

December 3, 2023

Ministry Schedules

Lectors

Sat. 12/2 Kathy Cooney
Sun. 12/3 Carolyn Lema
Sat. 12/9 Carolyn Lema
Sun. 12/10 Terry Marsh

Eucharistic Ministers

Sat. 12/2 Bob Meierdierks
Sun. 12/3 Pat Trim
Sat. 12/9 Marian Delay
Sun. 12/10 Minnie Hughes

Ushers

Sat. 12/2 Andy Savarese
Bob Meierdierks
Sun. 12/3 Jim McGann
Alex Williamson
Sat. 12/9 Andy Savarese
Bob Meierdierks
Sun. 12/10 Robert Tupek
Leonard Garcia

Prayer Line

If you would like prayers for any serious health or personal reason, you can call Patti at 259-5290 and she will activate the prayers of at least 20 others.

Confession Schedules

MOAB: Confessions are heard at 4:15pm on Saturday afternoons or by appointment at St. Pius X.
MONTICELLO: Confessions are heard at St Joseph's on the last Sunday of the Month.

**Scripture Readings
and
Mass Intentions for the Week**

Sun - 12/10 – Mass 9:00 am
Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11
Second Peter 3: 8-14
Mk 1: 1-8
Mon - 12/11 – Mass - 8:30 am
Isaiah 35: 1-10
Lk. 5: 17-26
Tues – 12/12– Mass - 8:30 am
Zechariah 2: 14-14 or Revelations 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a, 10b
Lk 1: 26-28 or Lk. 1: 39-47
Wed – 12/13 – Mass - 8:30 am
Isaiah 40: 25-31
Mt 11: 28-30
Thurs – 12/14 – Mass – 8:30am
Isaiah 41: 13-20
Mt. 11: 11-15
Fri – 12/15 – **No Mass**
Isaiah 48: 17-19
Mt. 11: 16-19
Sat – 12/16 – Mass 5:00 pm
Isaiah Sirach 48: 1-4, 9-11
Mt. 17: 9a, 10-13

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The Schedule for the 2023/24

National Collection:

December 3: Catholic Community Services (Diocesan)
January 22: Latin America
February 22: Church in Central/Eastern Europe (Ash Wednesday)
February 22 to Rice Bowl Collection
April 9: (Lenten Season)
March 5: Black & Indian Missions

March 19: Catholic Relief Services
April 2 and/or Holy Land (Palm Sunday and/or Good Friday)
April 7: Home Missions
April 23: Communications
May 21: Holy Father (Peter's Pence)
June 25: Pastoral Solidarity for Church in Africa
July 16: Religious Retirement
August 6: Calvary Catholic Cemetery (Diocesan)
September 10: Priests' Retirement (Diocesan Collection)
September 10: Mission Sunday
October 22: Campaign for Human Development
November 19: Catholic Community Services
December 3: Catholic Community Services

Weekly Collection – St Pius

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Offerors

Sat. 12/2 – Andy & Jodi Savarese
Sun. 12/3 – Peter & Minnie Hughes

DDD Support on the Rise

The barometer at the back of church on the rise. Thank you to all those that have helped raise the heat over the last month. Every bit of giving, no matter the size, is a clear sign of St. Pius X's stewardship. Thank you again.

Advent Recollection – December 2, 2023 10:00 a.m.

The Diocesan Pastoral Plan centers on Comprehensive Faith Formation. As Catholics, we need to be formed well

in our faith life. One of the activities for faith formation is retreat/recollection. In this regard our parish will have an Advent recollection on Saturday, December 2nd at 10:00 a.m. here at the church. Everyone is invited to attend. For those involved in the Lector, Eucharistic Minister, and Usher Ministry, this recollection is highly recommended as part of your formation. Please devote time for this type of spiritual exercise.

Thank you.

First Communion Orientation

For the parents whose kids have not received first communion, please register them at the parish office. An orientation for religion class will be held at the parish hall on December 3rd (Sunday) after the 9 a.m. Mass.

Eucharistic Miracle Photo Exhibit

The Eucharistic miracle photo exhibit will be held at the parish hall on Sunday, December 3rd. Everyone is encouraged to see that to deepen our belief in the presence of Christ in the Eucharist. This is part of the Eucharistic revival we are celebrating this year.

Immaculate Conception of Mary

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary is a holy day of obligation. We will be celebrating Mass on Friday, December 8th at 8:30 a.m. Please plan to attend.

Advent and Advent Wreath

The first day of Advent this year is December 3rd and it the first day of new liturgical calendar and begins a four-week period of preparation for the nativity of Jesus Christ at Christmas. Advent reminds us about the importance of Christ in our lives. It prepares us to celebrate Christ's birth and refers to his second coming at a future time.

We omit the recitation or singing of GLORIA in the Mass for two reasons: for us to go through a liturgical "season of darkness" a kind of penance which ends with the proclamation of God's glorious reign, secondly as a reminder that we are waiting like those shepherds. In its symbolism the Church continues to stress the penitential and preparatory nature of Advent. That's why the color of vestment that the priest wears is purple.

Advent wreaths are circular representing God's infinite love and symbolizes God's eternity. They are usually made of evergreen leaves which represent the hope of eternal life brought by Jesus. Within the advent wreath are candles that generally represent the four weeks of advent season as well as the light of God coming into the world through the birth of Jesus Christ.