

***Saint Hippolyte Church
Our Lady of Lourdes Church***



**Merry
Christmas**



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 24, 2023

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

is offered in our parish 10 minutes prior to and immediately following Sunday Mass. Confession is also offered at The Epiphany of the Lord Parish, Saint Agatha Church (353 Pine Street, Meadville) on Saturday mornings following the 8:00am Mass and on Saturday afternoons at 3:30pm. To schedule an appointment with Father Lucas or Father Seyler, call 814-336-1112.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

**The parish office is now closed for the holidays. Normal office hours will resume on Tuesday, January 2.

Today 8:00am Faith Sharing Group at OLL
Thursday 6:00pm Adoration at OLL
Sunday 8:00am Faith Sharing Group at OLL

COMING EVENTS

Jan. 2 Rosary at OLL 6:30pm
Jan. 3 Le Nom du Pere Society Christmas Party at SH 6:00pm
Jan. 7 Sunday Social at SH 12:00pm

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

TODAY: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a-16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:27-38
MONDAY: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
TUESDAY: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
WEDNESDAY: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
THURSDAY: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18
FRIDAY: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
SATURDAY: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
SUNDAY: Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/
Lk 2:22-40

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dec. 25: Cecile Richard, Chad Robinson
Dec. 26: Bethany Holcomb, Gregg Kalinowski
Dec. 27: Joe Grundy
Dec. 28: Noah Carless, Cale Miller
Dec. 30: Paul Sylves

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Dec. 26: Paddy & Evelyn Padlan; Al & Roberta Marcinek
Dec. 31 Mike & Kathy Dale

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel

Adults – Name one area of your life where God has surprised you with love, abilities, or even a pregnancy. How is God's Spirit upon you in this dimension of life?

Youth – Gabriel's greeting to Mary was, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you." This is God's greeting to each of us—he loves us just as we are. What are some of your personal strengths that God rejoices in?

Children – If you were to tell someone one thing about Jesus' mother, Mary, what would you say? *lifelongcatechesis.osv.com*

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Our gifts given in thanksgiving for what we have already received.

	SH	OLL
Offertory last week:	\$1,378	\$1,576
envelopes used:	47	30
Building Fund last week:	\$ 446	\$ 162
envelopes used:	25	10

Catholic Services Appeal 2023:

Diocesan Assessment: \$27,632

of Gifts/Pledges: 93

Pledged: \$36,210 Received: \$32,995

Thanks for your generosity and dedication.

HELPING HANDS PRAYER:

Eternal God, whom the heavens cannot contain, You have chosen as Your tabernacle the womb of Mary, the Virgin of Nazareth. Overshadow us with Your power, form us as Your daughters and sons and knit us together as Your holy people according to Your Word. For You nothing is impossible, and so we offer You our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, Who was, Who is and Who is to come, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

PARISH RAFFLE TICKET RETURNS

can be made through the collection basket or mailed to the parish office. If you need more tickets, please contact the parish office. Our first monthly drawing will be held on Sunday, Jan. 7.

INTERESTED IN ATTENDING A CURSILLO WEEKEND or NEED MORE INFO?

Pick up a brochure in the church vestibule or call Carl and Kay Hotchkiss at 814-425-3933.

LOOKING FOR RESOURCES FOR YOUR FAMILY?

Discover why families always matter at: <http://www.eriecd.org/fam.htm>

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK:

Saint Hippolyte/Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church



Join the diocesan Facebook page at www.ErieRCD.org

Weekly Liturgy Schedule

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
Dec. 24—10:00pm SH Lee Ann Leech (Terry & Mariann Farlik)
Dec. 25 — 11:00am SH For the Parishioners

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, SAINT STEPHEN

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, SAINT JOHN

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, THE HOLY INNOCENTS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 5th DAY IN CHRISTMAS OCTAVE
8:30am OLL Communion Service and Rosary

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 6th DAY IN CHRISTMAS OCTAVE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, THE HOLY FAMILY
11:00am SH Elsie, Edgar & Roger Greathouse
(John & Fran Greathouse)

Read the parish bulletin online at
www.sainthippolytechurch.com

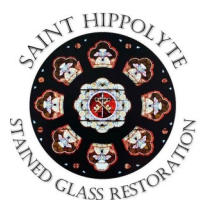
THE SANCTUARY CANDLE is burning this week at Saint Hippolyte Church in memory of Kelly Tarr as requested by Joyce Tarr.

