



Advent

FOURTH WEEK

Parish Office Hours

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Mass Schedule

Tuesday.....5:30pm
Wednesday-Friday.....8:00am
Saturday Vigil Mass5:00pm
Sunday.....8:00am & 10:30am
Holy Day Masses.....*See Mass Schedule*

Sacraments

Penance/Reconciliation

Saturday.....4:00pm *or by appointment*

Sacrament of Baptism

Call Parish office to arrange.

Marriage

At least 6 months prep is required. Call the pastor.

Anointing of the Sick/Communion

Please keep the Parish Office informed of parishioners who are homebound, hospitalized, or in a nursing facility.

New Parishioners

We are glad you are here! To get acquainted and/or to REGISTER call the Parish Office during office hours.

Rosary

Thursdays 6:30pm & Sundays 5:30 pm



St. Patrick Catholic Church

807 Tyler St. • Walkerton, IN 46574

December 21st, 2025 • 4th Sunday of Advent

Mass Schedule

Saturday December 20

5:00 pm Robert Powers+
By Don & Mary Parker

Sunday December 21

8:00 am For the Parish
10:30 am Jessica Kambol– Cary+
By Paul & Kathy Futa

Tuesday December 23

5:30 pm Janet Futa+
By the Parish Family

Wednesday December 24

5:30 pm For Holy Souls

Thursday December 25

8:00 am For the Parish
10:00 am For the Parish

Friday December 26

No Mass

Saturday December 27

5:00 pm Richard+ & Rita+ Eby
By Don & Mary Parker

Sunday December 28

8:00 am For the Parish
10:30 am Gene Larkin
By Eric & Lisa Myers

Prayer Requests

Dear God, we place our worries in your hands; we place our hospitalized and infirm in your care; and we humbly ask that you restore them to health once more...

Helen Doan
Danny Beem
Nathan Braun
Kackie Chrapliwy
Pauline O'Hern - Fraiser
Jennifer Moritz
Terri Schmeltz
Ken Waite
Katherine Ganger
Lyla Hendryx
Bob Holland
Teresa Kemp

Dave, Kaye & Linda Laney
Donny Wyant
Jessica McGwin
Robert Moore, Jr.
Tom Rzepka
Brad Schmeltz
Travis Bunch
Msgr. Peter Smith
Lisl Stemmelen
Craig Vandebouch
Shelley Anderson
Jaxon Bogard
Carol
Carolyn
Paula L.
William & Nancy Walker
Todd Zellers
Sheila Gomez
Larry Turner

Dave "Duck" Kominkiewicz
Donna Banks
Thelma Stachowski
Stephanie McGwin
Judy (Holland) Lemler
Steve Beem
Jeanette O'Brien
Charlotte Walker
Alex Reyes
Lucas Bradshaw
Joyce MacMillan
Georgianne Compton
Joseph Seliga
Barbara Lymangrover
Ellen Swan

And all the parishioners who are homebound or reside in nursing homes.
Amen

Parish News

Dear Parish Family,

Our Christmas Market was a joyful success, and we are deeply grateful to all who made it possible. Through your support, participation, and prayers, this event became more than just a market—it became a true celebration of faith and community.

From the beginning, our vision was not simply to host a market, but to create an opportunity to share our faith and strengthen our presence in the community. By God's grace, we accomplished that and more. The kind words we've received from vendors and community members affirm that the hospitality and joy of our parish were felt deeply that day. Beyond the market itself, we were blessed to extend our outreach by donating meals to Closet of Grace, as well as

providing meals for a family who had suffered the tragedy of a house fire, the firefighters who worked tirelessly to put out the fire, and the police and staff on duty. These moments of service reflect the heart of our mission—to share Christ's love in tangible ways.

This success reflects the generosity, fellowship, and vibrant spirit that continue to shine through our parish. May the blessings of this holy season remain with you and inspire us to carry this spirit into the year ahead.

With heartfelt thanks,
The Parish Council

Ministry Schedule

Saturday December 27..... 5:00 pm

Proclaimer Bob Rudecki
EMHC'S Sheree Rudecki
Server

Sunday December 28 8:00 am

Proclaimer TJ Borton
EMHC'S Pam Davis
..... Marianne Kemp

Sunday December 28 10:30 am

Proclaimer Pauline Fraiser
EMHC'S Joyce Palmateer
..... Dave Guseilla
Server

Money Counters Sara Guseilla
..... Vicky Krohn

Peace



CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 24TH 5:30 PM
DECEMBER 25TH 8:00 AM
10:00 AM

DECEMBER 26TH NO MASS

**THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE
LORD: HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

DECEMBER 31ST 5:30 PM
JANUARY 1ST 10:00 AM

JANURAY 2ND NO MASS



THE ORIGIN OF THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

Most people are familiar with the Christmas song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas". To many, it's a delightful nonsense rhyme set to music. But it had quite a serious purpose when it was written.

It is a good deal more than just a repetitious melody with pretty phrases and a list of strange gifts.

Catholics in England during the period from 1558 to 1829, when Parliament finally emancipated Catholics in England, were prohibited from any practice of their faith by law—private OR public. It was a crime to even BE a Catholic. "The Twelve Days of Christmas" was written in England as one of the "Catechism songs" to help young Catholics learn the tenets of their faith—a memory aid, when to be caught with anything in writing indicating adherence to the Catholic faith could not only get you imprisoned, it could get you tortured and killed.

