

# CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

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*A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg*  
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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 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.

### PARISH STAFF

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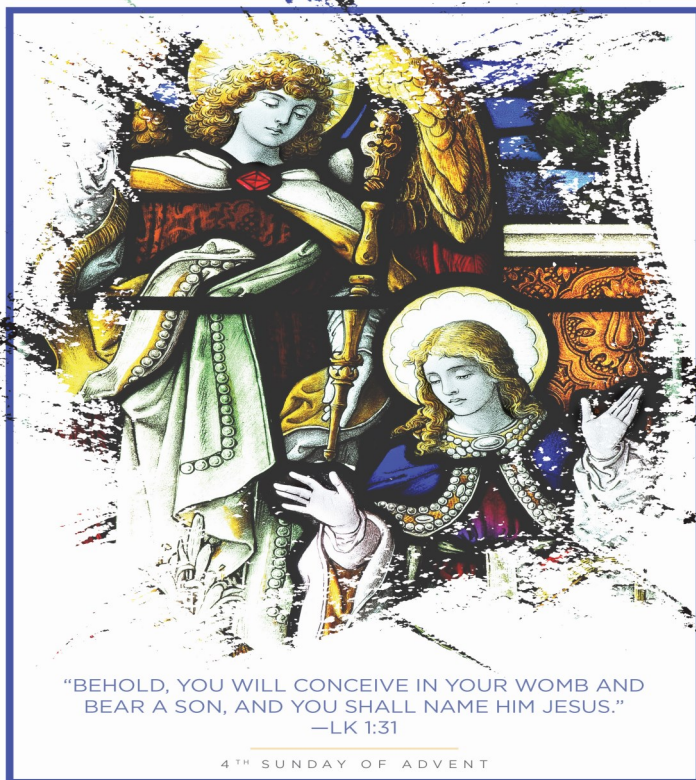
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**Sacrament of Baptism:** By appointment. Catechesis is required.

**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...



### Merry Christmas!

In one of my favorite classic movies, there is a scene in which a psychiatrist gives advice to his new patient. (Paraphrased) He says; "I am going to write you a prescription." The patient replies; "No Doctor, I don't want to take any medicine." The psychiatrist then responds, "This is not physical medicine." "I am writing you a prescription to take a vacation from your problems!" When you start to experience the worry and troubles you normally struggle with, I want you to take this piece of paper out, read it and follow it to the letter...Doctors orders!" The patient then replies with a big smile; "This is great! Take a vacation from my problems!"

The wilderness of life on earth can bring forth many anxieties. If there is a season in the liturgical year that is best suited to teach us to take a break from our normal earthly concerns, it is the Christmas season. The Miracle of God's intervention in human history to bring forth our freedom by the mystery of the Incarnation never gets old. In our human weakness, we allow earthly concerns to create haze over our acceptance of this gift, but it is never *old news*.

You might wonder how you can better embrace this gift of the Christmas season and take a vacation or perhaps a **Break** from earthly concerns! Here is a prayer break to help you do this: I invite you to Pray this prayer as I will every day during the Christmas season and beyond!

*Lord Jesus Christ, you were given to us for our salvation, born of the Virgin Mary, and allowed yourself to be safeguarded by the Holy Saint Joseph. Help me to know and to love you more each day. Help me to better trust my life to you through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph!*

1. **Blessings or Rewards:** (Name 5 small blessings or rewards the Lord has given you today)  
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2. **Empty:** (Name 5 ways you came up short or empty in living up to the Lord's call for you to be *Christlike* today) Just think; "What could I have done better or differently today)  
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3. **Amen:** Name 5 ways you did something right today. Think, "What are some ways I did do something *Christ-like* or generously today for someone else or remained faithful to prayer time! When I think of the small ways I *got it right* today by the Holy Spirit's help, I love to say; "Amen! Thank you Holy Spirit for the assistance and Grace to have done those things well, even the smallest of things!"  
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4. **Kick:** For this part, pray the sufferings of your day. Name 5 things you did not like (sufferings) and pray them by uniting them to the Lord's *Holy Wounds* on the Cross. I use the word *Kick* here because our sufferings can feel like a kick in the leg when we receive them. However, by praying them daily, we unite our sufferings to the Lord's *Holy Wounds* which produces fruit for us in our spiritual life and alleviates the weight of our daily sufferings!  
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*Ephesians 3:20-21* - "To God whose power now at work in us can do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine, to Him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus through all generations, world without end. Amen."



#### PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

##### Mrs. Bridget Polenik - Facilitator

Linda Benko	George Deabenderfer
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Jerry Shipe	

**CEMETERY - Clayton Lamer**

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF December 24, 2023

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38  
 Monday: *Vigil:* Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 *Night:* Is 9:1-6/Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 *Dawn:* Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 *Day:* Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14  
 Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22  
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
 Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/Mt 2:13-18  
 Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35  
 Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40



## SANCTUARY LAMP December 18 - 31, 2023 BURNING IN MEMORY OR INTENTION OF:

### CLYMER

In loving memory of  
Margaret Yevchak  
by your Family

### ERNEST

In loving memory of  
James Del Rushton  
by wife Lillian, sons George & Jim,  
daughter Pam & granddaughter Anne

### GLEN CAMPBELL

In loving remembrance of  
Charles A. Mattis  
by son Chuck & Kathy

### HEILWOOD

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

### ROSSITER

For the repose of the soul of  
May Burns  
by Deacon Steve & Sandy

**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.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### Saturday, December 23

4:00 PM (Glen Campbell) - Franklin Payne by Family †  
 4:00 PM (Rossiter) - Evelyn Kopas by Patty Janocha †  
 5:00 PM (Heilwood) - For the living & deceased members of the Baker & Black Families by Deacon Steve & Sandy

### Sunday, December 24

9:00 AM (Heilwood) - Mass for the People †  
 10:30 AM (Ernest) - Samuel Trunzo by Dave & Angela Cesario †  
 11:00 AM (Clymer) - Ronald D. Bunyak by brother Mark †  
 4:00 PM (Clymer) - Intentions of the Celebrant †  
 4:00 PM (Glen Campbell) - Intentions of the Celebrant  
 4:00 PM (Rossiter) - Intentions of the Celebrant  
 6:00 PM (Ernest) - Intentions of the Celebrant  
 7:00 PM (Heilwood) - Intentions of the Celebrant

### Monday, December 25 - NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Midnight (Clymer) - Mass for the People  
 9:00 AM (Heilwood) - Intentions for all those who gave for Christmas flowers  
 10:30 AM (Clymer) - Intentions for all those who gave for Christmas flowers

### Tuesday, December 26 - Saint Stephen The First Martyr

9:00 AM (Ernest) - **NO AM MASS**

### Wednesday, December 27 - Saint John, Apostle & Evangelist

9:00 AM (Heilwood) - Robert Fletcher by Carol M. Fletcher †

### Thursday, December 28 - The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

9:00 AM (Clymer) - Polly Mackanos by daughter Michele †

### Friday, December 29 - Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr

9:00 AM (Rossiter) - John "Butch" Janocha †  
 by Brenda & Greg Armagost

## THE HOLY FAMILY

### Saturday, December 30

4:00 PM (Heilwood) - Mary Hovanec, Mary Watral & Dorothy Lamkie by daughter & sister Marlene †  
 6:00 PM (Clymer) - Debbie Anderson by Tina Buterbaugh †  
 6:00 PM (Glen Campbell) - Michael Brink †  
 by Raymond & Dian Matko †  
 SCI Pine Grove Mass - Joe Schatko by John & Gabrielle Witmer †

### Sunday, December 31

8:30 AM (Rossiter) - John Raniowski by Teresa, Jeff & Claire Smith †  
 9:00 AM (Heilwood) - Anna Carl by Dolores Deiter †  
 10:30 AM (Ernest) - Mass for the People †  
 11:00 AM (Clymer) - Babco & Adamson Families by Jill



## 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

### Children's Liturgy of the Word Corner



Lighting the world of Advent



**Fourth Sunday of Advent: 2 Samuel 7:8-16; Psalm 89; Luke 1:26-38**

**Prayer of the Day:** God, you chose ordinary people, common people, to make a home for Jesus. We want to make a home for him in our hearts; give us the love to do this, and let him be our brother, forever and ever.

Both of these readings shows us the power of God at work in human beings. In the second book of Samuel, God reminds King David that he was called by God to be a leader. David is also reminded that member of his family will be a great king, will be like a son to God, and that kingdom would last forever. Does this sound familiar? How about Luke's Gospel reading? An angel was sent to Mary who was engaged to Joseph from the family of David. The angel tells Mary that she has been blessed by God and will have a son. His name will be Jesus. He will be a rules of the family of David, and his kingdom will never end. Sound similar, don't they. We need to remember that the Old Testament and New Testament are tied together. These two stories are great examples of that.

*God, my heart delights in you. Holy is your name. (Psalm 89)*

### Children's Liturgy of the Word Corner



**Christmas Day: Isaiah 9:1-2, 5-7**



**Prayer of the Day:** God in heaven, you never forget we need you, and that is why you sent your Son, Jesus, to be born as a baby like one of us. We thank you for such a tremendous gift and praise Jesus, who is mighty God and Prince of Peace, now and forever.

