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Infant Baptism – To arrange for instructions for the Sacrament, please call the Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick – In case of serious illness or before surgery, please call **Fr. McNew**, at the Parish Office at **614-879-8562**.

Marriage – Couples intending to marry must meet with **Fr. McNew** at least six months (preferably earlier) prior to the desired wedding date.

Communion Calls – Homebound parishioners unable to come to Mass should notify the Parish Office so that Holy Communion may be brought to their homes. Please notify the Parish Office when someone is in the hospital.

Sacrament of Penance
 Saturday 3:30 p.m. or by appointment

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Parish Membership consists of **two** parts:

Registration: Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic Community and a commitment to the life of the parish family.
*We are often asked to provide affidavits for parishioners' standings. We can only do this if a person is a **registered, active and contributing** member in our parish.*

Participation: As a member of the Parish, you are accepting the responsibility of **weekly worship** as well as supporting God's work here **through giving of yourself, your time and talents**, and a **worthy Sunday offering** to show your love for God and your gratitude for His many favors and blessings.

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL	4:00 P.M.
SUNDAY MASS	9:00 A.M.
	6:00 P.M.

WEEKDAY MASSES

See Inside Bulletin for Mass Schedule.

ST. JUDE DEVOTIONS

Following Wednesday Morning Mass

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 9 ❖ Vigil
 4:00 p.m. † Fred & Don Cowgill (Shirley Cowgill)

Sunday, December 10 ❖ Second Sunday Of Advent
 9:00 a.m. † Bill & Helen Bergman & Family
 6:00 p.m. Parish Family
 – Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Monday, December 11 ❖ Saint Damasus I, Pope
 NO Mass
 – Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday, December 12 ❖ Our Lady of Guadalupe
 6:00 p.m. † Jeanie Schreck (Deacon Joe & Amy Knapke)
 – Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 1:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday, December 13 ❖ Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
 8:30 a.m. † Dick & Helen Koester (Dave & Kay Beattie)
 – Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday, December 14 ❖ Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
 8:30 a.m. † John Cron
 – Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15

Friday, December 15 ❖ Advent Weekday
 8:30 a.m. † Bill & Helen Bergman & Family (William Nichols)
 – Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday, December 16 ❖ Vigil
 4:00 p.m. † Irene Zak (George & Patty Photakis)

Sunday, December 17 ❖ Third Sunday of Advent
 9:00 a.m. † John Bayer (Jim & Mary Bayer)
 6:00 p.m. Parish Family
 – Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

† = Deceased

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

December 17, 2023	4:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
Altar Server	C. McAnespie	D. Galore	K. Duling
	M. McAnespie	I. Humbert	C. Harey
	C. Miller	E. Jones	L. Long
		A. Jones	S. Rice
		M. Korson II	
Lectors	P. Haney	V. Huffman	D. Rice
	J. Haskins	M. Korson	S. Gruz
Ushers	R. Fitch	J. Berchtold	VOLUNTEER
	G. Palatas	E. Casey	VOLUNTEER
	L. Sanders	R. Patton	
	VOLUNTEER		
EMOHC	K. Maggied	C. Brenneman	B. Heiman
	R. Cwiekalo	L. Brenneman	VOLUNTEER
	R. Polletta	L. Collins	
	J. Scofield	M. Mesewicz	
Sacristan	B. Schneider	A. Penquite	

First Sunday of Advent Sunday MASS ATTENDANCE – 585



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



This week to the following parishioners:

Maria Hofinger	Joshua Dulin	Mary Brennan
Deborah Oney	Christopher Vassaux	Marie Melville
Todd Stage	Scott Wilson	Patricia Weber
William Shinn	Mary Cinadr	Christina Williams
Shirley Witwer	James Bethel	Vicki Lemmermen
Kyleigh Rentsch	Andrew Headington	Ashley Winebrenner

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Saturday, December 9 Usher Training after 4:00 p.m. Mass
Sunday, December 10 PSR, 10:15-11:15 a.m.
 Altar Server Training, 10:00 a.m.
 Adult Choir Rehearsal, 10:00 a.m.
 Children’s Choir Rehearsal, 10:20 a.m.
 Usher Training, after 6:00 p.m. Mass
 Youth Group, 7:00 p.m.
 (Blessing Bags Assembly)
 Confirmation Class, 7:00 p.m.
The Chosen, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, December 11 Last Call Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 12 Holy Hour, 5:00 p.m.
 Mass, 6:00 p.m.
 Adult Choir Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 13 RCIA, 6:30 p.m.
 Lector Training, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 14 Rosary, Mary Garden, 6:00 p.m.
 K of C Officer Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, December 15 Parish Office Closed
Sunday, December 17 9:00 a.m. CLW (during Mass time)
 Adult Choir Rehearsal, 10:00 a.m.
 Children’s Choir Rehearsal, 10:20 a.m.
 PSR, 10:15-11:15 a.m.
 Live Nativity, 7:00 p.m.

THIS WEEKEND, OUR FEATURED ADVERTISER IS
Los Mariachis Mexican Restaurant



EVERY TUESDAY: Eucharistic Holy Hour starting at 5:00 p.m. with Confessions. Mass to follow at 6:00 p.m.



RECEIVED THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: We welcome the newest member to the Catholic Church, **Ivy Mae Blackburn**, daughter of **Garrett and Allison Blackburn**, who was Baptized **December 3, 2023**. *May she grow in her faith here in our parish family!*

REST IN PEACE! In the charity of your prayers, please remember the friends and family of parishioner **Charlene M. Casey** who died **December 4, 2023**. **Charlene** is the wife of **John Casey** and mother to sons **Brian (Mary)** and **Eric (Kathleen) Casey** all parishioners of SSJ. A **Funeral Mass** was celebrated here at **Ss. Simon & Jude** with **Father Dwayne McNew** as celebrant, on **Thursday, December 7, at 11:00 a.m.**



HELP IS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS DECORATING: If you are interested in helping with the **Christmas** decorating this year, please let **Father Dwayne** and **Janet Dunham** know if you can help.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: It’s not too late to donate to the **Christmas Flower Fund**. Envelopes are in the monthly mailing. Extra envelopes are in the **Gathering Space**.

