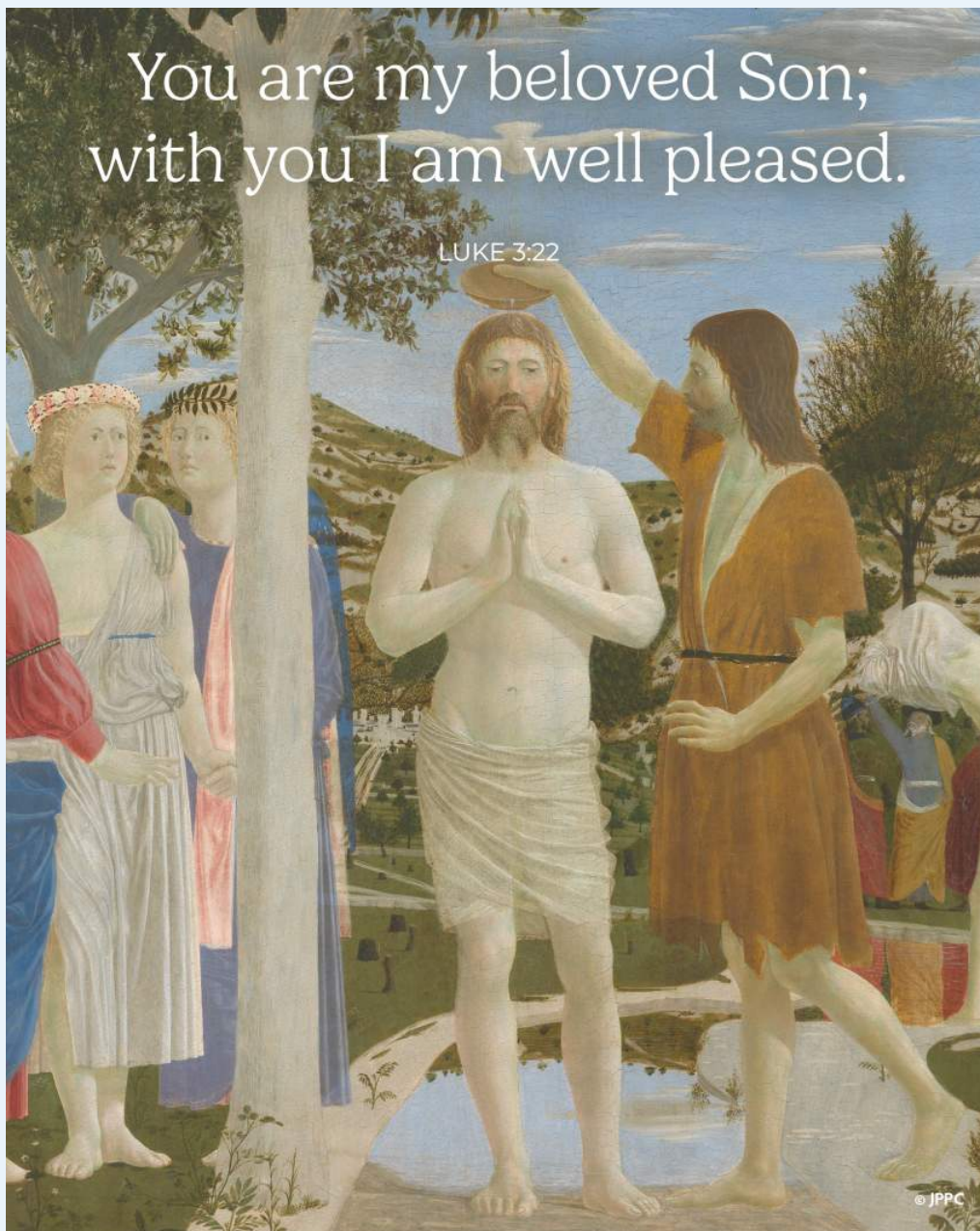


# January 12, 2025

## Baptism of the Lord

You are my beloved Son;  
with you I am well pleased.

LUKE 3:22



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**SATURDAY VIGIL** 4:30 pm-Church

**SUNDAY** 7:30 am, 9:15 am, 11:00 am-Church

**HOLY DAYS** Variable (see inside bulletin)-Church

**DAILY MASS** Mon/Sat 9:00 am, Tues/Thurs 6:30 am & 9:00 am, Wed 6:30 am & 7:00 pm and Friday 6:30 am & 9:00 am

**ADORATION** Wednesdays from 7:00 am - 6:30 pm with recitation of the holy rosary at 6:20 in the Chapel followed by Benediction.

