



# Assumption Catholic Church

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**Third Sunday of Advent**

**December 15, 2024**



*May you find Christ here...may you take Christ to the world!*

**Mass Schedule:**

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, 12 noon

Friday, 9:00 a.m.

**Confessions:**

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Weekdays, 30 mins. prior to Mass

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**Office Hours:**

Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Bulletin Deadline:**

Wednesday, 12 noon

## Sunday Reflection: Third Sunday of Advent

The third Sunday of Advent, God's word introduces us to Jesus Christ's precursor: Saint John the Baptist. God the Father is preparing the arrival, that is, the Advent, of His Son, born of the Virgin Mary, in many different ways, as the beginning of the Letter to the Hebrews, says: Patriarchs, Prophets and Kings prepared Jesus' arrival. We see both genealogies, in Matthew's and Luke's Gospels, Jesus Christ as son of Abraham and son of David. Moses, Isaiah and Jeremiah announced His Advent and described the features of His Ministry. But Saint John the Baptist, would be the one to point Him out to the world, and the privilege of baptizing our Lord went to him. His was to be the very last testimony before Jesus' arrival. And he gave it with his life, with his death and with his word.

John's birth was also announced, like that of Jesus, and was prepared, as seen in Luke's Gospel (chapters 1 and 2). And his death, as a martyr, victim of a king's weakness and of a wicked woman's hatred, also prepared the way for that of Jesus. This is why, he receives the most extraordinary praise from Jesus himself, which can be read in Matthew's and Luke's Gospels, "I tell you, among those born of women there is no one greater than John". John, who would have known of all this praise, is however an example of humility: he tells us today, "I am not worthy to untie his sandal" (Lk 3:16). And, according to Saint John, "He must increase while I must decrease". Let us listen today to his word, exhorting us to share what we have and to respect the justice and dignity everybody deserves. Thus, we shall be preparing ourselves to receive He who is coming to save us and will come again to "judge the living and the dead".

### Readings for Next Sunday,

**December 22, 2024**

Micah 5:1-4a

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-45

## Saint of the Week... St. Domenic of Silos

Dominic of Silos was born in Spain around the year 1000 into a peasant family. As a young boy he spent time in the fields, where he welcomed the solitude. He became a Benedictine priest and served in numerous leadership positions. Following a dispute with the king over property, Dominic and two other monks were exiled. They established a new monastery in what at first seemed an unpromising location. Under Dominic's leadership, however, it became one of the most famous houses in Spain. Many healings were reported there.

About 100 years after Dominic's death, a young woman who experienced difficult pregnancies made a pilgrimage to his tomb. Dominic of Silos appeared to her and assured her that she would bear another son. The woman was Joan of Aza, and the son she bore grew up to be Dominic Guzman who founded the Dominican Order.

For hundreds of years thereafter until 1931, the staff used by Saint Dominic of Silos was brought to the royal palace whenever a queen of Spain was in labor.

St. Dominic of Silos is the patron saint of pregnant women, prisoners and shepherds.

Source: [franciscanmedia.org](http://franciscanmedia.org)



Feast Day: December 20



Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Leslie Bosley, Angela Bowers, Mickey Brooks, Darlene "Bitsy" Brown, Sue Burns, Raymond Clark, Hailey Claire, Linda Davis-Kyle, Palma Devic, Cam Duncan, Bill Fazzalore\*, Scott Furey, Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco, Donna Hanlin, Shawn Hartman, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott\*, Jeffrey Labonte, Jim Lambert, Pam Launi, Lance Lupis, Betty McAvoy, Paul & Connie Murray, Randy Nairn, Debbie Pappas, Crystal Pollet, Susie Radcliffe, Katherine Revell, Carla Riggelman, Jeff Roth, Margie Roy, Graydon Shade, Helen Shallis, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Barbara Stanislawczyk, Melissa Stanislawczyk, John Stephen Jr., Michaela Stickley, Bill Stine, Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Courtney Whiteman.

\*Resident of Keyser Healthcare Center (135 Southern Drive, Keyser WV 26726)

## Gaudete Sunday

The word "Gaudete" (pronounced gaw-DEH-tay) is Latin for "rejoice." For the past two weeks, we have been preparing for the arrival of the Lord Jesus. On this third Sunday, we are now most of the way through the journey, making it appropriate to "rejoice" as the goal of the season approaches!

### Marriage Banns

In accordance with Canon 1067, we announce that the following individuals are preparing to be married:

Wanda Riggelman Kinnie

Roland E. Nairn III

If there are any known impediments to this proposed marriage, please contact the Parish Office.

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## Important Survey Coming Soon!

Our Diocese — and with it our parish — is on a journey to know, love, and serve Christ in our parish community. Together we

must embrace Christ’s vision for missionary discipleship so our parish can thrive and be a place for others to grow together in faith.