The Song's gifts are hidden meanings to the teachings of the faith. The "true love" mentioned in the song doesn't refer to an earthly suitor, it refers to God Himself. The "me" who receives the presents refers to every baptized person. The "partridge in a pear tree" is partridge which feigns injury to decoy predators from her helpless nestlings, much in memory of the expression of Christ's sadness over the fate of Jerusalem: "Jerusalem! Jerusalem! How often would I have sheltered thee under my wings, as a hen does her chicks, but though wouldst not have it so..."

The other symbols mean the following:

Two Turtle Doves:	The Old and New Testament
Three French Hens:	Faith, Hope and Charity, the Theological virtues
Four Calling Birds:	the four Gospels and/or the four Evangelists
Five Golden Rings:	The first five books of the Old Testament, the "Pentateuch", which give the history of man's fall from grace
Six Geese A-Laying:	the six days of creation
Seven Swans A-Swimming:	the seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit, the seven Sacraments
Eight Maids A-Milking:	the eight Beatitudes
Nine Ladies Dancing:	the nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit
Ten Lords A-Leaping	the Ten Commandments
Eleven Pipers Piping	the eleven faithful Apostles
Twelve Drummers Drumming:	the twelve point of doctrine in the Apostles' Creed

Parish News (continued)

A CHRISTMAS REFLECTION

Mary and Joseph having a conversation...

I had a dream, Joseph, I don't understand it, not really, but I think it was about a birthday celebration for our Son. The people had been preparing for it for about six weeks. They had decorated the house and bought new clothes. They'd gone shopping many times and bought elaborate gifts. They wrapped them in beautiful paper and tied them with lovely bows and stuck them under a tree. They decorated the tree and placed an angel on top of it. Everyone was laughing and happy. But, Joseph, they never even mentioned Jesus' name. Doesn't it seem odd for people to go to all that trouble to celebrate His birthday if they don't even think of Him? I had the strangest feeling that if our Son had gone to this celebration, He would not have been recognized. Everything was so beautiful, Joseph, and everyone was so full of cheer, but it made me want to cry. How sad for Jesus not to be a part of His own birthday celebration. I'm glad it was only a dream. How terrible, Joseph, if it had been real.

Have a most blessed Christmas and Christmas Season! Please make Jesus a part of Christmas.

Father Chuck Herman
Holy Family Church

DURING THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON

IN HONOR OF:

Dee Payne
Tom Barth
Norman & Jean Ann Beem
Eric Zimmer
Many Blessings

IN MEMORY OF:

Joan Barth+
Sarah J. Scandling+
Garner Marvin+
Ronald Payne+
Ben Rudecki+
Marie Rudecki+
Evelyn Rudecki+
Janet & Peter Piskor+
Katherine & Frank Vild+
Maybelle & Martin Carney+
Wayne Mendlik+
Shirley & Ray Mendlik+
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Dolores Borrelli+
Bev Borrelli+
Nathan Cannon Smith+
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Rich Allsop+
Fred, Betty & Dennis Kohn+
Jackie Proctor+
Bill & Rose Allsop+
Beem Family Members+
Lenz Family Members+
Chester Krohn+
Margery Krohn+
Tabitha Krohn+
Michael & Ann Rudecki+
Richard Rudecki+
Danny Holland+
Bill Holland+
Paul Holland+
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Kersh+
Mr. & Mrs. Levi Kemp+
Bernard Doods+
Clarence & Adeline Bauters+
Dennis Wyant+
Frank McGowan & Family+
Don Wyant & Family+
Robert Malkowski+
Juanita Malkowski+
Dave Davis+
Les Leffert+
Linda Palbykin+
Wladyslaw Stasik+
Genowefa Stasik+
Frank & Dorothy Kuzmicz+
Leo & Harriett Feece+
Mr. & Mrs. John P. Stachowski+

Upcoming Events

Dec 21 K of C Breakfast

Dec 22 Borton Family Church Cleaning

Dec 28 No Religious Ed

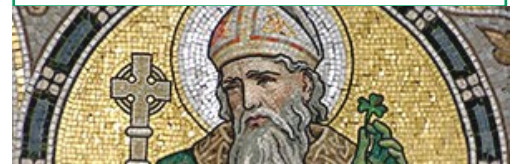
Dec 29 Myers Family Church Cleaning

Dec 31 No Religious Ed.

Dec 31 Mass Holy Day 5:30 pm

Jan 1 Mass Holy Day 10:00 am

Thursdays: 6:30 pm Rosary & Adoration
Sundays: 5:30 pm Rosary



Offertory

Regular Collection for December 7, 2025

Envelopes (44).....\$2450.00
Loose.....\$152.00
Online Giving.....\$330.00
Special Envelopes.....\$725.00
TOTAL Collection.....\$3657.00

SPECIAL ENVELOPES

Food Pantry.....\$100.00
Retirement.....\$25.00
Christmas Flowers.....\$480.00
Immaculate Conc.....\$110.00
Human Development.....\$10.00

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Dec 25 Catholic Charities

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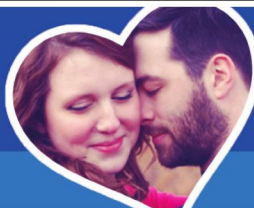


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