


First Sunday in Advent
December 3, 2023
Calendar of the Week

Saturday, December 2	4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass - George Class ✠ <i>6:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass - St. Anthony</i>
Sunday, December 3 <i>First Sunday in Advent</i>	<i>8:00 a.m.; 10:00 a.m.—Mass—St. Anthony</i> 10:00 a.m. - Mass - Avery Berger <i>12:00 p.m. (Spanish)</i>
Monday, December 4	<i>5:30 p.m. - Mass - St. Anthony</i>
Tuesday, December 5	<i>7:30 a.m. - Mass - St. Anthony Chapel</i>
Wednesday, December 6	<i>10:00 a.m. - Mass - Columbus Oaks</i> <i>5:30 p.m. - Mass - St. Anthony</i>
Thursday, December 7 <i>Immaculate Conception of the BVM</i>	<i>7:30 a.m. - Mass - St. Anthony Chapel</i> 5:30 p.m. - Mass - G.A. & Doris Brod ✠ Sacristan - Evelyn Orange Lector - Regina Wicke Usher - Russell Wicke and James Edmiston Altar Servers - Theresa Henneke, Laura Henneke, Sarah Henneke Comm. Minister - Evelyn Orange
Friday, December 8	<i>8:15 a.m. - Mass - St. Anthony School</i> <i>5:30 p.m. - Mass - St. Anthony</i>
Saturday, December 9	4:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass - For the People Sacristan - Patricia Wicke Lector - Janet Hollmann Usher - Larry Kunkel and Frank Briscoe Altar Servers - Theresa Henneke, Laura Henneke, Sarah Henneke Comm. Minister - Nancy Koehl <i>6:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass - St. Anthony</i>
Sunday, December 10 <i>Second Sunday in Advent</i>	<i>8:00 a.m.; 10:00 a.m.—Mass—St. Anthony</i> 10:00 a.m. - Mass - Bobby Condra ✠ Sacristan - Jean Condra Rosary Leader - Sharon Kay Roensch Lector - Sammy Condra Usher - Travis Nelson and Brent Nelson Altar Servers - Kimber Nelson and Jacob Muzny Comm. Minister - Mary Beth Tromblee <i>12:00 p.m. (Spanish) - Mass - St. Anthony</i>

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St. Roch Catholic Church

1600 Frelsburg Rd.
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Tuesday: Closed
Wednesday: Closed
Thursday: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Friday: Closed

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Bible Readings

Mon: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tues: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-17; Lk 10:21-24
Wed: Is 25:6-10; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thurs: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1-27; Mt 7:21-27
Fri: Gn 3:9-20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-12; Lk 1:26-38
Sat: Is 30:19-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35—5:6-8
Sun: Is 40:1-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

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CONFESSIONS:	Thursday 5:00-5:20 p.m.; Saturday 3:00 p.m.-3:45 p.m.
BAPTISM:	Baptismal instructions are required; please contact the Parish Office (979) 732-3460.
MARRIAGE:	Parties should notify the pastor before setting a wedding date to allow time for the required marriage preparation (no weddings during Lent or Advent).
REGISTRATION:	We welcome with joy all new members of the community and invite you to register online at http://saintrochparish.org/parish-registration or stop by during office hours to fill out the forms.
HALL RENTAL:	Contact the Parish Office for availability and pricing information.

COLLECTION
November 26, 2023
\$3,568
Columbus Food Pantry
\$534
May God bless you through your generosity!

Church Cleaners (December)
Mandy Gerik (Captain), Johnna Maertz, Tori Noack, Johnna Potter
May you all be blessed for your service to God!

