

Readings For Sunday, December 29, 2024

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Psalm: 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

Mass Schedule & Offerings

Monday, December 23

9:00 a.m. Mass ~ Adoration following

†Corey Morrison (Knights of Columbus)

Tuesday, December 24

4:00 p.m. **Christmas Eve Vigil**

†Helen Shields (Morrison Family)

Wednesday, December 25

10:00 a.m. **Christmas Day Mass**

†Jim Kennard (Kennard Family)

Thursday, December 26

9:00 a.m. Mass ~ 8:00 a.m. Adoration

†Deceased Achatz Family (Steve & Pam Achatz)

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Saturday, December 28

3:30 p.m. Rosary ~ 4:00 p.m. Mass – Hillman

†Robert Proulx (Corky)

Sunday, December 29

7:30 a.m. Rosary ~ 8:00 a.m. Mass – Hillman

†Agnes Achatz (Rebecca Achatz)

9:30 a.m. Rosary ~ 10:00 a.m. Mass – Hillman

The People

Prayers For Clergy & Religious

Sun: Rev. Duane Wachowiak

Mon: Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life

Tues: Rev. Matthew Wigton

Wed: Rev. Peter Wigton

Thurs: Rev. Robert Zuchowski

Fri: Rev. James Bearss

Sat: Seminarians

Readings For Sunday, January 5, 2025

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm: 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: *Matthew 2:1-12*

Mass Schedule & Offerings

Monday, December 30

9:00 a.m. Mass ~ Adoration following

†Bob & Phyllis Kenyon (Bob & Rose Kenyon)

Tuesday, December 31

4:00 p.m. **New Years Vigil**

†Rich & Cameron Lange (Grannie)

Wednesday, January 1

10:00 a.m. **New Years Day Mass**

Health Blessings for Tammy Kelly (Morrison Family)

Thursday, January 2

9:00 a.m. Mass ~ 8:00 a.m. Adoration

†Andrew & Elizabeth Braciszewski (Terry Braciszewski)

Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 4

3:30 p.m. Rosary ~ 4:00 p.m. Mass – Hillman

The People

Sunday, January 5

7:30 a.m. Rosary ~ 8:00 a.m. Mass – Hillman

†Mary Marquardt (Roger Marquardt)

9:30 a.m. Rosary ~ 10:00 a.m. Mass – Hillman

†Jerry Jones (Herman & Judy Elkie)

Prayers For Clergy & Religious

Sun: Rev. Stanislaw Bereda

Mon: Rev. Tyler Bischoff

Tues: Rev. Joseph Blasko

Wed: Rev. Lawrence Boks

Thurs: Rev. Anthony Citro

Fri: Rev. Michael Class

Sat: Pope Francis

December Big Bucks Raffle

\$2,000 Winner

Carol Merta of Monroe

Congratulations!!

Standing In Need of Prayer

Claudette Colombo, Kevin Struzik, Myles Richardson, Chris Mutz, Dominic Tillman, Eric Tillman, Bonnie Benac, Sam Vicari, Margaret Barton, Brenda Sabol, Jack Stevens, Mary Ann Ferasin, Diane Marchlewski, RaeLynn Burger, D.J. Normile, Justin Dahal, Walter & Patricia Plohocky, Caster Family, JanMarie, Jo Dusseau, Diamond Reese and baby, Sandy Dubie, Emerick Dubie, Kendra Sherman, Jennifer Dubie, Christoffer Simpson, Ruth Rabeau, Jasmine Mouseau, Peggy Lange, Dennis Pietrykowski, Grace Franzoni, Dawn & Jagger Franzoni, Robert, Mark, Ben & Sandy Cassisi, Janet Demeulenaere, Tammy (Nimf) Rygwelski, Rose (Davis) Standen, John Platevoet, Ann Neumann, Tina Montgomery, Rose Lobodzinski, Kent Linesman, Pat Cronk, Quinn Mervick, Geno Franzoni, Carol LaFleche, Adrian Shooks, Stasia Hubert, John Schultz, Hailie Tondreau, Tammy Kelly

