The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

November 27th, 2016 ~ First Sunday of Advent



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Our Pastoral Staff

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Mass Schedule Saturday 4:00 PM St. Basil's Church, Dushore

Sunday 7:30 AM St. Francis of Assisi Church, Mildred 9:30 AM St. Basil's Church, Dushore

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays ~ 3:15 – 3:45 PM St. Basil's Church, Dushore Sundays ~ 7:00 – 7:15 AM St. Francis of Assisi Church, Mildred Or by appointment A Welcoming Community: You enter this Church ... not as stranger, but as a guest of God. He is your heavenly Father. Come, then, with joy in your heart and thanks on your lips into His presence, offering Him your love and service. Be grateful to the strong and loyal ones who, in the name of Jesus Christ, built this place of worship, and to all who have beautified it and hallowed it with their prayers and praise. Ask His blessing on those who love His house of faith as the inspiration of their labor, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, and may that blessing rest on you, both in your going out and your coming in.

Parish Registration: You must be a registered member of The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish to receive Baptism, Confirmation, First Penance, First Holy Communion, Marriage and to receive sponsor letters from the pastor.

New Members: Please stop by or call the parish office and register. (If you are leaving the parish, please notify the office before you leave). Thank you.

Change of Address: Please notify the parish office as soon as possible if you have had a change of address.

Inactive Catholics: As a welcoming parish, we ask every parishioner to ask God to put in your heart people whose hearts we need to reach out and touch with God's love. "Before you talk to men about God, you talk to God about men." Please, call, write, leave in an envelope in the collection the name, address and phone number of the person. Father would be delighted to meet with them.

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process to bring non-Catholics into the faith. Anyone seeking information or interested in becoming a part of this community of faith can call the parish office.

Sacrament of Baptism: Baptisms are scheduled for the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month following the 9:30 AM Mass. In order to understand and better appreciate this special sacrament, parents are required to attend the Pre-Baptismal Program, which is held on the last Saturday of each month at 7:00 PM in St. Basil's Rectory. Please contact the rectory to schedule your child's baptism.

Sacrament of Marriage: Couples contemplating marriage should notify the rectory at least six months prior to the date to allow necessary time for proper preparation.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick: Urgent calls will be attended to at any time of the day or night.

Visitation of the Sick: Please call the parish for visitation of the sick at home, in the hospital, or health care facility.

Parish Mission Statement: We, the Catholic faithful of The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, in union with our Holy Father, the Pope, and our Bishop, are called through Baptism to share in the ministry which Jesus Christ has entrusted to the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. As priest and lay faithful in a rural area, we utilize our energy to serve the spiritual needs of the Kingdom of God to promote a culture of life, justice, and peace to this generation and the generations that follow us.

Prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, Heavenly beauty and splendor of the Father, you are the most valued Heavenly treasure.

New Eve, immaculate in soul, spirit and body, created of the godly seed by the Spirit of God, you are the spiritual Mother of mankind.

Pure Virgin, full of grace then and now, your whole being was raised Heavenly in full glory, to be elevated above all the hosts within the Kingdom of God.

O Heavenly Mother, Queen of Heaven and earth, I recognize the glory of your highest title, the Immaculate Heart of Mary!

Loving Mother, dispenser of endless blessings, you who continually intercede on our behalf, please present my need before your loving Son, Jesus.

(Mention your request)

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, I know that you are now presenting my need before Jesus, for you have never turned away those in dire need.

Mother dearest, I await your favorable answer, submitting myself to the Divine will of the Lord, for all glories are His for ever and ever. Amen.

First Sunday of Advent



Sunday, November 27th, 2016

Sunday Readings

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

The words of Isaiah urge all people to forsake war and to live in peace forever. The tone reaches a climax in the words, "One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again."

Responsorial Psalm: 122

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Paul invites us to put away all the things of darkness and sin and to prepare for the coming of Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

A comparison is made between the destruction caused by the flood in Noah's time and the need to be prepared for the second coming of Christ. "You must be prepared in the same way. The Son of Man is coming at the time you least expect."

