

Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church

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Weekend Masses: Saturday 5 pm, Sunday 8 :00 am and 11:00 am
Daily Mass: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 am, Wednesday 6:30 pm
First Saturday of the Month..9:00 am
(Only During the College Fall and Spring semesters: Weekday Mass: Mon. 9PM & every Sat. 9AM)

November 24, 2024

**Our
Lord
Jesus
Christ**

**the
King**

Rosary:

Tuesday—Friday 8:00am

Morning Prayer:

Wednesday..... 8:30am

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament:

1st Fri. of the Month...

7:30am –8:20 am

Fridays..... 9:00am—7:00 pm

Wednesdays...5:30pm-6:20pm

Reconciliation

Saturdays.....3:30– 4:30 pm

Wednesdays.... 5:30- 6:20 pm

1st Fri. of the Month....

7:30–8:20 am

1st Sat. of the Month....

8:00–8:45 am

(Only During the College Fall and
Spring semesters: **Sacrament of
Penance: Mon. 8:30PM- 8:50PM &
every Sat. 8-8:50AM)**



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The Dismissal - God is giving me a unique mission?...and sending me out every Sunday?!

Where does the English word “*Mass*” come from throughout the history of our Catholic Faith? Many other Christians might say *the Sunday service* or *Sunday worship* or something other phrase, but why do we use the word *Mass* for what we believe God asks all of us to participate in every Sunday of the year? The Latin phrase that Catholics used towards the end of the entire ceremony for hundreds of years was as follows: *Ite Missa Est*. This phrase is literally translated, “Go forth, it is the dismissal.” However, the word *Missa* in Latin was not simply thought of as simply meaning *dismissal*. Indeed, as early as the 7th century, Catholic theologians were discussing how the Latin word *Missa* is also in relation to the *missio* or the mission that all of us are given by God as we are sent out from the Catholic worship ceremony on Sundays.

As we reflected on during this bulletin article series, week after week, throughout this entire past year, the Catholic Mass is an overwhelmingly holy encounter with Christ. We come to encounter and experience the love of God, the love of Jesus Christ, through the prayers, the Scriptures, the songs, the movements and gestures, the symbols, the Sacrifice becoming present, and the Eucharist, which is Jesus fully present to us in Holy Communion. This experience and encounter with the person of Jesus Christ, alive and speaking to us today at the Catholic Mass (desiring so deeply to dwell with us in our bodies and souls), is meant to console and encourage us as we receive him passively. However, we are also clearly meant to be sent out on some unique and special mission in response to this eternally new Divine Love within us.

Therefore, when the Catholic priest or the Catholic Deacon says one of the four options for a dismissal prayer to end the entire Sunday celebration of the Mass, we should be thinking about God’s special mission for us and how we can more fully live it out in our lives. Here are the four options for the dismissal prayer from the Catholic Church in the current Roman Missal:

- “Go in peace”
- “Go forth, the Mass is ended”
- “Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life”
- “Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord”

We can see very clearly from the current options available to us, and given to us from the Catholic Church, we are called to yes, receive Jesus during Mass, but also respond and answer the call to be sent out after Mass has ended! May we do our best to be instruments of God’s grace to others through the witness of our lives, our words, thoughts, and actions.

Nov. 16-17, 2024 (in pew)

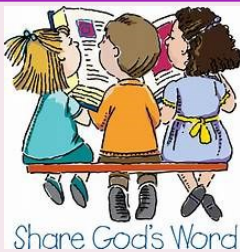
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| Weekend Collection: | \$5,010.00 |
| Building Improvements: | \$35.00 |
| Parish Youth Education: | \$20.00 |
| Social Outreach: | \$145.00 |
| Christmas Flowers: | \$120.00 |
| All Saints: | \$20.00 |
| Matthew 25: | \$305.00 |
| Votives/Donut Hour | \$22.40 |
| TOTAL INCOME: | \$5,677.40 |



If you would like to give to the Sunday collection online either with an individual gift or with a recurring donation of your choice, please visit olvshippenburg.weshareonline.org

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The Word of God Alive:

Discussing the Readings with your children.

What is a king like?

Typically, when we think of a king, we think of a wealthy man who lives in a castle. He has a lot of people who work for him. A king rules over a nation and its people.

In Jesus' time, kings existed. They ruled over nations. They were responsible for the safety of their people and for securing property for their kingdom. People desired a strong and powerful king to protect them.

Now imagine what Jesus looked like. Does your image of Jesus have anything in common with the king you first thought of?

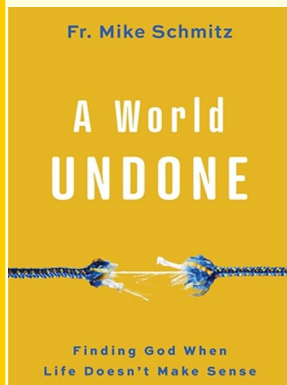
In our Gospel today, Jesu is brought before Pontius Pilate. Pilate was the Roman governor of Judea. He presided over the trial of Jesus. Pilate asked Jesus if he was the King of the Jews. If Jesus is a king, he would be a threat to the Roman Empire. Jesus replies, "My kingdom does not belong to the is world."

