

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun Dec 20 Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Wed Dec 23 5:15-6:00 p.m. Pro-Life Rosary



### Monday, Dec. 21 St. Peter Canisius

8:30 a.m.  
†Deborah Dillon (*Donna E. Eggerstorfer*)

### Tuesday, Dec. 22

8:30 a.m.  
†Justin Dodson (*Sally Yeager*)

### Wednesday, Dec. 23 St. John of Kanty

8:30 a.m.  
†Edward Kawtoski (*Wife & Family*)

### Thursday, Dec. 24 VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS

3:00 p.m.  
†Nick & Augusta Orsena (*Orsena Family*)  
5:00 p.m.  
†Michael Savino & Diane Stasky (*Olive & Family*)  
7:30 p.m.  
†David & Patricia Shellenberger & Charles & Mildred Brady (*Family*)

### Friday, Dec. 25 CHRISTMAS

9:00 a.m.  
†Eugene Stoltz (*Deb & Mike Brawley*)

### Saturday, Dec. 26 St. Stephen

4:00p.m.  
†Bill Love (*Family*)

### Sunday, Dec. 27 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:00 a.m. Mass For the People  
10:30 a.m. †Julia Longo (*Bill Longo*)

## CHRISTMAS MASSES

Due to the Coronavirus, we are making a change to the schedule.

Christmas Eve Masses will be at 3 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Christmas Day will be at 9 a.m.

Because seating will be limited, you need to sign up using Flocknote or by calling the rectory.

## PASTOR'S CORNER

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### PRAY

Father God, we ask that, like Joseph, we will trust in you and do your will, even when it isn't what we would have planned for ourselves. Amen

#### REFLECT

How is God calling you to trust in him?

#### ACT

This week, practice this simple prayer each night before bed: "Jesus I trust in you."

Christmas is almost here! Have you blessed your Christmas tree yet? Gather your family and use this blessing: <https://catholiccurrent.org/prayers/blessing-of-a-christmas-tree/>



**Merry Christmas! All of us at Saint Rose of Lima wish you and your families a wonderful day of rejoicing in the birth of Christ.**

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING-DEC. 12-13, 2020

Regular	\$8129.60	Christmas	\$ 193.00
Capital Campaign	\$ 3.00	All Saints	\$ 13.00
Immac.Conception	\$ 195.00	Candles	\$ 15.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 245.00	Christmas Flow	\$ 306.00
Retired Religious	\$ 371.00	St.Vincent de Paul	\$ 500.00
		Total	\$10495.60

### **Congratulations to our students who made their First Reconciliation on December 14.**

Thomas D.Charlesworth    Kira T. Kaltwasser  
Amelia G. Deneen        Isabella M. Lear  
Charles M. Fiore         Keira L. McKim  
Arianna R. Fredericks    Michael J. Ronan  
Finley N. Gioiosa        Khloe R. Settlemyer  
Reese E. Horell         Lucy M. Sprouse  
Madeline A. Johnson

### **Deacon Jim's "A Moment with Our Lady"**

A family from the Aosta Valley in Italy used to go to Rome every year for the Christmas holidays, often dining at a restaurant called L'Eau-Vive (Living Water). In 1982, they were there again one evening around Christmas. After the meal, they asked to go thank all the cooks in person. The small nativity scene, placed in a corner of the kitchen, caught the attention of seven-year-old Andrew. The cooks were touched by the little boy's interest and gave him the Baby Jesus.

The next year, his mother came back to see us, and said, "Do you know that Andrew's Baby Jesus changed all of us? Every evening Andrew wants the whole family to meet in his room around the Baby Jesus to sing the Ave Maria of Lourdes like we did at L'Eau-Vive he says."

On day the parish priest came to bless our mountain chalet. Andrew of course, led him Immediately to his Baby Jesus and both of them sang the Ave Maria. Now this priest is a family friend. Through him we found our way back to the Church that we had left 15 years ago, my husband and I.

**Volunteers are needed to do the Readings for the Christmas Masses. Please call the rectory if you are available.**

### **FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL**

#### **Fourth Sunday of Advent Luke 1:26-38**

**QUESTION:** What do you call a family which began with an unmarried pregnant teen and had a twelve year old son who ran away from home and was eventually executed as a criminal?

