



Church of the Good Shepherd

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December 15, 2024—Third 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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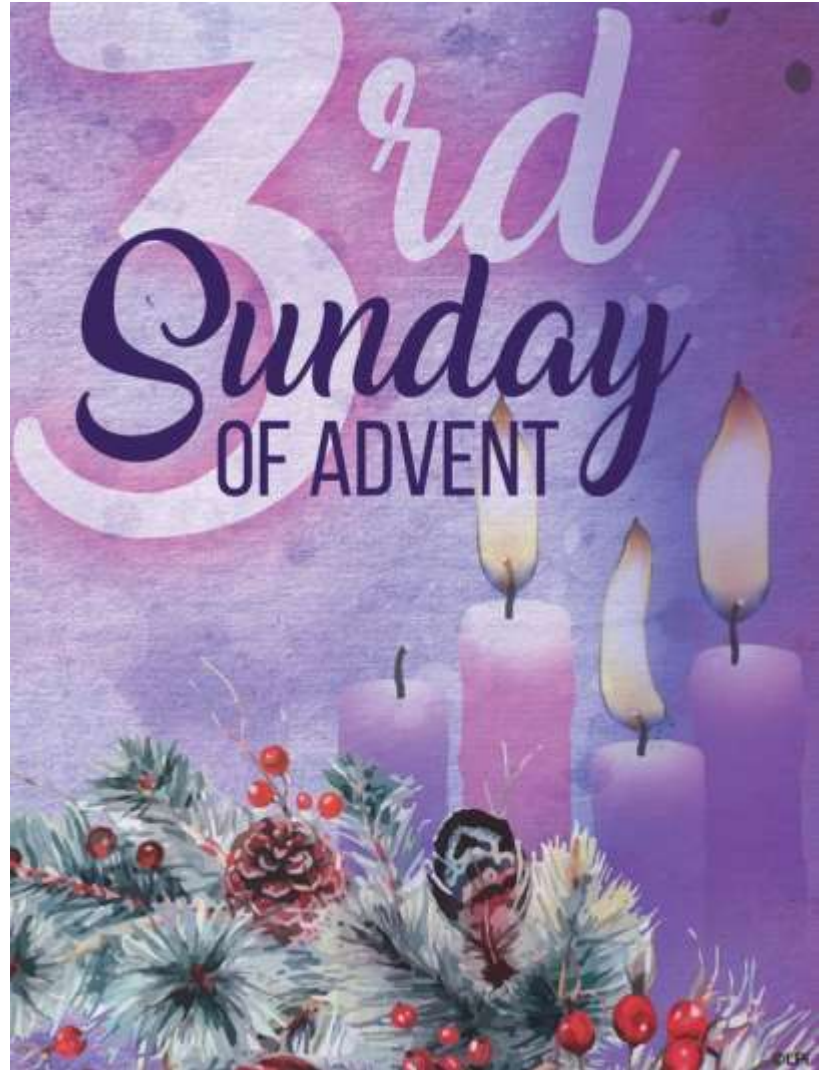
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This Week at Church of the Good Shepherd

<u>This Saturday and</u>	Sarris Candy pick up
<u>Monday:</u>	NO ADORATION OR MASS!! Bible Study, 6:45 PM, Parish Hall
<u>Thursday:</u>	Movie Night, 3-5:30 PM, Parish Hall <i>Christmas With the Chosen: "Holy Night"</i>

Masses and Candles — Week of 12/15/24

<u>Third Sunday in Advent</u>	
<i>Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6); Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18</i>	
Saturday, December 14	
6:00 PM	John Leger by Brenda Leger
Sunday, December 15	
11:00 AM	All the People of Good Shepherd Parish
Monday, December 16, Advent Weekday	
<i>Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25; Mt 21:23-27</i>	
NO Holy Hour (Adoration) NO MASS!	
Tuesday, December 17, Late Advent Weekday	
<i>Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72; Mt 1:1-17</i>	
8:30 AM	Sam & Louise Marra by Cathy & Nick Bonarrigo
Wednesday, December 18, Late Advent Weekday	
<i>Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72; Mt 1:18-25</i>	
NO MASS	
Thursday, December 19, Late Advent Weekday	
<i>Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71; Lk 1:5-25</i>	
8:30 AM	Walter Swalga by Bud & Kathy Swalga
Friday, December 20, Late Advent Weekday	
<i>Is 7:10-14; Ps 24; Lk 1:26-38</i>	
NO MASS	
Saturday, December 21, Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church	
<i>Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33; Lk 1:39-45</i>	
<u>Fourth Sunday of Advent</u>	
<i>Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45</i>	
6:00 PM	Enrico C. Agosti by Family
Sunday, December 22	
11:00 AM	All the People of Good Shepherd Parish

	<p>Sanctuary Candle is lit in memory of Enrico C. Agosti by Family.</p> <p>Good Shepherd Candle is lit in memory of Sam Marra by Cathy & Nick Bonarrigo</p>
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Advent Resources Available

Be sure to pick up your 2024 Advent resources such as the “Little Blue Books,” The Word Among Us, Advent youth calendars, etc. in the Narthex) that will assist you and your family members in making this holy season more meaningful and prayerful. There is no charge for these items, however, any donation is greatly appreciated.

