

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH, 2024
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ADVENT

ST. CATHARINE CHURCH

*Brothers and sisters:
Rejoice in the Lord always.
I shall say it again: rejoice!
Your kindness should be known to all.
The Lord is near.*

*Have no anxiety at all, but in everything,
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,
make your requests known to God.
Then the peace of God that surpasses all
understanding
will guard your hearts and minds in
Christ Jesus.*

CHRISTMAS COMES EARLY!*

Beginning today we will have
Coffee & Donuts after both the
8:30am and 11:00am Mass on
the 3rd Sunday of the month.

And be sure to stop in to see the
Dominican Sisters and their
amazing handmade toys,
Rosaries, crafts, and more!

*Jk it's still Advent.



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Welcome to St. Catharine

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Parish Office: Mon-Thurs 8:30am-3pm • Fri 8:30am-12pm



We're so glad to see you! God loves you, and He has a great plan for your life! If you are new to St. Catharine, we want to thank you for coming and we look forward to worshipping God in Word and in Sacrament together today. Please remember to silence your cell phones and to observe silence in the Church. Restrooms are located in the Undercroft and the Parish Center. If you need any assistance or have any questions, just find someone with a green lanyard. We hope to see you again!

TO THE PARENTS OF OUR YOUNG CHILDREN... May we suggest...relax! God put the wiggle in children, so don't feel that you must suppress it in God's house, but we do have a large quieting room available if you feel the need to step out during Mass. Thank you so much for making the effort to be here, and never stop bringing your family to Mass. It's worth it.

TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH... The presence of children is a gift to the Church and they are a reminder that our congregation is growing. Any noise that our little ones make during Mass is pleasing to God's ears. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel



Sunday-Friday
6:00am-12:00am
Saturday
6:00am-4:00pm



Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Fridays at 3:00pm

Children's Holy Hour

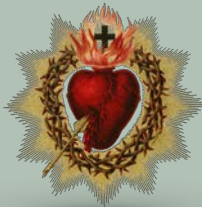
Saturdays at 3:00pm

Committed Adorers Needed

Sunday 12pm noon • Wednesday 8pm

Confession

Tuesday 7:30pm
Thursday 7:00pm
Saturday 9:00am



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✠ ADORE Night ✠

Every Thursday at 7:00pm

A candle-lit evening of Eucharistic Adoration with Confession, songs of praise & worship, prayers, and devotions.

This Week

Sunday, December 15th: *Third Sunday of Advent*

8:30am	Holy Mass (William Manierre Sr.)
9:30am	Family of Faith
9:30am	St. Vincent de Paul Sandwich Making
9:30am	Coffee & Donuts and Dominican Sisters Fundraiser
11:00am	Holy Mass (For all the Faithful Departed) 🕯️
12:00pm	Coffee & Donuts and Dominican Sisters Fundraiser
5:00pm	Holy Mass (People of Parish)

Monday, December 16th

8:00am	Holy Mass (William Manierre Jr.)
6:30pm	Scouts
7:00pm	Choir Practice

Tuesday, December 17th: *O Sapientia (O Wisdom)*

7:00pm	Holy Mass (John Henry Farley)
7:30pm	Confessions
7:30pm	Women's Advent Book Study

Wednesday, December 18th: *O Adonai (O Lord)*

9:00am	Holy Mass (Violet Allwein)
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Thursday, December 19th: *O Radix Jesse (O Root of Jesse)*

7:30am	Men's Rosary
8:00am	Holy Mass (Carrie Ghiloni)
7:00pm	ADORE Lessons & Carols

Friday, December 20th: *O Clavis David (O Key of David)*

8:00am	Holy Mass (Mike Jolley Sr.)
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Saturday, December 21st: *O Oriens (O Rising Sun)*

7:00am	That Man Is You!
8:30am	Holy Mass (Noreen Sunday)
9:00am	Confessions

Sunday, December 22nd: *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

8:30am	Holy Mass (Lynn H. Ryan)
9:30am	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
11:00am	Holy Mass (Emma Petrosky)
5:00pm	Holy Mass (People of Parish) 🕯️

Offering and Attendance

Sunday, December 8th
Giving Data not available at press time.

Attendance	
8:30am	283
11:00am	350
5:00pm	198
Total	831

SCAN TO GIVE



Lord, Hear Our Prayer

"The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects."

If you or a loved one would like to be added to the Prayer Chain please email info@stcatharine.com or call 614-231-4509. Names will remain on the Prayer Chain for 3 months or until they are asked to be removed.

