

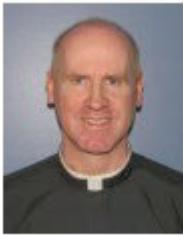
Advent

PREPARING THE WAY



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DECEMBER 8, 2024



Dear Parishioners,

Welcome to the second Sunday in Advent. This week our first reading from Isaiah gives us a message of hope and call to conversion. Through the first 39 chapters of Isaiah Israel was stuck in sin. Our Lord warns them, "You keep sinning. I send prophets. You don't listen. You are going to lose your land. You are going to lose the capital. And, you are going to lose the temple. And you are going to lose your freedom and be in Babylon."

So, that's where we end up in Isaiah 38 and 39 with Israel in exile. Israel is obstinate, they sin, and they end up getting captured by the Babylonians. And, they lose their kingdom and their land and their temple and their city.

But, now with today's first reading in Isaiah 40, God gives the Israelites a word of comfort. Our Lord says, "let her know that her warfare has ended and that her iniquities are expiated" which in plain English simply means, "your sins are forgiven." Notice how Israel is comforted and consoled by God's promise of forgiveness of their sins. Their sins are what are holding them bound. And, Now God offers to free them.

That is also how it works with us and part of our preparation this Advent for Christmas. We too have the great promise of God's forgiveness to put our lives back on track. But it's like the adage, "you can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink."

We have an incredible penance service schedule for 7:00 PM Tuesday December 17 and other opportunities for confession this month, but you need to come. What is holding you back? As it was for the Israelites, so it is for us. John the Baptist called all of the Israelites to the Jordon River to confess their sins and repent. That's how he prepares the way of the Lord. Forgiveness of sins is how we create space in our hearts for God. It is a joy to have that wait lifted and to be freed.

God Bless,
Fr. Butler



Mananitas a la Virgen de Guadalupe: 12 de Diciembre

Novena a la Virgen comienza Diciembre 3-11

Posadas comienzan Diciembre 14-22

Horario

Martes, 3 de diciembre- 6:30 PM

Miércoles, 4 de diciembre- 7:15 PM

Jueves, 5 de diciembre- 6:30 PM

Viernes, 6 de diciembre- 6:30 PM

Sábado, 7 de diciembre- 6:30 PM

Domingo, 8 de diciembre- 5:00 PM

Lunes, 9 de diciembre- 5:30 PM

Martes, 10 de diciembre- 6:30 PM

Miércoles, 11 de diciembre- 7:15 PM

Jueves, 12 de diciembre- **MANANITAS!**

MANANITAS: Únase a nosotros para nuestra celebración de Mananitas el 12 de diciembre. A 5:00 AM, tendremos misa. Despues de misa, tendremos un convivio en el salon parroquial.

Join our Hispanic Community as they pray a Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe from December 3-11. On December 12 we will celebrate her feast day with Mass at 5:00 AM and a party in the parish hall!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 8

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12,
13/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/
Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a,
10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt
11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-
16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/Phil
4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



- Unwrap the gifts in your marriage on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter.
- It is a weekend for married Christian couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together.

- Worldwide Marriage Encounter has been teaching couples good communication skills for over 50 years!
- Sign up today to attend the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on February 14-16, 2025 in Geneva, IL.
- Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: wwme.org or call (888) 574-5653.



RESPECT LIFE



Cookies For Life will be Sunday, December 15 at the Knight's breakfast. Once again, we ask parishioners to bake Christmas goodies to share.

KNIGHTS CORNER



The Knights of Columbus annual Christmas breakfast will be Sunday, December 15.

ONLINE GIVING

Please use this link or scan the code if you would like to sign up for online giving!

<https://osvhub.com/sacred-heart-marengo/funds>



STEWARSHIP

November 24, 2024

Sunday Collection \$
Miscellaneous \$
Online \$

Total Weekly Collection
\$

Thank you for your support of the parish.
-Fr. Butler and the finance council.

THIS WEEK...

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:00 AM Mass
10:00 AM Griefshare

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

7:00 AM Adoration and Confession
8:00 AM Mass
9:00 AM Adult Faith Formation
5:30 PM Religious Ed office hours
6:30 PM Rosarian Meeting
7:00 PM KC Business Meeting

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

8:00 AM Mass
12:00-7:00 PM Adoration
5:00 PM Confession
5:30 PM Religious Education
7:00 PM- 5:00 AM Overnight Adoration in preparation of the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

5:00 AM Spanish Mass, celebration following in Parish Hall
7:00 AM Adoration and Confession
8:00 AM Mass
6:30 PM SVdP

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

8:00 AM Mass
6:30 PM Cenacle

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

6:30 AM Rorate Caeli Mass
7:30 AM Scripture Study
4:00 PM Confession
5:00 PM Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

KC CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

COOKIES FOR LIFE

8:00 AM Mass
10:00 AM Mass, Confirmation following
10:30 AM- 12:30 PM OCIA
4:00 PM Spanish Mass

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

As a reminder, if your child will be missing class, we ask that you please contact our office to let us know.

RE students were invited to participate in a drawing contest sponsored by the Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus. The theme for the poster is 'Keep Christ in Christmas'. The paper for the artwork must be 11"x17" or smaller. All drawings are due no later than December 11th. Students can turn completed artwork in during religious education class. Winners will be announced during class on December 18th.

