

**MASS INTENTIONS/LITURGIES**

DECEMBER 7-15, 2024

**Saturday, December 7 | 4:00 p.m. Mass (ST. PAT)***Mary, Queen of Angels Parishioners***6:00 p.m. Mass (SMOW)***John Keating by Dale & Kathy Klosterman***Sunday, December 8 | 8:00 a.m. Mass (SMOW)***Bob Meier by The Meier/Watercutter Families***10:00 a.m. Mass (ST. PAT)***Elizabeth Triplett by Connie & Bob Rhoades***Monday, December 9 | 9:00 a.m. Mass (ST. PAT)***Sherry Hansen by Andrew Hansen***Monday, December 9 | 7:00 p.m. Mass (SMOW)***Mary, Queen of Angels Parishioners***Tuesday, December 10 | 8:00 a.m. Mass (ST. PAT)***Priests of Holy Mary Mother of God Parishes**by Theresa & Brant Dunn***Wednesday, December 11 | 8:00 a.m. Mass (SMOW)***Mary Wischmeyer by Denny & Karen Ellerbrock***Thursday, December 12 | 6:15 p.m. Mass (SMOW)****6:45 p.m. Adoration/Confession***Alan Winner by The Winner Family***Friday, December 13 | 8:00 a.m. Mass (SMOW)****8:45 a.m. Confession***Roger Schulze by Orville & Carolyn Stachler***Saturday, December 14 | 3:00 p.m. Confession (ST. PAT)****4:00 p.m. Mass (ST. PAT)***Romaine & Roman Lokai by Ann & Shane Lokai-Owens***6:00 p.m. Mass (SMOW)***John Keating by Orville & Carolyn Stachler***Sunday, December 15 | 8:00 a.m. Mass (SMOW)***John Keating by George Charbel***10:00 a.m. Mass (ST. PAT)***Mary, Queen of Angels Parishioners***CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**

We are very excited about this upcoming Christmas season as St. Patrick will be doing something a bit different with regards to decorating the church. Although there won't be as many poinsettias in the church as in the past, rest assured that the church will be spectacular!!

If you would like to make a contribution to the Christmas Decoration Fund, please complete this form and place it (along with your check made payable to St. Patrick) in the offertory basket by December 20th.

**Thank you in advance for your generosity!**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Memory of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS** DECEMBER 14-15, 2024**ST. MARY OF THE WOODS****6:00 P.M. SATURDAY**

**SERVERS:** Eli Baughman, Lucas Klinker,  
Michael Klinker

**READER:** Jennifer Klinker

**USHERS:** Volunteers

**CANTORS:** The Winners

**SACRISTAN:** Donna Hesser

**8:00 A.M. SUNDAY**

**SERVERS:** Corbin Wilson, Lincoln Nielson,  
Wyatt Zumberger

**READER:** Nancy Nolan

**EEM:** Jim Thiel

**USHERS:** Charles Seimet, Deb Seimet,  
Jeff Codora, Dave Shoffner

**CANTOR:** Katie McCabe, Mary Kuba,  
Rebecca Bihn

**SACRISTAN:** Laurie Stroebel

**ST. PATRICK****4:00 P.M. SATURDAY**

**SERVERS:** Matthew Dearwester,  
Naomi Dearwester,  
Olivia Dearwester

**READERS:** Deb Baker, Sharon Hess

**EEM:** Wendy Miller

**10:00 A.M. SUNDAY**

**SERVERS:** Antonio Avalos, Carter Buck,  
Cayde Buck

**READERS:** Mindy Bailey, Kelsey Conklin

**EEM:** Catherine Oder

**YOUR TITHE TO GOD**

WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 30/DECEMBER 1	ST. MARY	ST. PATRICK
<b>MASS COUNT:</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>403</b>
<b>SUNDAY COLLECTION:</b>	\$ 2,221.10	\$ 5,908.00
<b>ONLINE COLLECTION:</b>	\$ 3,105.00	\$ 2,011.38
<b>OTHER COLLECTIONS:</b>		
<b>BUILDING IMPROVEMENT:</b>	\$ 155.00	\$ 245.00
<b>ADVENT:</b>		\$ 807.00
<b>CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:</b>	\$ 371.00	\$ 315.00
<b>OTHER:</b>	\$ 594.00	\$ 70.00
<b>TOTAL TITHING:</b>	\$ 6,446.10	\$ 9,356.38



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

OF DECEMBER 8, 2024

- Sunday:** Baruch 5:1-9  
Psalms 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6  
Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11  
Luke 3:4, 6  
Luke 3:1-6
- Monday:** Genesis 3:9-15, 20  
Psalms 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4  
Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12  
Luke 1:28  
Luke 1:26-38
- Tuesday:** Isaiah 40:1-11  
Psalms 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13  
Matthew 18:12-14
- Wednesday:** Isaiah 40:25-31  
Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10  
Matthew 11:28-30
- Thursday:** Zechariah 2:14-17 or  
Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab  
Judith 13:18bcde, 19  
Luke 1:26-38 or Luke 1:39-47
- Friday:** Isaiah 48:17-19  
Psalms 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6  
Matthew 11:16-19
- Saturday:** Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11  
Psalms 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19  
Luke 3:4, 6  
Matthew 17:9a, 10-13
- Sunday:** Zephaniah 3:14-18a  
Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6  
Philippians 4:4-7  
Isaiah 61:1  
Luke 3:10-18

**ST. PATRICK SVDP SOCIETY (937-210-1280)****Hours:**

Tuesday/Thursday: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

**Needs: shampoo, detergent, bar soap and toilet paper****For the month of November,****the St. Patrick SVDP helped 227 clients with \$5,764.00 in food and financial assistance.****Thank you! (Please make your check payable to St. Vincent de Paul Society.)****John Tells People to Repent**

The Word of God came to John.