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| Jim | Lee |
| Tracy Keaton | Luke |
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| Rachel | Gary |
| Suzy | Margo |
| Jeff | Tish |
| Brian | Susan & Mikha |
| Isabella and Jackson | Christopher |
| Tara | Stephanie |
| K's Daughter | Kaycee |
| Amy | AJ |
| Estee | Andrew |
| Margie | For the end to abortion |

May They Rest in Peace

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

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| John R. Farley | Violet Mary Allwein | Theresa A. Hrabley |
| Lynn H. Ryan | John Louis Murphy | James R. Wood |



James R. Wood

October 20, 1945 - December 3, 2024

James R. "Jim" Wood, Jr, age 79 of Bexley, Ohio, formerly of Pickerington, passed away Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at his home.

St. Catharine extends our heartfelt prayers for the eternal soul of James, and we extend our deepest sympathies to all of his family and friends.

Eternal rest grant unto James, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Timeout with PJ Keiffer



St. Catharine Irish Winter Athlete Blessing
Sunday, January 5th • 11:00am Mass
Wear your jerseys and uniforms!

I have had the honor to be part of the St. Catharine Parish Athletic Board since 2014, and since 2017 I have served as your Director of Parish Athletics. It is something I have deeply enjoyed as I am kind of a sports junkie.

My wife Kristina and I are not from this area originally, and we kind of stumbled into St. Catharine in 2008. We have had two daughters, Quinn and Reese, graduate from St. Catharine School. They now attend Bishop Hartley High School. Our son, Jude, is in fifth grade, and our youngest, Ellis, is in fourth grade here at St. Catharine.

This parish and community have blessed us with many wonderful milestones in our life: Baptisms, First Communions and Confirmations. But one particular highlight was when Kristina came into the Catholic Church in 2012. It is a milestone that changed everything in our marriage, family and faith. Additionally, St. Catharine has grown and evolved in many ways with the faithful pastors we have been blessed with in our time here. I am active in our our Knights of Columbus Council, and I love to visit Jesus in the Adoration Chapel and go to Adore on Thursday evenings. Personal evangelization is not my strong suite, however, I say all this because I try my best to carry these aspects of our Catholic faith and parish over to parish athletics.

I enjoy sports as much as the next person, but there is something much larger than sports. In the secular world sports are sports—win at all costs. At St. Catharine our goal is for sports to be more than win at all costs, but an opportunity to thank God for our athletic gifts. We have a tremendous opportunity to connect and evangelize to our children through sports. We have all seen multiple athletes speak of their faith at some point before or after a game. They talk about God and how none of it is possible without Him. This the exact message we are attempting to promote through our athletic programs.

I want to especially invite all of our Winter sport St. Catharine Irish student athletes to the 11:00am Mass on Sunday, January 5th for a special blessing from Fr. Bob. Wear your jerseys and uniforms!

I am always and forever grateful to those that take time to help make athletics happen. Saint Sebastian, Pray for Us!

PJ Keiffer • Athletic Director

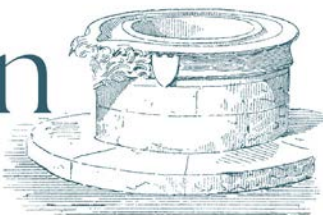
December Food Pantry Need
CANNED VEGETABLES

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St. Catharine Women

Women at the well



1st Saturdays at 6:30am in the Parish Center



Women at the Well is for all women ages 18 and older who are looking for an opportunity to start, deepen, or renew their relationship with Jesus. We will connect with Jesus and other women in the parish through coffee,

prayer, and small groups.

Bring Jesus your heart...your tired and lonely heart, your overwhelmed heart, your full heart, and allow Jesus to fill you with His love. For Jesus says, "Whoever drinks of the water I shall give will never thirst." There is no sign up. Simply come as you are.

Questions? Elyse Salisbury • ehueckel@gmail.com

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St. Catharine Men



Saturdays at 7:00am in the Parish Center



Journey from fear to fearless worship, from a lifeless corpse hanging on the cross to an empty tomb, from Apostles hiding in the upper room to proclaiming the risen Lord to the ends of the earth! Beginning with Christ to the Apostles, to the Apostolic Fathers, to the men of our day, God hasn't stopped calling us! Let us become who we were made to be and set the world on fire. May we become Apostles of the New Springtime! Join us for food, fellowship and faith. All men are welcome.

