



Church of the Good Shepherd

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December 8, 2024—Second Sunday of Advent

PARISH INFORMATION

Mass Schedule:

Good Shepherd, Kent:

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 PM

Sunday: 11:00 AM

Weekdays: 6:00 PM Monday

8:30 AM Tuesday/Thursday

(unless otherwise noted)

Ss. Simon & Jude, Blairsville:

Saturday: 4 PM; Sunday: 9 AM

Weekdays: 8 AM Mon/Wed/Fri

Office Hours:

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: 8 AM—2 PM

Wednesdays: Closed

Reconciliation:

Monday 5—6 PM during

Holy Hour, and by appointment.

To schedule Baptisms or
Weddings, please contact
the Parish Office.

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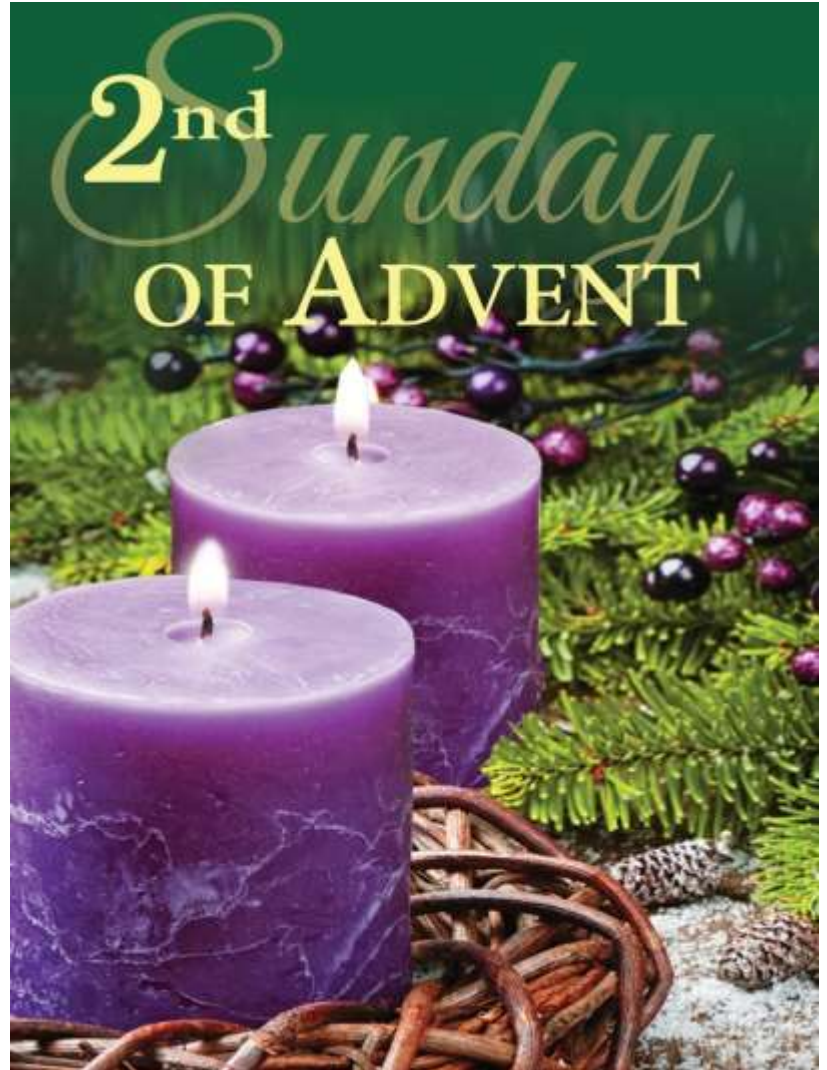
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This Week at Church of the Good Shepherd

<u>Monday:</u>	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Bible Study, Parish Hall, 6:45 PM
<u>Tuesday:</u>	Advent Reconciliation Service, Good Shepherd, 7:00 PM
<u>Friday:</u>	Live Nativity, Portico & Narthex, 6-8 PM
<u>Saturday:</u>	Live Nativity, Portico & Narthex, 7-9 PM

Masses and Candles — Week of 12/8/24

Second Sunday in Advent

Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Saturday, December 7

6:00 PM | Steve Mlinarch by Aidan Mlinarich

Sunday, December 8

11:00 AM | All the People of Good Shepherd Parish

Monday, December 9, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

5:00 PM | Holy Hour (Adoration); Confessions

6:00 PM | Walter Bryja by Melissa & Norbert

Tuesday, December 10, Advent Weekday

Is 40:1-11; Ps 96; Mt 18:12-14

8:30 AM | Christine Prenni by Martin/Becky Medvetz

Wednesday, December 11, Advent Weekday

Is 40:25-31; Ps 103; Mt 11:28-30

NO MASS

Thursday, December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19;

8:30 AM | Florence Andrews by Patty Gerheim

Friday, December 13, Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Is 48:17-19; Ps 1; Mt 11:16-19

NO MASS

Saturday, December 14, St John of the Cross, Priest

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Third Sunday of Advent

Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6); Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

6:00 PM | John Leger by Brenda Leger

Sunday, December 15

11:00 AM | All the People of Good Shepherd Parish



Sanctuary Candle is lit in memory of
Florence Andrews by Daughters Bonnie and Mary.

