December 2026 & January 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 **1st Sunday Advent**	30	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 **Holy Day** Immaculate Conception	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 **Christmas**	26
27	28	29	30	31	1 **Holy Day** Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	2
3	4	5 12 Days of Christmas End	6	7	8	9 10 Christmas Season Ends

This calendar is to help us give God the first portion of our time. When you sit down with the calendar begin with this prayer, ***"Come Holy Spirit, be present with me as I discern how to give the first portion of my time to You."*** You can do this indivually or as a family.

Begin with what you know needs to happen, Mass and Daily Prayer. The Mass times are listed for the weekends and the other Holy Days of Obligation. (There are 10 Masses that you should attend during this calendar).

This is also an important time to plan to go to confession. I would recommend at least once a month or anytime you are aware you have committed a mortal sin. When we've committed a mortal sin that requires us to seek confession and absolution. Until we have done that, we should not receive communion, but that also means we don't miss Mass.

Daily Prayer has so many opportunities, reading scripture, praying the Rosary or Divine Mercy Chaplet, listening to worship music, spending time in silence, Adoration. The Hallow App has great resources.

Focus on spiritual and human, individual and communal. *Some examples: Dec. 20 you could put: Mass 9am, Rosary with Family at 6pm. Another ex. Dec. 28 you could put: Dinner with friends (to celebrate the 12 days of Christmas) and prayers of gratitude*

We could choose to live Advent as a mini-Lent. Offering one form of sacrifice before getting to Christmas. This does help us build the Christmas joy but not rushing to the celebration but preparing for the celebration. ***Fasting*** and ***Prayer*** are two very powerful tools we have to enhance and grow our spiritual life. Fasting may look like no sweets, treats, or even technology leading up to Christmas. You don't have to do it the entire time but pick days during Advent. Example: *Dec. 10 Fast from phone. Dec. 21 Fast from treats. Dec. 23 Fast from buying coffee.*

We should also plan our celebrating. Christmas is not a single day. There is the Octave of Christmas (8 days) as well as the 12 Days of Christmas.

The Church recognizes that the days of the Christmas Octave are repeating the solemnness of Christmas for eight days, concluding on a high note with another solemnity that echoes the solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord. The Liturgy gives the clues that every day within the octave is treated the same as the original feast day of the Nativity of our Lord.

How to celebrate, attend daily Mass, it will be like celebrating Christmas each time. Plan fun events, with family and friends. Try to plan at least three events where there is gathering for fun and celebration. Include prayers of thanksgiving at these events.

Please note that from Dec. 26-Jan. 1 there will be no confessions scheduled (this is the Octave of Christmas and a time of celebration).

Prayer suggestions: Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Advent Calendar, Advent Wreath with Candles and Prayers, Jesse Tree, Acts of Giving

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Most importantly, enjoy the Advent and Christmas season. We do not need to be dictated by the expectations of others. I pray that as we prayerfully choose to give God the first portion of our time we become a witness of the love we have for Christ to someone else. Our choice to witness in this way may help others reclaim the beauty of the Advent and Christmas Seasons.

Weekend Mass times - Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 9:00am, 5:00pm

Weekday Mass times - MWF - 5:30pm, T - 8:15am,

Other Holy Days

December 8 - Mass times - 8:15am, 5:30pm, 8:00pm

December 24/25 - Mass times - Dec. 24: 5:00pm, Dec. 25: 12:00am, 9:00am

January 1 - Mass times - 8:15am, 5:30pm, 8:00pm

Confession times - Mon. 4:45-5:15pm, Wed. 4:45-5:15pm, Fri. 4:30-5:15pm,

Sat. 4:00pm-4:45pm

1st Saturday 9:30am-10:00am

Sts. Peter and Paul, Huntington Penance Service Dec. 15, 6:00pm

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Fort Wayne Penance Service Dec. 16, 6:00pm

Sacred Heart, Warsaw Penance Service Dec. 22, 6:30pm

St. Bernard Penance Service Dec. 23, 6:00pm

Bonus times: December 22 - 9:00am-11:00am, 12:00pm-2:00pm, 3:00pm-5:00pm