

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, December 26
4:30pm Lector: Jim Manint
Euch. Min: Mary Avelis, Cathy Manint, Jacki Morris
Ushers: Ed Ewald, Terry Young
Acolytes: Ashley Dawson, Cody Galt

Sunday, December 27
9:00am Lector: Megan Gallivan
Euch. Min: Emily Colbert, Janet Nevling, Mary Kay & Mike Randall, Tom Walsh
Ushers: Jim Cavanaugh, Lorin Nevling, Rich Walsh
Acolytes: Jacob Pokorny, Matthew Norvell, Samantha Rupkey
11:30am Lector: Susan Shurilla
Euch. Min: Irene Gale, Mark & Melinda McHale
Ushers: Jim Allman, David Marker
Acolytes: Cale Allison, Natalie Hittmeier

Thursday, December 31
5:30pm Lector: Ted Gill
Euch. Min: Charles Hardy, Jean Rowe, Larry Stoner
Ushers: Larry Head, Terry Young
Acolytes: Claire, Johnathan & Marissa Hettinger

Friday, January 1
10:00am Lector: Marilyn Feeney
Euch. Min: Joanne Adams, Ed Kral, Jane Lieb
Ushers: Ed Ewald, Bob Lieb
Acolytes: Alec & Claire Huisinga

Mass Intentions

Monday, Dec. 21 Late Advent Weekday/No Scheduled Mass
Tuesday, Dec. 22 Advent Weekday/No Scheduled Mass
Wednesday, Dec. 23 Advent Weekday/St. John of Kanty
7:30am + Pat Weiscope Mitchell-Riech by Family
Thursday, Dec. 24 Vigil of Christmas
7:30am No Scheduled Mass
4:00pm + Darrell Bailey by Diane Bailey
9:00pm + Mary & Dennis Dighton by Family
Friday, Dec. 25 The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
7:30am No Scheduled Mass
10:00am + Charles Raymond Hogan by Gene & Diane Triplett
Saturday, Dec. 26 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
4:30pm Parishioners of our Parish
Sunday, Dec. 27 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
9:00am + Carol Feeney by Mike Feeney
11:30am Tim Hogan by Jean Hogan

Weekly Prayer List

Please keep the following parishioners in your prayers:
Amy Courson, Becky Galt, Ann Gramlich, Joan Higley, Anastasia Jones, Anne Mula, Frank Mula & Lisa Roemer.

Readings for the Week of December 21

Monday Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33; Lk 1:39-45
Tuesday 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8; Lk 1:46-56
Wednesday Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25; Lk 1:57-66
Thursday Is 62:1-5; Ps 89; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25
Friday Is 52:7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18
Saturday Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31; Mt 10:17-22
Sunday Sir 3:2-7, 12-14; Ps 128; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:41-52

COLLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 13

Sunday Collection.....	\$3056.00
Building Fund.....	\$349.00
Immaculate Conception Collection.....	\$755.00
Local Special Collections	\$884.00
Retirement for Religious Collection	\$1309.00

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Why do we give gifts at Christmas?

Great events in and of themselves are not tangible. They occur in life but leave no mark behind, nothing that someone could come across and know that something significant occurred. So we mark the event with monuments, holidays, gold watches or plaques, making a meaningful event tangible and memorable.

Gifts at Christmas do the same thing. They mark the occasion of the birth of Jesus, communicating a bit of the joy of the day by allowing us to be both giver and receiver. Gift-giving sets aside the day as special and different. The special foods, customs, decorations and gifts all help focus our attention on the importance and meaning of the day and at the same time allow us to share personally in its joy and happiness.

In giving gifts, though, we can share in the meaning of Christmas in a significant way. We imitate God in sharing with others. We give a bit of ourselves to others in the gifts we give, just as God gives us the gift of his Son. No wonder we often say that the best gifts are those that come from the heart. Given in love, these presents are wrapped in the best covering of all.

