

## December 24, 2017 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Monday <i>The Nativity of The Lord</i>	12/25	9:00 a.m.	Emmetsburg	Joe Burdorf, Hugh and John Neary
Tuesday	12/26	1:15 p.m.	Emerald Oaks	Kathleen Elbert, Mary Leonard
Wednesday	12/27	7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Emmetsburg Ruthven Care Center	Roland White Vern Balk Pat Schnell
Thursday	12/28	8:00 a.m.	Graettinger	Julia Graettinger
Friday	12/29	7:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	Emmetsburg Emmetsburg	Lloyd Joynt, Daniel Wentzel Kibbie, Bjustrom Wedding
<b>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph</b> Sir 3:2-6, Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40(17)				
Saturday	12/30	5:00 p.m.	Emmetsburg	Parish Families
Sunday	12/31	8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Graettinger Emmetsburg	Bernadine & Charles Gappa Bill Doerning
Monday <i>The Solemnity of Mary</i>	1/1	8:30 a.m.	Emmetsburg	Ab Neary, Liz Culligan

Faith Sharing

### The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Share how well you keep your promises to others.

### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

"May God have pity on us." What particular burdens do you wish God would lift from you or those you love? What sufferings of the world affect you most strongly?



**End of the year contributions.** The IRS states donations can only be deducted in the year they are made. This calendar year, Dec. 31 falls on a Sunday, Jan. 1 on a Monday. Considering this if your contribution (offertory) check for that weekend is dated in 2017, it will be recorded in 2017. If dated in 2018 it will be recorded in 2018. Donations that are mailed must be postmarked by Dec.31 to be deductible in 2017. Donations that are delivered in person by Dec.31 are deductible in 2017. Donations delivered in January (whether postmarked or in person) are deductible in 2018 regardless of the date of the check.



### Diocesan Annual Appeal

Ayrshire, Emmetsburg & Ruthven:  
Total pledges, \$25,416.00 Goal: \$30,441.00  
Graettinger:

Total pledges, \$11,991.00 Goal: \$11,049.00

CONGRATULATIONS IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH ON MEETING YOUR GOAL!!



The parish office will be closed Monday, Dec. 25th & Monday, Jan. 1st. Have a Blessed Christmas and New Year!

## Time and Talent for December 30 & 31

### Graettinger Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Mass Set-up Volunteers	Betty Millea
Hospitality Minister	John & Elaine Carlin
Lector	Tom Tindall
EMHC	Jane Brown-C, Betty Millea-C, Richard Tindall-H
Servers	Emily & Jacob Chicoine

### Emmetsburg 5:00 p.m. & Sun. 10:30 a.m.

Mass Set-up Volunteers	Jane Wentzel
Usher Sat.	Ed Marlow, John Murphy, Mike Wentzel, Bill Brennan
Lector Sat.	Kori Huberty
EMHC Sat.	Jane Wentzel, Peg McNally, Jean Hyslop
Servers Sat.	Sacha Alesch, Nora Nelson, Shayla Thayer
Mass Set-up Volunteers	LouAnn Huberty
Usher Sun.	Ken Sikora, James Bird, Larry Herbers, Virgil Huberty
Lector Sun.	Ryan Reedy/Ali Laubenthal
EMHC Sun.	LouAnn Huberty, Dave & Dorie Waldschmidt
Servers Sun.	Emily Bleuer, Nique Biliran, Shally Soukup

## Time and Talent for January 1, 2018

### Emmetsburg 9:00 a.m.

Mass Set-Up Volunteers	Cathy Faber
Usher	Jim Hill, Rich Higgins, Robert Soenen, Mike Carlson
Lector	Cassie Hersom, Molly Leman
EMHC	Cathy Faber
Servers	Jessica Walker, Raegen Swanson

