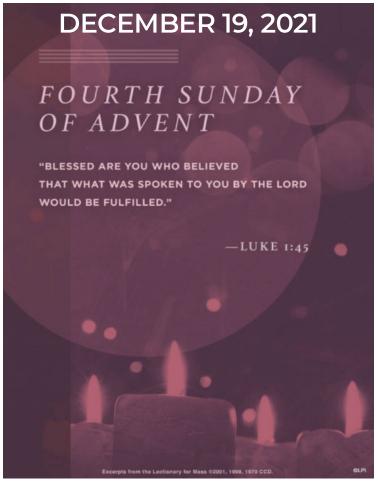


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PASTOR: FR. TAFADZWA KUSHAMBA

THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES

 Sunday
 8:00 & 10:00 am

 Monday
 8:00 am

 Tuesday
 5:15 pm

Wednesday 9:00 am (St. Rose, Brodhead)

Thursday 8:30 am

Friday (Christmas Eve) 4:00 & 6:00 & 8:00 pm

Saturday (Christmas Day) Midnight & 9:00 am (No 4:30 pm Mass)

Sunday 8:00 & 10:00 am

(Mass at St. Rose on the 1st Sunday of each month at noon) (Mass in Spanish on the 4th Saturday of each month at 7 pm)

ST. VICTOR CHURCH HOURS

Days with evening Mass: 6:30 am - 6:00 pm Days with no evening Mass: 6:30 am - 4:30 pm

CONFESSION

Tuesday, December 21 4:30-5:00 pm Saturday, December 25 No confession Or by appointment with the pastor

ADORATION

Friday, January 7 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Normally the 1st Friday of each month from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm, and the 4th Thursday (March-October) from 4-6 pm

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4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today we bless the fourth and last candle on our wreath. Let us ask God to bless our family on this final Sunday in Advent:

God of surprises, today we hear about the surprise that Mary experienced. She is pregnant with your Son!

Help our family to be obedient to your surprises, however they may spring up in our lives. All of your gifts work for the benefit of your people.

When we light this final candle on our wreath, let us bring your surprise gift of love to our neighbors and friends.

We ask this through Christ, who is the ultimate surprise gift to the world.



SIGN UP!*

CHRISTMAS MASS VOLUNTEERS

Calling all lectors, ushers, greeters, servers, and Communion ministers! The Christmas Masses are not part of the regular ministry schedule. If you have a specific Christmas Eve/Day Mass you plan to attend, please go to MinistryPro (the ministry scheduling website) to sign up to be a liturgical volunteer. You can also access MinistryPro via our parish website.



SECRET ANGEL PROJECT 2022

Our Secret Angel Project begins the first weekend of the new year (January I-2). Our parishioners can take a name off the Christmas tree and send one (or more) greeting

card a month to that person throughout all of 2022. You may reveal yourself or remain a secret!

The names include those who are homebound and in nursing homes, but it also based on age. If you are age 80 or older and would prefer NOT to have your name put on the tree, please call or email Tara at the parish office by Sunday, Dec. 26.

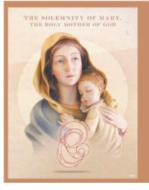




UPDATES AT ST. ROSE

Fr. Tafadzwa will celebrate Mass at St. Rose on the first Sunday of each month at noon (starting in January).

From Dec. 15 through Feb. 23, the Wednesday morning Mass time is moving to 9:00 am.



THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

(NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION THIS YEAR)

MASS TIMES: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31 5:00 PM (NO 8 AM MASS)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1 9:00 AM

ST. VICTOR CHURCH



CREATION CARE TEAM

"Recognizing that the world is interconnected means not only realizing the harmful effects of our actions, but also identifying behaviors and solutions to be adopted, in an attitude of openness to interdependence and sharing. We cannot act alone, for each of us is fundamentally responsible to care for others and for the environment. This commitment should lead to an urgently needed change of direction, nurtured also by our respective religious beliefs and spirituality."

-Pope Francis, Oct. 4, 2021

MONTHLY RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Jan. 1 & 2: Non-working Christmas lights Feb. 5 & 6: Ink cartridges and toners

ONGOING RECYCLING COLLECTION

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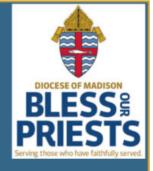
- Non-itemizers can deduct up to \$300 single or \$600 jointly. Your 040 offertory is eligible for this deduction.
- If you do itemize on your tax return, the deduction limit is up to 100% of a donor's annual income for cash gifts. (Previously, the deduction was capped at 60%.)
- If you would like to discuss giving strategies, contact Marci Boss in the parish office at 608-325-9506 or business@stclaregreencounty.org.



Are You 72 or Older?

Be sure to take advantage of tax savings on your IRA accounts by donating your required minimum distribution! More and more parishioners are reducing their taxable income and satisfying their offertory commitment by using their IRA minimum required distribution. Simply ask your financial advisor to write and mail your distribution directly to St. Clare of Assisi Parish. Due to privacy laws, your name may not come on the check, so please let Marci Boss in the office know to watch for your distribution.

