

**MASS INTENTIONS/LITURGIES**

DECEMBER 2-10, 2023

**Saturday, December 2 | 4:00 p.m. Mass (ST. PAT)**

*Baker Family by Deb & Ron Baker*

**6:00 p.m. Mass (SMOW)**

*Daniel Amspaugh by Mary A. Amspaugh*

**Sunday, December 3 | 8:00 a.m. Mass (SMOW)**

*Rosemary & Rhomane Buschur by Roger & Treva Schulze*

**10:00 a.m. Mass (ST. PAT)**

*Mary, Queen of Angels Parishioners*

**Tuesday, December 5 | 8:00 a.m. Mass (ST. PAT)**

*Sally Rolfe by Lorraine & John Tucci*

**Wednesday, December 6 | 8:00 a.m. Mass (SMOW)**

*Joanne Maag by Duane & Connie Maag*

**Thursday, December 7 | 7:00 p.m. Mass (SMOW)\*\*\***

**8:00 p.m. Confession**

*Jessica & Joseph Ollhoff by Roger & Treva Schulze*

**Friday, December 8 | 7:00 p.m. Mass (ST. PAT) \*\*\***

*Katie & Bill Wireman by the Baker Family*

**Saturday, December 9 | 3:00 p.m. Confession (ST. PAT)**

**4:00 p.m. Mass (ST. PAT)**

*Bernadette & Charles Poling by the Baker Family*

**6:00 p.m. Mass (SMOW)**

*Joanne Maag by Dan & Jean Schroeder*

**Sunday, December 10 | 8:00 a.m. Mass (SMOW)**

*Bernadetta & Linus Schulze by Roger & Treva Schulze*

**10:00 a.m. Mass (ST. PAT)**

*Mary, Queen of Angels Parishioners*



- Please note changes in Mass schedules above **(see red highlighted text)**
- All church offices will be closed on Friday, December 8th, as this is a Holy Day of Obligation
- Next week's (December 9 and December 10) second collection will be for the retirement fund for the religious. Please be generous.

**YOUR TITHE TO GOD**

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 25/26	ST. MARY	ST. PATRICK
MASS COUNT:	<b>267</b>	<b>325</b>
SUNDAY COLLECTION:	\$ 2,999.99	\$ 4,762.00
ONLINE COLLECTION:	\$ 895.00	\$ 532.07
<b>OTHER COLLECTIONS</b>		
BUILDING IMPROVEMENT:	\$ 1,080.00	\$ 225.00
ARCHDIOCESE ASSESSMENT:		\$ 280.00
SVDP:	\$ 378.00	
OTHER:	\$ 75.00	\$ 40.00
<b>TOTAL TITHING:</b>	<b>\$ 5,427.99</b>	<b>\$ 5,839.07</b>

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS DECEMBER 9/10, 2023**

**ST. MARY OF THE WOODS**

**6:00 P.M. SATURDAY**

**SERVERS:** Eli Baughman, Isaac Dillon, Henry Dillon

**READER:** Fr. Jacob Lindle

**USHERS:** Nick Baughman, Jeff True, Willie Dearwester, Derek Zumberger

**CANTORS:** Katie McCabe, John McCabe

**SACRISTAN:** Donna Hesser

**8:00 A.M. SUNDAY**

**SERVERS:** Owen Klinker, Lucas Klinker, Ezra Winner

**READER:** Jennifer Klinker

**EEM:** Kevin Knight

**USHERS:** Shawn Bihn, Dave Shoffner, Mike Reichert, Dan Reichert

**CANTORS:** Ashley Roberts, Rebecca Bihn

**SACRISTAN:** Renee Winner

**ST. PATRICK**

**4:00 P.M. SATURDAY**

**SERVERS:** Matthew Dearwester, Naomi Dearwester, Olivia Dearwester

**READERS:** Cathy Dinovo, Rose Lyons

**EEM:** Mike Dinovo

**10:00 A.M. SUNDAY**

**SERVERS:** Montana Coleman, Nevada Coleman, Utah Coleman

**READERS:** Catherine Oder, Steve Oder

**EEM:** Mary Giannola

**PRAY NOW TO END ABORTION**

Filled with this certainty, and moved by profound concern for the destiny of every man and woman (...) a great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer. (St. John Paul: *The Gospel of Life*, 100)

*"Hail Mary, full of grace..."*

**Welcome**

Whether you recently moved here or are just visiting, we are happy that you are here with us!

If you would like to join one of our parishes, please contact the Parish Office for a registration form.





**PROJECT MERRY CHRISTMAS**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Patrick Church invites you to join us in helping to brighten Christmas for families in need in our community. Stars and Trees are now available in the church! STARS are for personal and home items to be included in each of the 81 Christmas boxes we will distribute in December just prior to Christmas. The TREES list gift suggestions for the families with children ages birth to age 18. You may purchase some or all of the suggested items listed on the children’s individual trees. All STAR and TREE items are to be returned to St. Patrick Church by Sunday, December 10, 2023. Gifts are to be returned UNWRAPPED in a gift bag with the gift tag (TREE) securely attached to the gift. To help assist you, SVDP members will be collecting all items before Mass Saturday, December 9th and Sunday, December 10th. Thank you for helping us make the holidays brighter for families in need. May God bless you for spreading the true spirit of the Christmas Season.

