



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION \$ 5,714.00
GRUPO DE ORACIÓN \$ 348.00

Our Beloved Parishioners,

We want to express our deepest appreciation and sincere gratitude for the many cards full of kind words and prayers of support. Your generosity expressed through the many baked goods, snack baskets, and financial gifts demonstrate how much you love our staff and priests. It is a true blessing to serve this parish community and her missions because of your witness to God's outpouring of love and grace. Know of our continued prayers as we celebrate this festive season of Christmas.

With Love in Christ,

Fr Jasper, Fr Alex, Fr Luke and Staff

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The parish office will close at 12 noon on Friday, December 22nd and will remain closed until Wednesday, January 3rd at 8:00am.

*Prayer
Requests*

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Cara Seay · Lois Demel · Connor Machicek ·
Doris Anders · Luke Friedel · Guadalupe
DeJesus · Scott Spence · David Taylor · Evelyn
Meyer · Pat Christ · Lillian Orsak · Jeanine

Ulrich · James Stanzel · Carrie Korenek · Eleanor Maerz · David Brown ·
David Melnar · Lloyd Schwenke · Denis Ermis · Craig Hudec · Georgie
Moretz · Betty Onheiser Miksch · Clara Clark · Mary Bargas · Carolyn
Moore · Viola Hartensteiner · Betty Jo Raabe · Frances Bernardic ·
Carol Rektorik · Sandra Mendel · ill priests of the diocese · those in
nursing homes · the homebound.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE – Sunday, December 24th

- * 5:00 pm – St. Rose -Children's Mass
- * 5:30 pm – Ammannsville
- * 10:00 pm – St. Rose
- * 12 midnight – High Hill



CHRISTMAS DAY – Monday, December 25th

- * 8:00 am – St. Rose
- * 8:30 am – Holman
- * 10:00 am – St. Rose – *Spanish Mass*
- * 10:15 am – High Hill

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD MONDAY, JANUARY 1

On this feast day we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary's motherhood of Jesus Christ, Son of God.

Since January 1 falls on a Monday this year, the obligation to attend Mass has been lifted. However, we are all encouraged to start our New Year under the protection of Mary.



St. Rose will hold a Mass for this Solemnity on Monday, January 1 at 9:00 am. There will be no other Masses that day, nor will there be a Vigil Mass on Sunday.

NO CCD THIS WEEK

No CCD sessions on December 27th or January 3rd for the Christmas holiday. All CCD personnel wish our students and families a blessed Christmas!

CCD CATECHIST NEEDED

We are in need of a 1st grade CCD teacher to finish this school year. Please contact Nicole Michalke (979-743-5617) if you are willing to help.

ENCOUNTER YOUTH MINISTRY

6TH ANNUAL PRO-LIFE SERVICE PROJECT

The youth group will be collecting much needed items for Fayette and Colorado County chapters of the Gabriel Project of the crossroads who help moms in unplanned pregnancy situations. A list of items can be found on and near the collection box in the back of the church.

1st SATURDAY MASSES

St. Rose will begin having a 7:45 am Mass on the 1st Saturday of the month, starting January 6th.

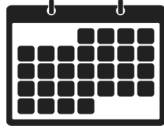
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Upcoming Parish Events

December 25 - Christmas Day!
December 25-January 2 - Parish office closed for the holiday
January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

- **Men's prayer group** - every Friday, 6 am, Schulenburg Hall
- **Morning Grace** - (women's bible study/prayer group) every Thursday after the 8:10 am Mass in the Family Life Center
- **Flame of Love prayer group** - every Tuesday in Church, after the 6 pm Mass in Church, in front of the statue of Mary

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC
SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2024



FORMED®

It gives us great joy to share a Christmas gift for the parish as we now have a subscription to **FORMED**.

FORMED and their quality Catholic content supplemented my seminary formation. This platform can offer exactly what each of us needs to encounter and deepen our relationship with the Lord, through Bible studies, explanation of the power of Sacraments, Catholic movies, kid's programs, daily reflections and more. Much of FORMED's content is available in both English and Spanish. Our hope and prayers are that FORMED will enrich, deepen, and inspire our faith. Please see the insert to register and be on the look for ideas throughout the year as to Fr. Luke's Prime Picks.

-Fr. Luke

DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL 2023

Parish Assessment \$51,197.00

Parishioner Contributions \$27,185.00

Balance Owed (as of Nov 27th) **\$24,012.00**

Thanks to the 79 parishioners who have already contributed.

Please help St. Rose meet our assessment for 2023.

If you need a donation card, please contact the parish office.

