING HOME DONATION DRIVE - Confirmation candidates Addy Bobourchok, Gianna McKelvey, Keegan McKelvey, and Olivia Wilson are collecting items for local nursing homes. Items needed are; toiletries, throw blankets, coloring and activity books, self-care items, and socks. Donations can be dropped off in the vestibule. Thank you for your generosity!



STEWARDSHIP: Dec. 7th 2025 - “Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God.”




Regular Sunday: \$7,301
Online Giving: \$2,118
Votive: \$123
School: \$0
Building Fund: 3,743



BIRTHRIGHT OF SOMERSET is a local pregnancy support center and currently collecting donations for mothers and babies in our community. There is a giving tree in the vestibule in the church with more information. *“The Gospel of Life is for the whole of human society. To be actively pro-life is to contribute to the renewal of society through the promotion of the common good.”*

ST. PETER’S MEN’S GROUP will pray a Rosary for the deceased of the parish in the Annex Chapel Thurs., Dec. 11th at 6:30PM. Immediately following, we will hold a short Bible Study and discussion in the Annex. All men of the parish are invited. **That Man Is You!** continues for 2 more weeks and concludes the Fall Semester on Dec 16. We will resume sometime in January every Tuesday evening at 7PM in the hall. All men are encouraged to attend.

PROJECT LUNCHBAG -THANK YOU so very much for the outpouring of gift cards for this project. The cards will be delivered on Dec. 17th with a double lunch. What a nice surprise for the recipients. We wish you a blessed Christmas.



THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA will have their next meeting on Wed., Jan. 7th, at 6PM in the annex.

THE PARISH MISSION COMMITTEE will meet on January 7th, at 6:30PM in the annex. Please contact Deacon Mark for more information.

The Laurel Highlands Chorale will have their annual Christmas concert today, Sun., Dec. 7th at 3:30PM and Mon., Dec. 8th at 7PM at the Somerset Church of the Brethren, Berlin-Plank Road. **"Hark! How The Angels Sang"** will feature songs the angels sang to declare the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ; along with fun, favorite songs of the holiday season. Intermission music will feature the Berlin Brethren Church's Bell Choir under the direction of Norman Menhorn. Tickets are \$5 and will be available at the door. We look forward to seeing you there!!

MINISTER SCHEDULE:
Dec. 13 - 14
Saturday - 4PM
E.M.: V. Jacob
Lector: V. Jacob
Greeters: Gary
Cleaners: C. Demorest, L. Robson
Sunday - 8AM
E.M.: M. Kuhn
Lector: S. Isgan
Greeters: Woy
Sunday - 10AM
E.M.: Deacon Komula
Lector: D. Niemiec
Greeters: Wilk, Halverson
Sunday - 12:15PM
E.M: B. Farkosh
Lector: M. Petrosky
Greeters: Snyder



Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Pray for us!

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