**CONFESSIONS** are Saturdays from 7:30—8:45 am and 3:00-4:15 pm in the Chapel. Also by appointment. Call Parish Office.

**REGISTRATION/PARISH MEMBERSHIP:** Printable forms are available at [www.stleos.org](http://www.stleos.org) under "Downloads." New parishioners may also register by emailing or calling the Parish Office.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parishioners who would like to have their child baptized at St. Leo's are requested to call Father Hahn at the Parish Office to personally schedule an appointment to meet with him to discuss this great Sacrament. Normally Baptisms are held on the first Sunday of each month, after our 11:00 am Mass, or approximately at 12:00 Noon. At least one sponsor must be a practicing Catholic, age 16 or older, Confirmed, and must present a sponsor certificate if from another parish. Parents must be registered members of St. Leo's parish.

## SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Couples contemplating marriage must contact Father Hahn at the Parish Office at least one year before the date of the intended marriage. Church date and arrangements should precede all other wedding plans.

## SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING

Call any parish priest as soon as there is any serious illness.

## HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK

When a parishioner is confined to home because of illness, advanced age or infirmity, please call the Parish Office and arrangements will be made to bring Holy Communion to the person.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Adults interested in learning more about their faith or in becoming Catholic may join the program of formation and instruction which begins in September. Call the Religious Education Office.

## SPONSOR CERTIFICATES

Letters of recommendation for sponsors of the Sacraments can be issued only to active registered members of the parish and who are receiving the Sacraments on a regular basis.

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## Mass Schedule

### 01/12-Sunday-The Baptism of the Lord

*Is 40:1-5,9-11; Ps 104:1-4,24-25,27-30; Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22*

7:30 AM-Pat and Al Shaub-(Al and Sandy Shaub)

9:15 AM-Saint Leo Parishioners

11:00 AM-Pat Wippel-(Marc and Melissa Russell)

### 01/13-Monday-Saint Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

*Heb 1:1-6; Ps 91:1,2,6,7,9; Mk 1:14-20*

9:00 AM-Elise McGee-(Marc & Melissa Russell)

### 01/14-Tuesday

*Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2,5-9; Mk 1:21-28*

9:00 AM-Diane DeStefano Thomas-(Patricia DeStefano)

### 01/15-Wednesday

*Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4,6-9; Mk 1:29-39*

6:30 AM-Rev. Joseph F. Reilly-(Patricia DeStefano)

7:00 AM-Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

6:20 PM-Recitation of the Holy Rosary

7:00 PM-John Paul Stank-(Morgan Family)

### 01/16-Thursday

*Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45*

9:00 AM-Elise McGee-(Debbie Johnson)

### 01/17-Friday-Saint Anthony, Abbot

*Heb 4:1-5,11; Ps 78:3,4,6-8; Mk 2:1-12*

9:00 AM-John Francis Enright IV-(Eileen Sweigert)

### 01/18-Saturday

*Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10,15; Mk 2:13-17*

9:00 AM-Ruth Louie-(Phil and Liz Louie)

4:30 PM Vigil-Joanne Sellers-(Sellers Family)

### 01/19-Sunday-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Is 62:1-5, Ps 96:1-3,7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11*

7:30 AM-Dennis Cook-(Patricia DeStefano)

9:15 AM-Saint Leo Parishioners

11:00 AM-Justine Rogevich-(Rogevich, McLoughlin, Garmin Families)



## Scripture Message

Sunday, January 19, 2024

At Cana in Galilee, Jesus performed the first of his signs, revealing his glory to his disciples, and later to all the nations. He has revealed as well the manifestation of the Spirit who distributes different gifts as he chooses.

## Weekly Collections

12/29/24

Fair Share \$22,339.92

Christmas \$31,218.92

Mary Mother of God \$235.00

1/5/25

Fair Share \$22,355.42

Christmas \$1,280.00

Mary Mother of God \$5,415.00

Thank you!

## Recitation of the Holy Rosary

Sunday at 10:30 AM (Church)

Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri at 9:30 AM (Chapel)

Wednesday at 6:20 PM (Chapel)

Saturday at 4:00 PM (Church)

(First Saturdays: 8:00 AM in the Church)

"If you say the Rosary faithfully unto death, I do assure you that, in spite of the gravity of your sins, 'you will receive a never-fading crown of glory' (1 St. Peter 5:4)." - St. Louie de Montfort

## Volunteers Needed

The Funeral Luncheon Committee is seeking new volunteers to help prep and serve food during funeral luncheons. This beautiful work of mercy is led by Melinda Quinn. If you are interested, please call the parish office: 717-394-1742.

