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720 Liberty Street
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Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning - 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Holy Days - 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

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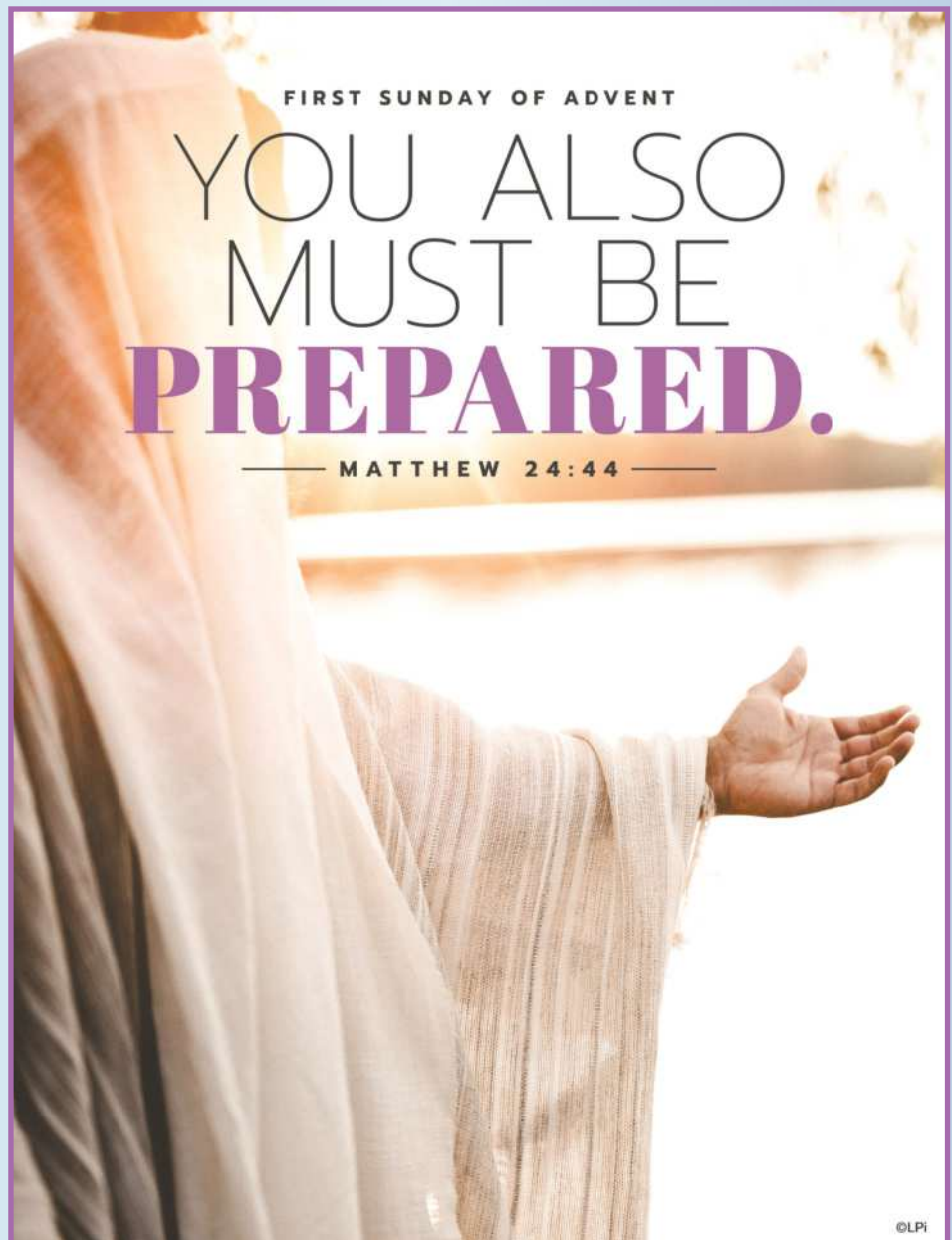
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Parish Membership

Membership includes active participation in the sacramental life of the Church, involvement in the activities of the faith community and financial support of the parish.

