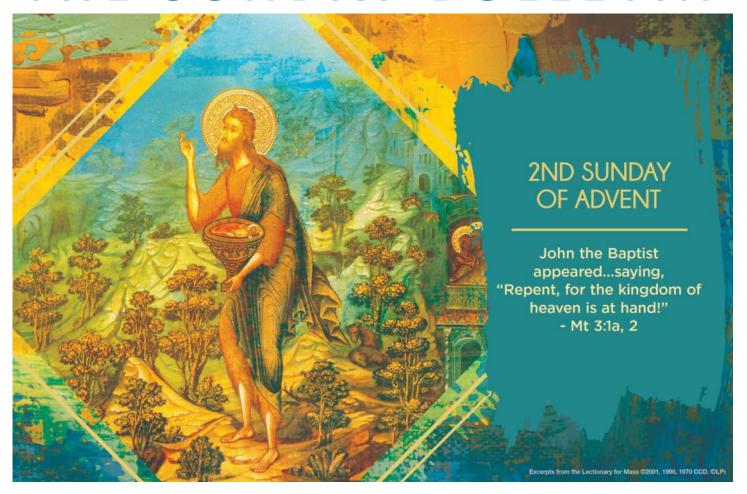
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Mass Intentions for the Week of December 7, 2025

Tuesday, December 9th

7:00 am (Columbus Chapel)

Priest's Intention

8:00 am (Our Lady of Peace)

† Philip Ejercito by The Ejercito Family

Wednesday, December 10th

7:00 am (Columbus Chapel)

Priest's Intention 8:00 am (Sacred Heart)

† JoAnn Brown by Jim & Jenny Sternweis

Thursday, December 11th

8:00 am (Our Lady of Peace)

† Curt Heitzinger & Audrey McKee by Dr. Roger McKee

2:00 pm (Aster)

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Friday, December 12th

7:00 am (Columbus Chapel)

Priest's Intention

8:00 am (Sacred Heart)

† Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, December 13th

4:00 pm (Our Lady of Peace)

† Peter Trudeau by Stan & Marie Charron

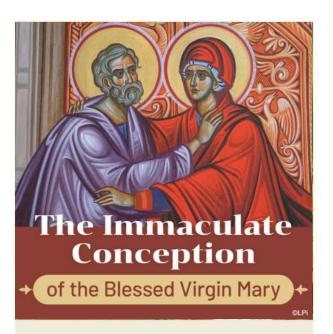
Sunday, December 14th

8:00 am (Sacred Heart)

† Bob Gauerke by Jo Ann Gauerke & Family

10:00 am (Our Lady of Peace)

Pro Populo



Celebrated each year on December 8, the Immaculate Conception refers to Mary being conceived without original sin—a grace given to her by God in view of Christ's saving work and her unique vocation as Mother of the Savior.

Though long believed in the Church, it was formally defined as an infallible dogma by Pope Pius IX in 1854, after centuries of reflection, devotion, and theological development. The definition affirmed the enduring faith of the Christian people and expressed the Church's confidence that God prepared Mary in a singular way for her role in salvation history.

The United States bishops chose the Immaculate Conception as the nation's patronal feast in 1846, which is why it is a Holy Day of Obligation here, celebrated with special honor throughout the country.

This feast reminds us that God's grace prepares Mary—and us—to say "yes" to our mission in the world with courage, trust, and openness to God's loving plan, inviting us to imitate her holiness and rely on the transforming power of divine grace.

Readings for the week of December 7, 2025

Sunday:

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (see 7)/ Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Monday:

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday:

Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/ Mt 18:12-14

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:

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

Saturday:

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday:

Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (see Is 35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

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TWO WEEK COLLECTION REPORT		
Nobember 23 and Nobember 30		
OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH		
Regular Collection*	\$	27,209
Plate Collection	\$	1,368
Total	\$	28,577
SACRED HEART OF JESUS PARISH		
Regular Collection*	\$	6,095
Plate Collection	\$	639
Total	\$	6,734
* This amount includes both envelope and online giving		



Gospel Meditation

This week we hear that John the Baptist is out in the wilderness eating "locusts and wild honey" (Mark 1:6). It's not just a strange historical detail. It's a symbolic expression of a healthy spiritual diet. The path to Christ includes both the hard and the beautiful, the gritty and the sweet. We have to learn to gulp the locusts and savor the honey.

I remember working with a young couple preparing for marriage. They were sincere, but raw — barely beginning to discover faith. Part of me wanted to rush them ahead, to fill in all the gaps, to bombard them with scripture and church documents. I swallowed that instinct. It was like eating locusts.

But I also recall them light up as they spoke about each other, about their first child, then their second. And they wanted to be close to God. Something innocent and beautiful was unfolding. That was the honey. I knew God was asking me to savor it.

