

Mass Schedule and Intentions for the Week

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Thursday, December 7th

8:00 am-Father's Day Intentions

Friday, December 8th

7:00 pm-Mother's Day Intentions

Saturday, December 9th

8:00 am-Father's Day Intentions

Sunday, December 10th

9:00 am-Alan Claus-M
(Claus Family)

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Friday, December 8th
7:00 pm- Lois Weber

Sunday, December 10th

9:00 am-Bill Franczak

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 10th
9:00 am -Dustin Bliss, Scott Youngers
Nancy Hack & Nikera Kolacki

SACRISTAN SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 10th
9:00 am-Karen Macy

COLLECTION WEEK OF 11/26/2023

Regular Collection \$3,054

Attendance 11/26

9:00 am-104

Counters for 12/10/2023—Team S & V

A family Penance Service will be held December 15th at 7pm at Immaculate Conception



"Rosebud" Bouquets
Amanda Youngers
Lois Weber

Prayer Chain

If you know someone that you would like our faith community to pray for, please call Bill Franczak @ 716-537-9448 or Mary Major at 716-537-9336. Please leave your name and phone number along with the name of the person going on the list and the reason why. Thank you!

Today's Scripture Readings
First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64: 2-7
1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Psalm 80
Mark 13:33-37

Readings for December 8th
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Genesis 3: 9-15,20
Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12

Psalm 98
Luke 1:26-38

Readings for Next Weekend
Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11
2 Peter 3:8-14

Psalm 85
Mark 1:1-8



Religious Education in December will be held the 3rd, 10th and 17th at 10 am. Families are welcome to attend on December 17th to help decorate the church for Christmas.

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carol

All are invited - bring the kids
7:00 PM on Wednesday, December 13

Where: Immaculate Conception Church

A multiple-Parish event featuring parishioners of Annunciation, Immaculate Conception, St. George, St. Joseph, and St. Vincent de Paul

It's a wonderful way for to prepare for Christmas!!!

Music provided by the St Joseph music ministry

Fellowship, food and refreshments will follow immediately

This is a *free* event sponsored by the East Aurora Knights of Columbus



FAMILY NEWS & EVENTS

ADVENT REFLECTION

As we begin the Sacred Season of Advent and light the first candle on our Advent wreath, perhaps we might take some time to reflect and begin our spiritual preparation for Christmas. May this sacred season bring you Hope.
~ Father Jerry

We are all waiting! Advent asks us to wait and to take our time to prepare for Christmas over the next four weeks. In the words of Jesus from today's Gospel we are to stay awake! Advent offers us two messages. It is a time to prepare for Christmas when Christ's birth is remembered and celebrated. It is also offered to us as a time that directs our hearts and minds to prepare for and await Christ's coming at the fullness of time. Advent therefore is a time of preparation. We are called to watch and wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Over the next few weeks the shops and the advertisements on television will continue to attract our attention and offer us their message. They will tell us to stay busy, spend more, and do all we can to get ready to celebrate Christmas in style. However, there is another message that Advent offers us. It is one that asks us to stay awake so that we don't miss the sights and sounds of this sacred season. As well as the lights and decorations, we will see the Advent wreath in our churches with its candles over the next few weeks. The crib will draw our attention to the birth of Jesus. Advent reminds us that we are getting ready to welcome someone, not something!

Through the Gospels, over the coming weeks, we will meet and hear John the Baptist as he says to each of us, 'Prepare a way for the Lord, make his path straight.' On the last Sunday of Advent the Gospel will tell us about Mary who said 'yes' in a radical act of faith in response to God's plan for her.

Advent also encourages us to slow down, pray, stay awake and prepare our daily lives, our hearts and our homes to welcome Jesus through the Nativity. Advent is the season of joyful hope; so we pray that with God's help we will do all we can to support each other, to remain faithful, optimistic, joyful and hopeful.
~ Brother Michael Moore, OMI

Advent prayer group at St. George

Russ and Mary Deveso, parishioners of St. George, will facilitate a weekly gathering to consider the scripture messages for each of the four Sundays of Advent. Using the At Home with the Word books, the group will meet at 7pm sharp on Nov. 27th, Dec. 4th, Dec. 11th and Dec. 18th. For more information or to sign up to attend, contact Russ at rdeveso@aol.com or call (716) 941-3256.

Come join the Catholic Men's Fellowship of WNY for a morning of Advent Reflection, Saturday, Dec 9 at St. Jude the Apostle Church, 800 Niagara Falls Blvd., North Tonawanda 14120.

We will begin with Mass at 8:30AM and then move to the Community Room where we will enjoy a presentation on "St. Joseph, The Silent Evangelist." Men and women are welcome.

HAITI FUNDRAISER - St. George Parish in our Family of Parishes is now having an Advent fundraiser for its twin Haitian Parish. Haiti Christmas Gift Cards are now being sold and are available on the Haiti table in the back of the church at St. George. The Haiti Christmas Gift Cards allow you to provide Haitian families with gifts of **goats, water purifiers, school tuition, medicines and sanitation facilities** in the name of your family members and friends. The people of St. George's twin Haitian parish will benefit greatly from these gifts. Thank you for your generous support.

Help For Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times. For more information call (716) 474-9371 or visit <https://www.HelpOurMarriage.org>. The next weekend is January 26-28, 2024. Please register by 1/3/24. Space is limited. All calls are confidential.

**Please plan to join us for Christmas—
Let's Celebrate Our Lord's Birth!**

Christmas Eve Masses
Sunday, December 24th

4:00 pm Immaculate Conception
4:00 pm St. Vincent's
4:30 pm St. Joseph
5:00 pm Annunciation
5:00 pm St. George
6:00 pm Immaculate Conception
8:00 pm Annunciation
10:00 pm St. Vincent's
12 Midnight Immaculate Conception

Christmas Day Masses
Monday, December 25th

8:00 am Immaculate Conception
10:00 am St. George
10:00 am St. Vincent's
10:30 am St. Joseph
11:00 am Annunciation

Annunciation 7580 Clinton St. Elma
Immaculate Conception 520 Oakwood Ave. East Aurora
St. George 74 Old Glenwood Rd., West Falls
St. Joseph 46 North Main St. Holland
St. Vincent 6441 Seneca St. Spring Brook

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Traditional Christmas Songs and Holiday Favorites

Monday, December 11, 2023
7 pm Free Handbell Concert

at St. Vincent de Paul
Roman Catholic Church

Please join us for socializing & refreshments following the concert.

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