

Mass Intentions for the Week

12/29 Mon 9:00 AM Raymond & Raymond Joseph Keckeisen, and Msgr. James Cox
12/30 Tues 9:00 AM Jim & Virginia Weibel
By Jim & Bonnie Weibel

New Year's Eve

12/31 Wed 5:00P M James Householder
By Pat Elbrecht

New Year's Day

1/01 Thurs 10:30AM All Deceased Parishioners
1/02 Fri 9:00 AM Communion Service (Weather Permitting)
1/03 Sat 4:00 PM Stewart & Jane Roberts
By Jim & Bonnie Weibel
1/04 Sun 10:30 AM Dominic Savino
By Rita & Ziggy Savino

Epiphany Celebration

Please join us
Sunday, Jan. 4th
3:00PM

In the Parish Center

Come share the joy of God-With-Us
How do we want to witness to the light of the world during this season?
Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."
Come and see. All are welcome.

2025 Schedule of Masses for the New Year

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#### New Year's Eve Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

5:00 pm Mass

Lector: Ginni Brandt

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New Year's Day –Thursday, January 1, 2026

10:30am Mass

Lector: Bill Babbage

Wisdom of the Saints

There is nothing we can desire or want
that we do not find in god.

~ St. Catherine of Siena

Feast of the Holy Family: A Family Shaped by Grace

One of the wonderful mysteries we celebrate at Christmas is the beauty of God's love made visible in His choice to become one with us in the tenderness and simplicity of a family. In the Holy Family, we see how God cherishes the ordinary rhythms of daily life, choosing them as the first home of His love.

On this first Sunday after Christmas, we gather under the patronage of the Holy Family, asking God, the Father of every family, to deepen our experience of His love. We honor Jesus, Mary, and Joseph for showing and teachings us what holiness looks like in the ordinary moments of daily life. Their trust in God, fidelity to one another, and quiet courage shine as a guiding light for families today. They teach us the virtues that allow love to flourish—patience, humility, kindness, forgiveness, and charity. Today's readings invite us to build and nurture homes rooted in God's wisdom and love.

In the first reading, the book of Sirach offers a compassionate and practical vision of family life. It calls parents to guide with tenderness and wisdom, and children to honor and care for their parents, especially in moments of weakness or vulnerability. Saint Paul in his letter to the Colossians, deepens this call by urging us to "put on" compassion, humility, gentleness, and patience; virtues that transform our homes into places where God's love becomes visible and real.

The Holy Family themselves knew fear, uncertainty, and hardship. In the Gospel, Joseph responds faithfully to God's warning in a dream, taking Mary and the child Jesus and fleeing to Egypt to escape Herod's deadly threat. After Herod's death, he again follows the angel's guidance, returning to the land of Israel, and ultimately settling in Nazareth, fulfilling what the prophets had foretold.

The journey of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph reflects the realities many families face today-unexpected challenges, moments of upheaval, and the need for courage grounded in faith. Their example calls us to trust God, to listen for His guiding voice, and to remain steadfast in His love.

Like them, we are invited to welcome Christ into our homes and hearts, so He may shape our families into living signs of His love, mercy, and faithfulness. May the Lord bless our families with peace, unity, and renewed grace. Let us make every effort to live in peace, to forgive one another, and to nurture a spirit of love and gratitude always.

Wishing you all a blessed and prosperous New Year.

Fr. Dr. Ben,

Weekend of January 3rd & 4th, 2026

First Reading- Isaiah 60:1-6

Second Reading- Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Saturday 4:00 PM

Celebrant:

Father Ben

Lector:

Dorothy Yaiser

Eucharistic Ministers

Ginni Brandt, Pat Tartaglia, Carole Ostrander

Altar Servers

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Sunday 10:30AM

Father Ben

Matthias Mietzelfeld

Kristin Reuter, Paula Ciborowski, Nancy Kahane – bread

Offerings from Dec 20 & 21st, 2025: Regular, \$3102.00; Christmas Flowers, \$145.00; Christmas, \$449.00;
Votives, \$9.00



Religious Education 2026-2027

Classes for Pre-K-10th grade

1/04	9:00-10:15 AM
1/11	9:00-10:15 AM
1/18	No Classes – Martin Luther King
1/25	9:00-10:15 AM

2026 Calendars

Calendars are available to be picked up at each of the exits after Mass. Thank you to C.H. Landers and Mirabito Energy Products for generously sponsoring our 2026 calendars.



Mass Intentions

The 2026 Mass Intention book has arrived. If you have Masses that you would like scheduled for 2026 please call or stop by the office or send your requests in writing to the Parish Office.

Question of the Week

Jesus went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. (Luke 2:51a)

Adults: What does your family do to honor and respect its older members?

Kids: Why did Joseph leave Israel? How can he be an example for you?