This Advent, maybe we're each being invited to accept both locusts and honey. Maybe it's time to stop avoiding the difficult parts of faith — prayer that feels dry, the call to repentance, the patience with the troublesome. It's time to eat some locusts.

But we also need to notice the small gifts God gives us: a peaceful moment, a good conversation, the joy of serving someone else, new life, good intentions of our friends. That's the honey. Savor it!

John didn't avoid either. He took it all in. And so can we. What are your locusts? Your honey? If we let God feed us with both, we'll be ready — really ready — for the coming of Christ.

- Father John Muir

Today's Psalm Refrain: Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: It is so, so beautiful to be culturally Catholic. But actions, rituals, traditions, sentiments, nostalgia — none of it matters unless it bears the fruit of a transformed heart.

Culturally Catholic

Catholic culture is so thick, you could spread it on a scone. Or a baguette. Or a slice of ciabatta bread. Or naan (Wait, do you put butter on naan? I would, because I'm Midwestern, but I sense that this is, perhaps, incorrect).

Okay, maybe my comparison is imperfect, but what I'm saying is this: Catholic culture is delicious, it's versatile, and it's nourishing. It's the same everywhere, even though it also looks and feels totally unique in every place. The Day of the Dead in Mexico, Simbang Gabi in the Philippines, St. Patrick's Day in Ireland, Meskel in Ethiopia, Semana Santa processions in Spain: these are all touchstones of Catholic culture.

It is so, so beautiful to be culturally Catholic. But today, when I hear John the Baptist's words to the Pharisees and the Sadducees, I am reminded that Catholicism is so much more than just cultural expression.

The Pharisees and Sadducees were loyal sons of Abraham and scrupulous observers of the law of Moses. Their culture, you could say, was strong. But John the Baptist is telling them — and he's telling us — that culture isn't enough.

Actions, rituals, traditions, sentiments, nostalgia — none of it matters unless it bears the fruit of a transformed heart.

It's something to remember especially as we approach Christmas, a time when culture and cultural rituals become so (beautifully) prominent. In the cultural practice of Christmas, we are like the Wise Men approaching the manger, bearing our gifts. But how terrible would it have been if the wise men had hurried away, their culture expressed, their ritual complete, and gone back to the world unchanged by the gaze of the Infant?

So be culturally Catholic. Bring these gifts to the Christ Child — but linger there. Reflect. And then when you return to the world, you will bring Catholic culture with you.

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

I've heard people call Jesus' conception by the Holy Spirit being "immaculately conceived." Is that what the Immaculate Conception is?

Answer:

While these two events are often confused, they are not the same thing. We celebrated the conception of Jesus on March 25th, the feast of the Annunciation. While that was surely miraculous, it isn't what we refer to as the "immaculate conception." The Immaculate Conception is Mary's conception, and we typically celebrate it on December 8th. If the 8th happens to be a Sunday, the Church moves the feast to December 9th. It is a holy day of obligation. Why does the Church consider it so important to celebrate?

Mary's conception is immaculate because she was conceived without original sin. The angel Gabriel acknowledges this when he hails Mary as "full of grace" (Luke 1:28). Scripture scholars identify several theological ideas that confirm this. In the Old Testament, the sacred, pristine Ark of the Covenant held the presence of God. The presence of God is now held within a new "arc" — the womb of Mary. Genesis 3 also prophesies of a woman who would oppose the devil and whose child would crush the devil's head. Christ is the "New Adam." This passage sets up Mary, then, as the "New Eve." Jesus and Mary are the beginnings of a new creation, one we all can participate in through the grace of our baptism. After all, God's love is more "original" than our sin!

2025-26 Diocesan Annual **Appeal Progress Our Lady of Peace Sacred Heart of Jesus** 100% 100% **20%** 80% 60% 60% 40% 40% 20% 20% 0% 0% \$36,435 **Pledged** \$14,220 \$73,570 Remaining \$31.590 33% **Percent** 31%



Advent Confessions

The Marshfield Deanery will hold Advent Confessions on Sunday, December 21, at Our Lady of Peace Church, 1410 W. 5th Street, Marshfield, from 12:30–5:00 p.m.

Four priests will be available throughout the afternoon.

To help reduce wait times, please come at the suggested time for your last name:

A-F: 12:30-2:00 p.m. G-N: 2:00-3:30 p.m. O-Z: 3:30-5:00 p.m.

If these times do not work for you, you may come at any time.



COLUMBUS CORNER



- Our annual Christmas Concerts will be next Sunday, December 14, in the Columbus Gym. Concert times are as follows:
 - Elementary Concert (grades 4K-5): 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 - Choir Concert (gades 6-12): 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 - Band Concert (grades 5-12):
 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Thank you. We are truly grateful for your time, generosity, and presence at this year's Alpine Holiday. CCS thrives because of dedicated families like you.