Please remember the retired priests of our diocese (all 11 counties) by making a gift to the Bless Our Priests collection. This is used to directly support all retired priests' welfare, including the rising cost of healthcare, long-term care, and medical costs.



Please return your gift in the envelopes (in the pews) by **Sunday, December 19.**

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Thank you all for your support and participation in Evening Lights with Santa! We had close to 500 cars through both nights! I would like to thank the following committee members: Tasha Meier, Andrea Speer, Val Coplien, Tia Long, Jill Swenson, and Michelle Steinmann. They worked countless hours to make the event a huge success.



WISHING YOU A

blessed birthday this week!

Angela Smith **Barb Freund** Carol Clay Carrie Rowe Cheryl McGuire Christian Garcia (15) Corinne Ness Donna Deppeler Gricelda Elias Honora Hubert (15) Hunter Huschitt James Elsen James Connors Jessa Salcedo Estova Jim Zimmerman John Bażley Kurtis Wuethrich (15) Lisa Huntington * . Maggie Guralski Mary Davis Mary Leibold Mary Winn Mitchell Riese Richard Cleaveland Richard Deegan Sandy McArdle Sebastian Quintana (15) Thomas Brennan Thomas Ninneman Yuritzia Garcia

> *80+ years young **90+ years young (Children's ages in parentheses)

Please contact Tara Stietz with any questions, corrections, or if you would prefer NOT to have your name/birthday/age/* included in the bulletin.

The St. Victor School Christmas Concert will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 22 with performances at 1:00 pm and 6:30 pm. The concert this year will take place in our beautiful St. Victor Church. If you plan on attending we are asking you to please wear a mask. Thank you so much for your support of this event.

Students in first and second grade will be attending a viewing of the Polar Express at the Monroe High School PAC on Thursday, Dec. 23. We are excited to return to this Christmas tradition and thank Mrs. Steele for organizing this.

Christmas Break will begin after classes on Thursday, Dec. 23. We pray for a safe and wonderful Christmas for all as we celebrate the greatest gift ever given: Jesus.

Thank you so much for your continued support of St. Victor School. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful and supportive parish community allowing us to live our mission each day.

Congratulations to the following Evening Lights with Santa raffle winners:

Rhonda Swenson: \$250 Scrip coupon Eckdhal Family: American Girl Doll Hector Larraga: Lego Set



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St. Victor School

interest or enrollment

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home, hospital visit,

anointing of the sick)

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Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45 SUNDAY: MONDAY: TUESDAY:

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38 Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk

1:39-45

WEDNESDAY: THURSDAY:

I Sm I:24-28/I Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. Ia]/Lk I:46-56 Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk

1:57-66

FRIDAY: 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

SATURDAY: 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

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18

or 1:1-5, 9-14

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-NEXT SUNDAY: 17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf.

5a]/I Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

Friday

8:00 am - 3:00 pm 8:00 am - 3:00 pm 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

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These people are in special need of your prayers:

Randall Marty, Joe and Johnny Cizowski, Angela Smith, all of those sick and affected by COVID-19, all the sick of the parish, all military personnel, those incarcerated and their families, people with addictions and their families, and all the souls in purgatory.



PRAYER TREE

Receive the benefit of prayerful help. Contact Jacki Netzel with your intentions for prayer—provide the person's initials and a brief explanation of the intention (example: JN is having surgery) at (608) 329 -3939 or jsnetz@tds.net.

To join this ministry, please contact Jacki.

OFFERTORY INCOME Last week's collection \$12,390 Offertory collected year-to-date* \$313,223 Offertory goal to-date \$326,772 Contributions over/under goal to-date (\$13,549)

December Food Pantry Collection:

\$1,183

*All to-date figures include electronic giving. *The parish fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30.

THIS WEEK at ST. CLARE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

8:00 am Mass St. Victor Church St. Clare of Assisi parishioners 10:00 am Mass St. Victor Church †Jacob Ellefson

5-7 pm Faith Formation (EDGE, gr. 6-8) St. Victor Church

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:00 am Mass St. Victor Church †Robert House

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

4:30-5:00 pm Confession St. Victor Church confessional 5:15 pm Mass St. Victor Church †Keegan family 5:45 pm Finance Council Gathering space

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

9:00 am Mass St. Rose of Lima Church †Jen (Mahlkuch) Gilbertson 1:00 pm St. Victor School Christmas concert SV Church 6:30 pm St. Victor School Christmas concert SV Church

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23

8:30 am Mass St. Victor Church †Anya Teasdale 9:30 am Women's Bible Study Gathering space

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:00 pm Mass St. Victor Church St. Clare of Assisi parishioners 6:00 pm Mass St. Victor Church St. Clare of Assisi parishioners 8:00 pm Mass St. Victor Church St. Clare of Assisi parishioners

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

Midnight Mass St. Victor Church St. Clare of Assisi parishioners 9:00 am Mass St. Victor Church St. Clare of Assisi parishioners

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

8:00 am Mass St. Victor Church †Steve Breault 10:00 am Mass St. Victor Church †Richard Young







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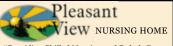
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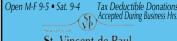
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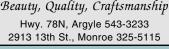


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