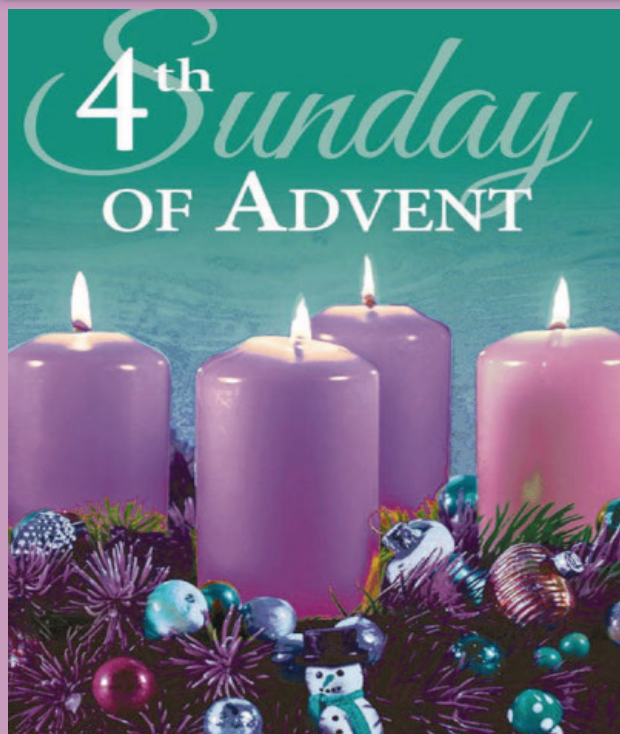


DIVINE MERCY PARISH DECEMBER 19, 2021



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OFFICE HOURS

Monday	8:00am-Noon
Tuesday	8:00am-4:00pm
Wednesday	8:00am-4:00pm
Thursday	8:00am-4:00pm
Friday	Closed

CONFESSION TIMES

Thursday	7:30am (before the 8:00am Mass)
Friday	7:30am (before the 8:00am Mass)
Saturday	4:00pm (before the 4:30pm Mass)

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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, December 18

8:00am Judy Hauser (SHJ)

4th Sunday of Advent

4:30pm For the Parishioners (SAP)

Sunday, December 19

4th Sunday of Advent

8:00am Maurice Loechte (SHJ)

10:00am Bill & Darlene Englert (SAP)
50th Anniversary

Monday, December 20

8:00am Kenny Haas (SAP)

Tuesday, December 21

6:00pm Pat Reckelhoff (SAP)

Wednesday, December 22

6:00pm Margaret Steckler (SHJ)

Thursday, December 23

8:00am Larry Berg (SAP)

Friday, December 24 **Christmas Eve**

8:00am Mary Catherine Mehringer &
Donna Scherle (SHJ)

4:30pm For the Parishioners (SHJ)

8:00pm Margie Knies (SAP)

Saturday, December 25 **Christmas Day**

8:00am Leo & Alvina Knust (SHJ)

10:00am For the Parishioners (SAP)

Sunday, December 26

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:00am For the Parishioners (SHJ)

10:00am Linus & Bernita Metz (SAP)



Mondays and Tuesdays from 12:00noon-9:00p.m. in Sacred Heart of Jesus Church Adoration Chapel.

WEEKDAY READINGS

Monday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

Friday: *Morning:* 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

Saturday: *Vigil:* Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25.

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Advent– Love

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

The theme of love runs through the fourth week of advent. Christmas is a feast of love. As we reflect on baby Jesus, we think of the mystery of God's love for us. Why did God, who is almighty and all-powerful, become small and powerless as a baby? Quite simply, out of love for us. First of all, genuine love always takes the initiative. It forgets itself and goes beyond itself in reaching out to others. Matthew's Gospel calls the Christ Child, Emmanuel, or God with Us. (Matt.1:23). True love means becoming present to those who are loved. Real love does not remain hidden in the darkness; it makes itself humbly but truly visible in the light.

The Child Jesus shows us the human face of God. So too, let us extend our love to everyone as he loves us all. Let us love one another as he loves us. Let us thank God for revealing his love for us in Jesus, that he who is so big and powerful, became so small and weak for us, that he became one of us, to help us to be more like him, to have life through him.

Great love can be talked about, deep passionate love can be expressed verbally or even written down, but love expressed in action proves that it actually exists. In this Advent season, as we reflect and prepare our heart for the remembrance of Jesus' coming to earth to rescue us, let us ask God to put someone in our heart whom we can love through an act of kindness. When Jesus entered our sin-ridden world and gave His life for us, he demonstrated how vastly he loves us. In the safety and fullness of His love, we can love others with action.

Fr. Jose



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Fellow parishioners...we need your help in selling these tickets! Please take order forms and hand them out to your family, friends, and co-workers. There is no limit to the amount of tickets someone can purchase. Ticket holders will be able to win a maximum of two times during the 2022 drawing. They make great Christmas gifts for family, friends, and employees.

Ticket holders must be 18 years of age or older. Each ticket should have only ONE NAME. Additional rules and restrictions apply. Please see the back of the order form or our website for details. Order forms are available in the back of both churches and on our website. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office.