**ANSWER: HOLY!** Two lessons in today's gospel  
(1) No matter what is happening in your family, "the Lord is with you."  
(2) "Do not be afraid" for "nothing is impossible with God."

#### **CANDLES**

Timothy Stephen Housum by Housum Family,  
Matthew Zakrzwski by Linda L. Zakrzwski,  
For the Intention of Art Whitmore by Linda L. Zakrzwski.

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

In its present form the custom of displaying figures depicting the birth of Jesus Christ owes its origin to St. Francis of Assisi, who made the Christmas crèche or manger for Christmas Eve of 1223.

The blessing of the Christmas manger or nativity scene may take place on the Vigil of Christmas or at another suitable time.

All make the sign of the cross as the leaders says:

Our help is in the name of the Lord.  
R/. Who made heaven and earth.

One of those present or the leaders reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example **Luke 2:1** (lines 1-8) or **Isaiah 7:10** (lines 10-15), the birth of Emmanuel).

**Reader:** The Gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The leader prays with hands joined:

God of every nation and people,  
from the very beginning of creation  
you have made manifest your love:  
when our need for a Savior was great  
you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary.  
To our lives he brings joy and peace,  
justice, mercy, and love.

Lord,

Bless all who look upon this manger;  
may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus,  
and raise our thoughts to him,  
who is God-with-us and Savior of all,  
and who lives and reigns forever and ever.  
R/. Amen.

- From Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers

**Sacraments—8 Week Course:** Fr. Timothy Grimme will be teaching **Sacraments** at **St. Michael Church Hall, St. Michael** beginning Tuesday, January 5, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The cost for this class is \$65, which includes registration and books. These classes may be taken for continuing education credit and Master Catechist requirements. For registration, please contact Marybeth at (814) 361-2000 or by email at [mheinze@dioceseaj.org](mailto:mheinze@dioceseaj.org). Registration forms are also available online at: [www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry/](http://www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry/)  
**All are welcome!**

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent (Dec. 20)

After Jesus it is the Blessed Virgin Mary who by her example teaches most perfectly the meaning of discipleship and stewardship in their fullest sense. The truest essential elements are found in her life: she was called and gifted by God; she responded generously. Creatively, and prudently; she understood the divinely assigned role as 'handmaid' in terms of service and fidelity.  
(*Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*, USCCB, 1992)

May you allow God to change your plans in order to fulfill His. May you respond generously to the faithfulness of God as Mary did.



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

**St. John Kanty**

**1390-1473**

**Feast Day –  
December 23**

Greatly revered in his native Poland, this saint, also known as John Cantius, spent most of his life teaching at the University of Krakow, where he was a noted professor of sacred Scripture. He also spent an interval as a parish priest, reputedly forced on him because of academic jealousy. At the university, he impressed on students the need for moderation and good manners in controversy, and was famous for his boundless generosity to Krakow's poor. A personal austerity contributed to his reputation for holiness: He ate no meat and slept on the floor.



**St. Rose of Lima's St. Vincent de Paul  
Conference Weekly Reflection for  
December 20- Fourth Sunday of Advent:**

Imagine how Mary felt at the birth of Jesus: excited, awed, frightened. Deep faith was her light in the darkness, for Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest.

**FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL**

**CHRISTMAS**

**Luke 2:15-20**

This Christmas remember your task as a parent is the same as Mary's: We must not let our doubts, fears and unfulfilled expectations get in the way of our loving ACCEPTANCE of our children.

**Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought light into the darkness surrounding the heart of those living in poverty bringing them the real, lasting, and deep joy of Christmas.**

**God Bless You!**

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

**Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord**

(Fri., December 25, 2020)

When we hear the Gospel of Luke proclaimed we learn that the lowly shepherds were given a gift from God that most certainly would have changed their lives. The shepherds became "Christian disciples."

After hearing the joyous news of the angels and seeing Jesus, the Christ Child lying in the manger they experienced a conversion. They had a life shaping experience. They had become stewards of God's creation, Jesus as God; as the origin of life, giver of freedom, and source of all things. God created the world, but entrusts it to human beings.

*(Stewardship: A Disciple's Response, USCCB, 1992)*

How has the coming of Jesus changed your life?

Looking for a classic Christmas movie to



watch with your family? Check out this list:  
<https://catholiccurrent.org/living-the-faith/classic-christmas-movies/>