

Assumption Catholic Church

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2022



May You Find Christ Here...May You Bring 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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Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mary had to face an enormous challenge to her faith and trust in God, and to the faith of her family and Joseph, the man she chose to marry. It had never been heard of before that a child could be born without a natural father. Mary was asked to accept this miraculous exception to the laws of nature. That required faith and trust in God and in his promises. Second, Mary was not yet married.

Pregnancy outside of wedlock was not tolerated in those days. Mary was only espoused to Joseph, and such an engagement had to last for a whole year. She was asked to assume a great risk. She could have been rejected by Joseph, by her family, by all her own people. Mary knew that Joseph and her family would not understand without revelation from God; she believed and trusted in God's promises.

Joseph, a just and God-fearing man, did not wish to embarrass or punish Mary when he discovered that she was pregnant. Joseph no doubt took this troubling matter to God in prayer. He was not hasty to judge or to react with hurt and anger. God rewarded him not only with guidance and consolation, but with the divine assurance that he had indeed called Joseph to be the husband of Mary and to assume a mission that would require the utmost faith, confidence, and trust in Almighty God. Joseph believed in the divine message to take Mary as his wife and to accept the child in her womb as the promised Messiah. Like Mary, Joseph is a model of faith for us. He is a faithful witness and servant of God's unfolding plan of redemption. Are we ready to believe in the promises of God, even when faced with perplexing circumstances and what seems like insurmountable problems? Let us celebrate Christmas, the feast of the Incarnation, with joyful hearts and let us renew our faith and hope in God and in his redeeming work.

Readings for Next Sunday, December 25, 2022

Isaiah 9:1-6

Titus 2:11-14

Luke 2:1-14

Saint of the Week

St. Dominic of Silos

St. Dominic of Silos is not the founder of the Dominican Order, but keep reading to see how the two men are connected.

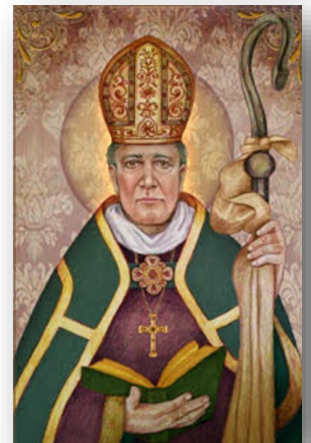
Dominic of Silos was born in Spain around the year 1000 into a peasant family. As a young boy he spent time in the fields, where he welcomed the solitude. He became a Benedictine priest and served in numerous leadership positions. Following a dispute with the king over property, Dominic and two other 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 the "other" Dominic—Dominic Guzman, the one 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



Feast Day: December 20



Patricia Ansel, Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Mickey Brooks, Judy Davis*, Max Ellifritz, Bill Fazzalore*, Scott Furey, Joetta Gould, Barbara Gratto, Beth Grayson, Sue Greco, Barbara Grubbs*, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott*, Pam Launi, Craig Leibig, Debbie Pappas, Eileen Passauer*, Charles Ravenscroft, Caroline

Reeves, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Sue Ann Spotts*, Bill Stine, Maleigha Taylor and Courtney Whiteman.

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Catholic Charities West Virginia helps tens of thousands of our vulnerable brothers and sisters every year. Your donation helps to provide hope, safety, food and care.

A collection will take place at all Christmas Masses across the state for Catholic Charities West Virginia. Thank you in advance for your generosity to this most important appeal! A separate basket will be available.

*In giving,
we live honorably before God
who gives us all we have.*

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REMINDER

A reminder to everyone who has been participating in the Advent Prayer Exchange, remember to send the person or family you've been praying for a Christmas card to let them know who their secret prayer warrior has been!



Our parish family will gather on Saturday, January 7 after the 4:00 Mass to celebrate Fr. Thomas' birthday and the anniversary of his ordination. More details will be shared soon!

Christmas Schedule

Saturday, December 24

4:00 p.m.
Christmas Vigil Mass

6:00 p.m.
Festival of Lessons & Carols

6:30 p.m.
Christmas Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 25

8:30 a.m.
Christmas Mass

Friday, December 30

9:00 a.m.
Feast of the Holy Family

(No Masses on December 28-29)



Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, December 17	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Fr. Ivan	Assumption Parish
		Soul of Ron Chiccehitto	Jan Chiccehitto
Sunday, December 18	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Sam Alexander	Mary Alexander
		Soul of Don Seibel	Mike & Rosie Landis
		Intentions of Art DeMasi	Mary Shannon
Monday, December 19	No Mass		
Tuesday, December 20	No Mass		
Wednesday, December 21	6:00 p.m.	Advent Penance Service <i>rescheduled</i>	
Thursday, December 22	12 noon	Soul of Joseph J. Balassone	Mary Alexander
		Soul of John Turner	Dena Turner
		Intentions of Norma Clark	"Buddy"
Friday, December 23	9:00 a.m.	Soul of Jean Quinn.....	Marg Quinn
		Souls of Larry & Carmela DeMasi	Dena Turner
		Intentions of Meredythe Barrick.....	Howard & Karen Barrick
<i>Christmas Vigil</i>			
Saturday, December 24	4:00 p.m.	Assumption Parish Family	Assumption Parish
	6:30 p.m.	Assumption Parish Family	Assumption Parish
<i>Christmas Day</i>			
Sunday, December 25	8:30 a.m.	Assumption Parish Family	Assumption Parish

Altar Servers Needed for Saturday Masses

We are in need of a few more Altar Servers for the Saturday Vigil Masses. Servers can be adult or child; male or female. And we train! If you're interested in serving God and our parish in this way, please contact Rosie Landis (304-790-4406) or the Parish Office (304-788-2488).

2023 Wall Calendars

Our 2023 wall calendars are available in the vestibule. Our thanks to parishioner Dean Nofsinger and the Markwood Funeral Home for again sponsoring our parish calendar.

Collections & Attendance

December 10-11, 2022

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$2,435
Loose Donations	\$277
Holiday Flowers	\$305
Total.....	\$3,017

Diocesan Collection

Retirement Fund for Religious.....	\$538
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Attendance

Saturday, 12/10.....	59
Sunday, 12/11.....	111
Total.....	170

Immaculate Conception

Offertory	\$373
Attendance	69

November Balance Sheet

November Income.....	\$18,725
November Expenses	\$16,878
Balance	\$1,847



It's Donut Sunday!

Please join us after Mass this Sunday (December 18) at St. Mary's Hall for donuts, coffee and fellowship! Thank you to the Knights for hosting this month's event!



Knights of Columbus NEWS

Reminder to All K of C Members

Please turn in all 300 Club tickets to Mike Landis by December 31!

Knight Family of the Month

The Knight Family of the Month for November is Bob and Margie Konka.

Both Bob and Margie have been active council and parish members for many years. Bob currently serves as the council treasurer, ensuring that the finances are all in line, along with attending all monthly and officer's meetings.

Bob and Margie have both served the children of our parish as catechists. Margie has been a member of the Ladies Guild, choir and cleaning team.

Thank you, Bob and Margie, for contributing so greatly to our parish over the years! Congratulations!



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IN CASE OF EMERGENCY
FIRE EXTINGUISHERS
Rear of the church by the Holy Water and at the Sacristy door on the left
AED UNIT
Wall outside the restroom
FIRST AID KIT
Wall outside the restroom

