

# St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Church

## December 21, 2025 & Christmas

### 4th Sunday of Advent

**Most Rev. Timothy C. Senior**  
Bishop of Harrisburg

**Rev. Joseph R. Howard**  
Pastor

**Deacon Steve Huete**  
Parish Manager

#### Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil - 5:00 pm  
Sunday - 8:00 & 10:30 am

#### Daily Masses

Mon, Tues, Fri - 10:00 am  
Thurs - 5:00 pm

#### Holy Days of Obligation

See Bulletin

#### Confessions

Saturday - 4:15-4:45 pm  
(parish center)  
Or By Appointment



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[www.stignatiusofloyola.org](http://www.stignatiusofloyola.org) | Office 717-677-8012

Parish Office Hours: Tuesday ~ Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

## "The Week at a Glance" for December 20 ~ 28, 2025

### Saturday, December 20 ~ Advent Weekday

NO That Man Is You

4:15 - 4:45 pm ~ Confessions ~ Pastor's Office, parish center

5:00 pm ~ Mass + Alison Haring

### Sunday, December 21 ~ The Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 am ~ Mass — Our Parish Family

NO CCD / Coffee & Donuts

10:30 am ~ Mass — Special Intention for Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Morris

**Breakfast after each Mass**

### Monday, December 22 ~ Advent Weekday

10:00 am ~ Daily Mass — Special Intention for Kaye Boyer

2:00 pm - 8:30 pm ~ Directory Photo Session, Lower Loyola

### Tuesday, December 23 ~ St. John of Kanty

10:00 am ~ Daily Mass — Special Intention for Bicky Redman

NO Spiritual Reflection Group

### Wednesday, December 24 ~ Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

NO Daily Mass

5:00 pm ~ Christmas Vigil Mass + Richard Carey

8:00 pm ~ Christmas Mass of the Night — Our Parish Family

### Thursday, December 25 ~ The Nativity of the Lord

9:00 am ~ Christmas Mass + Jim, Helen & Henry Kimple

### Friday, December 26 ~ St. Stephen

10:00 am ~ Daily Mass — Special Intention for Bernie & Carol  
McDannell and Family

### Saturday, December 27 ~ St. John, Apostle

No That Man Is You

4:15 - 4:45 pm ~ Confessions ~ Pastor's Office, parish center

5:00 pm ~ Mass + Chris Rebscher III

### Sunday, November 28 ~ The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:00 am ~ Mass + Trish-ann Weishaar

NO CCD / Coffee & Donuts

10:30 am ~ Mass — Our Parish Family

To all who  
worship with us  
today, St. Ignatius  
of Loyola Parish  
warmly welcomes  
you. We pray that your time with us  
is spiritually enriching and enjoyable.  
We invite you to keep in touch with  
us by looking at our website,  
[stignatiusofloyola.org](http://stignatiusofloyola.org).



#### The Sanctuary Candle for


#### December

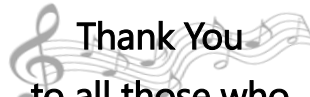
In Memory of  
Jay, Dan & Matt Shaffer  
From Tom & Sue Switzer

In Memory of  
Dan Topper  
From Carolyn Topper







We're Looking for coffee...  
  
 You got coffee?  
 There will be NO coffee and donuts Dec. 21st & 28th.

 Thank You to all those who came to listen to the Organ Recital. Despite the messy weather we had a very nice showing.

The Mass Intention Book is open for 2026

If you would like to request a Mass Intention for the repose of a soul or a special intention for living, sick or special occasion, please contact or stop by the Parish Office Tuesday - Thursday.

 Also there is openings for Sanctuary Candles & Altar Flowers

 Please keep the following in your prayers:

Willie Graham, Terri Sanders, Janie Singley, Carl & Sally Kempinski, Paul Hall, Shirley Marquardt, Peter Bellows, Tammy, Colton Cook, Linda Kane-Taylor, Lori McFadden, Kira Nowick, Katie Fellers, Bronson Gardner, Ursula Kaley, Paisley Topper & Topper family, Shelli Lascells, Kim, John Heffner, Monique, Kenneth Kwisnek, Tom Zimmerman, Shelli Smith, Joanne Formosa, Joe Kwisnek, Frances Smith, Rico Vega, William & Maureen McGilloway Collins, and Nursing Home & Homebound parishioners, our Military men & women, Fr. Howard & all our Parishioners. If you or someone you knows needs prayers please contact Dorothy Vega 717-253-0051 or the parish office.


