

# Sacred Heart Catholic Parish

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<b>Weekend Mass Schedule</b> .....	Saturdays .....	5:30 pm; Sundays 9:00 am & 11:00 am
<b>Weekday Mass Schedule</b> .....	Tuesday through Friday.....	8:05 am
<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> .....	(by appointment) Fridays 8:40 am and Saturdays 4:30 pm	
<b>Catechesis Wednesdays:</b> .....	Dinner - 6:00 pm; Class 6:30 - 8:00 pm	

## Weddings

Begin your wedding preparation with a minimum of 6 months (preferably 1 year) prior to your wedding date with a meeting with your pastor

## Baptisms

Baptisms are usually celebrated after weekend Masses.

Baptismal Preparation classes are offered by Pastor through appointment

Preregister by calling (785) 242-2174

## New Parishioners

Welcome to Sacred Heart Parish Community! Get involved and begin meeting your fellow parishioners. Start with a phone call to the Parish Office.

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**DEC. 2 – DEC. 3, 2023**

MONDAY, Dec. 4, 2023  
NO MASS

TUESDAY, Dec. 5, 2023  
8:05 AM MASS  
+ Loren Boline  
by: Rosemary Pratt

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 6, 2023  
8:05 AM MASS  
Paul Gilliford  
by: John & Sharon Schnieders

WEDNESDAY EVENING  
CONFESSIONS DURING ADVENT  
5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

THURSDAY, Dec. 7, 2023  
8:05 AM MASS  
+ Paul Geist  
by: the Altar Society  
ADORATION: 8:40 AM to 8:00 PM

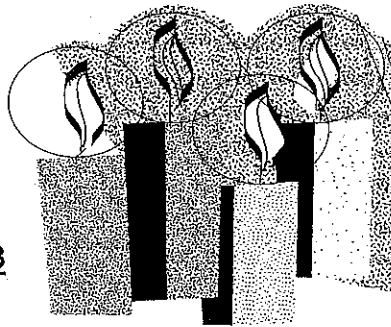
FRIDAY, Dec. 8, 2023  
8:05 AM MASS / 8:40 AM CONFESSION  
All Persecuted Christians  
by: the Redeker Family

6:00 PM – THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
Protection of Life from Conception  
by: Carole Wedman

SATURDAY, Dec. 9, 2023  
4:30 PM CONFESSION/ 5:30 PM MASS  
+ Donna Patry  
by: Charles Patry

SUNDAY, Dec. 10, 2023  
9:00 AM MASS  
+ Cole Hayden  
by: Eileen Bowling

11:00 AM MASS  
For the People of the Parish



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**LITURGICAL ROLES**

FRI., Dec 8, 2023 – 6:00 PM MASS  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Gifts: Rob, Suzy, Graceyn, Slater Hedrick  
Usher: Rosemary Pratt / Karen Chanay  
Server: Autumn Wirth  
Eucharistic Minister: Bud Stratton  
Music: Becky Shrimplin  
Lector: Rick Nuckolls  
Sacristan: Debbie Blakeley

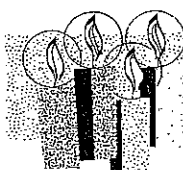
SAT., Dec 9, 2023 – 5:30 PM MASS  
Gifts: Michelle & Dan Gast  
Ushers: Bud Stratton / Theresa Paxton  
Servers: Clara Moyer / Reid Sears  
Eucharistic Minister: Dan Gast  
Lector: Sherry Engelbert  
Sacristan: Roberta Rhodes  
Rosary Leader: Karen Tatum

SUN., Dec. 10, 2023 – 9:00 AM MASS  
Gifts: Tina & Joseph Capeder  
Ushers: Michael, Jamie, & Aidan Keiter  
Server: Austin Nelson  
Eucharistic Minister: Maureen Downing  
Music: Ken Frank  
Lectors: Janet Prather / Gregory Wellnitz  
Sacristan: Ervin Prather  
Rosary Leader: David Hornung

SUN., Dec. 10, 2023 - 11:00 AM MASS  
Gifts: Dan & Amy Jo McKean  
Ushers: Joan Hazelton/ John Golden/  
Brad & Annette Ferguson  
Server: Alex Boetel  
Eucharistic Minister: Stephanie Orr  
Lectors: Steve Boetel / James Boyer  
Sacristan: Stephanie Orr