## Hempfield Food Pantry

Thank you to all who continue to support the Hempfield Food Pantry. The next food collections are February 1-2, March 1-2, and April 5-6.

**“And a voice came from heaven, “You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased.”  
- Luke 3:22**

Today, we gather in joyous celebration as we bring this glorious Season of Christmas to an end.

Unlike our culture, which sadly seems to end Christmas on December 26<sup>th</sup>, we, as a Church, celebrate this wondrous event for almost three weeks. And each day, we have been called to reflect a bit more and experience, in a deeper sense, this greatest gift imaginable, that God Himself, the Eternal Word of the Father, has entered into our human history, to become “one of us” and “one with us”, to offer us eternal life in Him.

Last Sunday, we celebrated the Solemnity of the Epiphany, reflecting on how the identity of this Child was revealed by a star. In the early Church, that Feast called to mind three separate events, the coming of the Magi, which we recalled in last Sunday’s Gospel, this event of the Baptism of the Lord, and His first Miracle at the Wedding Feast of Cana. Each of these is a manifestation of who this Child truly is, the Father’s “beloved Son.”

And so, the message for us is clear. Christmas is not just about our recalling His birth, but to open our minds and hearts to who He is and why He was born among us. Of course, He comes to offer His life for us on the Cross and then to rise from the dead to show us that eternal life that He offers. But another reason, and one that is too often overlooked, is that He came to establish His Church. Indeed, it is the Church through which the power of His coming is made accessible for us. It is in our Baptism, reminded of that event as we celebrate His Baptism, and then in this Holy Eucharist, that we are then fully united to this reality of Christmas, that God doesn’t just come among us but desires to be “with us” and “in us” so that we might be fully united to Him.

Saint Leo the Great, in one of his Christmas homilies, writes beautifully as to how our Baptism reminds us of Christmas, for His birth is also the celebration of our “new birth”, whereby each of us was “transformed” into a new person; that now, each of us “is reckoned to be of the stock, not of his earthly father, but of Christ, who became the Son of Man precisely that men could become sons of God.”

Think of these words and the sublime meaning they express. We are made “children of God” in our Baptism as today, we look to His. We first acknowledge; that Jesus does not really “receive” Baptism. He is the source of that Sacrament given to us. He submits to John’s baptism to show His full association with us. The water of the Jordan does nothing to Him. Rather, in this action, He sanctifies all the water used in this Sacrament so that we might have “new life” in Him.

This is what we celebrate at Christmas. May this event of God’s coming among us be what sustains us always and give us hope, as we have now begun this Jubilee year of 2025, to more fully experience each day His mercy and His peace. Happy New Year.

*Father Hahn*





## A SPECIAL JUBILEE YEAR PERSONAL EXPRESSION OF THANKS



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We come today to the end of our Christmas Season. I certainly hope and pray that it has been a time of great blessings for all of us. I cannot help but reflect upon all of the gifts that have been given to me over these weeks and also throughout my life. Each of us has received that greatest gift of our Catholic Faith that connects us to Christmas and leads us here to the Holy Eucharist. How inexpressibly wonderful this gift is and how grateful all of us must be!

We have now begun this special Jubilee Year of 2025 and I just marvel at all the blessings that God has planned for us. I pray that each of us may open our minds and hearts to that special gift of the Plenary Indulgence, which is the remission of all temporal punishment that remains even after our sins have been forgiven, that is now available to us in an expanded number of ways. Whereas, normally, these opportunities are somewhat limited, for example, when we gather for at least one half-hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, our praying of the Stations of the Cross during Lent, and our prayerful attendance at devotions on Divine Mercy Sunday, for this entire year, those opportunities are now expanded. Now, they include many of the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy such as visiting the sick, the elderly and disabled; in abstaining, in a spirit of penance for at least one day of the week from “futile distractions” such as social media, and volunteering in service of the community. Also, we can make a “pilgrimage” to any of the seven “Station Churches” in our Diocese, which include our Cathedral of Saint Patrick and locally, St. Mary’s in downtown Lancaster.