DAILY READINGS

Monday

Is 4:2-6; Ps 122; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday ~ SAINT ANDREW, APOSTLE

Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19; Mt 4:18-22

Thursday

Is 26:1-6; Ps 118; Mt 7:21,24-27

Friday

Is 29:17-24; Ps 27; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday ~ **Saint Francis Xavier, Priest** Is 30:19-21,23-26; Ps 147; Mt 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8

Sunday ~ SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

"If a tiny spark of God's love already burns within you, do not expose it to the wind, for it may get blown out. Keep the stove tightly shut so that it will not lose its heat and grow cold. In other words, avoid distractions as well as you can. Stay quiet with God. Do not spend your time in useless chatter." "Saint Charles Borromeo

First Sunday of Advent

The Gospel for Mass on the first Sunday of Advent recalls the Old Testament story of Noah and the ark. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away. The implication being that God provided every conceivable sign to tip them off that a cataclysm was coming – like that of a guy building a ginormous ark! But people preferred to disregard it.

We need Advent because we get caught up in our own little worlds. We become closed in, unconcerned, self-content.

One day in May of 2003 in Canton, Ohio, the city tornado siren went off. People staying in a local motel decided to ignore it. Yet the threat was a real one. So an enterprising motel housekeeper lit a cigarette and held it under a smoke detector. That cleared out the place. About a half hour later, a tornado raged through the town, ripping the roof off the motel. Thank God, no patrons were hurt.

Jesus implores us, *Stay awake!* To help us this Advent, he sends John the Baptist who lights a fire under our moldering souls to alert us that the cataclysm is real. Still, the promise of Christmas is greater.

Let's get on the ark. Let's beg to be carried away ... but by another kind of deluge: the love that floods the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

~ Father Peter John Cameron, O.P.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Thursday, December 8th, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This is a Holy Day of Obligation, the Patronal Feast Day of our Nation. The Mass schedule for the vigil and the day is as follows:

Wednesday, December 7th
7:00 PM St. Basil's Church
Thursday, December 8th
9:00 AM St. Francis of Assisi
7:00 PM St. Basil's Church



Weekly Liturgical Celebrations

Saturday, November 26

3:15 ~ 3:45 PM **Dushore** Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00 PM **Dushore** Mass for the People

Sunday, November 27

7:00 – 7:15 AM Mildred Sacrament of Reconciliation 7:30 AM Mildred Francis & Sophia Barry by Hayes & Kat Clark

9:30 AM Dushore Mrs. Charles Carroll by Jim McElderry Thursday, December 1

9:00 AM Mildred Joseph & Kathryn Doyle by Jean & Joan Friday, December 2 ~ First Friday

9:00 AM Dushore Zolten Nagy by his sons & daughter

3:00 PM **Dushore** Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:30 PM Dushore Benediction

Saturday, December 3

3:15 ~ 3:45 PM **Dushore** Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00 PM **Dushore** Fr. Joe & Mary Ann Hornick by Ron & Dee Kulsicavage

Sunday, December 4

7:00 – 7:15 AM Mildred Sacrament of Reconciliation 7:30 AM Mildred Mass for the People 9:30 AM Dushore Frank & Emma Ambs and Fred & Mary Hollenback by their family

In Loving Memory

The Sanctuary Candle in St. Basil's Church is burning in loving memory of Fr. Joe by Bill & Janet Hawke



The Book of the Dead (names of deceased loved ones) will be in both churches during the month of November. All are invited to write the names of any deceased loved ones, family, and friends in the respective pages of 2016.

The Saint Gertrude Prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory will be recited daily beginning November 1st and continuing throughout the month. Pamphlets for this powerful prayer are in the entrance of each church.

Lessons and Carols Saturday, December 17th immediately following the 4:00 PM Mass, approximately at 5:15 PM.

Come join us!!!

From a pastoral letter by Saint Charles Borromeo, bishop

The season of Advent

Beloved, now is the acceptable time spoken of by the Spirit, the day of salvation, peace and reconciliation: the great season of Advent. This is the time eagerly awaited by the patriarchs and prophets, the time that holy Simeon rejoiced at last to see. This is the season that the Church has always celebrated with special solemnity. We too should always observe it with faith and love, offering praise and thanksgiving to the Father for the mercy and love he has shown us in this mystery. In his infinite love for us, though we were sinners, he sent his only Son to free us from the tyranny of Satan, to summon us to heaven, to welcome us into its innermost recesses, to show us truth itself, to train us in right conduct, to plant within us the seeds of virtue, to enrich us with the treasures of his grace, and to make us children of God and heirs of eternal life.