#### GOOD NEWS! GOOD NEWS! TODAY OUR SAVIOR IS BORN!

As children we think about Christmas as Santa and gifts. But as families we also need to remember the main reason we are celebrating, and that is the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. He is our greatest gift and in keeping with the spirit of giving we also share our love with others and give them a gift. Sometimes the gift of "time" is the best gift. If you get a chance, spend some time with someone who lives alone or doesn't have family near. That can mean more to them than you realize. Just as Jesus was born and came to us at the first Christmas, let us share His love with others this Christmas.

### DECEMBER 30TH & 31ST / JANUARY 1ST MINISTRY SCHEDULE



	<u>Site</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>E. Minister</u>	<u>Server</u>
<b>Saturday, Dec. 30th</b>	Heilwood	4 PM	Linda B	Sandy S	Andrew
	Clymer	6 PM	Charlie	Jerry R	M/C Seich
	Glen Campbell	6 PM	Dian		Ian/Addessa
<b>Sunday, Dec. 31st</b>	Rossiter	8:30 AM	Teresa		
	Heilwood	9 AM	Linda K	Marie	Alex/John
	Ernest	10:30 AM	Priscilla	Barb	J&C Sharer
	Clymer	11 AM	Pete	Kay	Blakes
<b>Monday, Jan. 1st, 2024</b>	Glen Campbell	10 AM	Layden	Dian	Pearces
	Clymer	11 AM	George	Bill P	Desiree



Solemnity of Mary  
the Holy Mother of God Masses:  
(Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)

**Monday, January 1st, 2024 - 10 AM at Glen Campbell  
11 AM at Clymer**

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - December 25, 2023  
The Nativity of the Lord**

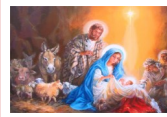


**"She gave birth to her firstborn son."** The pain of childbirth is something that boggles my mind. I'm sure I couldn't handle it. I can't even watch scenes in movies in which a woman gives birth. I understand it's a beautiful part of nature, but there's still something awful about it and the attendant suffering.

Which is why it's worth pondering an often neglected and currently unpopular part of the Church's theology around the birth of Christ, his was miraculous because it caused no pain to his mother. Even her physical virginity remains intact. Of course, we modern scientific people scoff at such an idea.

Without obsessing over the obstetrical details, we discover a glorious illumination in the symbolic meaning of this birth that we moderns find so embarrassing. *God comes into the world in an utterly non-violent way.* He himself will suffer his own bloodshed but will never shed that of others. He is so peaceful and non-violent that he will even rise from the dead without breaking the seal of the tomb. All of humanity, in the Church, will give birth to him in the Church free from the terrible pain due to original sin. How badly we need the truth of this miraculous birth today!

Let's delight in this great mystery and miracle of Jesus's birth. He is the Prince of Peace and always nonviolent. We need not fear him, ever. — *Father John Muir*



**THE PARISH OFFICE** will be closed on December 25th & 26th. Normal office hours will resume on Dec. 27th at 9 AM. Please know that we are always available for emergencies.

**NO MASS - Tuesday, December 26th  
at the Ernest 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!**



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**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE  
November 25/26 - Collection**

		Fiscal YTD
Adult	\$ 7,754.07**	145,869.53
Children	\$ 19.50	426.70
Loose	\$ 296.00	9,577.75
Project Fund	\$ 191.00	4,220.20
Fuel	\$ 235.00	1,943.00
Accent	\$ 188.00	2,473.00
Parish Needs	\$ 5.00	590.00
Christmas/Easter	\$ 165.00	175.00
<b>TOTAL COLLECTION:</b>	<b>\$ 8,853.57</b>	<b>165,275.18</b>
EOY Contribution	\$ 1,685.00	
Cemetery	\$ -	
Candle	\$ 397.00	
Thanksgiving	\$ 554.00	
Immaculate Conception	\$ 142.00	
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 117.00	
Flowers	\$ 120.00	
Children & Family	\$ 150.00	
Mission Co-op	\$ 277.00	
Offset cost of Missals	\$ 10.00	
Oplatki	\$ 15.00	
Lease/Rental	\$ 450.00	
Fall Bake Sale	\$ 20.00	

**\*\* Online included in totals \$ 1,813.02**

Envelopes Issued: **593**  
Envelopes Returned: **226 (38.1%)**  
Offertory Average Gift: **\$ 34.31**  
Parish Debts/Arrears: **None**