Of course, the prerequisites of obtaining the Indulgence always be met: Sacramental Confession within a few days before or after the action, reception of the Holy Eucharist on the day of it, prayers for the Holy Father, recitation of the Creed, and the lack of any “detachment to sin”. I commend all to read the Decree on the Granting of Indulgences during the Jubilee Year published by the Vatican and also to view the Vatican Website (Jubilee 2025) or our Diocesan Website (Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope – Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg).

Of course, as Christmas ends, I want to especially thank God for the gift of serving here as your Pastor. I am so grateful to Father Kappes for his fraternal support and his great service to us. I want to thank all of you for your many gifts and cards and cookies. We all join in thanking Kyle Postlethwait and our Choir who have sung so magnificently at all our Liturgies, to Ginny Pryor and her team of volunteers who decorated the Church so beautifully, to Deacon Frank and all our Extraordinary Ministers, our Readers, Ushers and Altar Servers, to all in our Parish and School staff who serve so ably throughout the year, to those who helped with our Giving Tree and our Alternative Gift Giving Fair and to all who I may have forgotten.

I pray that this Jubilee Year of 2025 may be one of great blessings for all of us as we journey together, we pray, to that day of never-ending life in Him. God bless you.

*Father Hahn*

# HOW TO OBTAIN THE JUBILEE INDULGENCE



1.



Detachment from all sin, even venial

2.



Sacramental confession



Holy Communion



One Our Father for the intentions of the pope

The conditions in number 2 can be fulfilled a few days before or after performing the works below to gain the indulgence, but it is appropriate that Communion and the prayer take place on the same day that the work is completed.

## Complete one of the following six works:



Undertake a pious pilgrimage to one of the Diocesan Sacred Sites and completing one of the following:

- devoutly participating in Holy Mass or the Anointing of the Sick
- a celebration of the Word of God;
- the Liturgy of the Hours
- the Way of the Cross;
- the Marian Rosary;
- a penitential celebration, which ends with the individual confessions of the penitents.



Carry out a corporal or spiritual work of mercy



Carry out a work of Penance

Such as abstaining, fasting, donating money to the poor, by supporting works of a religious or social nature, especially in support of the defence, protection and quality of life in all its phases, or by volunteering free time to activities that are of service to the community.



By devoutly visiting one of the Diocesan Sacred Sites

For a suitable period of time, engage in Eucharistic adoration and meditation, concluding with the Our Father, the Apostles Creed, and the Hail Mary.



Participate in Missions, Spiritual Exercises or formation activities,

with a devout spirit, on the documents of the Second Vatican Council and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, held in a church or other suitable place.



Those who are sick or cannot participate for serious reasons, can obtain the Jubilee Indulgence

If, united in spirit with the faithful taking part in person, they recite the Our Father, the Apostles Creed and the Jubilee Prayer, offering up their sufferings or the hardships of their lives.

