

Mass Intentions This Week**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

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

8:00 AM †Sharinee Weidner-Sweeney Family

Thursday, December 19, 2019

6:15 PM †Mary Margaret Stegman—KC

Mass, Adoration and Penance

Saturday, December 21, 2019

4:00 PM †Kathleen Price-Misplons Family

Sunday, December 22, 2019

10:00 AM Saint Patrick Parishioners (Pro populo)

Upcoming Dates:

Dec 24, 2019, Vigil Mass 4:00 PM

Dec 24, 2019, Night Mass 11:00 PM

Dec 25, 2019, Christmas Mass 10:00 AM

Parish Offering—Dec 7 & 8, 2019

SUNDAY OFFERING \$5,711.00

Improvement Fund \$ 145.00

Advent \$1,247.00

Retirement for Religious \$2,158.00

TOTAL COLLECTION \$9,261.00

Weekend Mass Attendance—Dec 7 & 8 2019-421

Lay Ministry Schedule—December, 2019**Saturday Dec 21, 4 pm**

Serv: Chole, Patrick, Gabby Stolly

Lect: Terry Stolly, Tim Smith

Minist: Mary Smith, John Vicario

Sunday, Dec 22, 10 am 4th Sunday of Advent

Serv: Connor, Brenden, Ruth Eckstein

Lect: Becky Jones, Keith LeVan

Minist: Mark Jones, Kelly Steggeman

Tuesday, Dec 24, 4pm

Serv: Patrick, Spence, Sloan Stolly

Lect: Anne Reams, Rose Lyons

Minist: Wendy Miller, Deb Baker

Tuesday, Dec 24 11pm Mass During the Night

Serv: James, Megan, & Jason Dillon

Lect: Eric Tom, Lisa Brandel

Minist: Mike Vektorino, Sharon Traul

Wednesday, Dec 25 10am

Serv: Carter & Cooper Buck, Josias Robles

Lect: Theresa & Brant Dunn

Minist: Jennifer & Patrick Tynan

Third Week of Advent

We beseech Thee to listen to our prayers, O Lord, and by the grace of thy coming enlighten our darkened minds: Thou who livest and reignest with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

On the Third Sunday in Advent, Gaudete Sunday, the Church can no longer contain her joyful longing for the coming of the Savior. We light the rose candle and rejoice that our redemption is so close at hand. Gaudete comes from the Latin Antiphon, which begins, "Gaudete in Domino semper: iterum dico, gaudete .. " Rejoice

GIVE THEM A DAY

The tradition of having a nativity scene or "crèche" was made popular by St. Francis of Assisi. It is a reproduction of the cave in Bethlehem with Mary, Joseph, the infant Jesus in a manger, shepherds, angels, and animals. Each night during Advent, children are encouraged to place in the manger one piece of straw for each good deed done that day by a family member. This Advent tradition combines the spirit of conversion and the coming of Jesus. There is a blessing ceremony provided by the Church in the Book of Blessings for the crèche.

What shall you give to one small child?

A glamorous game, a tinsel toy,

A train that runs on curving track?

A picture book, a real live pet?

No, there's plenty of time for such things yet.

Give them a day for their very own-

Just one small child and his/her dad alone.

A walk in the woods, a run in the park, A fishing trip from dawn til dark,

Give the gift that only you can-The companionship of the "Old Man".

Games are outgrown, and toys decay,

But a child will never forget it you

give them a day. (Doherty)

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 16: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a Ps 25:4-9 Mt 21:23-27

Tues., Dec 17: Gn 49:2,8-10 Ps 72:1-4,7-8,17 Mt 1:1-17

Wed., Dec 18: Jer 23:5-8 Ps 72:1-2,12-13,18-19 Mt 1:18-25

Thurs., Dec 19: Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a Ps 71:3-6,16-17 Lk 1:5-25

Fri., Dec 20: Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-6 Lk 1:26-38

Sat., Dec 21: Sg 2:8-14 Ps 33:2-3,11-12,20-21 Lk 1:39-45



Is 7:10-14
 Ps 24:1-6
 Rom 1:1-7
 Mt 1:18-24

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

Parish Prayer Line: Tammy Bauer, 937.441.0645

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: If are a registered parishioner who is homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact the office.

“I have a burning thirst to be honored by men in the Blessed Sacrament: (Jesus speaking to St Maragaret Mary Alacoque).

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (592.9455)

Hours: 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Tuesday & Thursday;
 5:00-7:00 pm, Wednesday. Dates: Dec 3,4,5, 2019

Money Spent: \$2850.00 Clients: 63

Things we need: dish soup, shampoo

Closed week of 23 December 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.

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!

WANT TO BE CATHOLIC : If you are an adult (over the age of 7) and are already baptized in another Christian tradition the process for “Full Communion” with the Catholic Church is as simple as contacting the Office for an appointment with the Fr. Shawn Landenwitch. In the event you are not Baptized, the process for becoming Catholic is called the RCIA or the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults that requires a more in-depth preparation and period of study. For further information please contact Ms. Ashley Roberts at the office.

FREEDOM TO MARRY: An annulment is more accurately described as a “Declaration of the Freedom to Marry.” If you are a Catholic or are planning to marry a Catholic and you have been previously married and divorced we would like to assist you in the healing that is necessary in order to move forward with your life. Part of this healing is the effort to obtain an “annulment” or a “Declaration of Nullity” that then provides you with the freedom to marry in the Catholic Church. We want to help, it doesn't cost anything so, please contact the Office to set an appointment with Fr Shawn Landenwitch.