New members are welcome to register by calling the parish office.



A MESSAGE FROM FATHER JASON – A happy new (Liturgical) Year and Thanksgiving weekend to you! “Come, Lord Jesus” is followed by “The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen”. These are the last words found in Scripture at the end of the Book of Revelation. They help us understand our calling as Christians is to do two things: 1) Become Saints and 2) Prepare for his coming. We cannot have one without the other. All of the month of November has been reminding us that holiness is achievable in our lives by how God calls us. We began by remembering all of the Saints, then all of the faithful departed on their way to becoming saints, and then also remembering we are called to live that ability through our relationship of God through Prayer. Hence preparing for his coming is by living to the best of our abilities to do his will today. The Season of Advent is actually determined by where a feast of a Saint (Andrew) falls on the Calendar. The season begins on the Sunday closest to his feast day (November 30). Andrew was the one who brought Peter to Jesus. He is a great reminder of how we are called to spend this and the Christmas Season: Come to Jesus to bring others to him! That is why we begin our Advent with the final words of Scripture because we have to be reminded that his Grace is with us. This season always begins with a “future focused” as we remember the “Advent” (meaning coming) of Christ at our personal end (earthly death) and the worldly end (end of the world). That is also why the color of Advent is purple to remind us to be focused on the future by repenting today.

Even though the beginning of Advent is “future focused”, it marks the beginning of the new Church Year. During this year, we will hear from the Gospel account of Matthew that reminds us that Jesus will call/calls us by name, as the name signifies the dignity that we have been given. Take time at the beginning of this Advent journey to begin anew, remember his grace, take time to slow down and pray, enjoy the beauty of this Season, open your heart to the corporal works of mercy, and spend time grateful for all of the gifts we have been given. Please see the schedule that was mailed (and emailed to you) outlining our Advent/Christmas journey together. But please remember that both the schedule and our bulletins were published days/weeks in advance. If there is a schedule change it will be communicated on our website, email, or myparishapp. Again:

1. *If you have not been receiving emails or mailings, let the office know.*
2. *If you have not been receiving the myparishapp updates, check your settings to make sure the “push notifications” are on or download the app. The instructions remain on our website and bulletin.*

Please don't forget to stop by and have your car blessed tomorrow/today (Sunday) after Mass at the Main Entrance of the Church. As the Holiday Season begins and we find ourselves traveling, this is a great time to remember that the lord gives us all good gifts (including our cars) and we call the protection of his mercy on ourselves and our passengers as we go over the river and through the woods. Aside from this, we also have #iGiveCatholic coming up on Tuesday (see information further in the bulletin), First Friday

Adoration, and our Parish Feast Day next Monday, December 8!

Thank you to all who helped with our All-Night Adoration last weekend. I hope you enjoyed the experience! Thank you as well for our volunteers who helped us in any capacity for our Thanksgiving Dinner especially to Shawn Hoke. All of you are appreciated and I am grateful to have undertaken these opportunities with you. A hearty Thank you as well for your generosity in the Special Extraordinary Second Collection last weekend. (due to extra early bulletin deadline, the amount is not yet known) Again, all monies will help local foodbanks and persons who ask us for donations! Also, look for more information regarding how we can help Stockings for Seniors!

*Although this is my favorite time of year,
I don't want to rush it, but here's a reminder of our
Christmas Masses for planning purposes:*

Christmas Eve: 4pm

(6pm at St. Eusebius and 8pm at St. Richard)

Christmas Day: MIDNIGHT

(yes, at Midnight....and my FAVORITE Mass of the year),

8:30am, 11am

A great way to begin the Advent journey is by taking time to pray with our Emmanuel in the Blessed Sacrament. If you have not had the opportunity to take advantage of Adoration, perhaps you can make that one of your Advent Resolutions to spend a few minutes in his presence, without the hustle and bustle of this time. Please take time in this advent season to slow down and enjoy the fullness of these days. Take time to stop by the church as it will be opened for many hours, get up a few minutes early in the quiet of the morning by the Christmas Tree, go for a walk, spend time in Scripture, **the various parish offerings**, or all of the above to prepare for the coming of Jesus and begin anew so that we can also exclaim Come Lord Jesus and become the Saint that we have remembered in this month and that we are called to be! A blessed Advent to you all!



