

Prayers for the Sick

Please help us keep the list of the sick updated. If you would like to be on the email prayer chain or want to submit a prayer request of any kind please email joanconlon59@yahoo.com:

Carol Sebastian
 Cody Jacobsen
 William Kelley
 Ernie Schantz
 Zaylee Schmidt
 Christine Lawson
 Blake Kuntz
 Laurie Hauser
 Ashley Braem
 Harper Wetzel
 Paul Wehri
 Lee Ann Hoff
 Kurt Tibor
 Andi Tuomala
 Bonnie Kisch

***The Latin responses are found in the St. Michael Hymnal, #105 is the Kyrie that Father sings. Follow along from #101 on for the rest of the Mass parts.**

Mass Intentions

Dec 31 st	6:30 PM	+ Eva Morman by Leonard & Irene Wehri
Jan 1 st	8:30 AM	+ Dennis Sebastian by Jerry & Bonnie Kuntz
Jan 3 rd	9:00 AM	Special Intentions for Lisa Conlon
Jan 4 th	6:00 PM	+ Katlyn Tibor by Joe & Jane Schaaf
Jan 6 th	9:00 AM	+ Vernon Peterson by Kirk & Gretchen Peterson
Jan 7 th	6:30 PM	+ Vicente Ornelas by Ron & JoAnn Schantz
Jan 8 th	8:30 AM	+ Loren Anderson by Levi & Vanessa Hoff

**** Confessions Half an Hour before Mass****

FIRST, THIRD AND FIFTH WEDNESDAYS THERE WILL BE EUCHARTISTIC ADORATION FROM 5 TO 6 FOLLOWED BY MASS. POST CONFIRMATION CLASSES WILL ALSO BE ON THESE DAYS AT 7:00 PM.

Ministers

December 31st- Saturday- 6:30 PM:

Lector: Chester Brandt
 Ushers: Clayton & Jan Carter
 Rosary: Volunteer
 Servers: Addison & Brynlee

January 1st- Sunday- New Year's Day- 8:30 AM:

Lector: Ken Duppong
 Ushers: Don & Deb Wanner
 Rosary: David Johnson
 Servers: Simon & Jovie

January 3rd - Tuesday- 9:00 AM

January 4th- Wednesday- Adoration 5:00 PM; Mass at 6:00 PM

January 6th- Friday- Mass at 9:00 AM; Adoration 9:30 AM TO 5:30 PM

January 7th- Saturday- 6:30 PM:

Lector: Ty Wehri
 Ushers: Francis & Tracy Tibor
 Rosary: Chester Brandt
 Servers: KiAnna & Kinsley

January 8th- Sunday- 8:30 AM:

Lector: Kathy Sardelli
 Ushers: Dave & Kathy Sardelli
 Rosary: David Johnson
 Servers: Scarlet & Felix

If you are unable to fulfill your ministry, including Altar Servers, PLEASE FIND SOMEONE TO FILL IN FOR YOU.

**The men's and women's
spiritual formation
groups will meet in
the back of Sacred
Heart Church on
Sunday evenings
at 6:30 PM starting
January, 8th.**

Mass Schedule – Central Time

Masses at St. Ann's

Saturday 6:30 PM

Sunday 8:30 AM

Tuesday & Friday 9:00 AM

Masses at Sacred Heart:

Saturday 9:00 AM & 4:00 PM

Sunday 10:30 AM

Thursday 9:00 AM

Parish Office Hours are 10 AM TO 1PM

Tuedays and Fridays

Stewardship of Treasure

Adult: \$625

Loose: \$247

Christmas Offering: \$960

Thank you for your donations!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

***January 7th**- The children's Christmas Program at St. Ann's will be after the Saturday night Mass! There will be fellowship following the program. Parents of CCD Students, please bring cookies!

***Search**- If anyone is interested in Search please get a hold of Sally Vogle!

***Bible Study**- The evening Bible Study session #3 is Wednesday 7pm in the library. Matthew chapter 2: about 490BC Daniel lived in Babylon/Persia, from whence came the wise men. He had prophesied the Advent of our King and the wise men used that prophecy to find Baby Jesus.