Tickets sold: **790** out of 1,000

Holiday Mass Schedule



- 12/24 Christmas Eve**
4:30 pm at Sacred Heart
8:00 pm at St. Anthony
- 12/25 Christmas Day**
8:00 am at Sacred Heart
10:00 am at St. Anthony
- 12/26 Feast of the Holy Family**
8:00 am at Sacred Heart
10:00 am at St. Anthony
- 12/31 Vigil Mass-Mary, Holy Mother of God**
4:30 pm at St. Anthony
- 1/1 Mary, Holy Mother of God**
8:00 am at Sacred Heart
- Vigil Mass-The Epiphany of the Lord**
4:30 pm at St. Anthony
- 1/2 The Epiphany of the Lord**
8:00 am at Sacred Heart
10:00 am at St, Anthony

Christmas

Today marks the end of the Advent season and the beginning of the Christmas season. We have lighted four candles these past four weeks and asked God to help us be present to our neighbors and friends. Now in the Christmas season we are called to be Christ in the flesh to our world.



CHRISTMAS
— THE SAVIOR IS BORN —

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STEWARDSHIP FOR DECEMBER 12

Adult Envelopes.....	\$5,489.00
Loose.....	\$402.00
Child Envelopes.....	\$0
Automated.....	\$185.00
Total.....	\$6,076.00
Weekly Goal.....	\$7,400.00
Year-to-date difference... \$	\$16,114.00
Capital Improvement-(SAP) ...	\$245.00
Capital Improvement-(SHJ)....	\$110.00
No Preference-Either Campus	\$130.00

THANK YOU!



PRAYER LINE

Pat Fleck-(812)482-5480, Sara Betz-(812)630-9720

PRAYER LIST To place a name on the Prayer List, please call the parish office (812)326-2777. **Names will remain on the list for two months. After that, you may call to request a name to be added back to the list.**

November Daryl Hayden, Seth Striegel, McKenna Rose, Alphonse Lampert

December Special Intention, Emerson Thayer, Brad Fischer, Lee Joe Welp, 2 Special Intentions, Kathy Knies, Darrell Pund, Joe Fehribach, Richard Berg



RAFFLE
Winner

52 week Raffle
\$500 ticket winner

December 13, 2021
Stacie Lueken
Georgetown, IN

Congratulations!



RECONCILIATION TIMES FOR THE PARISH

Tuesday, Dec. 21 5:00pm-5:45pm at St. Anthony

Wednesday, Dec. 22 5:00pm-5:45pm at Sacred Heart

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

Are you searching quietly and seeking some answers about having a deeper relationship with God? Do you feel a sense of longing to belong to a faith community? Have you ever wondered what Catholics believe about Mary and the saints? Are you interested in learning more about Catholic tradition?

If you would like to have these and other questions answered, please contact Janie at the Parish Office at 812-326-2777 for more information about joining the Catholic faith.

PARISH NEWS

Saturday 12/18 Congratulations to Audrey Mehling & Damon McClellan, who were married at St. Anthony.

Today 12/19 Children's Nativity Practice

There will be a Children's Nativity Practice today in Sacred Heart Church after the 8:00am Mass. The Children's Nativity Program will take place on Christmas Eve at 4:00pm in Sacred Heart Church. If you are interested in participating, please attend the practice. Children of all ages may participate.

Monday 12/20 Evening quilting at the 800 Club from 6:30-8:30pm. All are welcome to quilt.

Friday 12/24 Children's Nativity Program will take place on Christmas Eve at 4:00 pm in Sacred Heart Church.

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE

Friday, Dec. 24, for the January 2 bulletin

Sunday 12/26 Feast of the Holy Family We encourage all parishioners to attend Mass as family and in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus, we will offer a prayer of consecration of our families to the Holy Family during all Masses that day.

Comfort Pillowcases Divine Mercy Parish is starting a ministry to make "comfort pillowcases" for parishioners who are homebound, under-going surgical procedures, etc. Our hope is that the pillowcase will give comfort to our parishioners, knowing they are in our thoughts & prayers. Help is needed to cut fabric, sew or iron. We are also in need of an embroidery machine if anyone can help with that. If you are interested in helping or know of anyone in need of one of these, call Mary Sue Uebelhor at (812) 630-2502.

Day and evening quilting will resume on January 3, 2022. New quilters are always welcome!! Come and help out as your schedule allows. Remember, every stitch counts!! Contact Eileen Schnieders at 812-326-2340. Merry Christmas and happy new year!



Religious Ed Classes will resume January 4 & 5.



Food Drive for Local Food Bank December 18—January 2

Divine Mercy Parish will again hold a food drive for the local food bank. The drive will take place from December 18 thru January 2. Parishioners wanting to donate are asked to leave items in the boxes or bags under the Christmas tree at Sacred Heart or St. Anthony. All non perishable items will be greatly appreciated. Items most needed are cereals, hamburger helper, pastas and sauces, cans of fruits and vegetables, and any paper products. Any and all items are needed and appreciated.



Divine Mercy Parish Health Ministry Blood Drive

Divine Mercy Parish Health Ministry is announcing that Versiti (formerly Indiana Blood Center) will be conducting a blood drive on January 30th from 8:00 am to 12 noon at the Divine Mercy Parish Center. Appointments are preferred. Please visit versiti.org or call Terri Vaal at (812) 630-5055 to schedule an appointment. Please be sure to eat well and drink plenty of fluids prior to donating blood. Thank you in advance for your continued support in donating at our blood drive!

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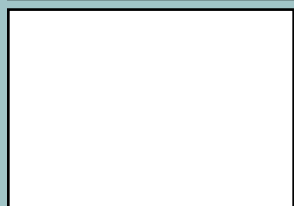
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