**Monday, January 1, 2018 is not a Holy Day of obligation, (opportunity.)**



*Our condolences to the family and friends of Richard "Casey" Thul*

## Radio Mass on Saturday, 12/23/2017 Anonymous

# WEEKLY GIVING

### Ruthven

Adult: \$175.00; Immaculate Conception: \$5.00

### Ayrshire

Adults: \$145.00

### Graettinger

Adult: \$1,045.00; Loose: \$1184.00; Kids: \$12.00

Flowers: \$330.00

### Emmetsburg

Adults: \$5,498.00; Loose: \$135.00; Kids: \$18.25

ACH This week: \$968.75

**\$6,825.00 is needed weekly to meet our expenses at Holy Family**



### Christmas Poinsettias were donated in Memory Of:

#### Holy Family

Bert Bisenius, Tony Stoffel, Susie Stoffel, Jake Hoffman, Janet (Bormann) Broderick, Donald Bormann, Tom Jordan, Madonna Nichols, Bob & Jan Graff, Bill & Teresa Graff, Judy Hamilton, Eric Smith, Deceased Members of the Bernard & Geraldine Bradley Family, Joe & Ann Doyle, Jim & Myrllie Rezabek, Glenn & Lois Rezabek, Leo & Barbara Doyle, Mike Hollingsworth, Don Weishaar & Deceased Family Members, Maurice Drew, The Kane & Myers Families, John & Delores Murray, Francis & Maxine McNally, Maureen Harrington, Mike McNally, Paul Sr., Laura, & Paul Jr. Marcolini, Deceased Members of Evan & Eleanor Smith Family, Stork Family, Tom Guess, Ron Vondrak, Iver & Rita Fee, Mr. & Mrs. Francis Vondrak, Bob Weis, Colleen Weis, Campbell & Weis Families, Don Kelly, Chris Jackson, Emmet & Ruth Brennan, Jack & Katie Jackson, Ab Neary, Julian & Ceil Bruch, Sister Phyllis Bruch, James & Nora Brennan, Jim Brennan, Les Parsons, Janette Jorgenson, Mr. & Mrs. Howard Shimon, Edna Wentzel, Daniel Wentzel,

#### Immaculate Conception

Carl Voss, Baby Paul Brown, Norine Murphy, Tom & June Brown, Bonnie Lammers, Thomas Millea, Jim & Alberta Toillion, Patty Petersen, Bill & Catherine Brown, Sheila McClurg, Weber & Mahan Families, Mary Jo Tindall, Ralph & Alice Tindall, Dean Brobst, Ralph & Hannah Schacherer, Deceased Members of the Tegels & Carlin Family, Joleen Petersen, John & Rick Tindall, Alfred & Mary Margaret Lammers, Jim & Marie Tindall, Deceased Members of the Kulow Family, Deceased Members of the Schmitt Family, Don Jensen, Harry & Mabel Jensen, Gregory & Wilma Elbert

#### Sacred Heart Ruthven

Fr. Tom Geelan, Francis & Mary Geelan, Ruth & Jerry Gard, Kathy Geelan, Simon A. Sikora, Simon E. Sikora & Shane, Grandma & Grandpa Gappa, Bernadine & Charles Gappa



There will be NO school Mass until January 5, 2018.

### ECS HOPE/SCRIP Program

Merry Christmas from HOPE!!!  
Contact Mary Brennan with any questions at mpbrennan@e-irish.org or 712-852-3464.

**Purchase HOPE/SCRIP weekly, save on tuition!**

E.C.S. is taking part in a Schwans fundraiser and we would Love your support. When you order between **Now and Jan. 1, 2018, 20%** of your purchase amount will be contributed to our organization. Each person can also purchase a **eCertificate** once during the 45day campaign and Schwans will give **\$10 of that back to our school!** E.C.S. will earn 5% on your purchases following Jan. 1, 2018. To order online, visit [www.schwans-cares.com](http://www.schwans-cares.com) and select "Shop Now". To order by phone, call 1-855-870-7208 and provide Campaign ID: 35916.



### Preschool/Kindergarten Round-Up Event

Sunday, March 4th, 2018  
4:00 p.m.  
Registration: 3:45-3:55 p.m.



Immaculate Conception will be starting Children's Liturgy during Masses after the first of the year. It is for children ages 4, 5, and 6 years old. If anyone would like to

make donations to help purchase supplies for the program, please place your donation in an envelope marked

### Immaculate Conception

The \$70,000.00 bill for the new roof at Immaculate Conception has been paid. An additional \$675.00 has been paid for other repairs done to the roof.



### Jesus, the Light of the World

Jesus, the Light of the World, as we celebrate your birth may we begin to see the world in the light of the understanding you give us. As you chose the lowly, the outcasts, & the poor to receive the greatest news

the world had ever known, so may we worship you in the meekness of heart. May we also remember our brothers and sisters less fortunate than ourselves in this season of giving. Amen