



Church of St. Richard

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December 24, 2017 ☩ Fourth Sunday in Advent

Confessions: Every Saturday 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

1st Fri. Devotions: 8am Mass, Adoration All Day, Benediction & Sacred Heart Novena 4:00pm

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator: Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC – Direct Phone: 800-791-9209
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St. Richard's Welcomes All!! ☩ No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church; no matter what your current family or marital situation; no matter what your past or present religious affiliation; no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, ethnicity, etc.; you are Invited, Welcomed, Accepted, Loved and Respected at the Parish of St. Richard's!

☩ Daily Mass Intentions ☩ PLEASE NOTE DIFFERENT MASS TIMES THIS WEEK
Sunday, Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. (Children's Mass & Play) - Joseph & Ursula Donovan

6:00 p.m. (Choir will sing at this Mass) - Ellen Brylewski & John Dempsey
by Leonard Brylewski

Midnight - Living & Deceased Members of Bruni & DiCasimirro Families
by Bernard & Felicia Bruni and Family

Monday, Christmas Day * 9:00 a.m. * - Al Fritz by Wife & Family

Tuesday ** 6:00 p.m. ** - Deceased Members of Purcell & Boyle Families by Estate

Wednesday - Living & Deceased Members of Mehalko & Willing Families by Sandy & Joe

Thursday - Joseph Rimm by St. Richard's Choir

Friday - Joseph J. Kandrot by Vicky Karnish

Saturday - Sarah Kanaski by Husband "Ski"

Saturday ☩ December 30th - 4:00 p.m.

Intention - Alfred Peca by Peca Family

Lector - Patty Sleva

Eucharistic Ministers - Sheral Bamford, Nancy Brylewski, Liz Schaar

Altar Servers - Myles Manjone, Tria Manjone

Sunday ☩ December 31st - 8:30 a.m.

Intention - Paul Campbell by Senglar Family

Lector - Bruce Rang

Eucharistic Ministers - Jim Kane, Roy Paisley, Peg Schaediger

Altar Servers - Lillian Stoyer, Taylor Walsh, Kenna Wonsock

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Responsorial: Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Mass Information, Continued...

Sunday ☩ December 31th - 10:30 a.m.

Intention - Jerome Stevens by Wife Pat

Lector - Steve McCarthy

Eucharistic Ministers - Dave Evancho, Terry Purcell, Virginia Purcell

Altar Servers - Cole Macieunas, Nicole Yost



Sacred Heart of Jesus: In Loving Memory of Sarah Kanaski by Husband “Ski”

St. Francis Lamp: Special Intention by Duke & Joan

Sanctuary Lamp: In Loving Memory of Mary Sniscak by her Children

Blessed Virgin Mary: None due to Christmas Decorations

St. Richard Lamp: In Loving Memory of Niece, Mary Jean Soltis by Aunt Mary
Helen Rehatchek

St. Joseph’s Lamp: None due to Christmas Decorations

Sunday Collection: Regular: \$3,832; Other: \$467 and Additional Retired Religious \$303.
Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Dear Padre

DECEMBER 24, 2017

An antiphon in the Christian breviary states, “The angel Gabriel was sent to the Virgin Mary, who was engaged to be married to Joseph” (December 20). Was she married or not when Jesus was conceived?

Much of the confusion is due to what constituted marriage at the time of Jesus.

Mary was betrothed to Joseph when she was found to be pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. During the usual betrothal period of a year, the woman remained with her family. However, the bond between the couple was already as permanent as marriage. That’s why Mary was legally known as Joseph’s wife, even though they didn’t yet live together or have all the rights belonging to a husband and wife. In fact, the arrangement during betrothal was so binding that it could only be terminated in divorce.

Moreover, in that patriarchal society, a betrothed woman who had sexual relations with anyone other than her husband was accused of adultery. Had Joseph ended this betrothal in disgrace, Mary would have been deprived of marriage for the rest of her life and dependent on her extended family upon her father’s death. But Joseph was an upright man who intended to divorce her quietly without publicly stating the reason, in order to spare Mary and her family’s reputation. That’s when an angel appeared to him in a dream and told him to have no fear about taking Mary as his wife, for the Child was conceived by the Holy Spirit (Matthew 1:20).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

Bible Study: None this week due to holiday ~ will resume again next week.

Religious Education: Sunday, December 24th ~ None due to holiday
Sunday, December 31th ~ None due to holiday

Please Remember the Sick & Shut-ins in Your Prayers, and Especially: Ann Balas, Joe Bones, Joe “Tibbsey” Boyle , Pat Brown, Nina Day, Sam Geissinger, William Godanis, Jr., Dee Harvan, Dr. Francis Kane, Jack Kehler, Francis Keiser, Nora Keiser, Vaal Kester, Joseph Klatka, George Koval, Marie Koval, George Kufrovich, Joe Kufrovich, Tom McGrath, Joel Rivera, Dorothe Schmerfeld, Ellie Setlock, Gene Sault, Dominic Streisel, Lisa Surfield, Elaine Sweeney, Marilyn Tolan, Tom Whalen, Kevin White, and Celia Zukoski.

New Lector Schedule: The Lector Schedule for January through June 2018 is ready and in the Sacristy for pick up. If you are a Lector, please stop by and pick up your copy.



Save the Dates: **Friday, February 16, 2018** will be the Fish and Crab Cake Dinner. **Sunday, April 8, 2018** is the date for the next Basket Raffle. Shop the after Christmas sales to get great bargains on items for the raffle! More info will be in the future bulletins as it becomes available.

