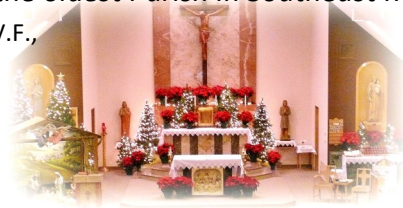


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ONE CHURCH, EAST TO WEST : LOVING JESUS, SERVING JESUS, SHARING JESUS

December 25— The Nativity of the Lord Christmas Day

Sacrament of Reconciliation — Saturday, 4 to 4:45 p.m.
No Confessions on December 24th and 31st.

Mass Schedule			Intention
Dec 24	Sat	5 pm	Christmas Eve Children's Mass +Furg & Olive Hunter +Johnny Hunter +Beth Henry
Dec 25	Sun	11 am	Christmas Day +Maria & Mieczyslaw Skrzypek
Dec 26	Mon	No Masses	
Dec 27	Tue		
Dec 28	Wed		
Dec 31	Sat	5 pm	Vigil, Solemnity of Mary Parish Family
Jan 1	Sun	11 am	Solemnity of Mary Furg Hunter Family

Date	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Collection Counters
Dec 24	Gavin Long, Jacob Bennett, Berkley Moreland	Gail Shy, Peter Rost	Emily Carlisle Ashley Long
Dec 25	Charlotte Hogan	Charlotte Hogan, Malinda Grunwald	
Dec 31	Jo Crouthers	Lydia Baker, Jo Crouthers	
Jan 1	Kevin Carlisle	Ann Evans Copeland, Kevin Carlisle	Morgan Nesselrodt

WEEKLY	
Date	Amount
Dec 4	\$3,744.00/Xmas Flowers \$1,079.00
Dec 11	\$2,402.00
Dec 18	\$2,682.00 / Birthright \$497.00

	TOTAL COLLECTIONS	TOTAL EXPENSES
SEP	\$16,492.08	\$15,196.85
OCT	\$14,528.28	\$10,900.07
NOV	\$12,254.00	\$23,114.63

Have you ever considered serving your church by being a Money Counter, Eucharistic Minister, Lector, adding your voice to our Choir who sings every Sunday and for funerals, taking Holy Communion to the homebound?
Training of new people for these positions will begin in Jan 2017. Training for Eucharistic Ministers for Mass and for the homebound will be on Tuesday, Jan. 24, at 6 pm; and Money Counters and Choir will meet on Tuesday, Jan 31 at 6 pm. If interested, please leave your name and phone number with Gail at the parish office.

2nd Collection on Dec 24 and 25 for Seminarians and retired Clergy in our Diocese.

Welcome! Welcome to **Fr. John Braun**, who will be celebrating weekend Masses with us while Fr. Jarek is away.

Christmas Eve Prayer : Loving God, Help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Parish Office will be closed on Friday, Dec. 23rd and Monday, Dec 26th, for Christmas. Fr. Jarek will be out of the office and there are **no weekday masses** from Dec 19 through January 6, 2017.

IC SCHOOL NEWS

School is closed for the Christmas Holidays until Tuesday, January 3rd.

We would like to **welcome Mr. Bill Roberts** to our IC Family as our new janitor. He has been involved with our school for several years since his granddaughter attends our school.

Congratulations to our Lucky Saints Winner of \$250...Courtney Hamra.