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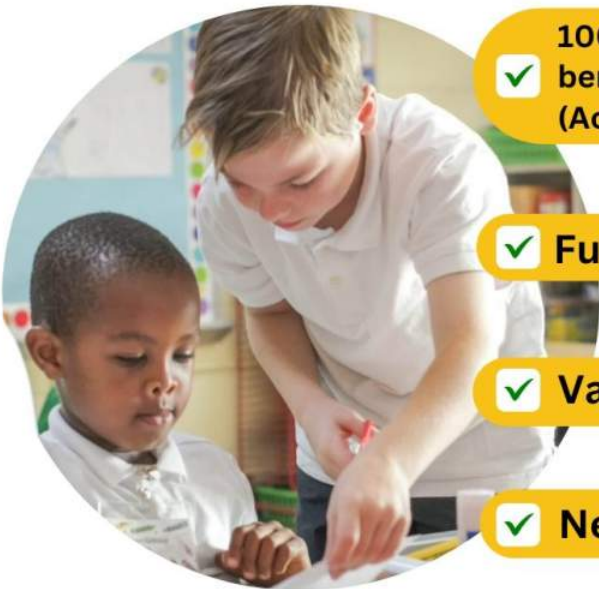
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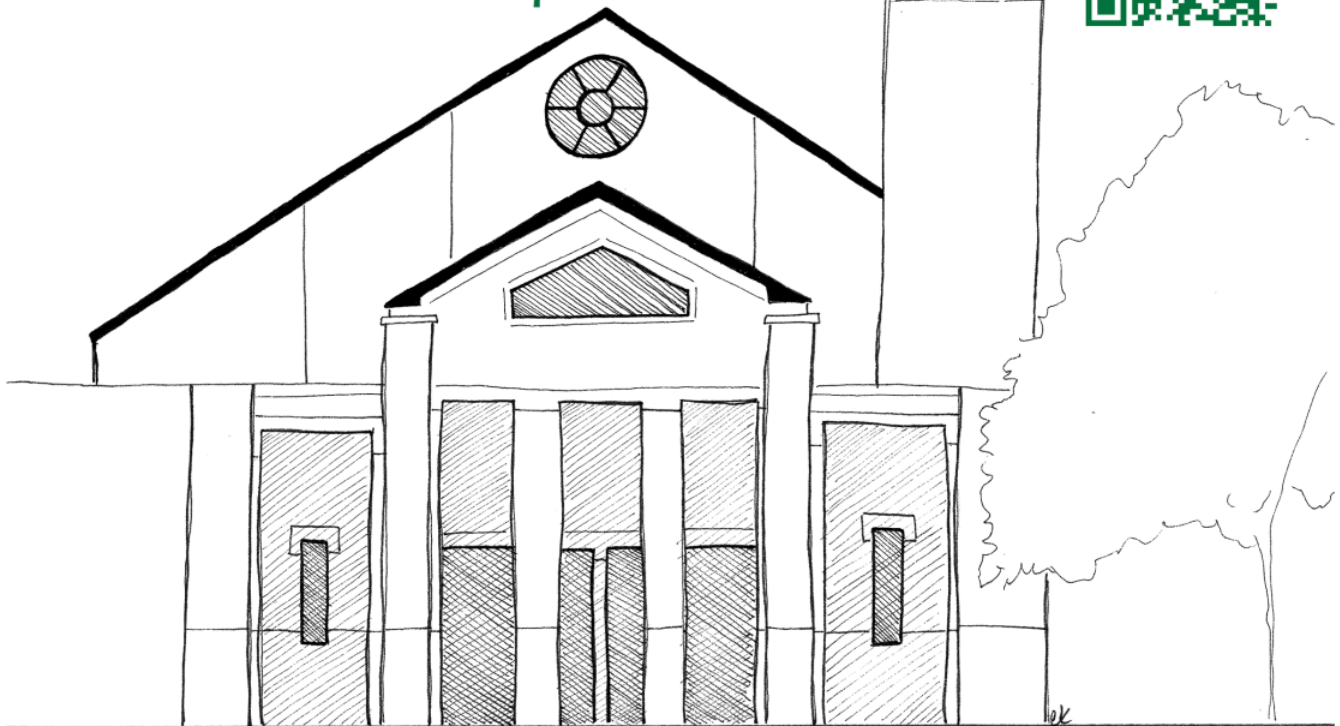
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# Saint Leo's Young Adults

**January 18th - Movie Night**  
**February 15th - Game Night**  
**March 15th - Prayer Night**

Join us in the Weber Center  
following the 4:30 Mass.  
Dinner will be provided.

More details :



## Any Questions?

Email Emma Kuchinski at [youngadults@stleos.org](mailto:youngadults@stleos.org)

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### LAMBS Luncheon

Happy New Year LAMBS. We will visit the Pancake Farm & Grill on **Tuesday, January 28 @ 12:00 noon**. The Pancake Farm & Grill is located at 600 Richmond Dr., East Petersburg. For a reservation please call Sandy DeFranco 717-984-2771 or [amd17601@aol.com](mailto:amd17601@aol.com) by *Sunday, January 26th*. Looking forward to seeing you. New comers are welcome.


### 2025 March for Life

The 52nd national March for Life will be held in Washington, D.C. on **Friday, January 24, 2025**. Member of Catholics Defending Life of Lancaster, PA have hired a bus going to the March and are inviting pro-lifers interested in attending this worthwhile event to join them. The bus will leave St. Leo the Great Church parking lot at 8:00 AM immediately following the 7:00 AM Mass. Suggested bus fare is \$10 for an individual and \$20 for a family. Free seats available for the asking. Reservations are required. Phone: Francine Redman at 717-684-3764.

### Prayer Chain

Saint Leo the Great Parish has a group of over 100 parishioners who pray for the intentions of parish members. These Prayer Warriors receive prayer requests via email. Please send your requests to [secretary@stleos.org](mailto:secretary@stleos.org). Want to join the Prayer Warriors? Let the Parish Office know!