From Fr. Dino’s Desk

Third Sunday of Advent Reflection

December 15. Texts: Zephaniah 3:14-18a, Responsorial - Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6, Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3:10-18.

Rejoice! The Good News is Right Here.


All of us have experienced the sheer goodness of another person, the utter joy of an event, the complete surprise of intimacy. With reflection we conclude that we have indeed experienced the nearness of Christ in the flesh among us.


The first and second readings both speak of rejoicing and suggest to us that the cause of our joy is Christ (“in your midst, a mighty Savior”; “The Lord is near”). Christ is always being enfleshed in our midst.

In the gospel, John’s clear and unequivocal answers to “What should we do?” gave direction to people’s lives. John’s good news, however, went beyond merely telling the people how to behave toward each other, but also instilled expectation in them. His good news pointed to the **One** who is all Good News, “a mighty Savior” who is in our midst (first reading), who is near (see second reading). The Good News is not a message but a person - Jesus.

Sign-Up for Online Giving

If you have not tried online giving yet, scan the QR code or on one of our new Pew cards, and click Create a New account to get started.





Diocesan Lenten Appeal
As of November 30, 2024

2023 Diocesan Lenten Appeal

Total pledges/gifts received:	\$ 35,876.00
Percent of Diocesan Goal (\$23,606.00):	154.6%
Percent of Parish Goal (\$41,000.00):	89.0%
Participating Households - 103 (285):	36.1%
Average 2024 Parish Gift:	\$ 354.00
Average 2023 Parish Gift:	\$ 351.56

Thank you to all who have donated!

Around the Diocese

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!

A Wonderful Christmas Gift

Looking for the perfect faith-based Christmas Gift? We've got you covered! Give the gift of an encounter with Jesus! The parishes of Indiana Region are excited to announce that **Chris Stefanick** will be our keynote speaker for our 2025 Regional Lenten Mission, which is scheduled for Monday through Wednesday, March 10, 11, & 12, 2025. Tickets are on sale now for **REBOOT** on Wednesday, March 12, 2025, where Chris will bring a message of joy and a life of prayer. Get your tickets now before they sell out! Use the QR Code found on the posters throughout the church to purchase tickets. If you have questions on how to use the QR Code, please contact the Parish Office. Tickets must be purchased in advance as we will not be selling tickets at the door the night of REBOOT. Children under 12 enter FREE. All attendees will leave with FREE online access to Chris Stefanick's *Living Joy* along with a study guide.

Parish Stewardship-Weekend of 12/8/24

*****FINANCIAL REPORT*****

This report will be in a future bulletin.

Update on Tile/Carpet Installation in Church

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.

Pierogi now available for the Holiday Season!

Our **delicious** homemade "potato - cheese" pierogi are available for you to add to your Advent, Christmas and New Year's tables! You can purchase these frozen, ready to cook treats for \$14 per 2 dozen bag. Call our Parish Office at 724.479.3881 for details and ordering.

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



Christmas clothing and merchandise are half-priced this week at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in Indiana. Located in the BiLo Plaza on N. 4th Street, store hours are Monday thru Saturday from 10am to 2pm with donations 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

**30 Minutes B.C.
A Nativity Play**



30 Minutes BC

30 Minutes BC creatively explores the profound emotions and intimate struggles of Mary and Joseph during the final 30 minutes before the birth of Jesus. As the clock ticks down, the couple navigates a whirlwind of hope, joy, and uncertainty, turning to God amidst it all.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.



Regional Advent Penance Services

- December 16, 7:00 p.m.— Sts. Simon & Jude, Blairsville
December 17, 7:00 p.m.— Church of the Resurrection, Clymer
December 18, 7:00 p.m.— St. Bernard, Indiana
December 19, 7:00 p.m.— Our Lady of Assumption, Lucernemines

The Importance of Music in Liturgy

February 3, 2017 admin American Catholic Press

Have you ever attended a Sunday Mass or religious celebration and wondered why music and singing play such an integral role? Music has always been very important in liturgy because it has the ability to foster and strengthen the spiritual experience for all those involved. Read on to discover the immeasurable importance of music in liturgy.

1. **Music promotes unity:** Music facilitates unity in a community of worshipers — not just among the congregation, but also between parishioners and God.
2. **Music imparts spiritual truth:** Music evokes a personal response from us and allows us to enhance our personal relationship with God. It provides another element of meaning and emotion that words simply cannot evoke. With music, you can communicate with God and praise his name with the utmost passion and love.
3. **Music is an expression of love and joy:** Music enables you to rejoice in God's name and give thanks for all your blessings. As said by St. Paul in Colossians 3:16, "Let the work of Christ dwell in you richly.....singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God".
4. **Music is a sacred tradition:** "Sing" and other variations of the word are the most frequently used words in the Bible. It is present 309 times in the Old Testament and 36 times in the New Testament.