 Flowers on the Altar are In Loving Memory and In Honor of: All those Listed in our Christmas Flower List

Thank you to all those who supported the collections below:

St. Ignatius delivered 329 lbs. of non-perishable foods to SCCAP from our Thanksgiving food collection and delivered a check for \$500 to the South Mountain Restoration Center for Christmas Gift Collection.

 THE ORIGINAL GPS

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Mary Ellen Hall and the family on the loss of Paul W. Hall

 May they all be embraced by consolation and peace.

+ Eternal Rest grant unto him and may the Perpetual Light shine upon him +

 Fr. Howard, Deacon Steve and the staff send Blessings to you and your family this Christmas Season!




The Parish Office will be closed on: December 24th & 25th and December 31st & Jan. 1st

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad. Psalm 96:11

May this joyous season and the coming year be filled with the blessings of His peace.



Are you PART OF THE INN CROWD or are you one OF THE STABLE FEW?



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God January 1, 2022

Mass Schedule

Wed., Dec. 31 @ 4:00 pm  
 Thurs., Jan. 1 @ 9:00 am  
 Peace & Happy New Years!

 Christmas Carol's

There will be pre Mass Christmas Carols

Wednesday December 24th

5:00 pm ~ Pre-mass sing-along 4:30 pm to 4:50 pm  
 8:00 pm ~ Pre-mass sing-along 7:30 pm to 7:50 pm

Thursday December 25th


9:00 am ~ Pre-mass sing-along 8:30 am to 8:50 am

Blessings to All from the Music Ministry!

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace good will to men. John 2:14

St. Ignatius Cemetery

Wild winds are blowing in the cemetery. Please be sure that all Christmas Wreaths/arrangements are fastened well!



Church Calendars

Calendars for 2026 are located in the Vestibule or in the Parish Center.





# Christmas Flowers 2025

## In Memory/Honor of our Loved Ones

Mr. & Mrs. Dale Baker and Mr. & Mrs. Mike Baker  
From John Baker

The Neiderer & Hall families  
From Joe & Anne Herrick

Jack Gearity  
From Linda Gearity

Deceased and Living members of Schur & Hartman  
families, especially our newest - Grayson Schur  
From Mark & Penny Schur

Joann Gallagher, Agnus Gallagher & D.E. Gallagher  
From Dan Gallagher

John A. & Veronica Stossel, Robert & Virginia Irr,  
and Frank & Helen Dawloski  
From John & Pat Stossel

Peter Grace Dennis, Donald & Edna Redding,  
Larry Dennis, Teresa (Redding) Quigley,  
Margaret Wildason, Pat & Mark Murren and  
Rodney & Stephanie Smith  
From Richard & Roxanne Dennis

Dale & Norine Carl, Dave Rafferty, Don & Ginny  
Provard—All Phillips and Mary and Boyd  
From Bonnie & Mark Phillips

Alex & Viola Johnson and George & Mary Andra  
From Paul & Shirley Andra

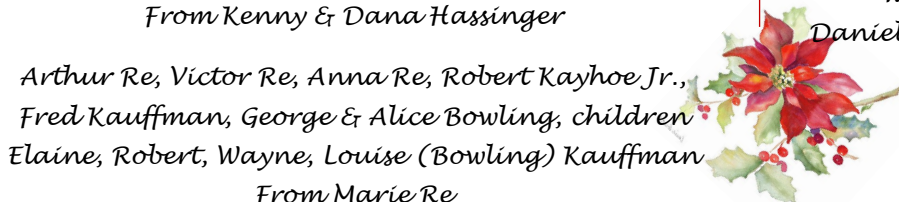
Brenda Gail Althoff  
From Donnie Althoff