**Thank you to all that
donated money, items and
time for our Christmas Raffle,
Poinsettias and Giving Tree!
God bless!**

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“When the fullness of time had come, God sent His Son, born of a woman . . .” One day, during World War II, an American marine patrol on the island of Guam flushed out and killed three Japanese soldiers. Routinely, they searched them for grenades and intelligence materials. In the pocket of one of the dead men was an image of Mary, the Mother of Jesus. It was in the pocket over the Japanese soldier’s heart. Millions of mothers since the Blessed Virgin Mary have felt swords of sorrow pierce their hearts, because of the violence of war. On this Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, pray for the consolation of all mothers who have lost a son or a daughter because of war. In addition, pray for peace, so that no mother has to ever bury a child because of the great tragedy of war. *Mary, Queen of Peace . . . pray for us.*

Saint of the Week, Saint John Neumann (1811-1860)

Feast Day: January 5th

Patron: Catholic education

Born in Bohemia (now part of the Czech Republic) on March 28th, 1811, Saint John Neumann was of a pious and studious nature and answered a call to serve the Catholic Church as a priest of Jesus Christ. But after his studies in philosophy and theology, there was one obstacle to his being accepted for priestly ordination: his bishop had too many priests! So, he was turned away from his home diocese and a number of central European dioceses as well, for they also had too many priests to staff their parishes. [N.B Wouldn’t it be nice to have a “problem” like this in our own day!].

A close friend told him about the Leopoldine Society, an Austrian-based mission society, which was recruiting young men to serve as priests to German-speaking immigrants in North America. As he spoke German fluently, Saint John Neumann believed God was calling him to serve the Church in the New World. After a tearful goodbye to his parents, knowing he would never see them again, he set off by sea to New York.

In New York, he was ordained a priest at the age of twenty-five and began ministering to the German-speaking immigrants of New York City and its environs. He had a gift for learning new languages and along with the languages of his youth (Czech and German), he also became fluent in English, Gaelic, Spanish, Italian, and French. He was thus sought after for celebrating the Holy

Mass, hearing confessions, and leading spiritual missions throughout the Diocese of New York.

But something was missing. He felt the pain of loneliness in his priestly ministry, which led to great aridity in his prayer life. Moved by a secondary calling from God, he joined the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (i.e., the Redemptorists), a religious order that established a foundation in the Diocese of New York to serve German-speaking immigrants. In time, because of his organizational abilities, his fluency in multiple languages, and his deep piety, he was selected as the prior for the New York of Province of Redemptorists, but this would be short lived, because at the young age of forty-two, Saint John Neumann was selected by Rome to become the fourth bishop of the Diocese of Philadelphia.

As bishop, he visited all of his parishes, which covered the territory of four states. A humble servant of God, he visited these parishes by foot, horseback, and even once by a wagon hauling manure! But, no one, great or small, was beyond the loving pastoral concern of Bishop John Neumann. He was concerned about the plight of Catholic children in public schools, where they faced the anti-Catholic vitriol of Protestant educators, so he encouraged every parish to establish its own Catholic school. This would become the foundation of the vast Catholic school system in the United States. Bishop John Neumann also firmly believed that the Holy Mass and divine worship were the heart and soul of the Catholic Faith and throughout his tenure as Bishop of Philadelphia, a new Catholic church was built each month.

But, worn out by the ardors of the office of bishop, he died at the mere age of forty-eight, collapsing likely from the effects of a massive stroke. He would be beatified (1963) and canonized (1977) by Pope Saint Paul VI and is honored as the first male American citizen to become a saint. His spiritual legacy continues in our day, with countless Catholic schools and academies named in his honor, a sign of great respect for a saint who gave his life for the Church in his adopted nation, which he loved so dearly to the very end.

Thank You One and All

I want to extend my gratitude once again to everyone who made our Christmas Masses so beautiful and sacred: the liturgical ministers; the musicians and choir; those

who decorated the churches; those who donated to the flower fund for poinsettias; and all who came to worship. Jesus, our Lord, is honored that you reverently and devoutly celebrated His holy birth at Christmas. A note of thanks as well to all the men of Sacred Heart Parish who got the pews back into church just in time for Christmas. Despite the blustery weather and the frigid temperatures, you made this happen, and for this our parish is grateful. I would thank you all by giving you some of my Christmas cookies, but I already have most of them polished off. Now how could we remedy this situation (hint, hint)?

Lights, Camera, Action

Make sure you stay after the **6:30 p.m. Mass at Saint Ann's** next **Saturday, January 7th**, and after the **Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart, January 8th** for the Christmas Pageants put on by our parish youth. Stay as well for the cookies at Saint Ann's and the pizza at Sacred Heart. I had hoped to be in the Christmas pageants, but was politely turned away because of concerns about bad lighting . . . the glare from my bald head. Its no wonder I am turning into the Grinch at Christmas!

On the Lighter Side

A Sunday school teacher asked little Mary, "Do you believe in the devil?" "No", she responded, "He's just like Santa Claus. I think its my daddy."

A Point to Ponder: "Christmas is the day that holds all time together." [Alexander Smith]