Good Shepherd Candle is lit in memory of
Steve Mlinarich by Aidan Mlinarich

Blessed Mother Candle is lit in memory of **all the people of Good Shepherd** by Mary and Marty Tressler

The **Knights of Columbus** have distributed 22 coats to children at the Homer Center Schools as part of the Coats for Kids program. Coats are available to be given to children of any age including high school students. This is a county wide program for anyone in need. They do not have to be members of our churches. The program continues throughout the winter. Please contact any Knight or Church office.



From Fr. Dino's Desk

Second Sunday of Advent Reflection

Baruch 5:1-9, Psalm: 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6, Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11, Luke 3:1-6.

Repentance: The 'GPS' to Glory.

GPS devices have taken the meandering out of our road trips and guaranteed smooth travel toward our destination. Repentance is the "GPS" of our Gospel journey toward final glory.

In the first reading, Baruch 5:1 recalls Isaiah 52:1 in its call to change clothes: *"take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever"*, signifying Jerusalem's glory. This gives us a vision of the eschatological end times when the full flowering of repentance is made visible.

In the gospel, John proclaims that we must *"prepare the way of the Lord"* by repenting. Isaiah and John both describe repentance as a leveling and a straightening out of the uneven and crooked shape of our lives. They call us to ask whether our path is taking us closer to God as well as opening up for others the way to God. Then *"all flesh shall see the salvation of God."*

Update on Tile/Carpet Installation in Church

The church plans on starting installation of tile on December 9, 2024. The tile will be placed in the counter aisle and in front of the Sanctuary/Altar.

The carpeting start date will be December 16, 2024. Carpeting will be placed under the chairs and side aisles.

Installation will stop on December 20, 2024 to prepare the church for Christmas.

Please note that daily Mass and Adoration will take place in the church basement.

Saturday and Sunday Mass will be held in the church.

Donations Needed for Live Nativity

We are accepting donations for the Live Nativity on December 13th and 14th. We could use cookies (bought or homemade), candy, hot cocoa mix, coffee, Christmas plates/napkins, small/large marshmallows, etc. Please place donations in the Server Sacristy. Monetary donations can be dropped off in the office.

Volunteers are also needed. Please contact the office with any questions.

Around the Diocese

Live Nativity Dec. 13-14 at Church of the Good Shepherd, Kent

We will hold a live Nativity Friday, December 13th, from 6-8 p.m. and Saturday, December 14th, from 7-9 p.m. Guests can drive or walk through. Caroling, a bonfire and refreshments are planned. A free-will offering will be collected for Catholic Charities' Children/Family Services Fund. See you there!!

Young Adult Trivia Night

Join Br. Stephen Cantwell on Monday, December 9, 2024 from 6:00- 8:30 p.m. at St. Thomas More University Parish in Indiana. The evening will include dinner, Eucharistic adoration, prayer and fun! Trivia starts at 7:00 p.m.

Ice Skating - Youth Ministry Event!

All Middle & High Schoolers! Join us for a fun afternoon of ice skating, food, and fellowship with friends!

Date: January 4, 2025

Time: 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Location: S & T Bank Arena, Indiana

Cost: Free, just bring a snack or drink to share – Skate rentals are included.

RSVP: Jessica Thompson | jthompson@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Don't miss out on this awesome opportunity to make memories and connect with others. See you there!



Parish Stewardship-Weekend of 11/24/24 & 12/1/24

	11/24/24	12/1/24
Weekly:	\$ 1,986.00	\$ 1,268.00
Monthly	\$ 285.00	\$ 665.00
Loose:	\$ 85.00	\$ 97.00
Catholic Accent	\$ 73.00	\$ 15.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 31.00	\$ 80.00
End of Year:	\$ 0.00	\$ 800.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 95.00	\$ 196.00
Online Giving:	\$ 176.00	\$ 176.00
Christmas:	\$ 0.00	\$ 25.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$ 0.00	\$ 180.00
Resources:	\$ 0.00	\$ 16.00
Total Income:	\$ 2,731.00	\$3,518.00
Needed Weekly Budget:	\$ 4,242.83	\$ 4,242.83
Variance Over or (Under):	(\$ 1,511.83)	(\$724.83)
Fiscal Year-to-Date:		
Collected:	\$61,041.60	\$ 64,559.60
Needed to Meet Budget:	\$ 89,099.44	\$ 93,342.27
Variance Over or (Under):	(\$ 28,057.84)	(\$ 28,782.67)
Diocesan/Other Collections:		
Poverty Relief Fund:	\$ 340.00	\$ 13.00
Love Basket:	\$ 0.00	\$ 75.00

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store, 4th St., Indiana



Two sales this week: All Christmas clothing and merchandise are BOGO as well as ladies' pants (excluding white tags). The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store is located in the BiLo Plaza on N. 4th Street with store hours Monday thru Saturday from 10am to 2pm. Donations are accepted at the back door from 10am to 1pm (as space permits).

Please continue to watch for further information in the bulletin and on Facebook (@SVDPIndianaPa). To request assistance from SVdP, please call the SVdP hotline at 724-471-2210



Christmas Special | Laugh and Grow Bible for Kids

Hosted by the Hopeful World, this beautiful retelling of the story of Jesus' birth will help kids understand the true meaning of Christmas. Viewers both young and old will be filled with hope as they recall God's promise fulfilled through our Savior's arrival.

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