The very first step in this process involves assessing our greatest strengths and opportunities, and that is where the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) comes in! The DMI is an important survey tool that invites you to reflect on your discipleship journey.

The 10–15-minute survey will be accessed through an online link beginning in early January. All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. We will share the link with you a bit closer to the launch of the survey. Paper surveys will also be available.

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## Christmas Schedule

### Tuesday, December 24

4:00 p.m.

Christmas Vigil Mass

6:00 p.m.

Festival of Lessons & Carols

6:30 p.m.

Christmas Vigil Mass

### Wednesday, December 25

8:30 a.m.

Christmas Mass

### Wednesday, January 1

5:00 p.m.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

*Holy Day of Obligation this year*

*(No weekday Masses December 26-27)*

## Save the Date!

*Our parish family will gather to celebrate Fr. Thomas’ birthday and ordination anniversary on Friday evening, January 10. More details will be shared soon!*

### Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, December 14	4:00 pm	Soul of Margie Konka.....	Bob Konka
		Intentions of John Gustafson .....	Sue & Jean Harber
Sunday, December 15	8:30 am	Soul of Doris Tetrick.....	Joanne & Mike Stickley
		Souls of George & Jennie Ebner.....	Assumption Parish
Monday, December 16	No Mass		
Tuesday, December 17	No Mass		
Wednesday, December 18	No Mass		
Thursday, December 19	12:00 pm	Souls of Bill & Helen Semenuk.....	Cathy Pardee
		Intentions of Art DeMasi.....	Mary Shannon
		Intentions of Beverley Iser.....	Mary Shannon
Friday, December 20	9:00 am	Soul of Sam Alexander.....	Mary Balassone
		Intentions of Fr. Thomas & his family.....	Sue & Jean Harber
Saturday, December 21	4:00 pm	Soul of John & Hazel Coffman .....	Cindy & Jim Alt
		Soul of Joe Harber .....	Sue & Jean Harber
		The Alt, Cobb & Kuh families.....	Dean & Kathy Alt
Sunday, December 22	8:30 am	Soul of Ron Chiccehitto.....	Jan Chiccehitto
		Soul of Michael Mayolo.....	Assumption Parish

*Note: There will be no Mass on Wednesday, December 18. Fr. Thomas will be away attending a Vicariate priest meeting.*

*Join us to pray the Rosary 30 minutes prior to each weekday Mass.*





## Knights of Columbus NEWS

### **Knight of the Quarter**

Doug Minnich is always there when needed to help with parish activities and K of C projects. As the Council's Church Director, Doug faithfully organizes the Knights in praying the Rosary every month and in scheduling members for the Knight's quarterly Mass. Doug serves as a Lector, is a church cleaner, and also takes care of restocking the Sanctuary votive candles. Congratulations, and thank you Doug for all you do!

### **Knight Family of the Month**

John Krumpach his wife Debbie are active participants in both parish and council activities. They serve as Greeters at Mass and are also church cleaners. They also help with the K of C Spaghetti dinners. The Krumpachs are always willing to help with whatever is asked of them, and are certainly assets to our parish family! Congratulations John and Debbie!

## *Your Faithful Stewardship*

**December 7-8, 2024**

### **Offertory**

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$2,355
Loose Donations.....	\$4,010
Christmas Flowers .....	\$475
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$6,840</b>

### **Attendance**

Saturday, December 7 .....	58
Sunday, December 8 .....	123
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>181</b>

### **Diocesan Collection**

Religious Retirement.....	\$645
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*Thank You!*



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you  
CHOOSE  
joy

You feel good  
& when you feel  
good, YOU do good  
& when YOU do good  
it Reminds others  
of what joy feels like  
& it just♥  
might inspire  
them to do  
the same.

### **Liturgical Minister Schedule**

#### **Saturday, December 21**

Lector: Doug Minnich  
Servers: Sue Harber & Rosie Landis  
EMs: Cathy Pardee, Jean Harber (c), Sue Harber (c)  
Cantor: Linda Marsh  
Greeters: Bob & Karen Yowler

#### **Sunday, December 22**

Lector: Paul Bogdan  
Servers: Tina & Derek Stephen  
EMs: Kelley Kuhn, Tina Stephen (c), Nancy Starcher (c)  
Cantor: Patrick George  
Greeters: Tina Stephen & Melissa Stanislawczyk

#### **Saturday, December 28**

Lector: Karen Yowler  
Servers: Tucker Newlin & Jude Barrick  
EMs: TBD  
Cantor: Anita Tetreault  
Greeters: Bill Lupis & Mary Wagoner

#### **Sunday, December 29**

Lector: Derek Stephen  
Servers: James & Tess Maybury  
EMs: Pam Williams, Jane Placka (c), Beverley Iser (c)  
Cantor: Julie Alt  
Greeters: Denny Dolechek & Marvin Whetzel

#### **Keyser Healthcare Center EM**

December 19 Joanne Stickley  
December 26 Cindy Alt