Questions? Paul Wills • pkawills7@gmail.com



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2nd Thursdays at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall



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Questions? Ed Stange • Deputy@koc11354.org

Men's Rosary

Thursday, December 19th
7:30am in the Church





ENCOUNTER JESUS THIS ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT ST. CATHARINE CHURCH

ADVENT

ADORE NIGHTS

EVERY THURSDAY • 7:00PM

ADORE is a candle-lit evening of Eucharistic Adoration with Confession, songs of praise & worship, prayers, and devotions. Prepare the "inn of your heart" this Advent to be a worthy place for Jesus by going to Confession.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19TH

7:00PM • ADORE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Lessons and Carols is a service of Scripture and song that dates to the late 19th century. In it we listen to Scripture lessons which recount the Fall, the promise of a Messiah, the Incarnation, and the Commission to preach the Good News. Each lesson is followed by a carol or song that reflects on the lesson's message.

No Adore Night or Confessions on Thursday, December 26th and Thursday, January 2nd

CHRISTMAS

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

CHRISTMAS EVE (TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH)

4:00PM

6:30PM

10:00PM

CHRISTMAS DAY (WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH)

11:00AM

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29TH

8:30AM

11:00AM

5:00PM

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

5:30PM

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1ST

9:00AM

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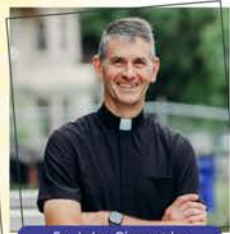
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The Mass

“Do This in Remembrance of Me”

A Step-By-Step Walk Through the Mass

Fr. Luke Spannagel

✦ Part 78: The Dismissal ✦

Having just received a blessing through the hands of the priest, we now come to our last instruction and response in the Mass: the **Dismissal**. For this part of the Mass, the Roman Missal gives four options that can be used by the deacon (if there is one) or by the priest himself:

“Go forth, the Mass is ended.” “Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.” “Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.” “Go in peace.”

To any of these, the people respond: “Thanks be to God.” Additionally, you may know that during the Easter Octave and the close of the Easter Season, we also add a double “Alleluia” to the end of these dismissal phrases.

A Sending Forth...

Do you notice anything consistent or repeated in these phrases of dismissal? They all begin with “Go”! Why do we say that? It definitely isn’t because the priest is ready to get on with his day! The Diocese of Peoria teaches, “After the [Prayer after Communion] beseeches God to give us grace to put our faith into practice, the Concluding Rite is ‘sending forth’ on this mission as disciples of Christ” (A Study of the Mass, p. 20). We have just prayed together, giving glory to God in the perfect Sacrifice of Christ in worship of the Father; after having been nourished by the Word of God in Scripture and the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, now we are ready to go forth out into the world. Each option of the dismissal is really an instruction: “Go forth”; “Go and announce the Gospel”; “Go in peace, glorifying the Lord”; “Go in peace.” In a real way, each of these phrases practically tells us what to do next, now that our time together at a particular Mass has drawn to a close.

As Edward Sri relates, “In the ancient world, it was customary to close an assembly with a formal dismissal. The early Christians felt the need to incorporate a similar conclusion to their liturgical assembly. From the fourth century onward, the Latin words *Ite Missa est* were employed for this task... What is most significant about this dismissal is that the whole liturgy receives its name, ‘the Mass,’ from the word *Missa* (‘dismissal’/‘sending’) in this closing line. This points to how the Mass ultimately should be seen as a sending forth. As the Catechism explains, the celebration of the Eucharist is called ‘Holy Mass’ (*Missa*) ‘because the liturgy in which the mystery of salvation is accomplished concludes with the sending forth (*missio*) of the faithful, so that they may fulfill God’s will in their lives” (A Biblical Walk Through the Mass, pp. 147-8; CCC, 1332).

... to Go Out on Mission

Did anyone notice that quote from the Catechism including the word *missio* sounds very much like mission? I have heard several priests explain that the end of Mass is truly a sending forth of the Christian people on mission. If you think about all we have received at the Holy Mass, our hearts and minds will be very full of God’s truth, goodness, and love. Of course, those are gifts that are meant to be shared! We live in a world that experiences the effects of sin and brokenness, a world that needs hope and light, a world that needs the fruits of the Mass!