Paul & Margaret McDannell, Clara Redding and  
Edna Showers  
From Mark & Dorothy McDannell

Joseph Siko and Roberta Schwartz  
From Donnaleigh Siko

Richard K. Hassinger  
From Kenny & Dana Hassinger

Arthur Re, Victor Re, Anna Re, Robert Kayhoe Jr.,  
Fred Kauffman, George & Alice Bowling, children  
Elaine, Robert, Wayne, Louise (Bowling) Kauffman  
From Marie Re



Betty Steinberger, Millie Morrison  
From Richard Steinberger

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Centodocati  
From Anthony & Rene

Timothy & Andrew Heller, Joseph & Sara Keller and  
Robert & Geneva Heller  
From Martha Heller

Raymond Murphy, Marian & Edward Grady, Loretta  
Twoney, Alfred Murphy, Albert Murphy, George  
Grady & Martin Grady  
From Marilyn Snyder

Anna Baker, Jessie Carbaugh, Lloyd Coffman,  
Pauline Coffman, Randy Coffman, Lloyd Coffman,  
Jr., Merle Bucher, Bobby Ellis and Barb Fissel  
From Charlie & Barb Baker

Grance & Heffner families  
From Catherine Grance

Carrie Catherine Kupstas and  
Edward & Lillian Kupstas  
From Charles & Anne Kupstas

Paul Topper, Dan Topper, Evelyn Grace Topper and  
Adelsberger Family  
From Carolyn Topper

James & Esther Delaney, Patrick Delaney  
and John & Betty Ernst  
From Greg & Peggy Ernst

Deceased Shaffer, Clapsadle, Switzer & Dempsey  
Family members  
From Tom & Sue Switzer

Dabney "family", McDonald family, "all" other  
family and friends and S.I. Parish and our priest  
From John & Kathleen Dabney

William Morris, Sr., William Morris, Jr.,  
Daniel Chigo, Sr., Josephine Chigo, Francis Morris  
and Grandma Delauter  
From Ryan & Ashley Morris

Mickie Schneider  
From Larry Schneider

Evelyn & Jesse Keller and Tom & Ethel Hoke  
From June Hoke

Berneda, Franklin & David Walter,  
Margaret & Paul McDannell, Chloe McDannell  
and Jane, David McKenrick & family  
From Bernie & Carol McDannell

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Oyler, Sr., Thomas Oyler, Jr.  
and Patricia Gail Oyler  
From Susan Oyler

Russell & Ruth Kane, Gerard & Mary Neiderer,  
Jerry Neiderer and Alison Haring  
From Tim & Rose Kane

Deceased members of Montecalvo & Polucci families  
and Henry & Priscilla Schneider  
From Alan & Alyssa Schneider

Russell & Ruth Kane and our daughter Alison Haring  
From Wally & Betsy Kane

Mr. & Mrs. Claude Mobley, Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Gatto  
and Cecilia D'Annibale  
From Phil & Lynne Mobley

Marie Naugle, Sam Lambert, Nancy Lambert,  
Paul Topper, June Kauffman, Clara Redding,  
Ken McDannell, Edna McDannell and Esther Bouhl  
From Brian & Pam Redding

Deceased members of the Smith & MacBeth families  
From Donnie & Diane MacBeth

Tom & Fran Bittle and Charles & Stella Bridy  
From Jim & Ginny Bittle

Mr. & Mrs. Blaine Sanders, Sr., Rick Gochenauer,  
Mr. & Mrs. Kermit Singley, Sr., and Mark Sanders, Sr.  
From John & Cherry Sanders

Christian Rebscher III, John & Mary Wendland  
and Pauline & Thomas Lesinski  
From Mary Rebscher

Mr. & Mrs. John Strausbaugh, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kane,  
Bobbie Strausbaugh and Mike Kane  
From Steve & Kathy Kane