First Sunday in Advent is December 3
Advent wreaths and candles are available for purchase in the back of Church.
Wreaths: \$10; Candles: \$5

Columbus Food Pantry Needs Our Help
DECEMBER is our month to help at the food pantry.
Thursday, December 14 • 8:30 to 10 am
Grocery bags will be filled
Friday, December 15 • 8:30 a.m. to 1 pm
Bags will be distributed

* *The flowers on the* *
* *Blessed Mother's Altar* *
* *are given to the glory of God in memory of* *
* *Joe and Helen Roede* *
* *for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception* *
* *Given by: Daryl and Joan Hill* *

PRAYER
Requests
Please pray for all of those who are ill or in need of our prayers:
Melinda Brod, Jerry Henneke, Sarah Stancik, Mary Neuendorff, Paul "Buster" Henschke, Anne Reagan

First Sunday in Advent : Purple candle for HOPE
"Therefore the Lord will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel." Is 7:14


**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
St. Roch | Thursday, Dec. 7 at 5:30 p.m.
SAS | Fri., Dec. 8 at 8:15a.m.
St. Anthony | Fri., Dec. 8 at 6:00p.m.

WEDNESDAY 8:00 A.M. IS CANCELLED
Bringing in Advent (Dec. 3), Wednesday morning mass will be canceled. We will be serving the nursing homes on Wednesdays. If you would like to volunteer in assisting residents, please contact St. Anthony's Parish Office.
Columbus Oaks: Dec. 6 and Dec. 20 at 10:00 a.m.

Christmas Flower Offering & Spiritual Bouquet Envelopes
Both are located in the Narthex for those wanting to remember their loved ones with donations towards the Christmas decorations and/or Christmas Day intention. Please drop them in the collection basket or the Parish Office no later than **December 18.**

Corporal Works of Mercy
The Corporal Works of Mercy are found in the teachings of Jesus and give us a model for how we should treat others. They "are charitable actions by which we help our neighbors in their bodily needs." (USCCB)
Feed the hungry • Give drink to the thirsty
• Clothe the naked • Shelter the homeless • Visit the sick • Visit the imprisoned • Bury the dead

**Giving Tree**
The Court St. Roch Catholic Daughters are working again this year with CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children) to make the Christmas wishes come true for a number of children who might otherwise not get to experience the joy of this special season. We will have a tree filled with stars in the back of the church beginning Thanksgiving weekend (11/25-11/26). Each star will detail a child's wish or need. Please consider taking several tags!
Please leave all unwrapped gifts with the star tag attached in the Narthex. Gifts must be turned in no later than Wednesday, December 6.
Please contact Tammy Noe at 281-460-6672 with any questions or to make cash donations. Thank you so much for your generosity!!!


JESUS!
The Advent of the Messiah
Presented by
The Columbus Community Choir
December 10, 2023
4:00 PM
Columbus High School Auditorium
Recognizing & Honoring
All Pastors & Ministers Who Serve Our Communities

ADVENT SOCIAL
December 9 | St. Roch Parish Hall
Immediately following 4:00 p.m. Mass
Mark your calendars and plan to bring the whole family to this year's ADVENT SOCIAL! We will meet for dinner and socializing after Mass on **Saturday, December 9.** Bring an appetizer or a dessert to share! The Court St. Roch Catholic Daughters will be simmering soups and chili all afternoon. We'll have salads and fixings too...and rumor has it that old St. Nick plans to make an appearance. Drinks will be furnished by the CDA and KC's. "Goody Bags" for the senior care facilities will be assembled at **8:30 a.m. that morning.** Help is greatly appreciated!
Please feel free to text/call Tammy Noe with any questions 281-460-6672.
**Caroling at TLC at 1:30 p.m.**

Weekly Reflection ~ December 3
First Sunday in Advent
Once again we begin a new Church year with the season of Advent. It is a time of anticipation and aiting as we prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus—Love made flesh. Consider ways you can make this a special time. If you are alone, take some quiet time to pray and reflect on what you might do to make this season meaningful and renewing. If you have a family, set some time aside to discuss what this season is about and what your family might do to keep its meaning in focus. O Lord of hosts, look down from heaven, and see; Take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted.
- Psalm 80:14-15