**PARISH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Parishioners, you are invited to help St. Vincent de Paul members pack the Christmas boxes for **PROJECT MERRY CHRISTMAS**. This is your opportunity to see our special ministry in action and get involved! We will be meeting on Wednesday, December 13th, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the former Lutheran Community Services building, located just behind the First Lutheran Church and across the street from the Bellefontaine Fire Department. The Church’s address is 208 W. Sandusky Avenue. Volunteers are also needed for **DISTRIBUTION DAY**, Wednesday, December 20th, from 8:30-11:30 a.m., at the former Lutheran Community Services building. Please either email Mike Dinovo at [mcdinovo@yahoo.com](mailto:mcdinovo@yahoo.com) or call Cathy Dinovo at 937-935-2557 for further details or to sign up to work. Thank you for sharing your time with this valuable program. Merry Christmas!



[champaigncatholics.org](http://champaigncatholics.org)  
[saintmaryofthewoods.com](http://saintmaryofthewoods.com)  
[catholicbellefontaine.org](http://catholicbellefontaine.org)

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

BEGINNING DECEMBER 3, 2023

- Sunday: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7  
Psalms 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19  
First Corinthians 1:3-9  
Mark 13:33-37
- Monday: Isaiah 2:1-5  
Matthew 8:5-11
- Tuesday: Isaiah 11:1-10  
Luke 10:21-24
- Wednesday: Isaiah 25:6-10a  
Matthew 15:29-37
- Thursday: Isaiah 26:1-6  
Matthew 7:21, 24-27
- Friday: Genesis 3:9-15, 20  
Psalms 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4  
Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12  
Luke 1:26-38
- Saturday: Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26  
Psalms 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6  
Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
- Sunday: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11  
Psalms 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14  
Second Peter 3:8-14  
Mark 1:1-8



**ZETEO YOUTH GROUP**

Anyone in high school is invited on the first and third Sundays of the month from 6:00-8:00 p.m. to the undercroft of St. Mary in Urbana for awkwardness, pizza, joy, and Jesus.

Our last date for this year is December 3. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Jacob Lindle.

**ST. PATRICK 2023 POINTSETTIA DONATION**

Let’s make St. Patrick come alive with color this Christmas Season by filling the church with beautiful poinsettias. Suggested donation is \$30.00. Donations can be placed in the offertory basket or brought to the Parish Office through **Wednesday, December 20, 2023**. If you wish to purchase a poinsettia in memory or honor of a loved one, please complete this form and include with your payment.

YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

LOVED ONE’S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_





WHATSOEVER  
YOU DO TO  
THE LEAST OF  
MY BROTHERS,  
THAT YOU DO  
UNTO ME

~ MATTHEW 25:31-40

Jesus  
is the  
reason  
for the  
season



## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

December 8, 2023

In the Gospel of Luke, an angel visits a young woman in Nazareth named Mary and asks if she will bear the Messiah. Mary says yes. Then, Mary becomes pregnant with Jesus. This is known as the Immaculate Conception, right?

Wrong. Even though many Catholics connect this story in Luke's Gospel with the term Immaculate Conception, the doctrine itself refers to something different. It still refers to Mary, but it is not about how Mary became pregnant with Jesus. It is about how Mary's **mother** became pregnant with her – deemed immaculate due to the absence of transmitting original sin.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains the Immaculate Conception this way:

Since it would not be fitting for the Mother of Christ to have resided in the impurity of sin in any form, the Father blessed Mary more than any other created person “in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places” and chose her “in Christ before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless before him in love”.

And so, from the first instant of her conception, Mary was totally preserved from the stain of original sin

and she remained pure from all personal sin throughout her life.

In *Ineffabilis Deus* by Pope Bl. Pius IX – 1854, he writes, “and indeed it was wholly fitting that so wonderful a mother should be ever resplendent with the glory of the most sublime holiness and so completely free from all taint of original sin that she would triumph utterly over the ancient serpent.”





*We look forward to welcoming  
you and your family this*  
***Christmas!***

*Catholics are obliged to attend Holy Mass on Christmas and, when Christmas falls on a day other than Sunday, attend a separate Mass to fulfill their ordinary Sunday obligation. The table below provides the specifics of how this will work this year.*

### ATTEND ONE (1) FROM EACH COLUMN

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)
<p>Obligation may be fulfilled at any Mass after 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 23 through Sunday, Dec. 24 at 3:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Obligation may be fulfilled at any Mass after 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 24 and throughout Monday, Dec. 25</p>
<p><b>Obligation may be fulfilled at either:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Vigil (Saturday evening) Mass</li> <li>• Any Mass of the Fourth Sunday of Advent before 3:00 p.m.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Obligation may be fulfilled at either:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Vigil Mass for Christmas on Sunday, Dec. 24</li> <li>• Any Mass on Monday, Dec. 25</li> </ul>

