



## St. Catherine Church

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**SATURDAY, November 30: VIGIL OF FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**5:00 p.m. MASS** – † Steve and Anna Holesa by Patty

**SUNDAY, December 1: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**9:00 a.m. MASS** – Living and Deceased Members of Saint Catherine of Siena Parish

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**Monday, December 2: Advent Weekday**

**8:00 a.m.** – † Deceased Ciccaglione Family by Sam and Carmela

**Tuesday, December 3: Saint Francis Xavier, Priest**

**8:00 a.m.** – † Patty Magusiak by Friends

**Wednesday, December 4: Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

**8:00 a.m.** – † For Vocations

**Thursday, December 5: Advent Weekday**

**8:00 a.m.** – † Nicholas Witychak by Bob and Ann Gilliland

**Friday, December 6 Saint Nicholas, Bishop**

**8:00 a.m.** – † Bonnie K. Crum by Norm and Cathy Wilson

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**SATURDAY, December 7: VIGIL OF SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**5:00 p.m. MASS** – † Andy Ketner by Louise and A.J.

**SUNDAY, December 8: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**9:00 a.m. MASS** – Living and Deceased Members of Saint Catherine of Siena Parish

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“**St. Vincent de Paul Society** would like to thank Fr. Joe and the congregation of St. Catherine’s for their generosity. SVDP provided 24 families (52 adults/66 children) with a turkey and all the trimmings. Your donations of food and money are greatly appreciated.

**Jumpstarting Jubilee 2025- Advent Hope:** The first Advent candle symbolizes hope. Every 25 years the Church celebrates a special Holy Year called the Jubilee Year. This Jubilee will begin with the opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter’s Basilica in Rome on Christmas Eve, 2024. The theme of the Jubilee Year is HOPE. It is a time for us to realize that “hope does not disappoint” when it is rooted in the knowledge that God has committed himself to us in *Emmanuel*, “God with us.”

**LIVE MASS** aired Every Sunday from Saint John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown on **WATM-TV ABC Channel 23** If you are homebound and not able to attend the Sunday Mass, please watch our Diocesan Program Proclaim at 10:30 a.m. and the live telecast of Sunday Liturgy at 11:00 a.m.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 1, 2024

## Schedule of Liturgical Ministries for December 7/ 8, 2024

MASS	Lectors	Altar Servers	Hospitality Ministers (Greeters)	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Saturday <b>5:00 p.m.</b>	Maggie Stiffler	Ann Bonson	Volunteer	Maggie Stiffler Kevin Muha
Sunday <b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Suzanne Brown	Kasen Gipe Branson Gipe	Volunteer	Will Crouse Marcia Slates

### Stewardship Reflections

**December 1, 2024 –**

#### **33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

We have arrived at the powerful season of Advent, a season to prepare with awe and gratitude for the Feast of the incarnation of Jesus, born to us as Savior and Brother. A season to prepare for His return at the end of time. It is also a moment to remind ourselves that our individual judgment day is coming too – the moment when we will be called to give an account for all the love God has shown us and the gifts He has given us during our lifetime.

‘God reveals His perfect and infinite love for us most visibly in His son, Jesus Christ. A steward makes God’s love visible by imitating Jesus...Stewardship is the response of the disciple to God’s unconditional love for us. Stewards bask in the wonder and awe of God’s love, from *the Pillars of Parish Stewardship*. In other words, Advent is a steward’s season!

Get ready Christian stewards! He’s coming! Let us prepare with awe and wonder.



#### SANCTUARY CANDLE:

The Sanctuary Candle acknowledging The Real Presence of Christ in the tabernacle is burning this week for

**Poor Souls**



#### COLLECTION COUNTING SCHEDULE for:

**Sunday, December 1, 2024:** Dennis Drake

**Sunday, December 8, 2024:** Kathy Lantz

**Pro-Life Corner** DECEMBER 1- Life is like a snowflake. Just as every snowflake is different, every person is different and irreplaceable! We, as Americans, have allowed over 65,000,000 irreplaceable babies to be destroyed through abortion. Like the melting snow of springtime, our future generations are also disappearing.

#### **First Sunday of advent (LUKE)**

At this time of the year we are very conscious of our family as we make preparations for Christmas. Today’s gospel warns us not to be consumed by all the consumer activity. This advent appreciate the gift of people in your life. The best gift of this season might be your appreciation of others.

#### ***Marian Devotions:***

Approximately 30 minutes before each Mass begins with the recitation of the Holy Rosary.

***Sacrament of Reconciliation:*** One half hour before Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses or anytime by appointment/request.

<b>November 2024 Schedule for Liturgical Ministries at Saint Catherine</b>			
<b>Date/Mass</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Ministers</b>
5:00 p.m. Saturday November 2, 2023	Louise Ketner	Ann Bonson	Louise Ketner Mary Lyons
9:00 a.m. Sunday November 3, 2023	Beth Lear	Dane Varner Nolan Starr Jax McCartney	Volunteer Will Crouse
5:00 p.m. Saturday November 9, 2024	Cathy Wilson	Volunteer	Maria Danish Andrea Christoff
9:00 a.m. Sunday November 10, 2024	Suzanne Brown	Branson Gipe Kasen Gipe	Beth Lear Marcia Slates
5:00 p.m. Saturday November 16, 2024	Maggie Stiffler	Guy Kumpf	Maggie Stiffler Kevin Muha
9:00 a.m. Sunday November 17, 2024	Dennis Drake	Bella Starr Maria Mellott	Will Crouse Volunteer
5:00 p.m. Saturday November 23, 2024	Dayton Shugarts	Maggie Stiffler	Ann Bonson Mary Lyons
9:00 a.m. Sunday November 24, 2024	Louise Ketner	Abe Weirich Julian Weirich Quinn Weirich	Louise Ketner Marcia Slates
5:00 p.m. Saturday November 30, 2024	Ed McGarvey	Volunteer	Maria Danish Andrea Christoff
9:00 a.m. Sunday December 1, 2024	Beth Lear	Jax McCartney Dane Varner Nolan Starr	Will Crouse Volunteer

***Sacrament of Baptism of Infants:***

By appointment, preferably celebrated within the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, families, regardless of religious affiliation, are encouraged to attend and participate in Baptismal Sacramental Preparation and Celebration. Sponsor certificate must be received at the Parish Office if the sponsors are not members of Saint Catherine of Siena Church.

***Becoming Catholic:***

This is an ongoing journey of preparation. We invite all who are interested to contact the Parish Office or drop a note into the collection basket with your intention to become a Catholic, your name, address and telephone number to contact you for further information. Sacrament of Baptism or Reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church will be celebrated at Easter Vigil.