As Edward Sri continues, “Jesus told the apostles, ‘As the Father has sent me, even so I send you’ (Jn 20:21). The Father sent the Son into the world, to die for our sins and give us a share in his divine life. As we have seen, the entire paschal mystery of Jesus’ passion, death... resurrection [and Ascension] is made present to us in the Eucharistic liturgy so that we can be more deeply incorporated into Jesus’ life and mission. The more deeply the Eucharist unites us to Jesus, the more we will radiate his life and his love in the world around us. The closing line of the liturgy, therefore, is not an aimless dismissal. It is a dismissal with a mission. It is a sending forth of God’s people to bring the mysteries of Christ into the world” (A Biblical Walk Through the Mass, p. 148). The next time you are leaving Mass, I challenge you to think joyfully of all the fruits of that Mass and then ask yourself: How can I share these fruits with the people I meet?

For Reflection:

1. Reflect on your lived experiences of commissioning or mission. What were the elements, textual and material, of your non-liturgical experience(s) of receiving or conferring a mission? Bring this personal history to your preparation for Mass, aware that your participation in the liturgy equips you to go forth on mission in the Lord’s Name.
2. Accept Fr. Luke’s challenge to identify the fruits you have received during Mass and commit to sharing these fruits with others as you depart.
3. Pray with Luke 7, being attentive to the dynamics of mission, commissioning, and dismissal in the various encounters of Jesus’ public ministry. For example, what does the centurion teach us about being on mission under Jesus’ authority (Lk 7:1-10)? What dynamics of going, coming, and being God’s messenger do we see in the interactions between John the Baptist’s disciples and Jesus (Lk 7:18-35)? What fruits did the sinful woman receive to share with others before hearing Jesus’ dismissal: “Your faith has saved you; go in peace” (Lk 7:36-50)? Allow these passages to shape your participation in Mass as a real encounter with the Lord Jesus and a sending forth to share his fruits with others.

Source: www.eucharisticrevival.org/blog



Congrats!

ON YOUR FIRST CONFESSION




With thanks to Almighty God, we congratulate the 47 young parishioners who made their First Confession this past Saturday! These children received the mercy and forgiveness of Jesus in a new way as they continue to prepare to receive Jesus in the Eucharist this May. As we all prepare to welcome Jesus at Christmas, let us examine our souls and present our wounds, brokenness, and sins to Jesus in the Sacrament of Confession. Like our young parishioners, let us confidently approach our merciful and loving savior who waits for us in the Confessional.

Pope Francis said *“How good it feels to come back to Jesus whenever we are lost! Let me say this once more: God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy.”* Let us pray that all of us may tirelessly seek the mercy of Jesus!

Let us pray. *Merciful Lord, with a pure heart we thank you for taking away our sins. Let your Holy Spirit guide our lives so that our souls may bear the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Renew our desire to be your faithful friend and servant, increase our loving dependence on you, and grant us that joy and peace of heart which comes from doing your holy will. Through Christ our Lord. Amen*

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Third Sunday of Advent

Zep 3:14-18a | Phil 4:4-7 | Lk 3:10-18

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"I want to be a sanctuary lamp," Samantha, my childhood friend, once remarked. "To be the little flame that reminds everyone, 'God is here.'" In those short phrases, Samantha summarized not only her personal vocation, but also the all-important mission of St. John the Baptist. Like the candle burning before the tabernacle, St. John was not the long-awaited Messiah; his God-given task was to point others to Jesus. We hear this theme of St. John's message expressed repeatedly in today's readings: "The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst"; "Great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel!"; "one mightier than I is coming." God himself would soon be among them - indeed, he was already there. Although 2,000 years separate us from St. John the Baptist's ministry, the little flame still burns in the sanctuary to remind us that God has not only come, but he remains *in our midst*. This is cause for rejoicing: the same Jesus to whom John pointed is present among us in the Blessed Sacrament.


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Becoming more attuned and attentive to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist - that is, to God in our midst - entails embracing another part of St. John the Baptist's message. In today's Gospel, St. John counsels people from all walks of life to prepare for the coming Messiah by changing their lives. Only by turning away from sin and committing themselves to God will they be able to recognize and follow Christ when he comes. If we desire deeper faith in the Eucharist, our preparation must be similar: we ask God to show us the dusty corners of our souls which we have concealed from his merciful love. Then, confident in his willingness to forgive, we approach him in the sacrament of confession. This is his ardent desire: that, having come among us, he might forgive and heal us. Such is the meaning behind the consoling words of the Prophet Zephaniah in today's first reading: "He will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love."

SING

*O Christ, whom nations sigh for
Whom priest and prophet long foretold
Come break the captive fetters
Redeem the long-lost fold*



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For pilgrims of hope

Let us pray that this Jubilee strengthen us in our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

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