

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)

December 8, 2024



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 &**

*all flesh shall see the
salvation of God*

LUKE 3:6

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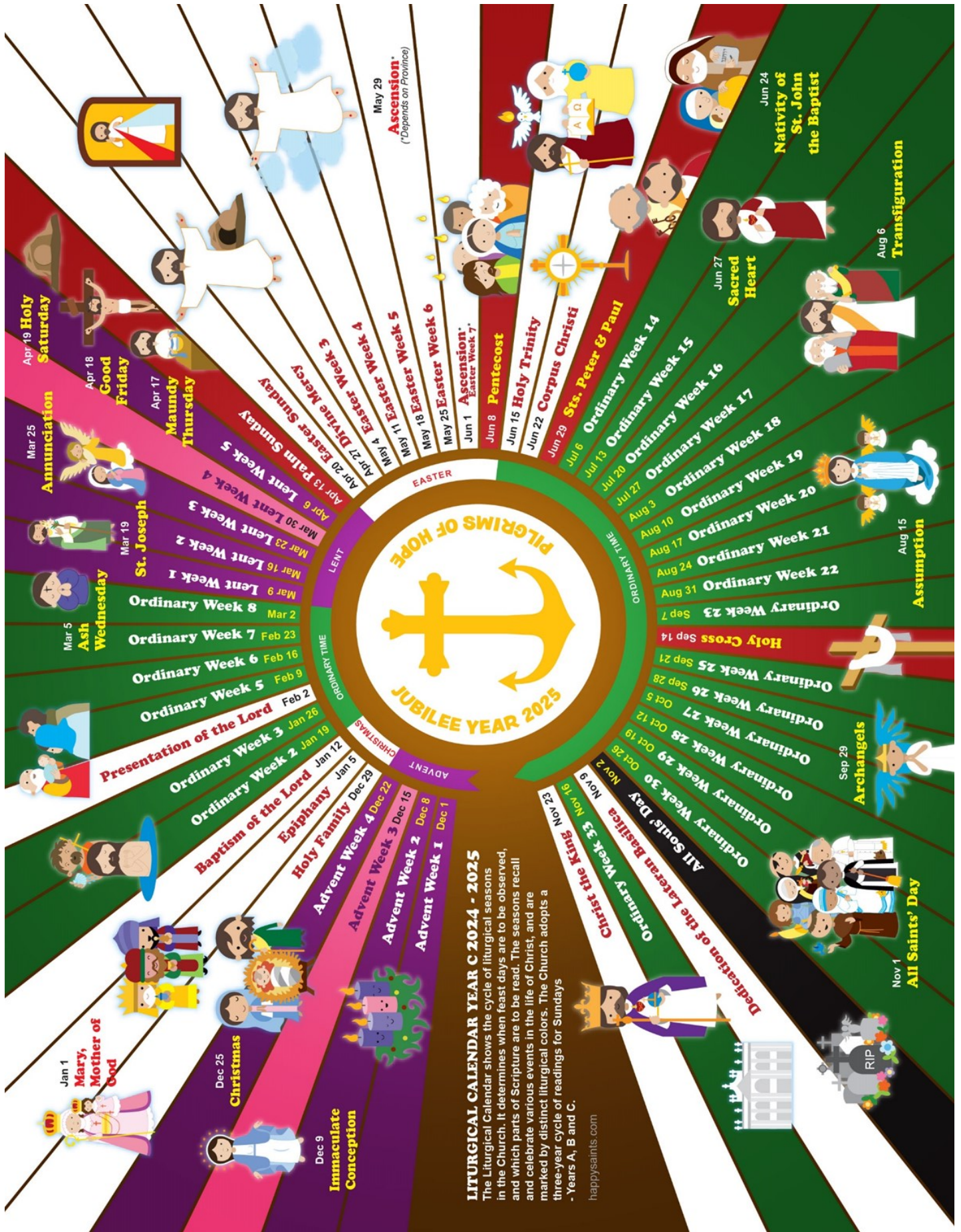
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Advent is a time of
Hopeful longing, Joyful expectation,
Prayerful penance and Spiritual
Preparation.

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR YEAR C 2024 - 2025

The Liturgical Calendar shows the cycle of liturgical seasons in the Church. It determines when feast days are to be observed, and which parts of Scripture are to be read. The seasons recall and celebrate various events in the life of Christ, and are marked by distinct liturgical colors. The Church adopts a three-year cycle of readings for Sundays - Years A, B and C.

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The Catholic New Year (and the Liturgical Calendar of the Catholic Church!)

On the opposite page of this bulletin announcement, you will see a digital copy of a Catholic liturgical calendar that covers the 2024-2025 liturgical year in the Catholic Church. This is a great little calendar, so I wanted to share this with everyone and please notice that each weekend of the church year is labeled along with the particular color (that is what I wear as the priest - and we try to decorate the church that color if appropriate/possible) of each weekend. It also includes the different seasons (Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, Lent, and Easter) along with a lot of particular big feast days and celebrations in the Catholic Church throughout the year as well. Let's continue to pray for each other as we delve deeper into this Advent season and prepare for the celebration of Christmas!



The Word of God Alive:

Discussing the Readings with your children.

What do you know about John the Baptist?

John was Jesus' cousin.

John preached about a baptism of repentance and forgiveness.

In Jesus' time, repentance meant to "turn back to the right path" or to "have a change of heart." John called people to be sorry for their sins, to change their ways, and to sin no more. Repentance, forgiveness of sins, and baptism would help people get back on the path to holiness, the path to God. John the Baptist was preparing people to make their lives and hearts ready for the coming of Jesus.

