

FROM FR. MARK:

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: As the journey of Advent continues, as we prepare to celebrate the nativity of Christ, John the Baptist's call to conversion sounds out in our communities. It is a pressing invitation to open our hearts and to welcome the Son of God Who comes among us to make divine judgement manifest. Through the Gospel John the Baptist continues to speak down the centuries to each generation. His hard-clear words bring health to us, the men and women of this day in which even the experience and perception of Christmas often, unfortunately, reflects materialist attitudes. The 'voice' of the great prophet asks us to prepare the way for the coming Lord in the deserts of today, internal and external deserts, thirsting for the water of life which is Christ.

Sunday, December 6: Reconciliation Service (2nd grade will be present, Fr. Michael Hussey will assist) 1:00pm, St. Joseph-Olney

Monday, December 7: Vigil of the Immaculate Conception, 5:00pm Reconciliation; 6:30pm Mass, St. Joseph-Olney

Tuesday, December 8: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 8:00am, Holy Cross-Wendelin, Reconciliation available following mass; 5:00pm Reconciliation and 6:30pm Mass, St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, December 9: 8:00am School Mass, St. Joseph-Olney; 5:00pm Reconciliation and 6:30pm Mass, St. Joseph-Stringtown

Thursday, December 10: 5:00pm Reconciliation and 6:30pm Mass, Holy Cross-Wendelin

Monday, December 14: 5:00pm Reconciliation and 6:30 Mass, St. Joseph-Stringtown

Tuesday, December 15: 5:00pm Reconciliation and 6:30pm Mass, St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

Wednesday, December 16: 8:00am School Mass and Reconciliation 5:00pm to 6:30pm, St. Joseph-Olney

Thursday, December 17: 5:00pm Reconciliation and 6:30pm Mass, Holy Cross-Wendelin

CHRISTMAS EVE, December 24, MASSES:

3:00pm: Ginder Family Farm Building, St. Joseph-Stringtown parishioners will be given priority

4:00pm: St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville (A second mass will be added if needed)

5:00pm: St. Joseph-Olney

6:30pm: St. Joseph-Olney (If needed)

8:30pm: Holy Cross-Wendelin

10:00pm: Holy Cross-Wendelin (If needed)

CHRISTMAS DAY, December 25, MASSES

8:00am: St. Joseph-Olney

9:00am: St. Lawrence-Lawrenceville

10:00am: Holy Cross-Wendelin