

Mass Intentions This Week**Saturday, December 7, 2019**

4:00 PM †Gil Misplon-Misplon Family

Sunday, December 8, 2019

10:00 AM Saint Patrick Parishioners (Pro populo)

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

8:00 AM †Mary Margaret Stegman—KC

Saturday, December 14, 2019

4:00 PM †Wally Mathews-Shirley & Mike Meeker

Sunday, December 15, 2019

10:00 AM Saint Patrick Parishioners (Pro populo)

12:00 PM Spanish Mass —†David Reed-Ashley

Upcoming Dates:**Dec 12, 2019: St Mary of Woods-6:15 Mass, Adoration and Confession**

Dec 24, 2019, Vigil Mass 4:00 PM

Dec 24, 2019, Night Mass 11:00 PM

Dec 25, 2019, Christmas Mass 10:00 AM

Weekend Mass Attendance: 409

Parish Offering Weekend of 11/30 & 12/1/19

SUNDAY Offering	\$6,531.27
Improvement Fund	\$ 50.00
Assessment	\$ 31.00
Human Development	\$ 6.00
Advent	\$1,030.00
Retirement for Religious	\$ 65.00
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$7,713.27

Our Gifts To God—many contribute generously. We all need to share the burden of parish support. May God bless your sacrifice for Him!

Lay Ministry Schedule—December, 2019**Saturday Dec 14, 4 pm**

Serv: Trent Marcinko, Sutton Daring, Lucy Jones

Lect: Theresa and Brant Dunn

Minist: Shirley Fromm, John Vicario

Sunday, Dec 15, 10 am

Serv: Cale & Cameron Kline, Parker Hager

Lect: Mary Giannola, Wendy Miller

Minist: Sharon Traul, Brien Woolf

The bulletins & calendars can be read online:

St. Patrick Church—www.catholicbellefontaine.orgSt. Mary of the Woods—www.saintmaryofthewoods.com**Second Week of Advent**

Stir up our hearts, a Lord, to prepare the paths of Thine Only-begotten Son: that we may worthily serve Thee with hearts purified by His coming: Who livest and reignest with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen




The word Advent is from the Latin *adventus* for "coming" and is associated with the four weeks of preparation for Christmas. Advent always contains four Sundays, beginning on the Sunday nearest the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle, (November 30) and continuing until December 24. It blends together a penitential spirit, very similar to Lent, a liturgical theme of preparation for the Second and Final Coming of the Lord, called the Parousia, and a joyful theme of getting ready for the Bethlehem event.

Since the 900s Advent has been considered the beginning of the Church year. This does not mean that Advent is the most important time of the year. Easter has always had this honor.

The traditional color of Advent is purple or violet which symbolizes the penitential spirit. Religious traditions associated with Advent express all these themes.

MASS INTENTIONS: Please, fill out the form below and drop in the collection basket or mail to the office. There is a \$5 stipend for each Mass requested. **PLEASE, PRINT!**
Intention: _____
Offered by: _____
Date requested: _____
Mass requested: _____
We will make every attempt to get them on the date you request, however, funerals, prior requests and other events may prevent this, a specified date needs a 3 week notice to meet publication deadlines.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READING:
 Mon., Dec 9: Gn 3:9-15,20 Ps 98:1-4 Eph 1:3-6,11-12 Lk 1:26-38
 Tues., Dec 10: Is 40:1-11 Ps 96:1-3,10-13 Mt 18:12-14
 Wed., Dec 11: Is 40:25-31 Ps 103:1-4,8,10 Mt 11:28-30
 Thurs., Dec 12: Zec 2:14-17(Ps)Jdt 13:18bc,19 Lk 1:26-38
 Fri., Dec 13: Is 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-4,6 Mt 11:16-19
 Sat., Dec 14: Sir 48:1-4,9,11 Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19 Mt 17:9a,10-13



Is 35:1-6a,10
 Ps 146:6-10
 Jas 5:7-10
 Mt 11:2-11

Rosary will be recited: Sat at 3:30 pm & Sun 9:15 am before the Mass. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Parish Prayer Line: Tammy Bauer, 937.441.0645

In order to convert America and save the World what we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in Holy Hours of prayer. (Blessed Mother Teresa)

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (592.9455)
Hours: 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Tuesday & Thursday; 5:00-7:00 pm, Wednesday. Dates: Nov 19-20-21, 2019
Money Spent: \$1885.00 Clients: 165
Things we need: detergent, crackers, egg noodles, shampoo, plastic grocery bags. THANK YOU!

ANGEL OF GOD, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide, Amen.

*Look at the Candy Cane
 What do you see?
 Stripes that are red
 Like the blood shed for me*

*White is for my Saviour
 Who is sinless and pure.
 "J" is for Jesus My Lord, that's for sure!*

*Turn it around
 And a staff you will see
 Jesus my shepherd
 Was born for me!*



New Developments in the Music Department!

Our music program is branching out in new (and old) territory! Throughout Advent, they will be chanting the 'Communion Antiphon' in place of one of the hymns. The Church gives us three antiphons, usually lines from Scripture, that can be chanted at each Mass. There is an entrance antiphon, offertory antiphon, and communion antiphon. By chanting these antiphons, it not only adds beauty to the Mass, but it also enables the faithful to reflect more deeply on those lines of Scripture. Chant is a powerful way for us to honor the Word of God given to us in Scripture.

Vatican II's *Instruction on Music in the Liturgy* teaches us the important role of chant within the Mass. It says, "Gregorian chant, as proper to the Roman liturgy, should be given pride of place" (50a). Despite this instruction, chant has fallen out of practice in many Catholic parishes in the United States. The Archdiocese is working to revive this beautiful element of our Catholic tradition.

Thanks to all those in our music program for making this happen! I hope these chants will enable us all to enter more deeply into the Word of God this Advent!