MON. Dec. 11, 2023  
Counters: JoAnn Scott / Sue Bina

CHURCH CLEANING ANGELS  
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CRYSTAL MOYER/ CAROL FISCHER



The Season of Advent  
lights our way to the LORD

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**FINANCIAL CORNER – Nov. 25 – Nov. 26, 2023**

Collection	-\$5,724.04
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On-line Giving	-\$ 687.26
	<u>\$6,923.31</u>

**OTHER DONATION**

Faith Formation \$ 60.00

**OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY**

to the family of: PAUL GEIST

<https://www.dengelmortuary.com/obituaries/Paul-BradleyGeist?obld=29956121#/obituaryInfo>

*Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let Perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in Peace. Amen.*

**HOPE HOUSE** - "Let us come before Him with Thanksgiving." - Psalms 95:2

Thank you for your 32.5 total food donation during October. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. God Bless!



**ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS** - If you are not receiving a copy of the monthly meeting minutes, and would like one, please contact Betty Birzer (see front of bulletin).

Dec. 3rd, after both Masses - Hospitality Sunday

Dec. 12th, 5:30pm - dinner/meeting at PrimeTime Grille

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**ADVENT CONCERT TOUR IS ONLY 2**

**WEEKS AWAY!** - Mark your calendars for an Advent Concert coming near you Dec 9 & 10! The Josh Blakesley Band will be joining us Dec 9 at Sts. Peter and Paul, Seneca and Dec. 10 at Eleanor's White Barn in Scranton. Both concerts start at 7:00, are free of charge, and are open to all ages. For more details please go to [www.archkck.org/rural/events](http://www.archkck.org/rural/events)

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPES**

Starting this week, you will find the donation envelopes for Christmas Flowers at all entrances of the Church.

**CATHOLIC GUIDE FOR END OF LIFE**

The Archdiocese has a comprehensive resource for end-of-life planning titled "Catholic Guide For End-Of Life and Establishing Of Advance Directives". The purpose of the guide is to assist the faithful in making wise decisions in accordance with the teachings of our faith about complex treatments in grave illness or as life's end approaches. It also includes two Appendices for a Durable Power of Attorney and an Advance Directive form. For a free digital copy of the Guide, visit [www.archkck.org/prolife-end-of-life-care](http://www.archkck.org/prolife-end-of-life-care).

# Growing in FAITH™

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## One Minute Meditations

### St. Edmund Campion

Born to a Catholic family in 16th century England,

St. Edmund left a brilliant academic career at Oxford to become a

Jesuit missionary – a death sentence, since Catholics were being heavily persecuted under Queen Elizabeth I. He traveled around, secretly ministering the Sacraments to English Catholics, until he was betrayed by an informer and arrested. Despite efforts to persuade or threaten him, St. Edmund remained true to his faith. He was martyred with two companions at Tyburn.



### Mary's "Yes"

When the angel appeared to Mary and told her what God was asking of her, she didn't have to agree. God gave all of us free will to allow us to make our own choices. Mary said "yes" to God out of love. Her reward (and ours, too) is eternity with her Son.

*"And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon Him"*  
(Luke 2:40).



## A "Christ-centered" Christmas is a joyful one

For Catholics, the weeks leading up to Christmas are a sacred time to prepare our hearts for Christ's coming. For a joy-filled Christmas, try these ideas:

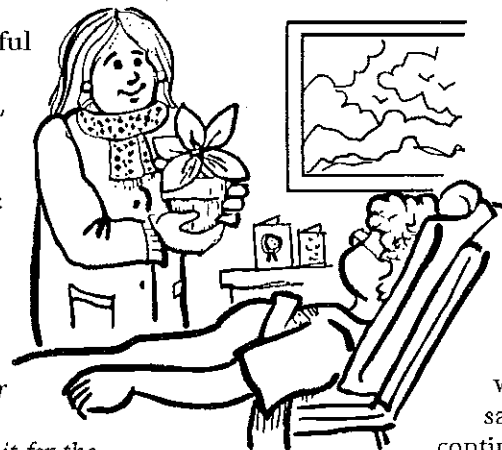
Encourage joyful anticipation. As disciples of Jesus, it is our role to help others to believe and hope in the power of God to change the world as He transforms hearts and minds. *"But as for me, I will look to the Lord, I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me"* (Micah 7:7). Look for opportunities to share your confidence in His love.