**Church of the
Good Shepherd,
Kent, PA**



Christmas Eve Masses:

4:00 PM

10:00 PM

**SS Simon & Jude,
Blairsville, PA**



Christmas Eve Mass:

6:00 PM

Christmas Day Mass:

9:00 AM

Join us as we celebrate Christ's birth!

Church of the Good Shepherd — Prayer Chain — December 2024

To have anyone added/removed from the prayer chain, please call our Parish Office (724.479.3881). We depend on you to keep our Prayer Chain list up to date and to ensure that we pray in thanksgiving for those healed, and for the repose of the souls of the deceased.

Please pray for the wholeness and healing of:

In Critical Need:

Terry Campbell; Robert Canzano; Jen Cochran; Jean Cowan; Larry Demetro; Roger Ditmore; Jeff Doyle; Rhonda Earhart; Kaitlyn Fello; Ruthie Henigin; Gloria Gates; Julio Godinez-Mendoza; Greg Gordish; Ted Gordish; Jean Grossman; Greyson Kellar; Diane Kuehn; Mason Morris; James Midock; David Obley, MD; Roy Rosenberry; John Sarver; Kathy Schutman; Richard Sinclair; Vince Staff; Jody Pollack-Strickland; Barb Staff; John Silvis; Janeen Tackage; Amy Thomas; Wilma Thomas; Jen Van Hannak; Zavier Weaver; Wendy Wisneski; Audrey Young;

Ongoing Prayer:

Pete Adkins; Julie Anderson; Karen A.; Patricia Bash; Michael & Maggie Bertolino; Barb Black; Len Black; Deacon Steve Black; Esther Bonnoni; Louis Bonnoni; Marianne Bonnoni; Brayden Bookner; Louann Boozer; Julia Buggey; Jessica Caratelli; Rick Chabot; Rob Chabot; Jane Chronowski; Will Clabaugh; Deacon Harry Clyde; Marty Coolican; Jean Cowan; Andrew Cribbs; Donna Cupp; Daniel Davis; Ruth Dillon; Ray & Janet Dobrosky; Peggy Domenick; Kim Donahue; Michelle Donahue; J. L. Doyle; Fr. Mark Dumire; Christine Earhart; Annette Fancella; Carol Ferrence; Becky Forrester; Sandy Frederick; Judy Gaborko; Patty Gallo-Jack; Marlene Galore; Kathleen Globun; Joyce Gragan; Larry Gregg; Scott Gross; Haylee; Thelma Hazenstab; Mary Hill; Linda Hlebak; Sandra Hollabaugh; John Hornick; Terry Jobe; Janet Johns; Minnie Jose; Jessica Kantz; Michele Kantz; Erlene Kardos; Tom Keeler; Crystal Kellar; Kelly Kok; Tammy Kolesar; Karen Krejocic; Marvin Kuhns; Rita Lieb; Shirley Lassick; Fr. Willie Lechnar; Pamela Letera; Ron Lorelli; Patricia Lowman; Mark Lukeik; Carson Mack; Anita Marker; Beth Marshall; Edna Martinelli; Michael Matty; Angie Maudie; Audrey Maudie; Jason Maudie; Josephine Maudie; Maryanne McConnell; Norma McIntire; Frank Meehan; Donna Merlo; Bonnie Mottern; Fr. John Moineau; Kathy Montrose; Eric Morgan; Gary Morgan; Leigha Morgan; Dave Morris; Daniel Mouser; Jenn Myers; Laurie Nixon; Bill Oxenreiter; Denise Parrato; Flora Pezzi; Ethan Piper; Steve Prebish; Bernie Rairie; Mary Ellen Rairie; Scott Rankin; Barb Rayko; Maggie Reeger; Kim Remick; Rising Family; Mike Roscoe; Robert Romance; Ed Rowley; Dan Ryan; Lois Saletrik; Roni Salsa; Wayne Salter; Gabe Savage; Mark Savage; Susan Seibel; Karen Shaffer; Frank Shrokman; Judy Shrokman; Fr. Michael Sikon; Rita Sklar; Anita Smith; Justin Smyers; Robert Spence; Joe Staff; Alex Toldi; Mary Tressler; Marty Tressler; Robert Tressler; Dr. Roberto Turnbull; Barry Turk; Emily W.; Pam Wagner; Rick Walker; Carter Wentz; Ashley Weston; Wanda Weston; Kathy White; Locklan Whited; Jim Zagurskie; **Michael Zerbe**; Garnet Zuchelli; Katrina Zuchelli; Renee Zuchelli; Zachary Zuchelli.



Special Intentions:

For persecuted Christians throughout the world.

For ongoing needs in our world, especially for lasting peace in war-torn nations, & for the needs of all during the present economic downturn.

Pope's December Intention:

For pilgrims of hope: We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

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