Prayer Chain

Our prayer chain can be reached by calling or texting **Judy Elkie ~ 989-590-8411.**

Stewardship

Weekend of December 14th & 15th

St. Augustine

Envelopes (64)	Online (6)	\$1,952.00
Loose		\$ 610.00
Building & Maintenance (2)	Online (2)	\$ 150.00
Deficit Reduction		\$ 100.00
Religious Retirement Fund		\$ 155.00
Christmas Flowers		\$ 45.00
Hall Rental; Mass Stipend		\$ 60.00
Total		\$3,072.00

Cemetery

\$ 20.00

Jesus the Good Shepherd

Envelopes (12)	\$ 540.00
Loose	\$ 57.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 20.00
Total	\$ 460.00

**NO Dinner or Faith Formation / Adult Classes
Wednesday, December 25 & January 1**

Faith Formation students will be collecting BINGO prizes for the residents of MediLodge of Hillman. Items should be new and under \$5 that you might think a resident will enjoy! Some suggestions are candy, room decorations, socks, lotion, soap, or bird seed. Items can be dropped off in the box in the entrance of the church. Thank you!!



Revelation

The Bible is God's way of speaking to us. He gives us history, poetry, philosophy. He tells stories, gives examples, choices and consequences. In all, He reveals to us who He is and what He is about. He uses all these methods to reach each part of our mind, both right brain and left brain. And yet, we still claim not to know Him. The final blow came when he sent His Son to die for us, and still we refuse to know...for if we knew we would change, and change is frightening. God reveals Himself to us so we can form an intimate relationship with Him, but He does not force us, we have the right to choose.

When we read the stories in the Old Testament we say, we would never do that. How could the Israelites be led through the Red Sea, be fed by Manna in the desert, and yet turn their backs on Him? How could they have the Ten Commandments and still do wrong? The answer is legalism. We took the words and made them laws to obey, down to the smallest detail, but they did not enter our hearts. Even when we were told God does not want more bullocks from our herds but a changed heart, we refused to understand.

When God sent His Son, he tried a different tack. Jesus preached love and mercy. In story after story, he demonstrated His Father's life and thought. In the Prodigal Son, even the one who wasted his inheritance was forgiven. In the Workers in the Vineyard, even the one who came at the last hour received full wages. In each story we are the younger brother, or the worker who began at the first hour, we want Justice for ourselves. We deserve more. But God is not like us, if He were, we could not bear the justice we deserve. He is telling us He loves us, not as self-serving man loves us, but with the Holy Love that forgives and wants only for us to return to Him and love Him in return.

He came to us as a baby, the most helpless age and yet the most loved, for who does not love a baby? Herod did not, he knew the baby represented change to the world, at least change to his world. We too avoid accepting this baby for what he represents and so fill His season with hurried madness when Advent is all about the contemplation of the majesty of God coming to Earth to become one with humanity. We should be grateful to have this Covid time to reflect on family and the Love of God. All he asks of us is to join Him and become one with God. Imagine, God and Man becoming one in Love.

Tis' the Season!

**The Parish Office will be closed
Tuesday, December 24 – Wednesday, January 1
~ Father Siler is still available ~
Have a Blessed Christmas & Happy New Year!**

Please keep this bulletin for the two-week Mass Schedule!

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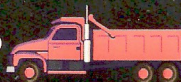
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- Entrance: Prepare Daily She walks in His Footsteps.
- 4th Station: Reflect Jesus and His Mother meet.
- 7th Station: Reflect She watches Him Fall again.
- 12th Station: Reflect Her son, Jesus dies on the cross.
- Meditation Place: Consider the Mother of God, now our Mother and Mother of the Church— Our gift to her—to love her Son and walk this Path with Her.



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Meetings
2nd Tuesday of the Month

6:00 p.m. Fraternal
7:00p.m. Business

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December 22, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 29, 2024
The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary, and Joseph