

A New Creation in Christ

December 7, 2025 - 2nd Sunday of Advent



Come, let's build the Holy City Come, let's build a family Come,
let's build a new tomorrow where our children will be free We can
be a holy people living in the Light of God Come, let's build the
Holy City Build it out of Love

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Saturday Vigil Mass - 6:00 PM

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Wednesday - 9:00 AM

Office Hours:

Mon - Thurs 9:00 AM - 12:00PM

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday

December 6, 2025 - 4:00 PM

✠ Jacob Schultz & Family - By: Kim & Linda Balfour

✠ James Hackett - By: Ruth Kulesa

Sunday

December 7, 2025 - 11:00 AM

✠ Antoinette & Alfred W. Crisafulli Sr. -
By: Julie Anne & Fred Crisafulli Jr.

Monday

December 8, 2025 - 12:00 PM

✠ Immaculate Conception Mass

✠ 5:00 PM - OLV Candle light Procession & Rosary

✠ 6:00 PM - OLV Mass starts

Tuesday

December 9, 2025 - 9:00 AM

✠ Andrea Williams - By: Peter W. Brusoe

Saturday

December 13, 2025 - 4:00 PM

✠ Doris Caputo - By: Mary Brusoe & Family

✠ Ruderick Jorgensen - By: The Jorgensen Family

Sunday

December 14, 2025 - 11:00 AM

✠ Willis Zedaker - By: Bill and Kris Zedaker

✠ Frank Williams - By: Joan Williams

Tuesday

December 16, 2025 - 9:00 AM

✠ Alton Wolfgang - By: Bill & Kris Zedaker

An Advent Peace Psalm

O Prince of Peace,
whose advent we seek in our lives,
come this day and show us
how to beat our swords into plowshares,
tools of life instead of instruments of fear.
May your love strip us naked
of all weapons and strategies of conquest,
which are not the tools of lovers,
wise ones, and God's children.
Let us not lust for power
but rather strive for the insight
to be guided on the Way of Peace.
Let us not yearn for a victory
that requires a sister's sorrow
or a brother's shamefaced defeat.
With tears, black suits and dresses,
and tolling funeral bells,
let us attend life's victory parties
that are won at such a cost.
Let us be Advent adventurers and peacemakers,
hammering swords into shovels,
filling holes and leveling peaks.
Let us be disarmed and vulnerable,
for only through such open hands and hearts
can Emmanuel come.

	11/22 - 11/23	11/29 - 11/30
Candles	\$ 74.07	\$ 50.00
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Beatitudes of Christian Living

"Let Gratitude be the pillow upon which you kneel to say your nightly prayer. And let faith be the bridge you build to overcome evil and welcome good. ~ Maya Angelou

This week at Our Lady of Fatima...

Date	Event	Time	Place
12/8	Friendship Café	11:00 am - 1:30 pm	Hall
12/8	Mass of Immaculate Conception	12:00 pm	Church
12/9	Mass	9:00 am	Church
12/10	Friendship Café	11:00 am - 1:30 pm	Hall
12/12	Friendship Café	11:00 am - 1:30 pm	Hall
12/13	Mass	4:00 pm	Church
12/14	Mass	11:00 am	Church

We Pray Advent

We gather in these weeks before Christmas filled with expectation, joy, and hope. As we light the candles on our wreath, we join with all creation – with snow and rain, wind and stars – to become what God truly intends... a world filled with peace, justice, wonder, and life. We sing of the God who loves us; our hope grows as we light all 4 candles on the wreath. Our response to the Hebrew Scripture is Psalm 122: "Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord." All are always welcome. Proclaiming Gospels alive in anticipation, we happily sing "Soon and very soon, alleluia!" We come to the Lord's Table to celebrate Christ in our midst. We live the mystery: "we proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again." We enter into the Cross of the world, for our sisters and brothers, even as we await Love's fulfillment. After sharing Eucharist, we gently sing of building up the Holy City. A family living in the Light of God, with doors and hearts and minds always open, that God's peace, God's justice, God's freedom might flourish in us all. We are sent out to continue the mission.

Advent

Little Blue Books and The Word Among Us – reflections on the Sunday Gospels

Take Home Scripture Study – The Gospel truth about Jesus' Birth. Faith or Legend

Church Calendars – a year of Promise.

Open Doors – our Church is open Monday – Friday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM for meditation, walking and prayer.

The Giving Tree – Take a tag ornament from the tree, purchase the gift, tape the tag securely, return unwrapped gift by Sunday Dec 7.

Labyrinth – Saturday, December 6, 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM and Sunday, December 7, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Our Lady of Fatima Hall. Pilgrimage Prayer Walk.

Happy Birthday Jesus – Sunday, December 7, 9:30 AM at Our Lady of Fatima Center. Cake and Blessing Bags.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception - Monday, December 8. Mass at 12:00 PM at Our Lady of Fatima; 5:00 PM – Candle light Procession, Rosary; quiet prayer. Mass 6:00 PM at Our Lady of the Valley.

Communal Reconciliation Service – Tuesday, December 16 at 6:00 PM at Our Lady of the Valley.
Confessions every Saturday, 2:00 PM at Our Lady of Fatima

Winter Solstice Fire and Hot Dog BBQ – Sunday, December 21, 5:00 PM at Fox Creek Park, Schoharie. We welcome winter!

Vigil for all the World's Children; A Blue Christmas Advent Service of Hope Sunday, December 21 – 6:30 PM at St. Mark's Lutheran, Middleburgh A prayer for those who find the holidays difficult.

Christmas Mass

Wednesday, December 24

4:00 PM – Our Lady of Fatima
6:30 PM – Our Lady of the Valley

Thursday, December 25

9:00 AM – Our Lady of the Valley
11:15 AM – Our Lady of Fatima

Noah's Ark Raffle

On the back table in church is Noah's Ark made by Janet Korwan. This will be raffled off **and all proceeds will go to the food pantry.** Tickets are 1 for \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00. Tickets can be purchased after Mass. Drawing will be held Sunday afternoon

Ministry Schedules

Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Counters; your leaders will be doing the schedules for Jan. - Mar. Please send them your dates of unavailability for this time frames by December 23.



GIFT: There will be a Happy Birthday Jesus celebration at Our Lady of Fatima this Sunday Dec 7th at 9:30 AM in the center at Our Lady of Fatima. Our Confirmation teens and children will put together blessing bags for the homebound. Cake and ice cream will be served along with games afterwards. This event is for both parishes – OLV and OLF.

Reminder: Seasons of GIFT is our parish process for continual, lifelong, intergenerational faith exploration. Journey with us as we gather to learn, experience and share faith. **All are welcome!**

Please note that the Liturgy of the Word newsletter is available for our young disciples' grades 1 – 5. They are in plastic bags with crayons that can be used during mass. Please return plastic bags and crayons and take the newsletter home to go over with your children to review each Sunday's Mass message.

Thinking of You.

If you know of anyone in our parish or your family, that is in need of sunshine (Birthday, Get Well, Thinking of You) contact Barb Willoughby at (518) 469-4073. She will get a card out to them.

Our Lady of Fatima Mission Statement

At our Lady of Fatima, Delanson, we are God's people sharing a responsibility to witness God's unconditional love and to bring God's healing presence to our world through our service to our community and beyond.

WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE	
Saturday, 12/6	Saturday, 12/13
LECTOR Joe Oehler EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Mary Ann Conway Dianne Church Linda Snow	LECTOR Maryann Conway EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Ruth Kulesa Linda Snow Dianne Church
Sunday, 12/7	Sunday, 12/14
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