Jesus had a Jewish understanding of being king. The role of king was to read the law of God and obey it. The king was also to provide the example of what it meant to follow God's commandments. In this sense, Jesus was a king. He taught about the kingdom of God. It is a kingdom of love, peace, and justice. Everyone is invited to enter the kingdom of God. The kingdom belongs to those who believe in Jesus, follow Jesus, and live as Jesus taught. We help build up the kingdom of God when we are caring, forgiving, kind generous , honest and faithful to God in prayer.

Living our Faith: What can you do this week to help Jesus build the kingdom of God?

Book of the Month

November and December 2024



The Book of the Month for both November and December of 2024 will be ***A World UNDONE: Finding God When Life Doesn't Make Sense*** by Fr. Mike Schmitz. This book is definitely the shortest book we've ever had for Book of the Month here at Our Lady of the Visitation, but it should not be underestimated in value in its lowly 64 pages of length. Fr. Mike Schmitz, who has become very popular through his online YouTube videos and longer talks at retreats or conferences, delivers an insightful and meaning-filled little book that will not only make you think and pray, but packs a punch of raw honesty about our faith and the hard questions we need to grapple with every day. Please consider joining others in our parish in either reading this book over these two months as we approach the end of the Church year (the liturgical year) as well as during the beginning of the next Church year with Advent and heading into Christmas. You will have to purchase the book online yourself for these two months, and if you can't read it for any reason, please still come to our discussion meeting, which will be held on **Wednesday, January 8th from 7:30 – 8:30 pm** in the social hall. I will do my best to summarize my favorite parts and try to help everyone engage in some good discussion into the room as well. Thank you again, and God Bless you.



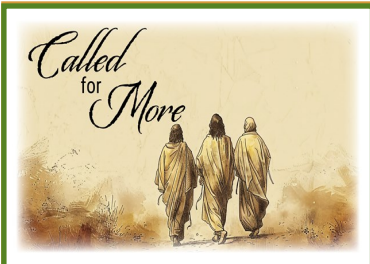
In your charity of prayers please remember **Mary Hare**, wife of Ed Hare, who passed away on November 18, 2024. Friends will be received at Dugan Funeral Home on Tuesday, November 26, 2024 from 6:00 - 8:00PM. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 27, 2024 at 11:00AM at Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Church.



Sunday, Dec. 22nd
At 6:30pm

LAS POSADAS

Las Posada is a celebration reenacting Joseph's search for an inn where Mary could give birth to baby Jesus! It includes a procession, song, refreshments and lots of happy fun. La Posada is being held at Our Lady of the Visitation on **Sunday, December 22nd beginning at 6:30pm**. Come and be a part of this wonderful tradition. This is a family activity. Please sign up in the back of church so we can prepare enough refreshments. Thank you!



New Parish Survey: For Each & Every Person!!

Disciple Maker Index (FOR BOTH ADULTS AND YOUTH)

FINAL CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR PARISH SURVEY!

This is the final weekend to participate in The Disciple Maker Index survey. The survey will close this Sunday, November 24. Complete the 10-to-15-minute survey as soon as possible in one of the following ways:

1. **Online** - go to <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/b7p6t5> Select our parish name from the list.
2. **Paper** - Obtain a paper copy in the lobby of the church. Please return the paper copy to the drop box in the church lobby by **November 24, 2024**.
3. **Or scan the QR Code**



The information gathered will be used to plan for the future so we can become a more faith-filled, vibrant community. The greater the participation, the more reliable the information will be for effective decision-making. All responses will be confidential. Thanks for your help with this important request!

Christmas Party

Parish Christmas Party Dec. 15th!

All members of the parish are invited to attend the annual Parish Christmas Party on Sunday, **December 15th from 4:00-6:00 p.m.** in the church social hall. The event is an opportunity for all members of the parish community to gather for fellowship in anticipation of Christmas. The evening will include pizza and other snacks, crafts for the children, and a special visit from St. Nick. All children who attend will receive a gift and a have an opportunity to have their picture with Santa. Brings your cameras!

All are welcome! There is a suggested donation of \$5 per family. Donations can be made at the event. In order to allow for food preparations, please RSVP via the signup sheet in the back of the church, **please sign up by Sunday, December 8th.**

This parish event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Ladies Auxiliary.



