



Sunday, December 24	Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:00 a.m.	The Parish
10:30 a.m.	Special Intention
Sunday, December 24	Christmas Eve
4:00 p.m.	The Parish
6:00 p.m.	Tony Vallacqua †
Monday, December 25	The Nativity of the Lord
Midnight	Gloria Stone †
10:30 a.m.	Kristi Parise †
Tuesday, December 26	St. Stephen
8:00 a.m.	Spec.Int.—Roberts family
Wednesday, December 27	St. John
8:00 a.m.	Jennifer Cantwell †
Thursday, December 28	The Holy Innocents
8:00 a.m.	Fr. Tim Haberkorn
Friday, December 29	St. Thomas Becket
8:00 a.m.	John and Lois Golba †
Saturday, December 30	
5:00 p.m.	Ralph Kueser †
Sunday, December 31	
8:00 a.m.	Marie Vohs †
10:30 a.m.	The Parish

The Rosary is recited 25 minutes before Sunday 8:00 Mass

Please Pray For All The Sick

Due to privacy laws, only names requested by a family member will be added to the sick list.

Ken and Mary Agnew, Richard Anderson, Roxanne Casaert, Mike Caswell, Helen Collins, Alex Cook, Dee Cooper, John Cook, Debbie DuFour, John Duke, Steve Edgar, James Fladung, Juli Gannon, Jeanne Watrous Gardner, Diane Fladung Giefer, Joe Gittings, Phyllis Green, Sherman Harlow, Linda Fladung Hofstad, Helen Jackson, Katie Kalahurka, Hunter Knop, Nona Knox, Jerry Lambert, Willie Laufer, Larry Lee, Brian Long, Roy Luna, John Madrid, Ruthie Mathewson, Ella McNeil, Denton Meek, Gerald Ernest Meier, Loretta Miller, Patricia Miller, Betty O'Brien, Mike Paulsen, Brian Patterson, Richard Pfannes, Chris Pottorff, Colby Reed, Jim Seck, Shirley Seck, Kyson Seth, Jim Seufferling, Mary Kay Sillyman, Laura Simmons, Madison Smith, Janice Stevens, Theresa Strader, Emily Venanzi, Bill Vogel, Abby Werth, Emma Wilkerson, Charles and Janet Wieland, Clay Williams, Elaine Williams, Ethan Workman, Ann Yoakum, Jack York, Junior York, Alice Zeller.

Contact the parish office to add / delete a name on the prayer list

Regarding the Christmas Masses:

This year, December 25th falls on a Monday, which means Christmas Eve is on a Sunday, which is also the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

BUT, which does NOT mean a "two-for-one" Mass special.

NO, you cannot go to Mass on Christmas Eve and have it also count for Sunday. The final Sunday of Advent is important, and so is the feast of Our Lord's birth. They're both important, and they are both obligatory as far as Mass attendance goes.

From Michael Podrebarac, Archdiocesan consultant for the Office of Liturgy and Sacramental Life

Mass Ministries

December 23—5:00 p.m.

Servers—Melia Rice, Michael McCorquodale
Lector—Corinne Prettyman
Communion—Karen Wood, Bradley Hennigh
Greeters—Molly and Chris McCorquodale
Choir—

December 24—8:00 a.m.

Servers—Aidan Cannon, Drake Baus
Lector—Mark Goode
Ministers of Communion—Phyllis Martin, Marita Aufner
Greeters—Kathy and Bruce Ewalt

December 24—10:30 a.m.

Servers—Nate Capuro, Ambrose Stefan
Lector—John Urbom
Ministers of Communion—Jeanette Urbom, Ashley Lemke
Greeters—Melissa and Ernie Reinhart
Counters—Jeanette Smotherman, Sherry Stefan
Cantor—Roger

Christmas Eve, December 24—4:00 p.m.

Servers—Isabelle Baima, Ryan Smith
Lector—Children
Ministers of Communion—Amy Goode, Mark Goode
Greeters—Judy and Phil Dixon
Music—Children

Christmas Eve, December 24—6:00 p.m.

Servers—Emily Williams, Cole Williams
Lector—Kathy Vogel
Ministers of Communion—Karen Wood, Steve Stefan
Greeters—Sherry and Steve Stefan
Cantor—Tony

Christmas Day, December 25—Midnight

Servers—Michael McCorquodale
Lector—Bradley Hennigh
Ministers of Communion—Tom Overbay, Patti Wagner
Greeters—Molly and Chris McCorquodale
Music—Combined Choirs

Christmas Day, December 25—10:30 a.m.

Servers—Garrison Bloustine
Lector—Mark Bloustine
Ministers of Communion—
Greeters—Becky and Chuck Golba
Musicians—Schneider family

Need Volunteers

December 30—5:00 p.m.