### Diocesan Retreat for College Students



Calling all college students! The Diocese of Harrisburg is hosting a retreat just for you called Cor Ad Cor. Come take some time to rest from the busy semester and find connection with God and your peers. Event will include time for prayer, Mass, adoration, spiritual talks, small group discussion, and much more!

When: March 21-23, 2025  
Where: Priestfield Pastoral Center (4030 Middleway Pike, Kearneysville, WV 25430)  
Cost: \$250 per student (only \$25 deposit due at registration)  
Visit [www.hbgdiocese.org/cor-ad-cor](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/cor-ad-cor) for more information and to register.

### Custodian Positions available at St. Joseph School in York

St. Joseph School York is seeking 1 full-time or 2 part-time custodian for afternoon/evening shift. Position (s) will include performing basic janitorial functions such as vacuuming, dusting, mopping and sweeping floors, maintaining bathroom facilities, emptying trash, general grounds-keeping, and other tasks as assigned. This position requires varying degrees of physical exertion to include lifting of at least 50 lbs., stretching, bending, and operating cleaning equipment. Flexibility, dependability, ability to take instructions, adaptability, and ability to work without supervision are required. Must be reliable, maintain confidentiality, and be trustworthy. Valid driver's license required, and applicants must pass all state and federal background checks and clearances to work around children. Prior experience in custodial setting helpful. Interested applicants should contact Ms. Melissa Preston, Principal, at [principal@sjy.org](mailto:principal@sjy.org) or call 717-755-1797.

## Parish Events

### **SUNDAY-01-12-25**

12:00 PM-VOCATIONS MINISTRY MTG-RMS 3-4  
7:00 PM-YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY-WAC

### **MONDAY-01-13-25**

6:00 PM-PARISH COUNCIL-RM 2  
7:00 PM-SCHOOL BOARD-RM 2

### **TUESDAY-01-14-25**

5:00 PM-RCIA-RMS 3-4  
5:30 PM-BOYS HIGH SCHOOL CYO-GYM  
7:00 PM-KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS-RM 1

### **WEDNESDAY-01-15-25**

NO EVENTS

### **THURSDAY-01-16-25**

3:30 PM-BOYS HIGH SCHOOL CYO-GYM  
3:30 PM-SCHOOL CHOIR-CHOIR LOFT  
7:00 PM-CHOIR-CHAPEL

### **FRIDAY-01-17-25**

NO EVENTS

### **SATURDAY-01-18-25**

6:30 AM-THAT MAN IS YOU-RMS 3-4  
5:30 PM-YOUNG ADULT GROUP-WEBER CENTER

### **SUNDAY-01-19-25**

COFFEE AND DONUTS AFTER ALL MASSES  
7:00 PM-YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY-WAC

## Upcoming Events at Lancaster Catholic High School

### Activities Fair

Join us for the Activities Fair to hear more from students about clubs, organizations, performance opportunities, athletics, and more! This is a great opportunity to learn how you can be involved as a Crusader! The event is drop-in style on **Saturday, January 25, 2025, from 1 pm to 3 pm**. Register online at [www.lchsyeh.org](http://www.lchsyeh.org) or Call Angela at (717) 509-0313 or email [abaumler@lchsyeh.org](mailto:abaumler@lchsyeh.org) with questions.

### Host a Cultural Exchange Student for LCHS - March 14 - 21, 2025

Lancaster Catholic will host 51 Japanese students from LaSalle High School in Japan this upcoming March 14<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>. American Home Life International who organizes these cultural exchange programs is seeking host families in the Lancaster area for the students while they visit LCHS. They are looking to place two students per family and the stipend is \$280 for the week. There is no need to pack lunch for students on school days because the school will provide lunches but you must provide transportation to and from school on those days for the students. Any interested families please reach out to Joyce Zimmerman, AHLI Group Director at (717)538-7886 or [joycez@amhomelife.org](mailto:joycez@amhomelife.org).

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## Pray for Vocations



*"You are my beloved Son; with you, I am well pleased."* (Luke 3:22) God takes great pleasure in those who respond to His call. Do you hear His voice? He may be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to Father Joshua Weaver, Vocation Director, at (717) 657-4804 or email him at [frjweaver@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:frjweaver@hbgdiocese.org).

*"A good vocation is simply a firm and constant will in which the person who is called must serve God in the way and in the places to which almighty God has called him."*

- St. Francis de Sales

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