Old Church Repairs

Since the pipe break during Columbus Day weekend, the damaged materials have been removed, the areas have been dried out, contractors and suppliers have submitted their bids. We met with the insurance adjuster 12/16 Tuesday, and all repairs have been approved and scheduling will soon begin to sign contracts. We are hoping for completion between February and March 2026.



December Bulletin Quotes

“Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother.”

Learn how at respectlife.org/support-her.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

“10 Ways to Support Her When She’s Unexpectedly

Diocesan Appeal 2026 - Update

If you have not received your Diocesan Appeal mailing at home, there are envelopes at each of the exits for you to use to make your pledge/donation. Our assessment increased \$8,658.00 this year to \$19,152.00. We have collected as of 11/19/25 \$11,706.00. Please prayerfully consider how you can support Sacred Heart in meeting our assessment. Please be aware that all donations to the Diocesan Appeal should be mailed Directly to Albany. Donations are no longer processed through individual parishes.



2026 Envelopes

Please pick up your envelopes in

the vestibule this weekend. If

your number changed your name is

highlighted on the list. A contribution of \$5.00 in the initial offering envelope will help defray the cost of the envelopes. After January 1, 2026 all remaining boxes will be in the office. **If your number changed please do not begin using the new number prior to January 1, 2026 in order to properly credit donations.**

Justice for Orphans

'Pope Leo reminds us that as disciples of Christ we are called to care for the less fortunate and marginalized. An opportunity to help children in need is coming to our Sacred Heart family. On **Tuesday evening, January 13 at 6:30pm** Gene Knoth, coordinator for Delaware County, will give a presentation on Justice for Orphans. We will have an opportunity to join with area churches to provide for the needs of children. Please come and learn about this program.

Please pray for the following people, who have requested our prayers: Gussie Shifflett, Joe LaFave, Ginni Roe, Gabi Bakeman, Kimberlee Roe, Kevin, Michael Bell, Barbara Bennett,

Grady Charles Weigand, Daniel Rickard, Mark & Andrea, Kim Sumski, Dorothy Kashuda, Alyson Sabillon, Linda Falk, Debra Barnard, Diane, Bonnie La Voie, Doug Williams, Faith Williams, Don Butler, Debra Patterson, Ed Nicol, Dawn Maruszewski, Carey, Madlyn Sumski, Alex Roberts, Paul J. Hamilton, Sr., Mary Munetz, Jazmiers Moore, Bruce Allen, Kimberly Bosket, David Rivera, Jackie Bargher, Matthew Baxter Darline Smith, Joseph Dermody, Alice Anderson, Sandy Kemp, George Walters Lorraine Keckeisen, Maria LaBar, Patrick, John McCann, Natalie Stone, Marian Heeps, Mary Koleramous, Terri Cristofaro, Liliana, Nancy Daugherty, Mark Moratwe, Sharon Guenther, Kira Cronk, Terry Yackel, Jack Yackel, Jim Mylotte, Alice Walters, Rev. Steve Deckard, Terry Nicolini, Nick Gibson, Andy Woods, Bob Jenks, Jane, Dolores Storzinger, Alexis Spencer, Ines Warlock, Susan Chidester, Bob Oliver, Rose LoCasci, Eugene & Yvonne Cutler, Timothy Bell, Ruth Glaum, Holly North, Dixy Pflug, Celeste Hartman, Aidan Burns, Bill, James Jennings, Marge Suriano, Marlena Keath, Marian Agyemang, Frank Holley, Nicholas Gaedeke, Gary Maraia, Rachel Feyh, Marge LaFave, Olivia Ross & family, Joe Maggio, Eric Roll, Barbara Haynes, Renee Joseph, Susan Pondolfino, Charlie Washburn, James Rattrie, Sean Granan, Marge Ramsey, Beverly Pierce, Fran Groshans, Marion Kiselic, a dear friend, Pat Nabinger, James Stanley, Chris Smith, Bonnie De Salvo, Lori White, Ellen Reuter, Jaxson Beadle, Francis Duguay, Joan Rice, John MacDonald, Rowan DeCocker, Stephanie Soldingier, Bonnie Tabone, Daniel, John Gilmore, Will Sterchak, Donna Khan, Anthony Barber, Jr., Payton Lakin, Joan & Tony Barber, Mathias Mietzelfeld Maggie Hoffman, Marybeth Modinger, Jacqueline Richardson, Celeste Aber, Teri Frallich, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Bill Babbage, Sarah Pressler, Bobbie August, Chris West, Dawn Cronin, Stephen, Josephine Materazzo, Avery Maggio, Barb & Jerry Patrick, Paisley Halbert, John MacDonald, Anne Klopchin, Gloria Parsons, Anthony Naple, Ruling Family, Cumming Family, Danielle Spry

Please Note: All names will remain on our list and will be prayed for unless our office is notified to remove an individual