

**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. Alex Aboagye, Parochial Vicar – Deacon Jay Vocelka, OblSB**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023 – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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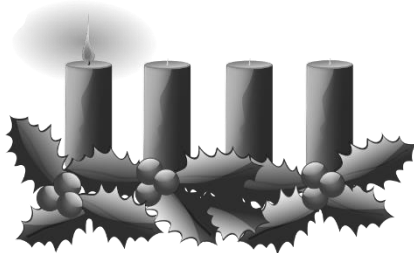
Wednesday, December 6 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 PM	Edward, Annie, Robert, Erna, Adela, and Walter Ripper Sunday
<b>Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Faye Shaw</b>
Sunday, December 10 <sup>th</sup>	10:15 AM	Erwin Gassmann
Wednesday, December 13 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 PM	Frank, Kary, Otillia, and Alfons Ripper
Sunday, December 17 <sup>th</sup>	10:15 AM	Larry, Bernadette, and Erica Schwenke

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be a number of Mass time options: Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> (Vigil Masses) - 6:00 pm @ St. John's in Ammannsville AND 6:00 pm @ St. Rose of Lima. Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> - 8:10 am @ St. Rose of Lima, 6:00 pm @ St. Mary's in High Hill, AND 7 pm – St. Rose of Lima (Spanish Mass).

**CENSUS FORM**

All parishioners were mailed a census form in August. It is very important to have each member complete them and return them in the Sunday Collection as soon as possible. Copies are in the back of the church if new copies are needed.



**DONATIONS FOR GABRIEL PROJECT**

- 1) St. Rose of Lima Catholic School Junior High is collecting baby items for the Gabriel Project. Items that might be donated include: clothes, diapers, bottles, baby gear, blankets, bedding, and mother/baby hygiene items. Donations for this service project will be collected until December 15, 2023.
- 2) Encounter Youth Ministry's 6th Annual Pro Life Service project: The youth group will be collecting much needed items for Fayette and Colorado County chapters of the Gabriel Project of the Crossroads who help moms in unplanned pregnancy situations. A list of items can be found on and near the collection box in the back of the church. Thank you for your generous support.

**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 Church. There are two positions up for election. Both are two-year terms. Position 3 is responsible for Parish Hall and Pavilion rentals. 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 19<sup>th</sup>.

**HOLIDAY GATHERING**

Members and family of St. Rose Altar Society, Catholic Daughters of the Americas and Knights of Columbus are invited to celebrate this Holy Season with our Catholic Organizations on Sunday, December 3, 2023 at the Schulenburg Hall (405 South Street, Schulenburg). Social begins at 10:30 a.m. Meal will be served at 12:00 p.m. Instead of a gift exchange, members are asked to bring gifts for the "Rainbow Room" of Fayette County, operated by Child Protective Services. The Rainbow Room serves displaced children of all ages. They need diapers, car seats, school supplies, formula, personal hygiene items, toys and children's books, new clothing, household cleaning supplies. Monetary gifts are also accepted as well as gift cards. Members should RSVP to their respective organization leadership.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING**

Interested Parishioners are invited to help decorate the inside of the church for Christmas on Sunday, December 17 at 2 PM.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

December 8	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
December 9	St. Rose of Lima Christmas Around the World
December 10	<i>Special Collection</i> – Retirement Fund for Religious
December 15	St. Mary Parish Christmas Party
December 25	The Nativity of the Lord
December 31	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

Restoration Box	\$ 230.00
Restoration (Anonymous)	\$ 50.00
Hall Rental	\$ 575.00
St Rose Church Stipends Pass thru	\$ 45.00
St Rose School Pass thru	\$ 40.00
Offertory (11/26/23)	\$ 1,653.00
<b>TOTAL DEPOSIT</b>	<b>\$ 2,815.00</b>

**LAY MINISTERS**

Rosary	Maria Bohac – Dorothy Meyer
Eucharistic Minister	Susie Shank
Lector	Stephanie Prihoda
Altar Servers	Mikayla Stang
Ushers	Forrest Lauher – Van Prihoda
Ushers	Donald Bohac – Robert Hranicky
Gifts	Robert & Patricia Hranicky

**SUNDAY – DECEMBER 10**

**SUNDAY – DECEMBER 17**

Susie Shank – Loretta Pauler
Kim Wellborn
Stacy Oeding
Charlie Shank
Buddy Hemann – Marshall Wellborn
Larry Huebel – Tony Shank
Larry & Debra Huebel

**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, Ruth Fabian, and Derek Schwenke.