

ST. ANNE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana

6894 N. Walnut Street
Monterey, Indiana 46960

Lord's Day Mass
Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Reconciliation
First Saturday of the month
3:00-3:45pm

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Sunday, December 23, 2018
The Fourth Sunday of Advent

AVE MARIA | *Blessed are you among women*
gratia plena | *and blessed is the fruit*
Dominus tecum | *of your womb*

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Dec. 22

Joseph & Elizabeth Penska

Monday, Dec. 24

† Max & Phyllis Woodward

Saturday, Dec. 29

† Lena I. Zehner

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Regular \$1138

Thank you!

VOLUNTEER CLEANERS

For the week of Dec. 23rd & 30th: Bill Keller & Birdena Pearce

For the week of Jan. 6th & 13th: Ron & Terry Lee

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE

Dec. 22: Steve Shank & Warren Penrod

Dec. 24: Angie Loehmer & Phyllis Thomas

Dec. 29: Sam Allen & Bob White

READINGS FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52. You can also find the daily Mass readings at www.stannechurchmonterey.org.



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FRUITFUL HARVEST 2018

Pledge cards and initial donation can be placed in the collection basket. Extra cards are available in the church foyer. You can also pledge and donate online at www.dol-in.org.

Goal = \$15,780 Pledged = \$9400 - 60% of goal

Monterey, Indiana

From Father Mike

Both Advent and Christmas are times that we are aware much more of Mary in our Catholic faith. Not only did we celebrate her Immaculate Conception and appearance as Our Lady of Guadalupe earlier this month, but the scriptures are full of stories involving her place in the larger story of salvation. In today's gospel, commonly referred to as "The Visitation," Elizabeth shares with Mary that "...at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy." As if there were almost a direct connection between the ears of Elizabeth and the legs of John the Baptist, when she hears the words of good news, her baby spontaneously responds jumping with gladness. Consider how your leg naturally kicks when the doctor taps your knee to check your reflexes. Instead of focusing on our attempts to create joy, which often stresses us out in the midst of decorations, gifts, foods, and other efforts to impress or amaze others, we can perhaps dial things back a bit and learn to see the coming of the Lord in his simplicity of presence. For example, as we have time this week to be with family and friends, it can good to simply notice and reflect deeply in our hearts the goodness, love, and blessing that these people are in your life. That appreciation will spill out of us with our smiling faces, gracious words, and deeds of genuine kindness, all of which are what people would most want from us anyway. May the many ways God is greeting us with the many ways he touches us make a divine wellspring of joy surge within us this Christmas.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Mass for the Nativity of our Lord will be Mon, Dec. 24, 4:00pm. Masses will also be available on Mon, Dec. 24 at St. Joseph Rochester at 4:00pm(English), 10:00pm (English with carols 30 minutes prior), and Tue, Dec. 25, 10:00am (Bilingual), and at St. Ann, Kewanna at 6:00pm. on Mon, Dec. 24.

MASS FOR MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

The celebration of this Holy Day of Obligation will be on Tuesday, Jan. 1, 10:30am. Confessions will also be available after Mass. Masses also in Rochester on Dec. 31, 5:15pm and Jan. 1, 9:00am, and in Kewanna on Dec. 31, 6:30pm.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

In case of bad weather, check the listing on WNDU TV. Mass will be postponed to 4:00pm on Sunday, and if the weather continues to be bad, check the same listing for cancellation of the Lord's Day Mass altogether. Remember that even if Mass is not cancelled, it is not a sin if your prudent judgment dictates that you should not put your health in danger because of extreme cold or conditions that increase your risk of injury.

UPCOMING RETREATS

The remodeled St. Joseph Retreat Center in Tipton IN has the following opportunities to experience prayer and God's presence.

- Jan. 11-13 Women's Silent Retreat
- Jan. 15 Get Away for a Day
- Jan. 25-26 Married Couples Retreat
- Feb. 1-3 Women's Crafters Retreat
- Feb. 8-10 Men's Silent Retreat

Contact Samir Azer at sazer@dol-in.org or 765-551-9570,
Visit www.stjosephretreat.org.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Matt Crist, Dick Kruzek, Ed Fleury, Dick Keller, Carol Earnest, Ellen Walsh, Amber Wilson, Brie Armstrong, Lucas Brown, Don Beech, Marsha Crist Gearhart, Shelagh Wise, Gloria Kontor, Kelly Hiatt, Janet Schutter, Cyndy Raymond.

Call the St. Joseph Parish Office with any changes to the prayer list. at 574-223-2808. Please specify St. Ann Parish and leave a name and phone number for follow up.