

**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**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025 - THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10      James 5:7-10      Matthew 1:2-11 (7)

Wednesday, December 17 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 PM	Henry Zapalac Sr.
Sunday, December 21 <sup>st</sup>	10:15 PM	Frank, Mary, Otilia, and Alfons Ripper
Sunday, December 21 <sup>st</sup>	3:00 PM	Wedding - Alvin (Jake) Carlile & Amber Adamcik
Wednesday, December 24 <sup>th</sup>	Midnight	Michael Slaton
Thursday, December 25 <sup>th</sup>	10:15 AM	Frank & Adie Schmidt
Sunday, December 28 <sup>th</sup>	10:15 PM	Diana Heirich

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**

We need your help on Sunday, December 21 at 4:00 pm with decorating the Church for the Christmas season. Due to a wedding taking place at church Sunday afternoon, we will push back the traditional time. 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!



**CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES**

The 2026 contribution envelopes can be found in the entrance of the church. If you do not find envelopes in your name and would like some, please contact Darla Kubala. Contribution statements for 2025 will be mailed out in January to the address shown on the current envelopes. Please report any change of address or phone number updates to Darla Kubala as well. You can e-mail her at [darlak@cvctx.com](mailto:darlak@cvctx.com) or text her at (979)249-7171.

**PARISH CALENDARS**

Parish calendars for 2026 are available in the foyer of the Church after Mass. Please take one per family for your home.

**LIGHTING CANDLES YEAR-END GIVING CAMPAIGN**

God's Embrace Ministries invites you to consider a year-end gift through our Lighting Candles Campaign, inspired by Cherrie Fonseca's words: "Rather than cursing the darkness, we decided to light candles." Your gift supports spiritual direction, retreats, parish book studies, and the formation of Faith-FULL disciples. You may also light a candle in honor or memory of a loved one, whose name will be placed on our altar this Advent. Give or learn more: [www.godsembrace.org/lighting-candles-campaign](http://www.godsembrace.org/lighting-candles-campaign). Thank you for supporting GEM's mission!

**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 two positions up for election and both are two-year terms. Position 3 is responsible for Parish Hall and Pavillion rentals. Position 3 Incumbent Buddy Dittrich has chosen not to run for reelection. Position 4 is responsible for Parish Picnic and other Fundraising Events. For information or to place your name in nomination, please call Fr. Jasper Liggio (979-743-3117). Nominations close on December 20th.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

December 25	The Nativity of the Lord
December 28	Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
January 1	Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
January 4	The Epiphany of the Lord
January 11	The Baptism of the Lord
January 22	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

Restoration	\$ 60.00
Restoration (Anonymous)	\$ 50.00
Souvenir Shop Donation	\$ 1,000.00
Immaculate Conception Collection	\$ 10.00
Misc. (Christmas Flower Donations)	\$ 60.00
<u>Offertory (12/17/25)</u>	<u>\$ 3,015.00</u>
Total Deposit	\$ 4,195.00

**LAY MINISTERS**

**SUNDAY – DECEMBER 21**

Rosary	Mary K. Lauher – Mary Muras
Eucharistic Minister	Eric Oeding – (Edward Schwenke)
Lector	Lad Trojacek
Altar Servers	Mikayla Stang
Ushers	Mark Stang – Eric Oeding
Ushers	Elmer Meyer – Rodney Kana
Gifts	Rodney & Christine Kana

**WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 24**

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Gigi Marburger – Stacy Oeding
Forrest Lauher
Mikayla Stang
Ron Srubar – Eric Oeding
Matt Kubala – Richard Marburger
Matt & Darla Kubala

**LAY MINISTERS**

**THURSDAY – DECEMBER 25**

Rosary	-----
Eucharistic Minister	Bob Anderson – Susie Shank
Lector	Stephanie Prihoda
Altar Servers	
Ushers	Willy Schmidt – Patrick Prihoda
Ushers	Elmer Meyer – Willie Joe Svetlik
Gifts	Elmer & Dorothy Meyer

**SUNDAY – DECEMBER 27**

Kim Wellborn – Lily Hilscher
Kim Wellborn – (Rhonda Srubar)
Susie Shank
Charlie Shank
Forrest Lauher – Tony Shank
Ronnie Bohac – Jim Holub
Forrest & Mary K. Lauher

**\*To submit items in the bulletin, please e-mail Susie Shank at [weshank6@gmail.com](mailto:weshank6@gmail.com) by the Tuesday before it will be published.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Francis Pio Pilkington, Leon Shank, Jan Ripper, Luke Friedel, Orly R. Elizondo, Wilbert Demel, Elroy Demel, Terri Hanna, Georgia Kalich, Carrol Ray Demel, Francis Ripper, Lillian Hilscher, Mary Demel, Lad Trojacek, Kathy Kutac, Al Martinez, Willy Schmidt, Edward Schwenke, Angie Schwenke, Beth Hollywood, Carolyn Prihoda, Collins Lehrmann, Buddy Dittrich, Patrick Pilkington, Estella Kobza, Gerald Kobza, Pat Richter, Ruth Fabian, Bob DeWitt, Sharon DeWitt, Christian Kpodo, Eugene Schramek, Mark Meysenbourg, Joyce Dittrich, and Derek Schwenke.