

# **Christmas Prayer**

**Glory to God in the Highest!**

**My precious Lord, Jesus,  
I adore You with profound love and rejoice in the celebration of Your birth.**

**Your love for us is unfathomable; it is glorious  
transforming, awe-inspiring,  
and deeply personal.**

**You chose to come and dwell among us,  
by being born into poverty, rejection and humility.**

**Yet Your Mother knew Whom she bore;  
Her heart was filled with the tenderest love  
as she adored her Child and her God.**

**Help me, dear Lord,  
to come to love You with the heart of Your Mother.**

**Invite me to adore You, with St. Joseph and the poor shepherds.**

**Reveal to me the glorious power of Your birth  
and change my life on account of this perfect gift of Yourself.**

**I love You, dear Lord Jesus.  
Help me to love You with all my heart.**

**Newborn Savior of the world,  
I trust in You.**

**Mother Mary and St. Joseph,  
Pray for me and for everyone everywhere.**

**Amen**





*Welcome to*  
**Saint Charles Borromeo Parish**  
 St. Charles Borromeo Church - Ashland  
 Saint Vincent de Paul Worship Center - Girardville  
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**DRE/Music:** Susan Klinger **Business Manager:** Shannon Butler **Office Assistant:** Teri Krolick

**Office Times: Tuesday, Wednesday, & Fridays 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and every other Thurs. 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

**Office is closed all Federal Holidays and Holy Days**

**Mass Times**

Saturday 4:00 PM St. Charles Borromeo  
 Sunday 9:30 AM St. Charles Borromeo  
 For holy days and weekdays, consult the Bulletin.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Adoration takes place Tuesdays after 8:30 AM  
 Mass until 11 AM.

**Communion Calls**

Communion is normally distributed to the home-bound on the Thursday morning before First Friday of each month, except by special arrangements.

**Sacrament of Penance**

Saturdays: 3:15 PM to 3:45 PM, Ashland  
 Sundays: 9:00 AM to 9:25 AM, Ashland

**Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

Baptisms take place in the main Church in Ashland. They occur on Saturday Mornings. Prior to the day, parents must attend a class, and be regularly attending weekend Masses for at least three months. Pre-register for this class with the Parish Office.

**Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick**

Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

**Sacrament of Holy Matrimony**

At least six months before a couple hopes to get married, he and she must talk face to face with the priest and get a firm wedding date and time from him. Only after this initial contact should a couple set the dates for a reception or a honeymoon.

**Parish Religious Education**

CCD Grades 1-8  
 Contact the Parish Office to enroll your children.  
**RCIA / Adult Education** Contact the Parish Office

**Hall Rentals** may occur for private events.

**Parish Funerals**

Any family who desires a priest other than the Pastor to celebrate the funeral Mass of a deceased loved one *on parish premises* must first obtain the Pastor's explicit approval. Such approval, as for other special requests, must be sought in each and every case, but can normally be expected to be granted.

**St. Anne Chapel Hours**

Located in the lower level of our Church in Ashland, this chapel is unlocked daily, except on Sundays. Monday through Friday it opens at 6 AM, and at 8 AM on Saturday. It remains open until 4 PM.

**Regional Catholic Schools**

**Marian High School, Tamaqua,**  
 Grades 9-12, 570-467-3335  
**Nativity BVM High School, Pottsville,**  
 Grades 9-12, 570-622-8110  
**St. Joseph Center for Special Learning, Pottsville,**  
 All levels, 570-622-4638

**Diocesan Coordinators for Minors**

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**If you are new to the area, please consider registering with us.**

Contact the Parish Office to establish a relationship with us through registration.



**THE NAVITY OF THE LORD**

**December 25, 2022**

**Saturday, December 24**

St. Charles Borromeo Church  
4:00 PM Memorial Society

**St. Vincent Worship Center-Girardville**

8:00 PM Memorial Society

**Sunday, December 25**

St. Charles Borromeo Church  
9:00 AM All Parishioners

Regularly scheduled weekday Masses are in Ashland  
St. Anne Chapel is the lower level of our Church.