Offering Envelopes for 2018: All adult offering envelopes are in the vestibule on tables when you walk into the church. Kindly stop by over the next week or two and take your envelopes. Keep checking here for when the children envelopes are ready for pick up.



Christmas Concert: Ashland Area Community Choir Christmas Concert will be held Saturday, December 30th at 3:00 p.m. at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Ringtown.



Lost and Found: Missing something? Did you know that there is a “lost and found” box in the vestibule? Things found in the church are placed there each week. If you have misplaced something, check the box, it just might be there!



Merry Christmas! Father Whalen and Deacon John would like to extend a very Blessed and Merry Christmas to everyone. Here’s hoping everyone has a healthy, happy and relaxing Christmas with time to enjoy the real meaning of the holiday season.

December Raffle Ticket Winners: Winners as we know so far: \$50 - Kristen Williams (#5420 on 12/7) and \$50 - Liz Gergits (#5402 on 12/7).

Christmas Flower Donation: \$50 received from Historical Society of Canicus, Inc. in memory of deceased members of St. Canicus Parish.

Cantata Choir Performance: All Saints Church, 21 N. Cleveland Street, McAdoo on Sunday, January 7th at 4:00 p.m. This year’s cantata is entitled: The Song Heard ‘Round the World. There is no cost ~ it is simply their gift to the community. Bring a friend and enjoy the sights and sounds of the season!



CANDLES



Special Intentions by M & J Konidas
Merry Christmas to the Craft Ladies
Merry Christmas from Staff & Clients of Birthright
Special Intention by Sue & Jay
May the Holy Spirit Guide My Cancer Treatments
Successful Surgery for Sarah by Patty
Special Intention
Special Intention for Vitek Family by Frank V.
Merry Christmas in Heaven Pop ~ Love, Michael & Noah
Merry Christmas in Heaven Dad ~ Love, Nicole & Mike
Special Intention by Patty
Prayers for Nathan & Jacob by Patty
Christmas Blessings for Family & Friends by Patty
Special Intention for Suzan Sinton by Janice Edmonds
Special Intention by John & Jean
God Bless Us One & All by Peg Schaediger
For My Family by Steve
Healing for Carol Moran by Steve & Joann Souchak
Merry Christmas to All Our Family & Friends by Frank & Mary Ann
Rest in Peace Dad & Jackie ~ Love, Fran
In Loving Memory of My Al ~ Love, Fran
Merry Christmas in Heaven Aunt Rose ~ Love & Miss You by Kathy, Mike & Family
Merry Christmas in Heaven Pop ~ Love & Miss You by Kathy, Mike & Family
Special Intention for Samantha ~ Love, Mom & Dad
Special Intention for Shelley
In Loving Memory of Steve Hercek
In Loving Memory of Charlotte M. Bowman
Special Intention by Donna Kamenas
Special Intention for Edward, Emily, Jackie & Edward, Jr.
Special Intention for Lauren & Paul
Special Intentions by Michelle Pyrdsa
Special Intention by Duke & Joan
To Everyone ~ A Blessed Christmas ~ Always Believe!
May You Rest in Peace J.P.
In Loving Memory of Peter, Ted & Stan by Vicky
For Michael A. Kristoff by Mom & Dad
Special Intention by Marianne
Continued Healing for Tom Long by Duke & Joan

For Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchild by Nan
For All Parish Personnel & All Our Military by Margie Kufrovich
For Health of Joe by Mom
Special Intention by M.K.
Blessings at Christmas & For the New Year for All Our Neighbors, Friends & Relatives by Margie Kufrovich
Health of Olga by Aunt Marge
In Loving Memory of John ~ Rest in Peace ~ Love, Niki
Health of Suzanne, EZ, Pat, Bob, Vaal & Bill by Lou & Margie
For All Our Relatives & Friends by Lou & Margie
Special Intention by Lou & Margie
Thank You! by Lou & Margie
Special Intention & Healing for Bernard by the Brunis
Special Intention & Prayers for Cara by The Brunis
Special Intention & Prayers for Maria by The Brunis
Special Intention & Prayers for Maria & James by The Brunis
Prayers for Safe Travel by The Brunis
Special Intention & Prayers for Jeannie, Rachel, Laura & Jennifer by The Brunis
Blessed & Merry Christmas to Everyone by The Brunis
Prayers for the Johnson Family by Sleva Family
Special Intentions for Dante by Sleva Family
Special Intentions for Allishia & Brian by Mom & Dad
In Loving Memory of Daniel Jr. ~ Love, Mom & Dad
Intention for Mitch & Ricky by Mams & Unc.
Intention for Lisa & Family by Mom & Jeff
Intention for Jeff by Mom
Intention for Regina
In Loving Memory of Paul Krukas by his Family
In Loving Memory of Alvin Marcheski by The Dobecks
Prayers for Healing & Strength for Tibbsey Boyle by The Dobecks
Thank You Jesus for All the Blessings You Bestowed on Our Family by MC
In Loving Memory of Al Cumers by Mary & Children
Rest on Peace Elijah Setlock by Mark & Gale
Blessings for Setlock Family by Mark & Gale
Happy Birthday in Heaven Pap Kufro by Mark, Gale & Family
Successful Surgery for My Mom by Gale & Mark
Merry Christmas & Peace on Earth by Mark & Gale
Special Intention for Grandchildren by Marianne