2024 SPECIAL CALENDARS are available in the **Gathering Space**. These are a gift to you from **Rader-Tidde-McDonald** Funeral home **West Jefferson**.

THE DAM HAM SALAD: Thanks to all who purchased the **Dwayne Allan McNew** secret recipe ham salad (AKA **DAM HAM**) and to his elves who helped make it. We made a profit of **\$1,175.00**.



St. Simon & Jude Christmas Mass Schedule

4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23rd @ 4 pm
Sunday, December 24th @ 9 am

Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24th @ 4 pm
Sunday, December 24th @ 6 pm

Christmas Day:

Monday
December 25th
10 am

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday, December 30th @ 4 pm
Sunday, December 31st @ 9 am

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Sunday, December 31st @ 6 pm (Vigil Mass)
MONDAY, January 1st @ 10 am



SUPPORT RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS: Support a lifetime of service. Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education and care for those in need – usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. As they age, they require essential care and medications. Please support them by giving to the **Retirement Fund for Religious**. Your donation makes a difference for nearly 25,000 senior men and women religious. Please give generously.



THE ADVENT GIVING TREE: Each year, we have an opportunity to share some of our Christmas joy with those in need by giving gifts. The **Advent Giving Tree** will have ornaments listing specific items to be purchased for the following places: **Madison County Family Services, West Jefferson Fire Department, Arbors Nursing Home in West Jefferson, and Lifepointe Family Center, London.** Please take

an ornament, purchase the item needed, and return to the church no later than **THIS WEEKEND December 9-10.** Please **DO NOT WRAP THE GIFT**, because the organizations need to know what has been donated. If you have questions, contact **Marilyn Eberhart** at 614-879-7196 or **Marge Berchtold** at 614-879-9236.

GOOD SAMARITAN FOOD PANTRY: For the month of **December**, we will collect cold-weather drinks: *coffee, tea, and hot chocolate.* Questions, call **Linda Collins** at 614-879-9186.

“NATIVITY SET DISPLAY” is being set up after the **9:00 a.m.** Mass this weekend. Helping hands are most welcome. Forgot your set? They can be added wherever you find a blank space. Enjoy this exhibit until after the holidays. Questions, contact **Karen Buzenski** at kbuzenski@yahoo.com or **Linda Collins** at 614-879-9186.

OUR WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE was a huge success, thanks to the generosity of our parishioners. **Dan and Gloria Humphrey** led a caravan of **five cars** to take all the new and gently-used donations to the **St. Francis Center** in McArthur, Vinton County. The **Knights of Columbus** delivered **3 large bags** of men and women’s coats to **St. Vincent de Paul Society** in Columbus. Your generous spirit made a tremendous difference in the lives of so many others. *Thank you!*

THE WOMEN’S GUILD: **Wednesday, December 6**, several members of our **Women’s Guild** cooked and served a meal at the **Ronald McDonald House**. We had a taco bar which included *chips and salsa, fruit, salad, and yummy cookies.* The group had also served a meal at **RMH** this past **October**.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION:

BLESSING BAG PACK: This **Sunday, December 10** after the **6:00 p.m.** Mass. We are still in need of *Slim Jims, fruit strips, and large sized socks.* Come help make encouragement cards, make food packs, and assemble our first **200** bags for those in need! Pizza provided by the **Knights of Columbus**.



LIVE NATIVITY CELEBRATION will be next **Sunday, December 17** following the **6:00 p.m.** Mass. The evening will include a cookies and cocoa reception in the **Social Hall** and the **narration of The Christmas Story** by our **Youth Group** and **Confirmation Class**. This is a beautiful evening of fellowship and a great way to reflect on the true meaning of **Christmas**. *All are welcome!*

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL:

We invite you to take advantage of the many opportunities offered here to help make your season of Advent a prayerful time.



- 1) **Sunday Mass** – Saturday Vigils at 4:00 p.m. and Sundays 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- 2) **Daily Mass** – Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. and Wednesdays-Fridays at 8:30 a.m.
- 3) **Adoration** – Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. and First Fridays from 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. (the next one is **January 5, 2024**)
- 4) **Confession** – Tuesdays from 5:00-6:00 p.m. (during Adoration) and Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. (until Mass begins)
- 5) **Rosary** – Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Mary Garden
- 6) **“The Chosen” video viewing/discussion** – Sunday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m.
- 7) **Book Club** – January 23, 2024. Begin reading the book *“Radical Justice and the Catholic Church”* by Bryan N. Massingale. *Stay tuned for the “Jesus and the Eucharist” study sign up. This small group study begins in February 2024!*



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“On December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we invite your family to learn the miraculous story of St. Juan Diego and the apparition Our Lady of Guadalupe. Littlest Saints captures the lives of the Saints as told by children. With creative storytelling and artful cinematography, this episode is a fantastic way to teach children about Our Lady and how the Lord calls us to act courageously for His Church.”

CONGRATULATIONS! to staff members, **Bill and Jan Weeks**, who have decided to retire (for the second time) at the start of 2024. As they begin this new chapter of life, we begin the search for new part-time Secretary and part-time Maintenance personnel. **Fr. McNew** is working up job descriptions but if you are interested in applying for either position, please **see Fr. McNew** after Mass.

PRAY FOR PRIESTS:

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