Each year, as the Church recalls this mystery, she urges us to renew the memory of the great love God has shown us. This holy season teaches us that Christ's coming was not only for the benefit of his contemporaries; his power has still to be communicated to us all. We shall share his power, if, through holy faith and the sacraments, we willingly accept the grace Christ earned for us, and live by that grace and in obedience to Christ.

The Church asks us to understand that Christ, who came once in the flesh, is prepared to come again. When we remove all obstacles to his presence he will come, at any hour and moment, to dwell spiritually in our hearts, bringing with him the riches of his grace.

In her concern for our salvation, our loving mother the Church uses this holy season to teach us through hymns, canticles and other forms of expression, of voice or ritual, used by the Holy Spirit. She shows us how grateful we should be for so great a blessing, and how to gain its benefit: our hearts should be as much prepared for the coming of Christ as if he were still to come into this world. The same lesson is given us for our imitation by the words and example of the holy men of the Old Testament.

Our Weekly Parish Offertory Collection The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

November 19th & 20th, 2016

\$3,846.50

All Saints

\$228.00

Heat and Eat Fund

\$368.00

December Second Collections

December 3rd & 4th ~ Care & Education of Priests

December 10th & 11th ~ Retirement Fund for

Religious

December 17th & 18th ~ Building & Maintenance

Thank you for your generosity!

Word of Life: "A model of care has been developed specifically for families whose infant is likely to die before or after birth. Often called 'perinatal hospice,' ... [it] provides precious moments together – whether the baby is inside or outside the womb – which can be cherished forever."

~ "Supporting Families Who Receive a Prenatal Diagnosis" USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

We will soon begin the first stage of the RCIA process, the Inquiry Period. If you are an adult who has no religious affiliation and desires to become Catholic please contact Donn Tourscher at 928-9361 or the rectory, 928-8865. Inquiry Period is so named because the participants are asking questions about the Catholic Faith. We also invite to these Inquiry sessions individuals who have been Baptized but not catechized, that is, have not received the of Holv Sacraments Eucharist and/or The RCIA process culminates Confirmation. when we receive these men and women into the Catholic Faith during the Easter Vigil.

<u>Liturgical Ministers for December 3rd & 4th</u> Special Ministers of Communion

4:00 PM Dushore J. Hatch 7:30 AM Mildred J. Dovle

9:30 AM Dushore J. McDonough

Lectors

4:00 PM Dushore D. Lambert 7:30 AM Mildred S. Mover

9:30 AM Dushore J. Fite, M. L. McCamley

Altar Servers

4:00 PM Dushore

7:30 AM Mildred R. Thomas

9:30 AM Dushore B. Tewell, C. Minier

Greeters

4:00 PM Dushore J. & E. Richlin

7:30 AM Mildred R. Hope

9:30 AM Dushore J. & D. McDonough, J. Rouse

A Prayer for our Military

God our Father, walk through my house and take away all my worries; and please watch over and heal my family. Heavenly Father, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in this, our time of need. These things I humbly ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Please pray for:

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JANUARY CALENDAR RAFFLE TICKETS

The IHM Parish January Calendar Raffle tickets will soon be in your mailbox, just in time to begin (or finish) your Christmas shopping! They make great stocking stuffers and are wonderful for that person on your list who's hard to buy for. Don't forget, if you buy 5 you get one free! Tickets are also available at the parish office in Mildred.



Your gift can do it!! If you have not yet pledged, please help us reach our Annual Appeal Parish Goal!

On behalf of all who will benefit, we convey our gratitude to all of our parishioners who have made a gift to the 2016 Diocesan Annual Appeal. Each donation truly matters. If you have not made a pledge and wish to help our parish reach our goal, please call the Diocesan Development Office at 570-207-2250 to make a pledge or give a gift by credit card, mail a gift to the Diocesan Appeal Office at 300 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton, Pa 18503. or give online at www.DioceseofScranton.org. Our parish reimbursed 75% for any gifts made to the Appeal in excess of our Appeal goal.

Appeal Update:

Our Parish Goal: \$41,000 Total Raised: \$33,575 Amount under: -\$7,425

Percentage of Parishioners Pledged 33.40% (157 out of 468 families)

Suggestions to Live Joyfully this Holy Season

Share the message of peace, love and hope throughout the Advent Season with your loved ones, family and friends.