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**MASS INTENTIONS:**

Currently, St. Patrick Church is accepting Mass Intentions for **August-December, 2025**. Please fill out this form and bring it to the Church Office or drop it into the offertory basket. There is a \$5.00 stipend for each Mass requested. Each family is allowed 12 requests per calendar year. Only three requests may be submitted at one time. **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!**

Intention: \_\_\_\_\_

Offered by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Mass time requested: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Masses you are paying for: \_\_\_\_\_

**Every attempt will be made to schedule the date and Mass time requested; however, funerals and prior requests may prevent this.**

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

Currently, St. Mary of the Woods Church is accepting Mass Intentions for **June-October, 2025**. Please fill out this form and bring it to the Church Office or drop it into the offertory basket. There is a \$5.00 stipend for each Mass requested. Each family is allowed 12 requests per calendar year. Only three requests may be submitted at one time. **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!**

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Offered by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Mass time requested: \_\_\_\_\_

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Agatha Sherwood is turning 99 on December 17th. She has been a shut in for quite a number of years but is a faithful member of our parish and we are sure she would appreciate getting birthday greetings from old and new friends.

Her address is 1208 Reservoir Rd.,  
Bellefontaine.  
Thank you for your kindness.



"Remind me never to ask the Youth Group to help fold the church bulletins again."

### ADVENT CONFESSIONS

#### SMOW:

Thursday, December 12  
at 7:00 p.m.

#### St. Patrick:

Thursday, December 19  
at 7:00 p.m.

Fathers Landenwitch, Kohn, and Konerman will be available to hear Confessions.



### SAVE THE DATE

Save the date for  
Christmas decorating at  
St. Mary of the Woods

SUNDAY DECEMBER 22  
After Mass



Please join us for an open  
house celebrating Lori  
Gietzen's 90th Birthday

Sunday, December 8th from  
1:00 - 4:00 pm in Makley Hall

Please do not bring a gift.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

12/9 Immaculate Conception  
(Holy Day of Obligation)  
9:00 am St. Pat  
7:00 pm SMOW

12/14 Rorate Mass-St. Mary/**URBANA** @ 6:45 am

12/24 Christmas Eve Masses:

4:00 pm St. Pat  
6:00 pm SMOW  
10:00 pm St. Pat  
(Choir begins @ 9:30 pm)

12/25 Christmas Day Mass:  
9:00 am SMOW





## ST. LUCY

December 13th



St. Lucy is a virgin and martyr of Syracuse in Sicily, whose feast is celebrated on December 13th. According to tradition, Saint Lucy was born to rich and noble parents in the year 283. Her father was of Roman origin, but his early death left her dependent upon her mother, whose name, Eutychia, seems to indicate that she was of Greek heritage.

Like so many of the early martyrs, Lucy had consecrated her virginity to God, and she hoped to devote all her worldly goods to the service of the poor.

Her mother, Eutychia, arranged a marriage for her, but for three years she managed to postpone the marriage. Lucy prayed at the tomb of Saint Agatha to change her mother's mind about her faith. As a result, her mother's long hemorrhagic illness was cured, and she consented to Lucy's desire to live for God.

Saint Lucy's rejected bridegroom, Paschasius, denounced Lucy as a Christian. The governor planned to force her into prostitution, but when guards went to fetch her, they could not move her even when they hitched her to a team of oxen. The governor ordered her to be killed instead.

After a gruesome torture which included having her eyes torn out, she was surrounded by bundles of wood which were set afire, but the fire quickly died out. She prophesied against her persecutors, and was then executed by being stabbed to death with a dagger.

According to later accounts, Lucy warned Paschasius he would be punished. When the governor heard this, he ordered the guards to gouge out her eyes; however, in another telling, it was Lucy who removed her eyes in an attempt to discourage a persistent suitor who greatly admired them. When her body was being prepared for burial, they discovered her eyes had been restored. This and the meaning of her name ("light" or "lucid") led to her patronage with eyes; the blind, eye trouble, and other eye ailments.

### LOGAN COUNTY PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL SUMMARY

Parish Council met Tuesday, November 19th at 7:00 p.m. in Makley Hall at St. Pats with 7 of the 12 members present. Fr. Shawn led us in opening prayer and there were no parishioners present to address the council. The Logan County Parish Office consolidation is going well. Cross training is in progress and the inefficiencies that have been identified have been corrected. A suggestion was made to change both office answering services to share where parishioners should call if they need immediate attention on a given day. Full implementation will take place in the first week of December.

Link Construction and Fissel Flooring will begin the restroom updates in SMOW Holy Family Hall in January 2025. The new heating and AC systems have been installed at SMOW and are running efficiently.

St. Pat's restroom designs are still being prepared by Beasley Architecture & Design. PPC looks forward to reviewing them and giving feedback.

Makley Hall AC upgrades are complete and the Church tuckpointing and sealing project is finished. The crosses on the steeples will need replaced as rust has damaged them beyond repair.

Father Shawn commented that RCIA is larger than previous years with 14 individuals seeking initiation. He mentioned that these candidates range from teenagers to older adults. Also, Mass attendance at SMOW has remained steady while St. Pat's has increased to almost pre-COVID levels.

**Attention** - There is SMOW vacancy on Parish Council. If any SMOW parishioner is interested in serving on the Parish Council, please let Father Shawn or the Parish Office know. Your term will start with the January 2025 meeting.

Father gave us his blessing and the meeting concluded at 7:53 p.m.

The next meeting will be January 21, 2025, at SMOW (St. Joseph Room). The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. and parishioners are welcome to attend.