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A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg
A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the faithful of Resurrection Parish, seeking to grow as disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, are committed to proclaiming his Gospel by our words and actions in the community of Northern Indiana County, that we may build up the Kingdom of God and continually form new disciples.

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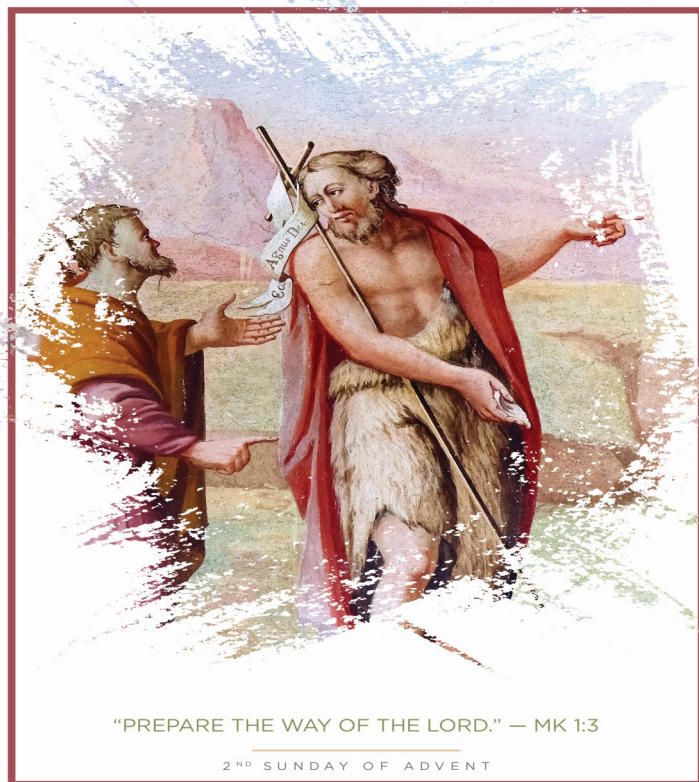
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"PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD." — MK 1:3

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sacrament of Baptism: By appointment. Catechesis is required.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: First Friday of the Month at 9:30 AM in Rossiter and the First Saturday of the Month at 11:00 AM in Clymer. Weekdays after morning Mass. You may also call the office to schedule an appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage: Arrangements must be made in person at least six months in advance. Please contact the Pastor to make arrangements.

Parish Registration/New Members: If you are new in the parish, we welcome you and invite you to complete a confidential census form to complete your membership. Parish membership is required to be a sponsor, to get married in the parish, or to have a child baptized.

(RCIA) Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: Anyone interested in obtaining more information on the Catholic Church or interested in becoming Catholic, please contact the parish office.

Father Jim's Thoughts for the week...



Second Sunday of Advent

Question: "Fr. Jim, in past years I have heard two themes about the Gospel we hear on the second Sunday of Advent: (Mark1:1-8). The first is to recognize, through the ministry of John the Baptist, the importance of being prepared for the Lord. The Second is this emphasis on repentance. Can you explain how these two things go together and how I can better live out this message on my Advent journey?"

This is a great question; especially since we offer multiple penance services during Advent in our area.

What's a penance service? It is a service of prayer in God's Word and many of the neighboring priests join to offer the sacrament of reconciliation! It's a wonderful opportunity! Now, to answer your question more tangibly, we become better prepared to know the Lord on a daily basis by Prayer, Restraint, Action, and saying Yes to Him. Remember the Acronym; **PRAY!**

Prayer: I have to commit to daily time in prayer with God in order to receive clarity, growth, and *Divine* support. A firm *habit* of prayer with an open heart will produce much fruit.

Restraint: I learn to exercise restraint from harmful things by first committing to pray daily. Knowing I am working on a relationship with my Lord gives me strength and clarity to say no to harmful things and yes to good things! Because of our fallen nature, all human beings have a process of learning to love what is truly good for us and learning to see harmful things for what they are; roadblocks to true happiness. Saint Augustine says; "*You have made us for yourself, Lord, and our heart can find no rest until it rests in you.*"

Action: Action, just like restraint, follows a habit of prayer with an open heart. I learn to act better and more courageously for good things when I learn, by prayer, who I ultimately work for; the Lord Jesus Christ! As I have heard it said, "The world doesn't get less scary for the disciple of Christ, the disciple gets braver by the Holy Spirit's illumination and energy." Never think it is about what I must do, but instead, what the Lord will do with me following His lead and instruction. Does this take time? *You bet it does*, but it is an awesome adventure! And, it is an adventure we get to live and we don't have to wait 2 years for the next season like we often do with our favorite shows.

Saying **Yes!** It all starts with and is sustained by saying yes continually. Did you know the Lord has been and will continue to ask you to grow closer to him? He made you to be His own in community with his Saints! And he doesn't ask you to do what you can't. He just asks you to say Yes to His guidance one day at a time. How do you know what the Lord is asking of you? Show up to prayer daily and faithfully, and use the tools he has given you already; *The Sacraments of His Church, Scripture, the Tradition of His Church teaching, the ability to pray and talk to Him anytime and the Saints to ask for help when we struggle!* Why are there so many Saints? The Lord has inspired countless Saints as faithful witnesses and helpers to us on our path of life. Just discern a few to get to know from time to time and remain faithful to it! Learn about them and ask them for assistance and clarity. Oh, **AND** he has given us a Spiritual Mother; The Blessed Mother Mary and a Spirit Father; Saint Joseph to lead us this Advent and every day!



PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mrs. Bridget Polenik - Facilitator

Linda Benko	George Deabenderfer
Sandy Greene	Tom Lester
Rebecca Lingenfelter	Maureen Pounds
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CEMETERY - Clayton Lamer



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF December 10, 2023

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8
 Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26
 Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30
 Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15
 Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13



SANCTUARY LAMP

December 4 - 17, 2023
 BURNING IN MEMORY OR INTENTION OF:

CLYMER

In loving memory of
 Rodney Harbrige
 by Jean, Heather & Justin

ERNEST

For the Babco & Adamson Families
 by Jill

GLEN CAMPBELL

In loving memory of
 Mary Hovanec
 by sister Irene Mattis

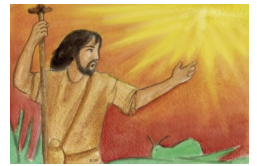
HEILWOOD

For the health & recovery of
 Sophie Biesiada
 by Greg & Marie Kirsch & Family

ROSSITER

For the health of
 Jonathan Pearce
 by Bubba Janocha

YOU MAY REMEMBER A LOVED ONE OR ANY PERSONAL INTENTION by lighting the Sanctuary Lamp. This can be done by placing a donation of \$10.00 along with the name of the intention and placing it in the collection basket. The intention will be placed in the bulletin for a period of two weeks.



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 9

4:00 PM (Heilwood) - Ken Fayak
 by Sandy & Randy Greene & Family †
 6:00 PM (Clymer) - Joe Myers by Dave & Deb Malicky †
 6:00 PM (Glen Campbell) - Ann Swansiger
 by grandson Tom Swansiger †
 SCI Pine Grove Mass - Barbara Matous by George Matous †

Sunday, December 10

8:30 AM (Rossiter) - Ed & Marge Evanick by Daughter †
 9:00 AM (Heilwood) - Uncle Nick Veltre by Tessa, Paula & Bear †
 10:30 AM (Ernest) - Anthony Mamrowich by friend Patty Yamrick †
 11:00 AM (Clymer) - Mass for the People

Monday, December 11 - Saint Damasus I, Pope

9:00 AM (Glen Campbell) - For the intentions of Fr. Phil & Family
 by Joe & Terry Burba

Tuesday, December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

9:00 AM (Ernest) - Helen Lockard by Janet Receski †

Wednesday, December 13 - Saint Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

9:00 AM (Heilwood) - Ron, Ronnie & Shawn Jusko by Family †

Thursday, December 14 - Saint John of the Cross, Priest & Dr. of the Church

9:00 AM (Clymer) - Jim & Nancy Doyle by Family †

Friday, December 15 - Advent Weekday

9:00 AM (Rossiter) - For all those in prison

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 16

4:00 PM (Heilwood) - The Davies Family by Carol, Brenton & Paige
 6:00 PM (Clymer) - George "Hector" Wargo
 by Jack & Debby Wargo †
 6:00 PM (Glen Campbell) - Stanley Jahocha
 by Stasia, Peggy & Patty †
 SCI Pine Grove Mass - John Hodak by Frank & Karen Pessolano †

Sunday, December 17

8:30 AM (Rossiter) - Mary Ryen by Daughter & Family †
 9:00 AM (Heilwood) - Delores Gaston by Mary Mnich †
 10:30 AM (Ernest) - Mass for the People
 11:00 AM (Clymer) - Rodney Harbrige by Jean, Heather & Justin †



REGIONAL ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES Please take time amidst everything else for Confession. Plan ahead to make full use of our Regional Advent Penance Services.

PENANCE SERVICES FOR AREA PARISHES WILL BE:

Tuesday, December 12 - St. Thomas More, Indiana	7:00 PM
Wednesday, December 13 - St. Matthew, Saltsburg	7:00 PM
Thursday, December 14 - Church of the Good Shepherd, Kent	7:00 PM
Saturday, December 16 - St. Bernard, Indiana	10:00 AM
Monday, December 18 - Church of the Resurrection, Clymer	7:00 PM
Tuesday, December 19 - Our Lady of the Assumption, Lucernemines	7:00 PM

Parish Mass Schedule for Christmas

Christmas Eve - December 24th



4:00 PM - Clymer
4:00 PM - Glen Campbell
4:00 PM - Rossiter
6:00 PM - Ernest
7:00 PM - Heilwood

Christmas Day - December 25th

12:00 Midnight - Clymer
9:00 AM - Heilwood
10:30 AM - Clymer



GOSPEL MEDITATION - December 10, 2023 2nd Sunday of Advent

We like to think we are totally free, but the bitter truth is we simply are not. Or better put, our freedom is limited on every side — by governments, corporate giants, physical and mental frailties, genetic shortcomings, and even the boundaries of time and space, and above all, the burden of our sins and pending deaths. In our day, we are perhaps particularly aware that we are not free to disconnect from the technocratic rulers of the air. If you doubt me, try not paying your internet bill and see what happens. We are not totally free.