- 1. Use postage stamps that feature a religious theme.
- 2. Hang an Advent Calendar and open a window on the calendar each day.
- 3. Display your nativity set in a window or on the lawn where others can see it.
 - 4. Place a candle in the window to symbolize the light of Christ. NOTE: never leave candles burning unattended; electric candles are safer than real wax candles.

IHM Parish Bazaar Thank You

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Fall Bazaar was held on Sunday, November 6th, 2016 in St. Francis of Assisi Hall. Thank you to all the business people of the area for your generous donations and those who donated theme baskets to be chanced off. Thank you also for all the monetary donations.

Special thanks to all the Bazaar committee for all their hard work before, during, and after the bazaar. It would not be a success without your dedication.

Thanks to the wonderful people that came out to support the parish and enjoy the day. The committee truly appreciates your loyalty and generosity.

The bazaar is a great fund raiser for the parish. It is also a good way to bring the community together to have fun, visit with friends and neighbors, and win prizes.

After expenses are paid we will net a profit of approximately \$9,378 (\$5,388 from the Bazaar and \$3,990 from the Raffle Tickets). Our heartfelt thanks to everyone. May God bless all of you! IHM Bazaar Committee

Star TreeThe Star Tree is back this year in our

parish! In the back of each church is

a tree with star ornaments on it. Please take an ornament and purchase an appropriate gift to the tag, return unwrapped gift to the back of either church with the ornament attached to it. If possible, please also include a roll of wrapping paper with your gift. Please return the gift by **December 11**. The Star Tree provides for the less fortunate people in our community. 'Tis the season for giving and sharing! If you have any questions, please call Anne McDonough at 570-721-1267. **PLEASE** return **all** Star Tree gifts to either church BY **DECEMBER 11**TH!

Beginning this weekend, the first weekend of Advent, we will begin distributing Communion only under one species, the Body of Christ. We will resume Communion under both kinds during the Easter season.

IHM Parish Spaghetti Dinner Sunday, November 27th, 2016 4:00 – 7:00 PM ST. BASIL'S HALL, DUSHORE

"A Sullivan County Tradition for 69 Years!" The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Sunday, November 27th, serving from 4 -7 PM in St. Basil's Hall in Dushore. The menu will include: Spaghetti, Homemade Meatballs, Homemade sauce, Rolls, Butter, and Salad. There will also be a great variety of homemade desserts. Everyone is welcome – a great way to end the Thanksgiving weekend and to start the Deer Season! Please help out with a cake or pie that can be dropped off at the St. Basil's Hall on Sunday, November 27th, after 9:00 AM until dinnertime.

Advent Reconciliation Service

Our parish will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **Sunday, December 4**th at **4:00 PM** in St. Basil's Church, Dushore. The priests of the Deanery will be with us and available to help in the celebration of this wonderful sign of God's love and forgiveness.

Additional Area Penance Services St. Mary's, Wyalusing

Sunday, December 4th, 2:00 PM

St. Michael's, Canton

Sunday, December 11th, 2:00 PM

St. Peter & Paul, Towanda

Sunday, December 11th, 4:00 PM

Epiphany, Sayre

Sunday, December 18th, 3:00 PM

Building and Maintenance Committee

In consultation with the Finance Council, we form have decided to a Building Maintenance Committee. We are looking for people who are knowledgeable in the areas of heat and furnace, plumbing, electrical, law, property laws, and landscaping. The three main objectives of this committee will be safety, codes and violations, and general maintenance and care of our properties. The committee will report in consultation with the pastor to the members of our parish to inform and help raise awareness of the needs of our properties. Please contact the parish office at 570-928-8865 or email at ihmparish@frontier.com.

Prayer for Advent

Spirit of God,

you stir our hearts in the Advent season to awaken us from the spiritual doldrums.

You urge us to be alert

to the coming of the Lord,

whether now or at the end of time.

You invite us to embrace our longing for the fullness of a life without end.

Enlighten our hearts with your holy wisdom so that we might seek and find you, especially in the needs of the poor.

Give us the courage and perseverance to look for the Holy One, who offers us more

than the world can ever give. Amen.



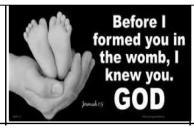
First Friday Adoration, Benediction and Evensona

On First Friday, December 2nd, we will hold Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning immediately after the 9:00 AM Mass at St. Basil's and ending with Benediction at 3:30 PM in St. Basil's Church, Dushore. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited at 3:00 PM.

Come and rest in the Lord.



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