Focus on prayer. Become an Advent prayer intercessor praying for every

soul to come home to God, especially at this time of peace. Ask that He gives everyone the grace to live a new life reflecting glory on the Messiah.

Serve. Pope Francis said during Advent, "We are so busy with all the preparations, with gifts and things that pass, but let's ask ourselves what we should do for Jesus and for others! What should we do?" The pope said we should

continuously ask God what we should do to contribute to the good of the Church and society. We can do "something concrete, even if it is small" to help others. He suggested visiting the lonely, the elderly, the sick or someone in need.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

### Why do Catholics celebrate the "Immaculate Conception?"

In 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed that Mary, by a special grace, was preserved from original and personal sin from her own conception in her mother's womb, in view of her role as the



Mother of God. This grace bore immeasurable fruit for all of us in Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross. On December 8 – a Holy Day of Obligation – we ask Mary to pray for us, so we, too, receive Jesus into our hearts with a faithful love like hers.

# Have a peaceful, Merry Christmas!

Do you aim for an idyllic Christmas celebration complete with a warm fire, joyful music, and tinsel-covered tree? For many of us, Christmas comes at the end of weeks spent shopping, wrapping, and spending, and is wrought with family tensions, obligations, and exhaustion. Try these steps to keep your sanity and your Savior in your Christmas celebration:

**Be realistic.** It isn't the goal of the season to make everyone happy. If you don't overspend and over extend before Christmas, you'll be in a better frame of mind when it arrives.



**Soothe the beast.** Beautiful music can set a soothing tone for your celebration. Pick your favorite holy hymns to put yourself in the Christmas frame of mind.

**Reach out.** Want to make your own problems seem small? Take on someone else's. Do at least one good Christmas deed for someone needy.

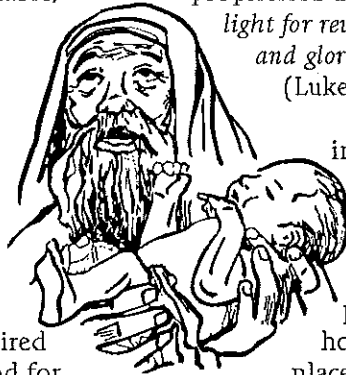
**Seek the eternal.** Jesus gives us peace, purpose, and perspective. Spend time with Jesus each day of Advent and Christmas to remind yourself of what is most important about Christmas.

## from Scripture

### Luke 2:22-40, Encountering God in the ordinary

To the uninformed observer, Jesus' birth was unremarkable, and His family was quite ordinary. In fact, when it was time to present Jesus in the temple, His parents couldn't afford the customary offering of a lamb, and instead made the offering of the poor – two pigeons. As faithful Jews, they did all that was required by their faith to thank God for the gift of their child.

Yet, when Joseph and Mary presented their new baby in the temple, Simeon immediately recognized Him as the Messiah.



Inspired by the Holy Spirit, he prophesied that Jesus would be "a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel" (Luke 2:32).

Simeon was not alone in recognizing the Lord in the temple. Anna was also filled with the Holy Spirit. Her faith in God's promises gave her hope. The hope God places in our hearts gives us a desire for the kingdom of Heaven. The Holy Spirit reveals the presence of the Lord to those who want to know Him, receive Him, and to be happy with Him forever.

## Q & A How can I make Christmas joy last?

The Church's real Christmas season starts on Christmas Day and lasts until the Baptism of Our Lord. By celebrating the whole season, you can make your Christmas joy last long after you've taken down the tree. Here are some highlights of the season:



**Feast of the Holy Family, December 31.** Gather for a meal with loved ones, or contact out-of-town friends or family.

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, January 1.** Dedicate a Rosary to the Blessed Mother, asking her to help you grow in love and trust.

**Epiphany, January 7.** The example of the Magi honoring Jesus has become a symbol of sharing Him with the world. This is our chance to think about the way we live so that we can better reveal Christ to our world.