ST. ROSE MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Solemnity of Mary

	Saturday, December 30	Sunday, December 31	Sunday, December 31	Monday, January 1
	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:00 AM	9:00 AM
ROSARY LEADERS	Berni Gillings	Rosa Galipp	Amanda Brown	Berni Gillings
LECTORS	Ann Florus	Donna Kunz	Margie Mueller	Kenneth Berger
EMOHC	Suzette Surman	Pat McCourt	Lynne Machac	Barbara Veselka
ALTAR SERVERS	Holden Holub Cannon Lykke	Ashtyn Schaefer ** NEED VOLUNTEER**	Dillon Goedrich Luke Goedrich Levi Johnson	Allen Ballard **Volunteer Needed** **Volunteer Needed**
USHERS	Darren Florus Wayne Holub James Miksch *VOLUNTEER NEEDED*	Corky Bubela Raymond Shimek Allen Matus John Schindler	Michael Ripper *VOLUNTEER NEEDED* *VOLUNTEER NEEDED* *VOLUNTEER NEEDED*	Richard Doubrava **Volunteer Needed** **Volunteer Needed** **Volunteer Needed**

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY DECEMBER 23

4:00 pm Confessions

5:00 pm Special Intentions †

SUNDAY DECEMBER 24 - 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 am Ermin & Ovella Stuchly †

10:00 am Joe & Maxine Vyvjala †

12:00 pm* Emmanuel Herrera, Christopher Herrera,
& Natalia Sanchez

SUNDAY DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00 pm Wanda Stanzel †

10:00 pm James Prihoda †

MONDAY DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS

8:00 am Ginger Bosl †

10:00 am* Gregoria Tello & Maria Martinez †

TUESDAY DECEMBER 26

7:45 am NO MASS

5:00 pm Adoration/Confessions

6:00 pm Edwin Vacek †

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 27

7:45 am NO MASS

6:00 pm Special Intention MR

THURSDAY DECEMBER 28

8:10 am NO MASS

5:00 pm Confessions

6:00 pm David Belcik †

FRIDAY DECEMBER 29

7:45 am Charles & Rose Barta †

6:00 pm Kassie Riha †

SATURDAY DECEMBER 30

4:00 pm Confessions

5:00 pm Felix & Anna Okruhlik & Family †

SUNDAY DECEMBER 31

7:30 am Juanita Adamek †

10:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the
Emil Schwenke family †

12:00 pm* Marta Flores

MONDAY JANUARY 1 - MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

9:00 am Parish Family

* Spanish Mass

MASS AT RAPHAEL'S REFUGE

Raphael's Refuge will have their annual Mass on the Feast of the Holy Innocents, Dec. 28th, at 11:00 am, with Bishop Cahill presiding. Rosary at 10:10 am followed by Christmas carols. The location is an open-air facility, so dress accordingly. Following the Holy Mass, all are welcome to join in a potluck luncheon.

The mission of Raphael's Refuge is to build and maintain a memorial in honor of babies who have died due to miscarriage, abortion, stillbirth or infant death (from conception to 12 months), and to provide peer counseling for those suffering the loss of a baby. For more info, please see www.raphaelsrefuge.org

***Jesus is the Reason for the Season and ‘Keep Christ in Christmas’ –
Here’s a look across the centuries as to how the saints view the Birth of our Lord.***

St. John the Apostle: “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it...And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.”

St. Cyril of Jerusalem (315–386) “Teacher of children became himself a child among children, that he might instruct the unwise. The Bread of heaven came down to earth to feed the hungry.”

St. Augustine: (354–430) “Awake, mankind! For your sake God has become man...I tell you again: for your sake, God became man.”

St. Peter Chrysologus: (c.380–c.450) “That the Creator is in his creature and God is in the flesh brings dignity to man without dishonor to him who made him. Why then, man, are you so worthless in your own eyes and yet so precious to God?”

St. Leo the Great (c.400–461) Dearly beloved, today our Savior is born; let us rejoice. Sadness should have no place on the birthday of life. The fear of death has been swallowed up; life brings us joy with the promise of eternal happiness. No one is shut out from this joy; all share the same reason for rejoicing. Our Lord, victor over sin and death, finding no man free from sin, came to free us all.

St. Bernard of Clairvaux (1090–1153) “Awake, you who lie in the dust, awake and give praise. Behold, the Lord cometh with salvation. He comes with salvation, He comes with unction, He comes with glory. Jesus cannot come without salvation, Christ cannot come without unction, nor the Son of God without glory. For He Himself is salvation, He is unction, He is glory, as it is written, “A wise son is the glory of his father.”

St. Anthony of Padua (1195–1231) “O Father, in your Truth (that is to say, in your Son, humbled, needy and homeless) you have humbled me. He was humbled in the womb of the Virgin, needy in the manger of the sheep, and homeless on the wood of the Cross. Nothing so humbles the proud sinner as the humility of Jesus Christ’s humanity.”

St. Alphonsus Liguori (1696–1787) “Arise, all ye nobles and peasants; Mary invites all, rich and poor, just and sinners, to enter the cave of Bethlehem, to adore and to kiss the feet of her new-born Son. Go in, then, all ye devout souls; go and see the Creator of heaven and earth on a little hay, under the form of a little Infant; but so beautiful that he sheds all around rays of light. Now that he is born and is lying on the straw, the cave is no longer horrible, but is become a paradise. Let us enter; let us not be afraid.”

St. Thérèse of Lisieux: (1873–1897) “A God who became so small could only be mercy and love.”

Venerable Fulton Sheen: (1895–1979) “The world might have expected the Son of God to be born—if He was to be born at all—in an inn. A stable would be the last place in the world where one would have looked for Him. Divinity is always where one least expects to find it.”

St. John Paul II: (1920–2005) “If we celebrate with such solemnity the birth of Jesus, it is to bear witness that every human being [is] somebody unique and unrepeatable...somebody thought of and chosen from eternity, some[one] called and identified by his own name. It is as it was with the first man, Adam. It is as it was with the new Adam, born of the Virgin Mary in the cave at Bethlehem: ‘You shall call his name Jesus.’”

