

**Mass Intentions This Week**

Saturday, December 2, 2017

4:00 PM Saint Patrick Parishioners' (pro populo)

Sunday, December 3, 2017

10:00 AM † Frank Dinovo-The Family

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

8:00 AM † Roberta Kessler-Albert Kessler

Thursday, December 7, 2017

7:00 PM Advent Lessons &amp; Carols

7:00 PM Mass at St Mary of the Woods

Friday, December 8, 2017

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 PM † Thom Stuber-Becky Meyer

Saturday, December 9, 2017

4:00 PM † Bonnie Tuttle-Gary &amp; Lynn McLaughlin

Sunday, December 10, 2017

10:00 AM Saint Patrick Parishioners' (pro populo)

Additional Masses at St Mary of Woods: Saturday, 6:00 pm and Sunday, 8:00 am; Wed. 8:00 am, Thurs, 6:15 pm, second and fourth Thursday of the month, Fri., 8:00 am

**See December 2017, Lay Ministry Schedule****Weekend Mass Attendance: 461****Parish Offering Weekend Nov 25 & 26, 2017****Sunday Offering: \$6,386.27****Improvement Fund: \$ 195.00****Assessment: \$ 555.00****Catholic Relief: \$ 60.00****Total Collections: \$7,196.27**

**CONGRATULATIONS to those members of our community who recently celebrated the Rite of Acceptance (for those who are not yet baptized) or the Rite of Welcoming (for those who are baptized). They have been undergoing instruction in RCIA classes, and are preparing to enter the Church at the Easter Vigil. Please keep them in prayer!**

**Saint Patrick: AJ Davis, Craig Kline, Sara Marcinko, Alex McKirahan, Josh Titlow, Brad Woolf**

**Saint Mary of Woods: Justin Dulebohn, Jessica Green, Alison Kwiat, Cody Ray, Brianna Wendt**

**PARISH PRAYER LINE: Tammy Bauer 937.441.0645**

**Rest in the Peace of Christ: Doug Meeker, Patty Frost, Ester Eagy, John O'Rielley, Ann Houchin, John Tynan, Mary Woolf**

**The St Vincent de Paul Society is providing food boxes for 80 needy families in our community. You can help by donating some of the items listed: boxed potatoes (any variety), cereal, macaroni and Cheese, tuna, cream soups (chicken, mushroom) and apple sauce. Items can be brought to church the weekends of Dec 2, 3, 9 and 10. Your continued support is appreciated! If you are interested in volunteering your time on this project, please call Cathy Dinovo 937.935.2557.**

**ADVENT CALENDAR DATES FOR 2017**

December 3 - First Sunday of Advent

December 10 - Second Sunday of Advent

December 17 - Third Sunday of Advent

December 24 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

For the celebration of Advent, this traditional liturgy season marks the beginning of the church's liturgical year. Advent is primarily observed in churches that adhere to an ecclesiastical calendar of liturgical seasons, feasts, memorials, fasts, and holy days. Those churches include Catholic, Orthodox, Anglican / Episcopalian, Lutheran, Methodist, and Presbyterian.

The season of Advent is a period of both repentance and celebration. Christians spend time in spiritual preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ at Christmas. Believers remember not only Christ's first coming to earth as a human baby, but also celebrate his continued presence with us today through the Holy Spirit. Advent is also a time for worshipers to anticipate his return at the Second Coming of Christ.

The word "advent" comes from the Latin term "adventus" which means "arrival" or "coming," particularly the arrival of something or someone of great significance.

The lighting of an Advent Wreath is a traditional custom that originated in 16th-century Germany.

On the branches of the wreath are four candles: three purple and one pink candle. In the center of the wreath sits a white candle.

On the first Sunday of Advent, the first purple (or violet) candle is lit. This is called the "Prophecy Candle" and recalls the prophets, particularly Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Jesus Christ. It represents hope or expectation of the coming Messiah. Each Sunday following, an additional candle is lit.

On the second Sunday of Advent, the second purple candle, called the "Bethlehem Candle," is lit. This candle represents love and symbolizes Christ's manger.

On the third Sunday of Advent, the pink (or rose) candle is lit. This Sunday is called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word meaning "rejoice." The change from purple to pink signifies the transition in season from repentance to celebration. The pink candle is called the "Shepherds Candle" and represents joy. The last purple candle is called the "Angels Candle," It is lit on the fourth Sunday of Advent and represents peace.

Traditionally, on Christmas Eve, the white center candle is lit. This "Christ Candle" represents the life of Jesus Christ that has come to light the world. It represents purity.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Please, fill out the form below and drop in the collection basket or mail to the office. There is a \$5 stipend for each Mass requested. **PLEASE, PRINT!**  
**Intention:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Offered by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Date requested:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Mass requested:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 We will make every attempt to get them on the date you Request, however, funerals, prior requests and other events may prevent this.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (592.9455)**

**Hours: 10:00 am-12:00pm, Tues & Thurs; 5:00-7:00 pm**  
**Dates: Nov 21, 22, 2017**  
**Money spent on assistance: \$1,125.00 Clients: 75**  
**Need: personal items, cereal, laundry soap, toilet paper**

**THANK YOU**



Dates to Remember:

December 7, 7:00 pm Lessons and Carols

Christmas Masses...

- Dec. 24, 4:00 pm, St Pat, Father Shawn Landenwitch
- Dec. 24, 6:00 pm, St Mary of Woods, Fr Shawn Landenwitch
- Dec. 24, 11:00 pm, St Pat, Father Ken Baker
- Dec. 25, 8:00 pm, St Mary of the Woods, Fr Shawn Landenwitch,
- Dec. 25, 10:00 am, Father Shawn Landenwitch

Formed.org Parish Subscription

**St. Patrick has renewed our subscription to Formed.org. This website has an amazing database of videos, books, movies, and audio talks available for all parishioners. We will be using content from this website as part of our PFF curriculum. The parish access code is: HJ34VZ**

**Celebrate Recovery**

Christ-based 12-step program offers relief from life's hurts and hang-ups. Celebrate Recovery meets every Friday, 7 p.m. at Union Station, 613 Hamilton St.

A group of local churches have come together to bring a nationally respected resource to Logan County's fight against substance abuse and other negative behaviors.

The initial concerns were on the opiate problem in Logan County and the deaths attributed to that, however, there are many other hurts, habits and hang-ups that are causing great harm to people in Logan County and that through Christ we can help.

*Addition information about the local Celebrate Recovery program is available at [info@crlogancounty.org](mailto:info@crlogancounty.org) and anyone may attend the Friday evening meetings.*

**BEST ADVENT EVER...**

We prepare for everything we consider important in life. And that includes Christmas. Join our parish for Best Advent Ever, a free email program that will help you prepare for Christmas in a unique way. Each day you'll receive an email with...

- Short inspirational videos from Matthew Kelly and Dr. Allen Hunt
- Practical tips for your everyday life
- Real-life stories of hope



**TO SIGN UP, VISIT**

[BestAdventEver.com/BeautifulHope](http://BestAdventEver.com/BeautifulHope)

**Stations of the Cross Update**

We have reached our goal for paying for the new Stations of the Cross! Thank you to everyone for your generosity! The carving is taking longer than expected. The company is estimating they will be finished around June of 2018. I was hoping to have them sooner, but quality carving takes time.

The pictures we have seen of the stations look amazing. I have no doubt that they will increase our parish's devotion to Jesus Christ and the sacrifice He made for our sake.

Father Shawn Landenwitch