

**St. John, St. Mary, Visitation Churches**

**Mass Schedule for December 12<sup>th</sup> – December 20<sup>th</sup>**

- Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> 5:00 p.m. Kay Gerstner (Visn) (DD)
- Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> 7:45 a.m. Wyatt Clevenger (SM) (DD)
- Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> 9:45 a.m. Living & deceased of the Eales family (SJ) (GV)
- Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> 11:30 a.m. Parishioners (Visn) (DD)
- Mon. 14<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. Ann Bruns (Visn)
- Tues. 15<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. Intention of Norma Gels (Visn)
- Wed. 16<sup>th</sup> 12 noon Sick & homebound of our community (Visn)
- Wed. 16<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m. In thanksgiving for all God’s blessings (Visn)
- Thurs. 17<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. Anthony Wayne Copenhaver (Visn)
- Fri. 18<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. Joseph & Vesta Herbst (Visn)
- Sat. 19<sup>th</sup> 5:00 p.m. Parishioners (Visn) (GV)
- Sun. 20<sup>th</sup> 7:45 a.m. David Schulte (SM) (DD)
- Sun. 20<sup>th</sup> 9:45 a.m. Eileen Green (SJ) (DD)
- Sun. 20<sup>th</sup> 11:30 a.m. Leona Harris (Visn) (DD)

***Confessions Saturday 4:00 – 4:30pm Visitation  
Wednesday 5:00-6:00pm Visitation***

We will have a **second collection for the *RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS*** this weekend. In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities.

***Thank you for your continued support of our parishes through your donations.***  
 Offertory November 29, 2020  
 Visitation \$2943.00 St. John \$682.00  
 St. Mary \$890.00

**December Meetings/Activities**  
**Parish Council meetings**  
 December 14 St. Mary 7:30p.m.  
 December 21 St. John 7p.m.  
**Holy Hours**  
 December 17 St. John 7 p.m.  
**St. John news:** There will be no St. Ann’s Christmas party due to COVID. Watch the pews for information about ordering poinsettias!

**We continue the Advent season this week.** Cards with our Advent Mass setting are available at the entrances at each parish. Please take one and keep it throughout the season for use during Mass. At Visitation, we will begin each Sunday of Advent with a Wreath Lighting at the beginning of Mass.

***NEW BULLETIN DEADLINE for SUBMISSIONS***  
**Want to have something included in the bulletin?**  
 You must submit your item at least 2 weeks before the bulletin date, earlier if possible. Items must be submitted **in writing**, preferably by emailing the item to [bulletins@preblecountycatholics.org](mailto:bulletins@preblecountycatholics.org).



# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thoughts - My thoughts go out to Joseph and Mary, sojourning for so many miles only to find they have no reservation at the Inn. All the town is filled with people and no room for this Holy Family. So many times the hustle and bustle of the Season, like getting last minute gifts and deciding how to do Christmas safely and stay healthy this year, throw us into a tailspin and we lose sight of who is coming this Christmas day in the morning. Oftentimes, we have to get out of town, get out of our usual customs and routines, in order to find the baby Jesus wrapped in swaddling clothes. This Christmas will be unique and let us go with Mary and Joseph to see that God is welcome wherever He may be found even in the most unfortunate and difficult situations in our lives. For unto us a child is born, who is Christ our Lord.

Prayer - In the midst of panic and fear, help me make the best decision for my family and friends this Christmas. Let me share in prayer, joy, and love for all the many gifts and blessings. Lord Jesus, bless all those who cannot be together at this time of year and help us stay connected with each other. May you bring glad tidings to our hearts and keep us in your love with great cheer. Amen.

Advent Action - Begin to form your Christmas list from Jesus. We all have our gift list done earlier in the year, but as Christmas approaches, "What is the one gift you need most from Jesus?" Maybe write a note / little card to Jesus and put it under the creche in a nativity scene and let the Lord answer your prayer in his own timing.

God Love you,  
Fr. David Doseck

## Annual Items to Pick Up at/near Church Doors

All parishioners and new members are asked to pick up the following items:

1. **Collection Envelopes** Please fill out an index card including the Box "#number" so that we can have accurate records for tax purposes.
2. **FREE Advent *Word Among Us* booklets.** Daily readings, daily reflections, and a great way to spend every day of Advent preparing for Christ to come again.
3. **FREE 2021 Calendars** Beautiful images and a calendar connected to our Catholic faith.

**Angels and Crosses:** St. Anne's of Visitation is selling angels and crosses for a \$5 donation again this year in memory of your loved ones to put on the Visitation Christmas tree. Mail your request to Visitation or to Alice Rickard (416 Lexington Ave., Eaton, 45320) or drop it in the collection basket at Mass. You can pick up your items in the Visitation hall after Epiphany, January 6. Questions? Call Alice at 937-456-1088. Thank you and God bless!

**The Ultimate Guide to Advent:** The 2020 edition of The Ultimate Guide to Advent from The Catholic Telegraph is now available! The guide is free, downloadable and filled with everything from faith traditions to favorite recipes, events for families, movie and music recommendations and more. It's interactive, with links to click, gifts to buy, coloring pages to print and prayers to pray. Please visit [thecatholictelegraph.com/advent-guide](http://thecatholictelegraph.com/advent-guide) to get the guide delivered to you free via email.

**Beacons of Light: Pastoral Planning for Our Third Century:** If you would like to receive monthly updates about Beacons of Light, you can sign up to receive a free monthly newsletter at <https://catholicaoc.org/beacons#newsletter>. The newsletter will contain monthly prayers, reflections and planning process updates beginning January 15.

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## Daily Reflections and Enrichment for Advent

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