To see a calendar of all upcoming events scan the QR code above.



Sunday, December 21, 8:00 am until 12:30 pm Our Lady of Peace Dillenburg Hall

Pancakes, Potato Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage Links, Ham, Wisconsin Maple Syrup, Milk, Coffee, and Juice

\$100 Hourly Door Prizes

Drawings at 9:00 am , 10:00 am , 11:00 am , 12:00 noon

(Must be present to win)

Adults: \$12 | Children six to twelve: \$7 | Children five and under: FREE (Proceeds to the Columbus Catholic Schools Music Programs)

Performances by
Columbus High School Jazz Band
Our Lady of Peace Choir Members
Deanery Youth Singers

Appearance by Santa and Mrs. Clause

Bake Sale

(Proceeds to Student Italy Pilgrimage Fund)

The Sunday Bulletin

Holy Day of Obligation This Monday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and is a Holy Day of Obligation and the patronal feast of the United States of America. Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of Peace at 8:00 a.m. with the students from Columbus Catholic Schools and at Sacred Heart of Jesus at 5:30 p.m.

Becoming Catholic Are you—or is someone you know—seeking a deeper relationship with God and interested in becoming Catholic? The Marshfield Deanery will offer OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) beginning in the New Year. This journey in faith includes 10 Sunday morning sessions from January 18 through March 22, a short Palm Sunday morning retreat on March 29, the Sacraments of Initiation celebrated at the Easter Vigil on April 4, and four follow up classes from April 12 through May 3. All are welcome! Contact JaNae at 715-384-9414 to sign up.

Share Your Faith Do you love your Catholic faith and want to help others discover its beauty? The Marshfield Deanery is forming a Deanery OCIA Team to welcome. teach, and accompany people who are exploring the Catholic Church through the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)—the process by which people become ... Catholic. This is a meaningful way to share your faith, grow spiritually, and serve alongside others from our area parishes. There will be a short organizational meeting for volunteers on Sunday, January 11, at 12:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart of Jesus Toeller Hall. If you're interested in joining this inspiring effort, please contact JaNae at 715-384-9414.

Lessons and Carols The third annual Deanery Festival of Lessons and Carols will be Monday, December 22, at 6:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Peach Church. This hour-long celebration consists of nine short lessons from Scripture and nine complimentary carols sung by the Deanery Festival Chorus, Deanery Youth Singers, and congregation. This is a simple and beautiful way to begin your celebration of Christmas.

Bringing Christ to the Sick The Marshfield Deanery is seeking volunteers to bring Holy Communion to patients at the Marshfield Medical Center. This ministry offers comfort, prayer, and the Holy Eucharist to those who ■ are in the hospital. In If you are interested in helping with this important work, please contact Allyson Mayeax at 715-305-5453 or scan the QR code to the left to sign up.

TV Masses The last two Masses recorded at Our Lady of Peace in October will air today, December 7, and next Sunday, December 14, on WQOW Channel 18, Eau Claire, at 9:30 a.m. and on the Marshfield Cable Public Access Channel 989 at 10:30 a.m. You can also watch them on the diocesan webpage diolc.org.



All men are invited to That Man Is You, a weekly program that combines faith, fellowship, and THAT MAN IS YOU! practical wisdom for living as a

Catholic man today. We meet Tuesdays at 6:00 a.m. in Dillenburg Hall for a video presentation, discussion, and prayer. Come as you are—no prior experience or commitment needed.

Feed the Hungry There are boxes at the entries of each church for donations to St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Please be generous.



Please stop by the desk in the main entrance of Our Lady of Peace Church to make a donation to the Angel Tree. Then, choose a colored glass angel ornament to place on the tree as a visible sign of your

gift. Proceeds will support St. Vincent de Paul in assisting those in need in our community. There are also green envelopes at the south entrance of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church for you to place your donation in and place in the collection—an angel ornament will be hung on the angel tree for you.



Senior Stockings Help stuff our Senior Stockings. Place donations in the stockings at the entrances of either church. Proceeds will cover the cost of Christmas gifts for residents of the Marshfield care center on 14th Street.

SOUL SISTERS All women from Our Lady of Peace and Sacred Heart of Jesus

are invited to come this Wednesday, December 10, at 7:15 p.m. to the Wavra Room at Our Lady of Peace to discuss the readings for the upcoming Sunday Mass, enjoy beverages and snacks, and share each other's company.

Donut Date Change This month's Coffee and Donuts after the 8:00 a.m. Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart of Jesus will be next Sunday, December 14. This is a change from December 21.



2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT





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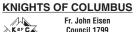












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