Les & Marie Carroll and John & Elizabeth Sigmund  
From John & Marybeth Sigmund

Joseph & Margaret Guba  
From Gloria Gube

Jim & Delores Gilbert  
From All their Loving Children

Deceased Paul & Johnny Hall,  
John I. Hall & family and Paul & Rosellen Martz  
From Mary Ellen Hall

Ken Swartz, Swartz family and DeJoma family  
From Lena Swartz

Sam & Elsie Tarquino, Raymond & Maxine Minnich,  
Joseph & Rose Sperduto and Robert Joseph Morris  
From Mat & Ali Morris

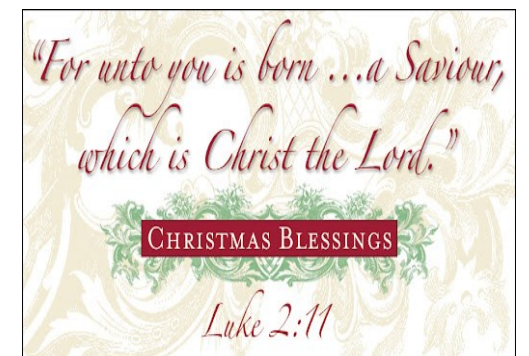
Christian Rebscher III, Mr. & Mrs. Wendland,  
Mr. T. Lesinski, Mr. Bobby Price, Mr. & Mrs. Rebscher Jr.,  
Mr. & Mrs. Celeste, Mr. & Mrs. Stan Lesinski,  
Mr. Sincavage and Gary Miller  
From Chris Rebscher

Frank & Lois Bavetz, Nancy Defeo, Carl Monzi and  
William Wolverton  
From Christopher & Julie Monzi



### Other Contributors

Bicky Redman  
Dean Martz  
Tom & Melissa Fogle, Jr.  
Christine McCarty  
Ben Miller  
Ron Weishaar  
Scott & Jacqueline Weikert  
Lou & Rhonda Kolleogy  
Marilyn Peron  
William & Casandra Pulig  
Richard & Kaye Boyer  
Dave & Linda Sanders  
Joan Mears





# The Worth of Swaddling Clothes A Reflection From Jesus' Birth Night

By Dr. Edward Mulholland



ATCHISON, KANSAS, Dec. 30, 2013 (Zenit.org)

It has been a tough Advent. No particular reason, just the normal accumulation of life’s minor annoyances and difficulties. I am beginning to think that either Currier or Ives was on drugs. Life certainly doesn’t seem idealized when we live through it. Our lives don’t have pulse-pounding soundtracks or sudden pan outs or anything we have been conditioned to associate with emotional moments of perfection and bliss.

The phrase “swaddling clothes” hit me tonight. In a way, it seems so quaint, so picture-perfect Christmas. We never use the word for anything else. “Grab me the swaddling clothes for the baby.” Nope. I never said that or heard that. But the swaddling clothes in the Gospel were real. And they were poor. They were the best that two poor but resourceful people could do in a pinch. And I bet they were not overjoyed about it.

The other night I was trying to pray, and was offering stuff up, the same petty annoyances mentioned above. I was basically unhappy with how my Advent was going. It must have been my guardian angel, but something knocked some sense into me and I thought, “I am going to offer up the fact that I think what I am offering up is totally lame.” This is the best I can do today, LORD, take it for what it is worth. And also take that it may not be my very best, but I can’t do “very best” right now.

When I think of a pure heart, I think of holy cards of the Little Flower. But there must have been times when her prayer was like that. And I think that Our Lady, our perfect Mother, had a heart so sensitive that she felt bad about the swaddling clothes. She knew He was God-with-us, and his kingly robes were little more than rags. I am very sure St. Joseph was a bit miffed about the cave or stable or whatever it really was. But I am also sure that they offered that up, too. This is the best we can do, LORD, take it for what it is worth.

But the Gospel tells us what they were worth. In God’s eyes, they were the sign He would give to the shepherds via the angels that the Baby was the Savior. The sign for Christ’s first adorers was the very detail of the story that probably had Our Lady secretly, silently upset, the swaddling clothes, and the manger, that make-shift crib that was breaking the heart of a carpenter who knew he could do much, much better, if only...