**Mon., December 26 - NO MASS**

**Tues., December 27 -**

8:30 AM Teresa Karavage (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)

**Wed., December 28 - NO MASS**

**Thurs., December 29 – NO MASS**

**Fri., December 30**

8:30 AM Batt (Barthalmeo) Fitzgerald  
Deceased members of the  
Leinenbach, Zendrosky and Winters  
Families

**Saturday, December 31**

St. Charles Borromeo Church  
4:00 PM Eugene O’Hearn

**Sunday, January 1, 2023**

9:30 AM Grace and Michael Cuthie, Sr.



**Please pray** for all our military men and women, our policemen and women, our sick at home and in the hospitals, and nursing homes, also our deceased brothers and sisters in Christ especially Diane Tarantelli.

**The Vigil Lights burn brightly this week:**

In St. Charles Borromeo, in loving memory of Elena Herb from the Herb Family. 12/18

In memory of White, Mattro, Inkrata & Kandrot Families from The White Families. 12/18

In memory of William, Teresa and Patricia Groody from family. 12/25

In St. Anne Chapel, in loving memory of Aloysius and Martha Burns from Children.

In St. Ann Chapel, in loving memory of Eileen Weikel, from her Family and Ann

**Christmas Holiday Parish Office Hours**

The Parish Office will be closed from Friday, December 23 through and including Monday, January 2, 2023.

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**Christmas 2022 Mass Schedule**



St. Charles Christmas Eve: 4:00 PM

St. Vincent Christmas Eve: 8:00 PM

St. Charles Christmas Day: 9:00 AM

**Masses for the Solemnity of Mary,**

**The Mother of God**

Saturday, December 31, 2022 4:00 PM

Sunday, January 1, 2023 9:30 AM

(Normal weekend Mass Schedule)

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**2023 Calendars**

As we approach a new year, our parish would like to **SINCERELY THANK**, Thomas and Timothy Sullivan of the Sullivan Funeral Home, Shawn and Melissa Clark of the Kull-Heizenroth Funeral Home, and Rick Fritz of the Fritz Funeral for donating the 2023 Religious Calendars for our Parish. The calendars can be found in St. Charles Borromeo Church, St. Anne Chapel, and/or our Parish Office.

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**Sunday Missals**

If you have ordered a Sunday Missal, they are now available for pick up in the Parish Office during office hours. If anyone has not ordered a missal, and still would like one, extras are available for purchase. Thank you!

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**CCD News!**

**CCD Holidays—No Classes on 12/25/22, 1/1/23, 1/8/23. Classes will resume on 1/15/2023**

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**St. Charles Borromeo “Text Alerts”**

With the upcoming Winter Season, if St. Charles wants to send out a reminder and you want to be added to the St. Charles Borromeo’s “Text Alerts”. Please text @acb3gga to 81010. This will be a great way to keep up on Mass cancellations or changes. If anyone has any questions regarding the Alerts, please do not hesitate to call the Parish Office.



Father Giuseppe C. Esposito and our Parish staff wishes all Parishioners and visitors a very Blessed and Merry Christmas, and a Happy and Healthy New Year!



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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LADIES' AUXILIARY,**  
**FR. SHERIDAN COUNCIL #748 (PRIOR 2580)**  
**FRACKVILLE**

The Auxiliary wants to wish all parishioners and their families a Blessed and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We will resume our monthly meetings beginning, Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 6:10 p.m. in the St. Joseph the Worker Social Room at 34 South Line Street, Frackville. We continue to seek new members. For consideration for membership, you must be a spouse or child 18 years of age or older, of a Knights of Columbus member and a Catholic in good standing with your church. **For more information, please contact Carol Syzdek, 570-467-3744.**

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**FUNDRAISING MEETING** that was scheduled for Monday, December 19 at 11:00 a.m. will be reschedule for a later date due to a conflict in scheduling. Please continue to watch the bulletin for updated date and time. Thank you and sorry for any inconvenience.