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Religious Education News

December 20	Session #13
	No Confirmation Class
December 23	No Classes—Christmas Break
December 27	No Classes—Christmas Break
	No Confirmation Class
December 30	No Classes—Christmas Break

ST. PHILOMENA CHURCH DECORATING: God is calling you to volunteer your time to help decorate His house beginning at 1:00pm on Sunday, December 20. Many hands make light work!

Brian Bastic from **DIOCESAN PUBLICATIONS**, our bulletin publisher, will be here soon. He will be renewing present advertisements and seeking new ones. If interested, please call the parish office. We feel this is an excellent service and that the sponsors get good coverage with their ads. **THANKS TO YOU**, and **DIOCESAN PUBLICATIONS**, the bulletin is published weekly at no cost to the parish.

CENTERING PRAYER GROUP meets Tuesday afternoons at 4:00pm at the home of Rosemary Hardy.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED Wednesday, December 23, through Friday, December 25, for the Christmas holiday.

CHOIR PRACTICE will be held Wednesday at 7:00pm.

NO 7:30AM MASS Thursday, December 24.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

St. Michael: Christmas Vigil 6:00pm
Christmas Day 8:00am

St. Philomena: Christmas Vigil 4:00pm & 9:00pm
Christmas Day 10:00am

NO 7:30AM MASS Friday, December 25.

NO HOLY HOUR Saturday morning, December 26.

**BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
HOLY DAY MASSES**

St. Michael: Holy Day Vigil 4:00pm
St. Philomena: Holy Day Vigil 5:30pm
Holy Day 10:00am



*From the Staff of St. Philomena
& St. Michael Churches ~
May you and your family have
a very Merry Christmas!*



**Youth Group News!
Upcoming Events**

2010 Mission Trip to Greensburg, PA
registration forms and \$160 non-refundable
deposit are due by December 31, 2009.

Remaining money for Ski Trip due by January 3

Next core meeting will be held January 10
New meeting time—7:00pm to 8:30pm

January 31—Decorate Valentines & Ice Skating

THE PIATT COUNTY TOY & GIFT PROGRAM once again was blessed with many donations—both monetary and helpful goods. On November 23rd we were able to help 160 families and 364 children have a nicer Holiday Season. We are always so thankful for the monthly Special Collection that helps three very important county charities. We also thank everyone in our Parish for their help each year—from the children in our Religious Ed classes who donate items or host Bake Sales, the ladies of the Advent Ladies' Tea, to all of you who donate time, money and articles of clothing—we can use it all. We are proud to state that over 95% of monies donated are used for the children of our Program. This year we were able to give each family in our program a gift certificate to use at County Market along with their toys and gifts. May God continue to bless you all!
Cathy Manint, Parishioner

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT



CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST: St. Michael will be holding a Christmas Breakfast on Sunday, December 20, at 8:30am.

St. Michael Liturgical Ministers

- Tuesday, December 22
5:30pm Lector: Lucina Hyde
Euch. Min: Evelyn Dick
- Thursday, December 24
6:00pm Lector: Donna Walsh
Euch. Min: Brenda & Terry Cummings,
Fran Einhorn
Acolytes: Patrick Tracy, Celeste Walsh
- Friday, December 25
8:00am Lector: Donna Walsh
Euch. Min: Molly & Tim Tracy
Acolytes: Kathleen & Maggie Tracy
- Sunday, December 27
7:30am Lector: Molly Tracy
Euch. Min: Fran Einhorn, Tim Tracy
Acolytes: Patrick & Kathleen Tracy

St. Michael Mass Intentions

- Tuesday, Dec. 22 Late Advent Weekday
5:30pm Ruth Benedino
by John & Marilyn Benedino
- Thursday, Dec. 24 Vigil of Christmas
6:00pm + Agnes Ryan Tracy
by Tim & Molly Tracy
- Friday, Dec. 25 Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
8:00am Mike & Ray Walsh/Linda Lindsey
by Patty Walsh
- Sunday, Dec. 27 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
7:30am Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Dick
by the Dick Family

COLLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 13

Sunday Collection.....	\$606.00
Utility Assistance Collection.....	\$250.00
Retirement for Religious Collection	\$162.00
Immaculate Conception Collection	\$318.56

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