December 2, 2025 is Giving Tuesday

We need your help to make our campaign a success!

With the funds raised through #iGive Catholic this year, we will be enhancing the safety and security of our Parish Campus. Projects to update our current safety measures such as outdoor lighting, additional security cameras and bollard installation are just a few on the list. Providing the utmost safety and security for our parishioners, guests and students is very important to us.

Thank you for your support!

The easiest way to donate online is to use the links on the parish website. If you prefer to use envelopes, they are available in the pews.

All donations made through December 9 will count toward this year's campaign.



Upcoming Events

December	December	December
7	14	21
PURPOSE 9:30 EDGE 9:30	PURPOSE 9:30 Service Project: Fill Stockings for Seniors	"Donut Miss Mass" and PURPOSE 8:30 EDGE 6:30-8:00

LOTTERY CALENDARS make excellent Christmas gifts for anyone on your list. Tickets are currently available from school families or in the school office. They will also be available to purchase after Masses. Calendars are \$20, giving you 365 chances to win in 2026! Just buy the ticket and watch your mailbox for a check with your winnings!



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- Go to your phone's app store
- Find and download MyParishApp
- When downloaded, select our Parish

Once you do this you will be able to receive messages from us! (Remember this is the only way that Emergency Communication can be received at this time. After that we will send an email as well, so please make sure we have your up-to-date email address.)

CLARION COUNTY COMMUNITY CHOIR invites you to its annual holiday concert on December 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the Marwick-Boyd Auditorium when it will present "The Heart of Christmas, A Season of Love and Remembrance".

FROM DEACON JOE – We will again be collecting items for our **Stockings for Seniors** Activity beginning **Saturday, November 29**. There will be a box in the church lobby as well as in the school cafeteria for you to drop off items. We will be meeting to fill stockings at 9:30 a.m. on **Sunday, December 14** at the OLCC. Please drop off any of the following items in the drop boxes by 9:30 in the morning on December 14: **Individually wrapped candies, crackers, travel toiletries, pudding / gel / fruit cups, crossword puzzle books, word search, coloring books, pens, crayons, colored pencils, pet treats.**

Note from the committee: Please make sure your items will fit in a 6-inch opening.

Thank you for helping to make Christmas brighter for those seniors in our community.



Addition to the Prayer List:

Janet Radaker



MASS Intentions

Monday, December 1

— NO MASS —

Tuesday, December 2

8:30 a.m. Katherine Kerle (Jim and Mary Lou Delaney)

Wednesday, December 3 – Saint Francis Xavier

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the conclusion of the 6:00 p.m. Mass until 9:00 p.m.

7:30 a.m. Patti and Harold Rapp, Sr. (Family)

6:00 p.m. Virginia Judy (Theresa Pierucci)

7:00 p.m. Evening Presentation on the Scripture of Advent

Thursday, December 4 – Saint John Damascene

— NO MASS —

Friday, December 5

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 8:50 a.m.

Adoration will continue all morning and conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 12:10 p.m.

7:30 a.m. Dick Keenen (Rose Keenen and Family)

11:30 a.m. – Noon Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, December 6 – Saint Nicholas

4:00 p.m. Dorothy and Joseph Kerle and Don Weidner (Brian and Laurie Kerle)

3:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sacrament of Reconciliation also following the 4:00 mass

Sunday, December 7 – Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. For the People

8:30 a.m. **RADIO MASS** – Father Monty (Chuck and Karla Beichner)

11:00 a.m. James Hartle (Bob and Kathy Smerkar)

Readings for the week of November 30, 2025

Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a /Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 /Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (see 7) /Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12



Offertory	Nov. 15 - 16
Envelopes	\$ 8,211.00
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