



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – DECEMBER 28, 2025

Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds

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Entrance Hymn: V. For when peaceful stillness compassed everything and the night in its swift course was half spent, Your all-powerful Word from heaven's royal throne bounded, a fierce warrior, into the doomed land. **R. Your throne stands firm from of old; You are from everlasting, Lord.** V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. **R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

First reading: Jeremiah 31:10-14

Gradual: V. You are the most handsome of men; fair speech has graced Your lips. **R. My heart is stirred by a noble theme, as I sing my ode to the king.**

Epistle: Titus 3:4-7

Gospel: Luke 2:15-20

Intention: For all Seminarians, those in discernment, and all called.

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Joe Kaczynski.

- Matins, Holy Mass at 10am followed by Blessing of Wine (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15).
- Coffee Hour, SOCL.
- Holy Mass at Noon (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15)

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Today's Music

- Entrance: B62, Let Us Hasten (v. 1 & 3).
- Gloria: R184, Hark The Herald
- Word of God: B71, In A Manger He Is Laying.
- Offertory: B61, Shepherds Hurried to Bethlehem.
- Communion: Little Drummer Boy (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: R179, The First Noel.
- Recessional: R171, Joy To The World.

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- **Please keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.**
- **Giving Envelopes**: Your new envelopes are in the back of the church. Please take yours home.
- **Humble Shepherds**: This special Solemnity in our liturgical life asks us to focus on a particular generosity for our Savonarola Theological Seminary. Those called have responded generously and have sacrificed much and it is our obligation to care for them as they undergo the vital training needed to be good and loyal priests of the Church. Please be generous.
- **Clothing Donations**: Branch 56 of the YMSofR is once again collecting clothing donations to help those in need locally. Please take a form to report what you donated. Turn in the form by January 11th (2 weeks away). If you need help, the men will help.
- **Other reminders**: The Solemnity of the Circumcision is January 1st. This is a Holy Day of Obligation in our Church. Please attend Holy Mass at Noon that day. The Solemnity of the Epiphany is January 6th. Holy Mass with blessing of chalk and incense will be at Noon. See the schedule for the Christmas Season on the reverse.
- **Attention**: Parish membership dues of \$125 per individual are due today.

We invite all who believe in the true presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist to partake. It is our practice to distribute the Holy Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ, by placing the elements on the tongue, never in the hand.

--- Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed ---

God our Father, when Your Son came into this world You chose humble shepherds as the first witnesses of His Incarnation. As we honor them, may we continue to proclaim His presence among us.

The verse taken from today's Collect.

Our poor and humble Church sets this particular Sunday, typically the Sunday after Christmas, as the Solemnity of Humble Shepherds. We are asked to turn our special attention to those men, living in the fields, who were called to respond to the Christ child.

Upon the angel's proclamation, and the angelic host chanting Glory to God in the Highest, we hear the Shepherds' famous words: "Let us go now to Bethlehem..." Scripture tells us that they went in haste.

Our Church would not stand by for the world giving these poor

and humble men only a passing thought, a few statues in a manger, and not much else.

This day is set aside to not just honor them, but to call to mind their virtues and how their example lives among us to this day.

Those virtues – a fast response to the Lord's call. They did not wait, falter, think about it, debate it, or check-in with the boss about it. They went. They gave God's call the priority it was due.

Those virtues – proclamation of the experience. They didn't think about it, debate what they saw, put it under study, consider the costs and the sacrifices proclamation entails: *they made known what had been told them about this Child.*

The poor and the humble got it done. Indeed, we are not a rich and powerful Church. Our very motto and Hymn of Faith declare the work and struggle we undertake as we respond to God's call. And... IT IS WORTH IT.

To this day men are stepping forward to take on the mantle of virtues those Humble Shepherds demonstrated. They do not wait, falter, think about it, debate it, check-in with the boss about it, put their call under study, nor do they consider the costs and the sacrifices. They do it for God's glory and the care His sheep.

For those called, come and see without hesitation. For us, let us courageously support they

Memory Verse

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Ephesians 4:1-3

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Romans 12:4-8
MONDAY: Jeremiah 29:11
TUESDAY: Matthew 22:14
WEDNESDAY: Luke 4:18
THURSDAY: John 15:16
FRIDAY: 1 Corinthians 7:17
SATURDAY: Romans 11:29

Pray the Week:

Lord Jesus, Your Father issues the call and You give us the grace to respond courageously. Draw into Your Church many men as shepherds. Amen.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Laura Covari, Stan Podkulski, Kelly Noble, Curtis Sczepakowski, Joshua Moraski, Tom Abbot, Karen Kisch, Gregory Henderson, Theresa Ordon, Michelle Zawistowski, Susan Jones, Garry Packer, Gary & Sandra Tatlock, Fred Hendricks, Theresa, Carla, Francine, Eileen, Joyce Colson, Helen Spencer, Michael Clough, Frances Gary, Dan Crawley, Bob Chelkowski, Brian Rohan, Tom Walters, Dawn Main, Fran Muscatello, Zosia Wieczorek, Bob Giczkowski, Bishop John, Bishop Paul, Gordon Lamb, Aimee, Liz, Dorothy Morrison, Jennifer, Daniel & Julia Byrnes, Steve Snyder, Susan D'Ameco, Ed Sargalis, Jerry, and all needing God's healing grace.

- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States esp. Michael Angehr, Mark Collins, Patric Jones, Timothy Olsen, Charlie Prothero, Fr. Joseph Kolek, Fr. Andrew Bilinski, Fr. Stan Jasiurkowski, Fr. Andrew Tenus, Fr. Nadeem Yaqoob, Fr. Mariusz Mularczyk.
- All those in Public Service: Civil Servants, Police Officers, and Fire Fighters.
- All Active and Retired Clergy of the Holy Church.
- All Students and Teachers at Mont Pleasant Middle School
- The residents and staff of City Mission of Schenectady
- The residents and staff of Pathways.
- All members of the Civil Air Patrol.
- All who have asked for our prayers for any need or intention.

This week we pray for the people and clergy of Holy Trinity parish, Kewanee, IL.

Bless them, O Lord! Pobłogosław im, O Boże!

Upcoming

- **December 28: Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski.**
- December 29 – 31: NO Food Pantry, No Holy Mass.
- **January 1: Solemnity of the Circumcision. Holy Day of Obligation. Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **January 2: Solemnity of the Holy Name of Jesus. Parish Feast. Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **January 4: Solemnity of the Holy Family. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois.**
- January 5: Food Pantry 3pm until 5pm.
- **January 6: Solemnity of the Epiphany. Holy Mass at Noon with the blessing of chalk and incense.**
- January 7 – 9: Holy Mass at Noon.
- **January 11: Solemnity – Baptism of our Lord. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil.**
- January 12: Food Pantry 3pm until 5pm.