If you would like the Sanctuary Candle to be lit for a week in memory of your loved one at either Saint Hippolyte or Our Lady of Lourdes, please call Desi at the parish office at 814-789-2022. Donation: \$10 per week.

Adoration is held every Thursday at Our Lady of Lourdes from 6:00-7:00pm. All are welcome!

Our Lady of Lourdes Church is open for private prayer each Friday until noon, following the Communion Service and Rosary.

The next regular Le Nom Du Pere Society meeting will be at 6:00pm on January 3, 2024 and it will be a CHRISTMAS PARTY! If you have ever wanted to come to a meeting to find out what LNDP is all about, this is your chance! If you would like to participate in the gift exchange competition, bring a \$15.00 unisex gift. Of course, a party isn't complete without food, so please bring a dish to share. All are welcome!



Thank you to everyone who so generously donated for the luminaries to light our church so beautifully on Christmas Eve.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments—Teaching Kids To Be Smart About Social Media: There are plenty of good things about social media—but also many risks and things kids and teens should avoid. To help your child find the balance, it's important to talk with your kids about how to use social media wisely. Emphasize to your child that it's important to: 1.) Be nice. Mean behavior is not OK. 2.) Think twice before hitting "enter". Remind them that what they post can be used against them. 3.) Use privacy settings. 4.) Don't "friend" strangers. If you don't know them, don't friend them. 5.) Teach kids not to share anything on social media that they wouldn't want their teachers, college admissions officers, future bosses — and even grandma — to see.

For additional resources visit www.eriercd.org/childprotection/

WHOLE COMMUNITY CATECHESIS

JOURNEY FROM ADVENT INTO THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

This evening we journey to the Christmas Season, which extends to the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on January 8, 2024. Many people think that Christmas is over on December 26, which is not true for people of the Catholic Faith Tradition.

Christmas is always a holy day of obligation. Because the holy day of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (January 1) falls on a Monday, the obligation to attend Mass is abrogated. January 7, 2024 is the day we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord; a day to celebrate the long wait of our Lord's coming.

The Season of Ordinary Time begins after we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord on January 8 and continues until Ash Wednesday which is February 14, 2024.

One of the traditions of our parish is our Christ-kindel name exchange. Don't forget how very important our prayers for our Christ-kindel can be. The spirit of giving at Christmas includes the long practice of giving gifts and receiving them, as well. What if this year we focused on giving thanks to our God and accepting God's gifts to us. During this wonderful season and throughout the new year, let us give to others the gift of God's love and be joyful and welcoming to everyone.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Catholics Returning Home If you have been away from actively practicing your Catholic faith for a while and would like to make it a bigger part of your life, we invite you to a program called Catholics Returning Home. There are 6 sessions on Wednesday nights starting on Jan. 3, held at St. Brigid Church in Meadville at 6:30pm. The sessions are held small group style and informal. There are pamphlets in the vestibule, or call the Epiphany of the Lord parish office (814-333-1112) for more information. We'd love to welcome you home.

FRENCH DINNER
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3
SAINT HIPPOLYTE CHURCH
SOCIAL HALL
\$20 PER PERSON, IN ADVANCE
DINNER SERVED ON THE HOUR
5:00PM, 6:00PM, 7:00PM

DINNERS ARE NOT SOLD AT THE DOOR
ADVANCE RESERVATIONS ONLY

RESERVATION DEADLINE:
JANUARY 20, 2023

CALL CONNIE AT 814-967-3813

MENU:

SOUPE A L'OIGNON FRANCAISE (FRENCH ONION SOUP)
SALADE AVEC VINAIGRETTE (SALAD GREENS WITH VINAIGRETTE DRESSING)
CREPE AU POULET (CHICKEN CREPES)
CAROTTES ROTIES AU BEURRE D'AIL ET AU MIEL (HONEY GARLIC BUTTER ROASTED CARROTS)
MOUSSE AU CHOCOLAT (CHOCOLATE MOUSSE)

ALSO INCLUDED: FRENCH BREAD AND BEVERAGES

Catholics Returning Home

If you are a Catholic who has been away from the Church for a while, this invitation is for you.

Our faith community misses you and is incomplete without you. No matter how long you have been away, and for whatever reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church.

Please join us for informal listening sessions and an update of the Catholic faith facilitated by former non-practicing Catholics. The sessions are conducted in a support-group format. Everyone is welcome, no matter where they are from.

The Epiphany of the Lord Parish will conduct this ongoing series on six consecutive evenings at 6:30pm at Saint Brigid's on Wednesday, Jan. 3. For more details call Amy at 814-336-1112.