**The Baptism of Our Lord, January 8.** Baptism is our entry into the Kingdom. Take time this day to renew your Baptismal vows and decide what you can change in your life to help you live as Christ did.

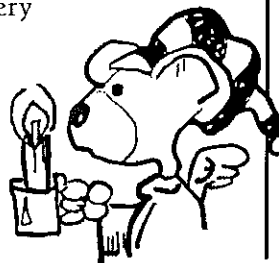
## Feasts & Celebrations

**December 3 – First Sunday in Advent.** We anticipate Christ's birth and His coming on the last day. Catholics everywhere light candles in an Advent wreath to signal the coming of the light of Christ.

**December 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe (1531).** The Blessed Mother appeared as a Native American maiden to St. Juan Diego. She asked St. Juan to carry roses to the bishop as proof. When the roses were emptied from his *tilma*, it retained the image of the Blessed Mother.

**December 15 – St. Maria di Rosa (1855).** Born into a wealthy family in Brescia, Italy, Paula was renowned for holiness, generosity, and concern for the sick. She founded the Handmaids of Charity in 1840. She took the name Sr. Maria Crucifixa di Rosa.

**December 27 – St. John the Beloved (1st Century).** As an apostle and friend of Jesus, St. John was known for his fiery temper. Scholars believe he is the "beloved disciple" who sat by Jesus at the Last Supper in John's Gospel.



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# 2023 Advent Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>3</b> December Light the first violet candle in your Advent wreath and pray with today's Gospel, <i>Mark 13:33-37.</i></p>	<p><b>4</b> Choose a way you can grow closer to Christ in Advent: more mental prayer, penance, almsgiving, Sacraments.</p>	<p><b>5</b> Display the stable for the Nativity Scene. Add figures gradually throughout Advent.</p>	<p><b>6</b> St. Nicholas of Myra Perform a simple act of kindness for someone today in honor of this generous saint.</p>	<p><b>7</b> On the Memorial of Saint Ambrose, bishop and teacher, pray for all clergy in the Church.</p>	<p><b>8</b> The Immaculate Conception of Mary Celebrate by attending Mass and praying a Rosary for our country.</p>	<p><b>9</b> Prepare heart and soul to welcome Christ. Make an examination of conscience and attend Confession.</p>
<p><b>10</b> Light the second violet candle and meditate on <i>Mark 1:1-8.</i></p>	<p><b>11</b> Offer a small sacrifice out of love for Jesus, who offered Himself up for love of you.</p>	<p><b>12</b> Today is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Pray for all pregnant women and thank God for the gift of new life.</p>	<p><b>13</b> Advent is a busy time for parishes. Call or email your parish office and ask how you can serve.</p>	<p><b>14</b> In prayer, forgive someone who has hurt you. Ask for the grace to let go and move on.</p>	<p><b>15</b> Call Catholic Relief Services (877-HELP-CRS or <a href="http://www.catholicrelief.org">www.catholicrelief.org</a>) to see how you can contribute.</p>	<p><b>16</b> Las Posadas begins today honoring Mary's and Joseph's search for shelter. Gather friends and go caroling.</p>
<p><b>17</b> <i>Gaudete Sunday</i> Light two violet candles and the rose one for joy. Pray with <i>John 1:6-9, 19-28.</i></p>	<p><b>18</b> Put a lamp or candle in a window to welcome the Christ Child. Light it every night until Christmas.</p>	<p><b>19</b> Feed the hungry. Look for someone who is physically hungry or hungry for human kindness.</p>	<p><b>20</b> Review your "Advent resolutions" and renew your commitment to them.</p>	<p><b>21</b> Spend time before the Blessed Sacrament today to ready your heart for the arrival of the King.</p>	<p><b>22</b> Reflect on how your relationship with Christ grew this Advent. Thank Him for the graces you received.</p>	<p><b>23</b> Make an effort to see everyone with loving eyes today.</p>
<p><b>24</b> The fourth week of Advent lasts only one day. Meditate on the great news the angel brought (see <i>Luke 1:26-38</i>).</p>	<p><b>25</b> <i>Rejoice!</i> Place the Christ Child in the manger. Go to Mass today and rejoice!</p>	<p><i>"In these days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn"</i> <i>(Luke 2:1-7).</i></p>				

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