

Entrance Antiphon: "To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame." Cf. Ps 25 (24): 1-3

Communion Antiphon: "The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase." Ps 85 (84): 13

The Pope's Monthly Intentions for December: "For persons with disabilities." We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

Reflection for the Sunday: As Advent begins, prompting us to look forward and reflect, we often get impatient when things don't go as planned. In the first week of Advent, we're reminded that our plans might not match up with what God has in mind. The readings encourage us to return to God's path, acknowledging that His goal is to restore everything to Himself, not just fulfill our personal wishes. Life is unpredictable, and Advent calls us to be ready for whatever comes, serving Christ in our actions, words, and thoughts every day. This season is a time to renew our commitment to God's plan, embracing the waiting and uncertainty with faith and hope. Let this first week of Advent be a reminder to slow down, reflect, and align ourselves with God's will, always ready to show love and compassion. (Courtesy: <https://young-catholics.com/>)

Religious Retirement Fund Collection: You can help. "Religious are blessed to serve," says Dominican Father Bertrand Ebben, age 90. Please donate to the Retirement Fund for Religious next week. Your gift will provide essential care for nearly 25,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Let us show our gratitude to these selfless individuals by giving generously.

Cleaning & Decorating of St. Edmund's Church: We would like to invite all those who would like to Volunteer for decorating and cleaning the St. Edmund's Church for Advent. Please come join us on Saturday, December 9, 2023 at 9am. All are welcome.

St. Edmund's Christmas Pageant rehearsal will be on December. 16th @ 10:00am. For more information contact Mary Tomo 518-599-4447 or Dona Curry 518-594-7027

End of Year Statements: If you would like a Statement of your contributions for 2023, please call the office and we will put you on a list.

Memorial Wreaths & Candles placed in St. Bernard's this Holiday Season can be purchased for a \$10 donation. For more information contact Mona Siskavich (518) 593-1319 or Mike Siskavich (518) 593-0873.

A North Country Christmas 11th Annual Craft Show: On December 9, 2023 at St. Alexander's Church, 1 Church Street, Morrisonville. From 9:00AM Thru 3:00PM. Featuring the works of local vendors. Selling: Jewelry, Quilts, Homemade Holiday Crafts, Wood Crafts, Candles, Adirondack Items, and MUCH MORE! Lunch Available At Padre's Café Bake Shoppe. Come Join Us! Unique Gifts For Christmas!

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL 2023: Holy Angels Hall, Altona, NY. December 10, 2023 Sunday, 9:30am-4:00pm Craft Fair, Bake Sale, Gift Basket Raffle, Live Nativity, Christmas Concert, Food and Refreshments for sale. For more information, please call 518-236-5632

A CLINTON DEANERY FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS: Holy Cross Parish is thrilled to announce its Festival of Lessons and Carols will be held on December 17 at 6 p.m. at St. John's Church, 18 Broad Street in Plattsburgh. This event will feature a choir comprised of talented individuals from area churches, coming together to prepare for Christmas through the beauty of music. There is no cost to attend, and all are welcome. For more information, contact the Holy Cross Parish Office at (518) 563-0730

40 hour Eucharistic Adoration: In Preparation for Christmas we are having a 40 hour Eucharistic Adoration at St. Edmund's Church, Ellenburg Center starting December 20 at 3:00 PM and ending December 22 at 8:00 AM. **Can you Pray one hour with our Lord Jesus?** Sign up sheets are in the back of the Churches.

K of C #4441 meeting on Dec.9th@ 8am

Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24, Sunday: Christmas Vigil

4 : 00pm at St. Edmund's Church, Ellenburg

6 : 00pm at St. Bernard's Church, Lyon Mountain

December 25, Monday: Christmas Day

10 :00am at St. Edmund's Church, Ellenburg

Mass & Envelope Schedule

Saturday 12/9	Sunday 12/10
4:00pm (SB) (L) Pat Chase (EM) Mona Siskavich	8:00am (SE) (L) Barb LaBombard (EM) Sharlene Stanley (EM) Matt Sylvester
6:00pm (SE) (L) Erin LaClair (EM) Matt LaClair (EM) Judy Bombard	10:30am (SB) (L) Janet Waldron (EM) Diane Barber
Counters (Week 1)	Mona Siskavich Bill Chase
December 2 - 3	December 9 - 10
Regular Collection Fuel Collection	Regular Collection Religious Retirement



Charity Event -The Angel Tree- for local Children & Seniors. Angel Tags are on the trees at the entrance of St. Bernard's & St. Edmund's Churches. Please take a tag and return

an unwrapped gift with the tag by Dec.10th. For more information contact Shar Stanley at 518 - 594 -3858

Pray for the Sick: Joan Farrell, Trevor Blondo, Betty Gregory.

(If you want add any names to pray for Please call the office.)

Offertory Collections for Weekend of 11/26/23

Total Regular Envelopes \$ 3,586.00

Maintenance Collection \$ 131.00

Human Develop. \$ 111.00

Thank You

Schedule of Holy Mass & Devotions

“First Sunday of Advent”

Saturday, December 2nd, 2023

4:00pm (SB) Myrt & Francis Siskavich by Family

6:00pm (SE) For The People of the Parish

Sunday, December 3rd, 2023

8:00am (SE) Brian Cole by Sharon & Larry Cayea

10:30am (SB) Raymond Varin by Ken & Margaret Varin

Monday, December 4th, 2023

(Followed by Adoration)

5: 30pm (SE) Yvonne Taylor by Daryl & Christine Gregory

Tuesday, December 5th, 2023

9: 00am (SB) Theresa Supley by Alvelena Benware

Wednesday, December 6th, 2023

No Mass

Thursday, December 7th

9: 00am (SE) Majorie Lashway by CDA # 1300

Friday, December 8th, 2023:

“Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary”

9: 00am (SB) Tammy Guynup by Terry Guynup

Next Weekend

“Second Sunday of Advent”

Saturday, December 9th, 2023

4:00pm (SB) Pauline & Walter Kowalowski by

Claire, Bernadette & Francis

6:00pm (SE) Majorie Lashway by Gerald & Diane Vancourt

Sunday, December 10th, 2023

8:00am (SE) Yvonne Taylor by K of C Ellenburg

10:30am (SB) For The People of The Parish

In addition to mass dedications, sanctuary candles (which remain lit on the altar for a full week) can be dedicated for your prayer intentions.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

(Week of December 3, 2023)

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Schedule of Holy Mass

Saturday	Sunday
4:00pm (SB) 6:00pm (SE)	8:00am (SE) 10:30am (SB)

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Abuse Reporting: If you have a complaint of suspected misconduct involving diocesan clergy, religious, employees or volunteers, contact: Victim Assistance Coordinator, Terrianne Yanulavich, 5050 Route 374, Merrill, NY 12955; Email: terrianneyanulavich@yahoo.com Phone: (Day time) 518-358-3145 ext. 7179 (Evenings) 518-569-0612; or Father Christopher Carrara, the Episcopal Vicar for Clergy; ccarrara@rcdony.org Phone: 315-393-2920 ext. 1340.

First Sunday Of Advent

"Prophet's Candle" or the "Candle of Hope"



Advent Wreath Prayer

Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world.
This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important.
We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas.
Amen