Servers—Deven Wieland, Delaney Wieland
Lector—Jim Hartsock
Communion—
Greeters—Becky and Chuck Golba
Choir—Contemporary

December 31—8:00 a.m.

Servers—Kenny Downs, Whalen Downs
Lector—Patti Wagner
Ministers of Communion—Mark Bloustine
Greeters—Dean Wagner, Mike Martin

December 31—10:30 a.m.

Servers—Alaina Dudzik
Lector—Scott Schneider
Ministers of Communion—Ashley Lemke, Scott Schneider
Greeters—Ashley and Matt Lemke
Cantor—Roger

New Year's Day 2018, the Solemnity of Mary, is not a Holyday of Obligation since it falls on a Monday. There will be a Mass at **9:00 A.M.**, January 1, 2018 so you can start the New Year off right! AND you'll get home in time to watch the Rose Bowl Parade and our own marching Louisburg Wildcat Band.

Christmas Flower Dedications

If you would like to make a donation to underwrite the cost of the poinsettias adorning the church sanctuary at Christmas, and honor a loved one, living or deceased, please use the envelope included in your December packet or call the church office, 913-837-2295. If you include your loved one's name on the envelope, it will be published in the bulletin during the Christmas season.

COMING SOON

Demo Dinner—January 14th—Reserve a spot—913-837-2295 or rbergman@archkckcs.org

Pick up a 2018 Catholic Extension "Saints of the 20th Century" calendar. These calendars are provided to the parish free courtesy of Dengel & Son Funeral Home. Limit one per family.



Congratulations to Sally Jane Wiles who was baptized December 10, 2017 at Immaculate Conception Parish.

Stewardship

December 17, 2017

Sunday Contributions	\$ 5,567.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 2,340.00
Votive	\$ 52.37
Immaculate Conception HolyDay	\$ 80.00
Christmas	\$ 35.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 190.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 60.00
Retired Religious	\$ 35.00

Are you missing a clutch purse with rosaries inside? Stop by the Louisburg police station to identify.

Pray For Our Military

TSGT Micaelee Neubert	SGT Whitney Stevens
CPT Nathan Valle	SGT Matt Smith
LCPL Michael Beals	AC Robert Jacob Herbert
LTJG Ali Zalekian	LCDR Katrina Stegner
Capt. John P. Warson	Maj. Neilson Wahab
SFC Jeremiah Krumm	SPC Cody Richardson
Seth Miller	E2 Coleman Griff
Capt Mark Edgar & Co.	AMN Cheyenne Williams
CMDR Erik C. Estenson	AMN Stone Williams
LT Col Todd Giefer	LT Matthew Zeller
SPC Richard Stouder	TSGT Scott Klusman
2LT Paul Speckin	L/CPL Seth Garner
PFC Coleman Unthank	A1C Ryan Asbury

How God Disrupts Our Plans

Mary's "yes" to God wasn't easy; it involved a total change of her plans.

Mary had felt called early on to serve God through consecrated virginity, which meant not having children. This is the reason behind her comment to the angel: "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?"

That comment would have made no sense if she were planning on leading a normal married life with St. Joseph, her fiancé.

Life as a virgin consecrated to God was what she had envisioned for herself and planned for. But then the angel came along and changed those plans.

God often does the same thing with us.

Like a good coach, He pushes us out of our comfort zone so that we can reach our full potential as Christians.

There are three ways especially in which God tends to disrupt our plans.

First, when we are really busy and don't want any interruptions, He brings us into contact with someone who needs help.

Second, we suddenly discover that certain popular and fashionable behaviors of activities (which we would like to follow) are actually against Church teaching, that they cause damage to us and to others.

Third, when we are really tired, fed up, or angry, our conscience - like the angel Gabriel in today's Gospel passage - sends us a message saying that we really need to keep working, or to do a little extra work, or to be extra patient with someone, or to hold our tongue.

These are three common ways that God disrupts our personal plans in order to invite us to be partners in His plan of salvation.

During Mass, let's ask God for the grace to respond generously to those disruptions, as Mary did, especially during the Christmas season, so that our part in God's plan of salvation is sure to get done.

Remember the Christmas Season: Following the Feast of Christmas, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, the Feast of the Solemnity of Mary, the Feast of the Epiphany and finally the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord.

When people used real trees for Christmas, the tree was decorated on Christmas Eve and taken down on the Feast of the Epiphany. Now we put them up the day after Thanksgiving and take them down the day after Christmas. The secular world has changed the real meaning of Christmas.

In our Church, the Advent wreath disappears the day before Christmas and the Christmas decorations are taken down the day after January 8, which is the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord. Rejoice in the Joy of Christmas!

New Parishioner (Please Print)

Last Name _____

First Name _____

Home Phone _____ Cell _____

Address _____

Email Address _____