Advent Penance Service



**TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 10TH
STARTING AT 6:30PM**

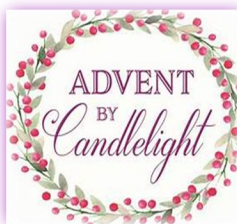
Prepare the way for the Lord



Altar Flowers

You may sign up for a weekend to have flowers placed at the tabernacle in honor or in memory of someone. The flowers cost 40.00. The flowers will

be ordered and delivered from Fishers Florist. The sign up sheet is in the lobby of the church. Envelopes are provided near the sign up sheet for payment that you may put in the collection bin. Please contact Sue German at 717-816-0552 with questions.



ADVENT BY Candlelight

Attention Ladies
Advent By Candlelight
Sunday, Dec. 8, 2024 5 to 7 pm.

For more information and/or to volunteer as a hostess contact Mary Poffenbarger 301-639-3297 or missmary@lockfarm.net

2025

The 2025 Parish Calendars are here! Please pick up your calendar in the lobby of the church. Please take **one** per family. Thank you.

Submit Your Recipes



Please submit a couple of your family favorite recipes for the 75th Anniversary cookbook, please put the category, your name and phone number. Please put the recipe in the box in the back of the church or submit to tiprecipe@yahoo.com.

Please contact Tammy Polifka at polifka.t@yahoo.com if you have any questions.



Knights of Columbus & The Ladies Auxiliary



The next KofC meeting is **Thursday, December 5th at 7 pm** in the parish hall. Please see Pat Shay at 732--319-6132 for more information on the KOC.

The next Ladies Auxiliary meeting is **Wednesday, December 4th at 2pm** in the social hall. For more info. on the Ladies Aux. please contact Donna Bonitz at 717-860-4909 or ddbonitz@gmail.com.

CHURCH

Potluck

There will be no Potluck in December

The next potluck will be January 19th

Immediately following the 11am Mass. Please bring a dish to share. Water, juice & coffee will be provided!

YOUTH GROUP News

All students in grades 6-12 are invited to our next **Youth Group Meeting on Saturday, December 14th from 6-8pm** in the social hall. **Feel free to invite your friends!!**



Run with a Priest! (...or walk or bike!) Every 1st & 3rd Saturday we will meet outside the social hall around 9:45am. Take a short run (walk or bike) on the Rails to Trails. **The next run will be Saturday Dec. 7th.**



Knitting Group All are welcome to join us in Mary's Kitchen after the **6:30pm Mass on Wednesday evenings** and in the social hall after the **8:30am Mass on Thursday mornings.**



Interested in Becoming Catholic ?

Please join us for the next RCIA meeting on **Tuesday, December 3rd** from 7pm-8:15pm in the social hall. All are welcome to attend!

There will be no meeting on November 26th



The next choir practice will be **Wednesday, December 4th** from 7:15pm-8:30pm.



For All Men 18 Years or Older

SCHEDULE:

- 7:00am Breakfast
- 7:30am Presentation (Video)
- 8:00am Small Group
- 8:30am Closing Prayer and Dismissal

Next meeting will be **Saturday, December 7th** in the social hall. **There will be no meeting on Saturday, November 30th.**

Mass Intentions

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| Saturday, 9:00am 5:00pm | November 23 Intentions of Signe Kelker People of the Parish |
| Sunday, 8:00am 11:00am | November 24 In Memory of Thomas Sutch In Memory of Peter & Rose Grezner |
| Monday, 9:00pm | November 25 Private Intentions |
| Tuesday, 8:30am | November 26 Intentions of Judy Sutch |
| Wednesday, 6:30pm | November 27 In Memory of Mike Gormley |
| Thursday, 8:30am | November 28 In Memory of Wayne Iadicicco |
| Friday, 8:30am | November 29 NO PUBLIC MASS |
| Saturday, 9:00am 5:00pm | November 30 NO PUBLIC MASS In Memory of Robert & Bernice Masterson |
| Sunday, 8:00am 11:00am | November 31 In Memory of The Stewart-Gelas Family People of the Parish |



The flowers at the tabernacle are placed in Honor of The Music Family



Host Coffee Hour

Please join us for **Coffee Hour on Nov. 24th** in Mary's Kitchen following the 8am Mass. **All are welcome!** If you would like to host coffee hour please sign up in the church lobby.

Adoration Schedule

There will be no Adoration on Friday, November 29th.



The gift sharing Angel Tree is in the church lobby for anyone who would like to purchase gifts for needy children in our area. We have a large number of families with children that need help with Christmas. Information regarding age, gender, sizes, and gift ideas are on the angels.

Please bring your **WRAPPED GIFTS WITH ANGELS ATTACHED SECURELY** to church and put them near the tree. Gifts may be placed in the church lobby anytime, but must be received by 12 noon on Sunday, December 22, so they can be delivered that day. **HELP WILL ALSO BE NEEDED ON December 22 at 12 noon** to sort and deliver gifts. If you have any questions or would like to help sort and deliver gifts, contact Bob or Sue Kiley at 717-423-6297.