When we live as followers of Jesus, we are more aware of his presence in our lives today. Taking time to pray every day is like talking to your best friend. The more you talk to Jesus in prayer, the closer you will feel to him. This is how we "prepare the way" for Jesus or how we "make straight our path." During Advent, as we prepare for Christmas and the coming of Jesus, we can prepare our hearts by giving to others, especially those in need, and by focusing on time with family and the love we share rather than on presents.

Today's Gospel ends with "all flesh shall see the salvation of God." What that means is that God invites everyone to hear and accept the Good News of Jesus Christ.



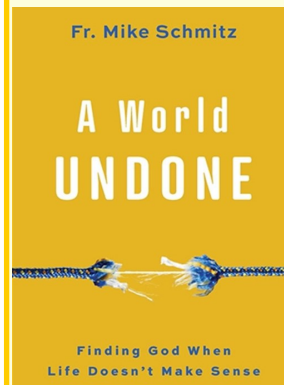
Living our Faith: What one thing can you do each day this week to share the Good News of Jesus with others as John the Baptist did?

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Book of the Month

November and December 2024

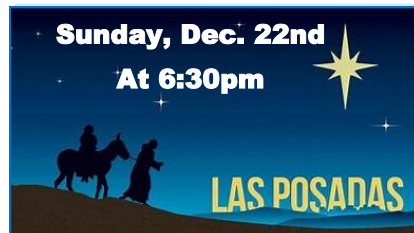


The Book of the Month for both November and December of 2024 will be ***A World UNDONE: Finding God When Life Doesn't Make Sense*** by Fr. Mike Schmitz. This book is definitely the shortest book we've ever had for Book of the Month here at Our Lady of the Visitation, but it should not be underestimated in value in its lowly 64 pages of length. Fr. Mike Schmitz, who has become very popular

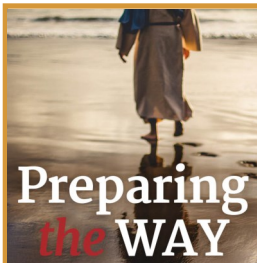
through his online YouTube videos and longer talks at retreats or conferences, delivers an insightful and meaning-filled little book that will not only make you think and pray, but packs a punch of raw honesty about our faith and the hard questions we need to grapple with every day. Please consider joining 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.

Sunday, Dec. 22nd

At 6:30pm



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!



Preparing the WAY

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"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." (Luke 3:4) John the Baptist's call to prepare for Christ can also be a call to prepare your heart for a vocation. Is Christ calling you to serve Him as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to Father Joshua Weaver, Vocation Director, at (717) 657-4804 or email him at

Christmas Party

LAST WEEKEND TO SIGN UP!

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 have an opportunity to have their picture with Santa. Bring 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 sign up 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

Sunday December 22nd

JOIN US FOR
OUR CHILDREN'S



Christmas Program

10am the church



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.

CALLING ALL BAKERS ..



The Ladies Auxiliary bake sale will be held the weekend of Dec. 21st & 22nd after all Masses in the church lobby! If you would like to donate any baked goods, holiday plates or crafts that you've made, please bring them to the Social Hall kitchen on **Friday, Dec. 20th between 5:00pm 7:00pm.** Please contact Ana at 717-532-2250

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.



SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE

Please join us for our next coffee hour on Sun. Dec. 8th in Mary's Kitchen after the 8am Mass.

SOLEMNITY
OF THE

Immaculate Conception



MASS TIMES:
MONDAY DEC. 9TH
8:30AM & 6:30PM

THIS IS NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION, BUT YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND TO GIVE DUE HONOR TO OUR BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



**Knights of Columbus &
The Ladies Auxiliary**



The next KofC meeting is **Thursday, January 2nd 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, January 8th 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. 21st.**



All are welcome to join us in the social hall after the 8:30am Mass on **Thursday mornings**. Join us for coffee, snacks, and good conversation.



Interested in Becoming Catholic ?

Due to the Communal Penance Service there will be no meeting on Dec. 10th

Please join us for the next RCIA meeting on **Tuesday, December 17th** from

7pm-8:15pm in the social hall. All are welcome to attend!



The next choir practice will be **Wednesday, December 11th** 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, Dec. 14th in the social hall.

If you would like to be part of a prayer group to help the Poor Souls in Purgatory through prayer, please call Michelle at 717-552-7252.

Mass Intentions

- Saturday, 9:00am** In Memory of Berthold Wendeln
- 5:00pm** People of the Parish
- Sunday, 8:00am** In Memory of Bud & Marie Miller
- 11:00am** In Memory of Daniel Barnett
- Monday, 8:30am** Intentions of Joy Clarkson
- 6:30pm** In Memory of Charles Ransbottom
- 9:00pm** Private Intentions
- Tuesday, 8:30am** In Memory Carola Wendeln
- Wednesday, 6:30pm** In Memory of Daniel Barnett
- Thursday, 8:30am** In Memory of Bruce MaCoy
- Friday, 8:30am** Intentions of Kyle Hubert
- Saturday, 9:00am** Special Intentions
- 5:00pm** In Memory of Jeff Smeltzer
- Sunday, 8:00am** In Memory of Senna Miller
- 11:00am** People of the Parish



*The flowers at the
tabernacle are placed in
memory of
Fred & Doris Nickey*



There are still a few Angels on the tree.



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.

Nov. 30—Dec. 1, 2024 (in pew)

- Weekend Collection: \$3,543.25
- Building Improvements: \$81.00
- Parish Youth Education: \$40.00
- Social Outreach: \$106.00
- Christmas Flowers: \$284.00
- Solemnity of Mary: \$10.00
- Matthew 25: \$40.00
- Retirement for Religious: \$10.00
- Votives/Donut Hour: \$59.00
- TOTAL INCOME: \$4,173.25**



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 olvshippens-burg.weshareonline.org. Thank you!