It's nothing new, of course. In Jesus' day, everyone felt the crushing weight of the Roman Empire. You can say you're free all you want. But try not paying your taxes to Rome and see what happens.

Once we feel this burden in our own lives — however it comes — we are ready to hear the stunning announcement that commences Mark's gospel, "**The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.**" It's not a simple perfunctory introduction, but a dramatic announcement of new freedom. The word "gospel" was a political, even military, term. It meant: a great victory has been won and a new king is in charge. This Jesus — not the Roman emperor — is God's son, and he has defeated all that crushes human freedom. It's time to follow him and be truly free. This week let's refuse to submit our freedom to false rulers — especially that of sin. And let's rejoice that Christ is coming to make us perfectly free from all our oppressors. — *Father John Muir*

DECEMBER 16TH & 17TH WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE



	<u>Site</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>E. Minister</u>	<u>Server</u>
Saturday, Dec. 16th	Heilwood	4 pm	Sandy	Linda L	Andrew
	Clymer	6 pm	George	Jerry R	Desiree
	Glen Campbell	6 pm	Dian	Layden	Pearces
Sunday, Dec. 17th	Rossiter	8:30 am	Maureen		
	Heilwood	9 am	Linda K	Marie	Buterbaughs
	Ernest	10:30 am	David	Mark	Liam
	Clymer	11 am	Audrey	Betty G	M & C Seich



PREPARING FOR ADVENT - ADORATION HOLY HOUR

Join us to spend an hour in Adoration of Jesus
in the Blessed Sacrament on:

Thursday, December 14th - 9:30 AM Clymer



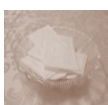
Faith Formation Children's Christmas Program

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH at 2 PM
in the Clymer Church

Students will need to arrive by 1:30 to prepare for the program. Students K-8 will be a part of the program telling the story of Mary & Joseph going to Bethlehem and Jesus' birth. Students will also be singing Christmas Carols. All are welcome to attend. Looking forward to seeing you there as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS - This year we will be accepting monetary donations for our parish's Christmas decorative efforts. If you would like to participate, please feel free to use our online Christmas Flowers envelope or your physical envelope to help offset the costs. Donations may be given in memory of a deceased loved one, the sick, your own intention, etc. Two special Masses will be celebrated on Christmas Day for all who gave and their intentions.



OPLATKY: Christmas Wafers (Oplatky) are available in the vestibule of the church and at the parish office. The donation is \$3.00 for a packet containing four individual wafers.



St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store

All Christmas clothing and merchandise are BOGO this week at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store in Indiana. Located in the BiLo Plaza on N. 4th Street, store hours are Monday thru Saturday from 10am to 2pm with donations accepted at the back door from 10am to 1pm (as space permits).



2023 Advent Folders are now available at all Church sites. Please take a folder home with you.



We have begun our Christmas Jar coin & currency collection for Advent. Jars will be available at each worship site. Any contribution of coins and currency is greatly appreciated!

CLYMER MINISTERIUM - ADVENT LUNCHEONS



This Advent the Clymer Ministerium will be having brief word services along with Advent Luncheons. Please join us in faith & fellowship.

**December 13th - 12 PM Kenwood Church of
the Nazarene - Father Jim**

**December 20th - 12 PM Clymer Methodist Church -
Pastor Al**

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR A "TRAVELING
MARY & JOSEPH" ON THEIR WAY TO
BETHLEHEM AT EACH CHURCH SITE



JUST IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAYS!!



Our **JANUARY** Calendar tickets are available. This ticket is a favorite...prizes will be awarded for both afternoon and evening drawings. The cost of the ticket is **\$10.00**. Tickets are available in the back of church or by calling the parish office. Take a book with you and sell to friends. **These tickets make a great gift or stocking stuffer!**

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

November 11/12 - Collection

		Fiscal YTD
Adult	\$ 6,525.24**	131,956.86
Children	\$ 20.50	392.70
Loose	\$ 344.00	8,726.75
Project Fund	\$ 201.00	3,924.20
Fuel	\$ 406.00	1,648.00
Accent	\$ 441.00	2,136.00
Parish Needs	\$ 130.00	585.00
Christmas/Easter	\$ -	-
TOTAL COLLECTION:	\$ 8,067.74	149,369.51
Cemetery	\$ 20.00	
Candle	\$ 75.00	
All Saint's Day	\$ 156.00	
Thanksgiving	\$ 50.00	
Mission Co-op	\$ 95.00	
Poverty Relief	\$ 65.00	
Sale of Gas	\$ 197.61	
Lease/Rental	\$ 335.00	
Offset cost of Missals	\$ 10.00	
FF Registration	\$ 25.00	
Fall Bake Sale	\$ 19.79	

** Online included in totals \$ 1,799.98

Envelopes Issued:	593
Envelopes Returned:	213 (35.9%)
Offertory Average Gift:	\$ 30.63
Parish Debts/Arrears:	None