

**ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH – NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – HIGH HILL**  
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**Rev. Jasper Liggio, Pastor – Rev. Luke Prihoda, Parochial Vicar**  
**Rev. Augustine Owusu-Peprah, Parochial Vicar – Deacon Jay Vocelka, ObISB**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Zep 3:14-18a      Phil 4:4-7      Lk 3:10-18 (9)

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| Wednesday, December 18 <sup>th</sup> | 5:30 PM  | Roland Henrichs                                     |
| Sunday, December 22 <sup>nd</sup>    | 10:15 AM | Erwin Gassmann                                      |
| Wednesday, December 25 <sup>th</sup> | 12:00 AM | Max & Ruby Henrichs Family                          |
| Wednesday, December 25 <sup>th</sup> | 5:30 PM  | James Prihoda                                       |
| Sunday, December 29 <sup>th</sup>    | 10:15 AM | Edward, Annie, Robert, Erna, Adela, & Walter Ripper |

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**

We need your help on Sunday, December 22 at 2:00 pm with decorating the Church for the Christmas season. Specific tasks include retrieving decorations from the rectory basement, assembling and trimming the trees, stringing up garland and lights, setting up the nativity set, and vacuuming up the mess afterward. The entire process usually takes about two hours. Please come out and bring a helper since it goes even quicker with more people! For more info, contact David Hollas 832-517-1583.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY**

St. Mary Parish will hold our annual Christmas Party on Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:15 pm at the Parish Hall. Santa should be making his entrance around 6:30 pm with the dinner being served around 7:00 pm. We will be having fried fish, potato salad, coleslaw, and dessert. Parishioners are asked to RSVP by Tuesday December 17 to Joyce Dittrich (979.561.6803) to assist with planning.



**PARISH CALENDARS**

Parish calendars for 2025 are available in the foyer of the Church after Mass. Please take one per family for your home.

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

***CHRISTMAS EVE – Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>***

- \* 5:00 pm – St. Rose -Children’s Mass
- \* 5:30 pm – Ammansville
- \* 10:00 pm – St. Rose
- \* 12 midnight – High Hill

***CHRISTMAS DAY – Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>***

- \* 8:00 am – St. Rose
- \* 8:30 am – Holman
- \* 10:00 am – St. Rose – *Spanish Mass*
- \* 10:15 am – High Hill

**PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

Elections for the Pastoral Council will be held in December. Parishioners are asked to consider serving on the Council which is responsible for governing the activities of the Parish. There are three, two-year term positions up for election. Position 1 is responsible for Liturgy, Religious Education and Societies. Position 2 is responsible for Maintenance and Security and is currently a 2-person position. Position 5 is responsible for Painted Church tours, Cemetery and Special Events. For information or to place your name in nomination, please call Fr. Jasper Liggio (979-743-3117). Nominations close on December 20<sup>th</sup>.

**GABRIEL PROJECT DONATIONS**

Encounter Youth Ministry will once again be collecting baby items benefiting Fayette County chapters of the Gabriel Project of the Crossroads who help moms in unplanned pregnancy situations. The items most needed include diapers (sizes 2 & 3), baby wipes, baby toys and socks. Donation boxes are located at Ammansville, High Hill and St. Rose Churches.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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| December 14 | St. Rose School Christmas Around the World                 |
| December 25 | The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas                       |
| December 29 | Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph           |
| January 1   | Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary,<br>the Mother of God |
| January 5   | The Epiphany of the Lord                                   |

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

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| Restoration Box                        | \$ 86.00           |
| Restoration (Anonymous)                | \$ 100.00          |
| Immaculate Conception Collection       | \$ 195.00          |
| Retired & Religious Support Collection | \$ 370.00          |
| Offertory (12/8/24)                    | \$ 1,460.00        |
| <b>Total Deposit</b>                   | <b>\$ 2,211.00</b> |

**LAY MINISTERS**

**SUNDAY - DECEMBER 22**

|                      |                            |
|----------------------|----------------------------|
| Rosary               | Tonya Stang – Pam Slaton   |
| Eucharistic Minister | Susie Shank                |
| Lector               | Mary Stavinoha             |
| Altar Servers        | Mikayla Stang              |
| Ushers               | Mark Stang – Tony Shank    |
| Ushers               | Jim Holub – Johnnie Segura |
| Gifts                | Johnnie & Susan Segura     |

**WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 25**

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| <b>***Midnight Vigil Mass***</b> |
| Stacy Oeding                     |
| Carrie Schulz                    |
| Mikayla Stang                    |
| Forrest Lauer – Craig Schulz     |
| Eric Oeding – Willy Schmidt      |
| Craig & Carrie Schulz            |

**LAY MINISTERS**

**WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 25**

|                      |                                |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Rosary               | <b>***10:15 AM Mass***</b>     |
| Eucharistic Minister | Kim Wellborn                   |
| Lector               | Pam Slaton                     |
| Altar Servers        | Charlie Shank                  |
| Ushers               | Emil Pauler – Alex Wellborn    |
| Ushers               | Tony Shank – Marshall Wellborn |
| Gifts                | Tony & Susie Shank             |

**SUNDAY – DECEMBER 29**

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| Loretta Pauler – Susie Shank    |
| Lyle Hanna                      |
| Stephanie Prihoda               |
| Mikayla Stang                   |
| Willy Schmidt – Patrick Prihoda |
| Lyle Hanna – Jack Shaw          |
| Jack & Sandra Shaw              |

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Renee Mazoch, Glen McLaren, Henry Miksch, Connor Machicek, Ken Dittrich, Francis Pio Pilkington, Leon Shank, Mary Shank, Larry Nuhn, Jessi Wilcox, Gordon Ross, Diana Heinrich, Doris Anders, Jan Ripper, Cheryl (Kobza) Powell, Nadine Krischke, Steve Hopkins, Barbara Nugent, Luke Friedel, Orly R. Elizondo, Wilbert Demel, Elroy Demel, Terri Hanna, Georgia Kalich, Bruce Treybig, Carrol Ray Demel, Francis Ripper, Julia Oeding, Lillian Hilscher, Leon Popp, Mary Demel, Marilyn Adamcik, Lad Trojacek, Joyce Dittrich, Mildred Hollas, Kathy Kutac, Al Martinez, Willy Schmidt, Edward Schwenke, Angie Schwenke, Johnnie Bargas, Beth Hollywood, Carolyn Prihoda, Derek Schwenke, Harlan Hilscher, Collins Lehmann, Buddy Dittrich and Patrick Pilkington.