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December 10, 2023 Second Sunday of Advent

Comfort. Tender Words of Isaiah. We sometimes do not live up to our calling to prepare the way of the Lord. As we continue our Advent journey, may we open our hearts to God's desire that we herald the Good News of His coming in the highways and byways of our world. Let us resolve to find time during this Advent season to prepare ourselves to more deeply receive Jesus into our lives. John is inviting each of us to prepare the way of the Lord!

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Saturday, December 9 (5:00 pm)

Lucas Anthony Knight by Mom, Dad, Matthew,
Emily & Dillion

Sunday, December 10 (8:30 am)

Beth Ann Meyer & Shirley Boliver LaTray by
Bruce Boliver Family

Monday, December 11 (8:15 am)

Nancy Jackson by Jerry & Carol Schneeberger

Tuesday, December 12 (8:15 am)

Special Intention

Wednesday, December 13 (8:15 am)

Dana Halladay (Living) by Family

Thursday, December 14 (8:15 am)

Charlie Rice (32nd Anniversary) by Margie &
Family

Friday, December 15 (No Mass)

Saturday, December 16 (5:00 pm)

Gabrielle Thomas (2nd Anniversary) by Steven
Grunert, Deanna Doviak & Family

Sunday, December 17 (8:30 am)

William & Audrey Lyndaker by Patti Clemons

Your Support for The Parish

Adult Envelopes:	\$ 4,393.60
Plate:	\$ 734.00
Fuel:	\$ 1,634.00

Pray for the Sick

Venetha Houppert, Heather Lehman, Stella Updegraff, Tom Tooker, Everett Lehman, Shayleigh Proulx, Cindy Bush, Linda Bush, John Lashbrooks, and all ill at home, in the hospital,

Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary and in front of the statues of Mary, our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph are in celebration of the 44th wedding anniversary of Luis and Mirna Jimenez.

Giving Tree

All gifts are asked to be sent in by Sunday,
December 17th.

Sanctuary Candle



The Sanctuary Candle is lit in memory of
Carl Ritz, Sr.
By Family

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Parishioners are encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) during the Advent Season in preparation for Christmas. Additional times before Christmas at St. Stephen's are:

Saturday, December 16th: 3:45-4:45 pm
Sunday, December 17th: 3:00-4:00 pm
Tuesday, December 19th: 11:00 am- Noon

Appointments can also be made by calling Father Don at the rectory.

Beaver River Central Advent Concert

Beaver River Central will have its annual Advent Concert at St. Stephen's on Wednesday, December 15th at 7 pm. All are welcome to enjoy this beautiful concert as we prepare for the birth of our Savior.

Teen Euchre Tournament and Game Night

Any college student or student in grades 9-12 is invited as well as any of their friends to a game night and Euchre Tournament. This will be held on Friday, December 29th beginning at 5 pm. Pizza and snacks will be provided as well as prizes for the winners! Please spread the word!

Knights of Columbus Shirts

The K of C is ordering dark green polo shirts with gold lettering for members at a cost of \$21 each. You may add your name for an additional \$5. Contact Bob Buholtz, Don Sauer or Gil Monnat if you have any questions or would like to place an order.

Bible Study

The next Bible Study meeting will be Thursday, December 14th at 6 pm.

Silver Maple Bowls

These "one-of-a-kind treasures" are made from a Silver Maple that stood beside St. Stephen's Church for over 100 years. Each one is hand turned and numbered by Tracy Pomerville.

Still looking for that unique gift? There are a few bowls remaining. If interested in purchasing, please call Tracy at (315) 221-1047.

All proceeds will be donated to St. Stephen's Restoration Fund.

Congratulations to Our Newly Baptized Parish Members

Andrew Kloster, son of Thomas Kloster and Marissa Rizza, Rorie Hicks, daughter of Bruce and Danielle Hicks and Dallas Kirch daughter of Brock and Nicole Kirch were recently baptized. We welcome our new parish family

Advent Wreath Week Two— Peace



Week Two – PEACE: The second week of Advent we remember the gift of Peace we have in Christ. Peace is a gift that we must be prepared for and must work for. God gives us the gift of peace when we turn to him working together in faith.

Through John the Baptist and all the other prophets, God asks us to prepare the way of the Lord, whom the prophet Isaiah calls "the Prince of Peace." As we light this candle today, we look with hope for the day that Christ's peace will reign in our hearts, in our homes, in our communities, and in our world. As we light this candle, we are reminded to work for that peace of Christ to come and take root in us.

Let us pray - Loving God, we thank you for the gift of peace you give us through Jesus. Help us prepare our hearts for the Lord's coming by working for Christ's peace to take root in our family. We ask this in the name of the one born in Bethlehem, Jesus our Lord. Amen.



Christmas Mass Schedule

**Anticipated Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent:
Saturday, December 23rd at 5:00 pm**

Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24th at 4 pm
Children will participate in the Christmas Story as the Gospel is read. Music will be by the Folk Group.

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25th at 9 am
Music by a combination of parish musicians.

**PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL NOT BE MASS ON
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH AT 8:30 AM**