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**THREE-MONTH LOTTERY CALENDARS**

Three-month Lottery calendars are available after Mass. January calendars will also be available.

**ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY**

Recently enrolled in St. Charles Borromeo Parish Memorial Society were the following: **Missy Olanich** by Jack & Maryann McCormick, Pacenta Family, Margaret Mary Brown, Lara O'Hearn, JoAnne Leinenbach, Jack and Mary Anne Misiewicz, Carol and Gerry, Sue Klinger; **Beverly Ripko; Betty Lou Taylor** by Mary Rascavage; **JoAnn Wolfgang** by Josette and Al Machese, Collette Conway; **Thomas Downey** by Zdiera Family, Patricia Kowalick; **Frances McGrath** by Julie Colihan, Sue Klinger, Joseph and Judy Weber, Ann Helwig, Joe Oswald, Ralph and Kaye Buchspies, Joe and Marian Halko, Sara O'Hearn, Carole Reilly & Family, Stephan and Mary Ann Groody, Margaret Mary Brown, Amy Fanelli, Jack and Mary Ann McCormick, Jack and Maryanne Misiewicz; **Eugene O'Hearn** by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McGinley, Kim Ackley Castiglia, Jack & Mary Anne Misiewicz, Jim and Brenda Stepanchick, Cheri and Charlie Smith, Barbara and Carl Mullins, Gary and Kathy Glessner, Carol Cannon, Dot and Gerard Higgins, Carol and Gerry, Nick and Diane Lane, Notre Dame Club of Schuylkill County, Jack and Maryann McCormick, Ann Helwig, Janet Madden, Amy Fanelli, Sally Bane, Nancy Hepler, Dan and Judy Tiley, Fran Angelotti, JoAnn Leinenbach, Cheryl O'Hearn & Rick Hawk, Jack and Donna Mitchell, John Hogan, Mary & Bobby Burns, Dave and Karen Noon, Jim and Maureen Leibig, Margaret Mary Brown, Glenanne and Bill Farley, McCabes, Wayne and Dorothy Zerby, Cheryl Bobiak, Patricia Kowalick, Sara O'Hearn, Sue Klinger; **Sarah Wytovich** by Ann Helwig, Sara O'Hearn, St. Anne Guild, Stephan and Maryanne Groody, Margaret Mary Brown, Marie and Bob Breininger, Dave and Peggy Slotterback, Carol and Gerry; **Cyril Kowalick** by Charlie Marquardt and Missy Olanich,; **Theresa Birster** by Ken Birster; **Roseanna Brennan** by Pacenta Family, Dot and Gerard Higgins, Ann Helwig, Nancy Hepler, JoAnn Leinenbach, Jim and Brenda Stepanchick, Gina and Tom Pat Noon, St. Ann Guild, Marie and Bob Breininger, Janet Madden, John Spencer, Sue Klinger; **Colette Conway** by Josette and Al Machese; **Diane Davis** by Karen and Joseph Scully, Arlene Merritt; **Carol Hughes** by Gina and Tom Pat Noon, Nancy Hepler and Family, Dave and Cindy Fickinger; **Maude Karvois** by Patricia Kowalick, Celeste DeLuca; **Theresa Kessler** by Pacenta Family, John Hogan, Gina & Tom Pat Noon, Marie and Bob Breininger, Mary Rascavage, Pat and Loretta Birster, Heather Smalby, Nancy Hepler, Margaret Mary Brown, JoAnn Leinenbach, Jim and Brenda Stepanchick, William Verbish, Sara O'Hearn, Sue Klinger; **Earl Heiber** by Josette and Al Machese; **Doris Herb** by JoAnne Leinenbach; **Debra McGee** by Cheryl Bobiak; **Thomas Downey** by Patricia Kowalick.