I hope you find this as consoling as I do. Things will never be Currier and Ives. Christmas dinner will not be picture perfect. Someone will spill something. Someone will not love all their gifts.

Someone will cry and someone will hit someone else and say it was an accident. Some relatives will annoy you. Guess what? Offer it up, offer up the fact that you think it is lame to offer that up. That’s your swaddling clothes for today, that’s your chance to have a heart-to-heart with Mary and Joseph about the humdrum reality into which God Incarnate has just leapt. He entered human history, not a reality show. Human history is an elaborate tapestry woven out of little threads, little things.

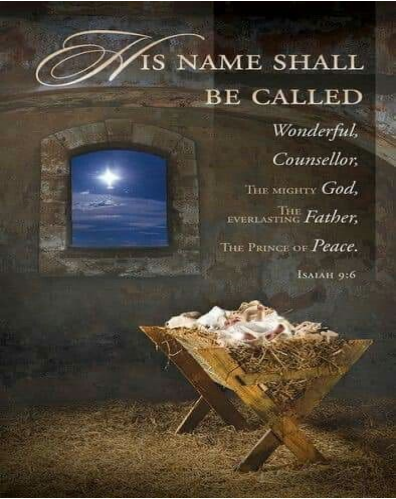
In God’s eyes, those little things are part of his plan. He will point them out to people seeking Him, and people in darkness will see a great light. They may even see it in the serenity with which you deal with a blown out bulb on Christmas morning.

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<u>Dates to Remember</u>	
Dec. 24	Parish Office Closed
25	Parish Office Closed
31	Parish Office Closed
Jan. 1	Parish Office Closed



<u>Upcoming Collections</u>
Dec. 25 - Christmas
Jan. 1 - Mary Mother of God



## Sacrament of Penance

Saturday ~ 4:15 - 4:45 pm; or by appointment.

## Sacrament of the Sick

Anointing of the Sick should be given if an individual is gravely ill or near death. If possible, the Sacrament should also be administered before major surgery or when one is initially hospitalized.

## Sacrament of Holy Matrimony

Diocesan policy requires 12 months of preparation for Marriage. Contact the parish as soon as possible after engagement. No arrangements should be made prior to consultation with the pastor.

## Sacrament of Baptism

Parents must be registered members of the parish and attend a Baptism preparation class prior to the Baptism if this is your first child baptized. Requirements for godparents are established by the Catholic Church. Please call the parish office for Information and to register your child for Baptism.

## Parish Registration

All Catholics should be registered in their local parish. Please contact the parish office to obtain registration forms, or if you are uncertain of the parish where you should register.



## Parish Directory

Pastor - Fr. Howard - 717-677-8012 - frjhoward@hbgdiocese.org

## Pastoral Staff

Parish Manager - Deacon Steve Huete - 717-816-9600 - shuete@hbgdiocese.org

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Secretary - Sue Switzer - 717-677-8012 - sswitzer@hbgdiocese.org

Maintenance - OPEN

## Councils

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Bicky Redman - 717-677-8592

Mary Osmolenski - 717-778-1390

Dr. Bob Ternes - 717-658-3987

Kathy Dietsch - 717-352-4558

Sue Jeffcoat - 717-677-6544

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**Greg Ernst - 717-352-6098**

Ali Morris - 717-360-3903

Bill Pulig - 717-870-9456

Dorothy Vega - 717-253-0051

Terri Pendleton - 717-360-6804

## Buildings & Grounds

## Greg Osmolenski - Chair

Wally Kane, Donnie Althoff, Tom Switzer, Rob Mentzer, Mike Baker, Al Jeffcoat, Andy Lower, Brian Ambrose, John Neiderer

See full parish directory on our website, lobby bulletin board or call the parish office.



## Diocese of Harrisburg Youth Protection Program

**www.YouthProtectionHBG.com**

**First – Call the toll-free PA Child Abuse Hotline at 800-932-0313**

**Then – Call the Diocesan toll-free hotline at 800-626-1608**