Confirmation classes will meet next week following the 10:00 AM Mass.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



As we begin Advent we are called to "wait" in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives.

Wherever you live in our parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul poor box will help the poor celebrate the grace of God's love this Christmas.



Would you like to tithe your time? Have you been thinking about giving back to the church?

Sacred Heart is looking for a volunteer receptionist to help answer the phones, greet people, and do light administrative tasks. Volunteers must have a heart for hospitality & kindness. Volunteer should also have basic computer skills.

Hours are Monday-Thursday 8:30 AM– 11:30 AM. We are happy to have two volunteers fill this position (a volunteer can come in Monday and Tuesday, and then a different volunteer comes in Wednesday and Thursday.)

Please call or email the parish office if you are interested!

ALTAR FLOWERS



Altar flower intentions/donations are completed for the year. The 2025 sign up sheet will be available in the back of church in January.



Check out our new and improved website!

sacredheartmarengo.org

It is packed with our latest events, liturgical ministry sign up & schedules. It also includes information on all the Sacred Heart Parish service organizations along with several links to inspiring Catholic content, such as Formed and Hallow.

The website is also available in English, Spanish and Polish, just toggle to choose your preferred language at the bottom of the page.

If you or your group would like to update your ministry's page or if you have any questions about the website, please contact Mary Gatlin or Nick Hogan. If you have questions about the Spanish version of the website, contact **Isabella and Mireya Magallanes**.



RORATE CAELI MASS

Join Father Butler as he celebrates Rorate Caeli Mass on Saturday, December 14 at 6:30 AM.

A Rorate Caeli Mass is traditionally celebrated just before dawn in Advent as a devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Mass is only lit by candles, representing Mary's role in bringing the Light of the World into the darkness of the world.

PARISHIONERS IN NEED OF PRAYER

Please keep these and those previously listed people in your prayers.

Star Smith, Dan Johnson, Kathy Kothera, Monika Andrade, Deacon Mike, Bob Witek, Ryan Schroder, Diana Mundt, Eileen Brengman, Donna Himmelstein, Joanne Malis, Kathy Lohff, Alex Humeniak, Juan Limon, Mike Arvis, Deacon Jack, Bill Irons, Peggy Schenk, Lorraine Pepke, Ray Eck, Helena McKee, Steve Wasiak, Shirley Wilcox, Steve Cooper, Rita Ahler, Abby Burns, Lucille Diedrick, Sylvia Drake, Ray Kasper, Terry Quirk, Shirley Waldoch
For those who have died: Tom Herold, Bernie Kraemer

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, December 14 at 5:00 PM

Sacristan.....Sharon Looby
Lector.....Mike Smyk
Extraordinary Ministers.....Cindy Bachleda, Laura Jones
Ushers.....Jake Sensor, Deb Temple, Carl Temple, C. Markison
Altar Servers.....Logan Smyk, Serenity Gatlin

Sunday, December 15 at 8:00 AM

Sacristan.....Bill Rivas
Lector.....Barb Weidner
Extraordinary Ministers.....Bill Rivas, John Murphy
Ushers.....John Hammer, Pasquale Passaro, Steve Nowicki, Bill Brandt
Altar Servers.....Derek Leitzen, Hannah Kagan
Homebound Ministry.....Dona Taylor

Sunday, December 15 at 10:00 AM

Sacristan.....Cathy Reiser
Lector.....Anthony Binotti
Extraordinary Ministers.....Brian Lucca, Barb Koester
Ushers.....Jose Gudino, Bob Witt, Cathy Reiser, Jesse Garcia
Altar Servers.....Addie and Kate Jones

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:00 AM Richard & Evelyn Wieczorek+ (Bob & Chris Botts)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:00 AM Daniel Sauber (Chuck and Pat Sauber)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

8:00 AM The Living and Deceased Mothers of SHP

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

5:00 AM The Living and Deceased Mothers of SHP

8:00 AM The Living and Deceased Mothers of SHP

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

8:00 AM Gordon H. Hein+ (Rosemary Bartman)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

6:30 AM The Living and Deceased Mothers of SHP

5:00 PM Meredith Chernick (Monica Schulz)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

8:00 AM Werner Tessie Hacker (Gene Paprocki & Family)

10:00 AM Sacred Heart Parishioners

4:00 PM The Living and Deceased Mothers of SHP

2024 DIOCESAN APPEAL STATUS

Parish Goal \$40,940.55

Pledged to Date \$31,067.00

82 families pledged

We are at 79.68% of our goal



If we meet our goal, the extra money is returned to the parish to use for building improvements. If you haven't done so already, please prayerfully consider making a contribution. Thank you and God bless you—Fr. Butler

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Holy Mass

Saturday Vigil.....5:00 PM
Sunday8:00 AM & 10:00 AM, 4:00PM (Spanish)
Monday-Friday.....8:00 AM
First Saturday.....9:00 AM

Adoration

First Friday.....8:30 AM—12:00 PM
Wednesday.....12:00 PM—7:00 PM
Tuesday / Thursday.....7:00 AM—8:00 AM

Reconciliation

Tuesday, Thursday, First Friday.....7:00 AM—7:50 AM
Wednesday.....5:00 PM—6:00 PM
Saturday.....4:00 PM—4:45 PM
First Saturday.....8:30 AM-9:00 AM

Holy Communion to the Homebound

Parishioners not able to attend Mass because of illness or age, call the parish office to make arrangements.

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