

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2023

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**Masses**

Saturday      4:30 p.m.  
Sunday        7:00, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.  
Weekdays    7:00 a.m. Monday—Thurs.  
                    8:15 a.m. Friday  
                    8:00 a.m. Saturday

**Confessions**

Saturday 7:45—8:00 a.m.  
Saturday 3:30—4:15 p.m. or by appointment

**Parish** (309) 444-3524

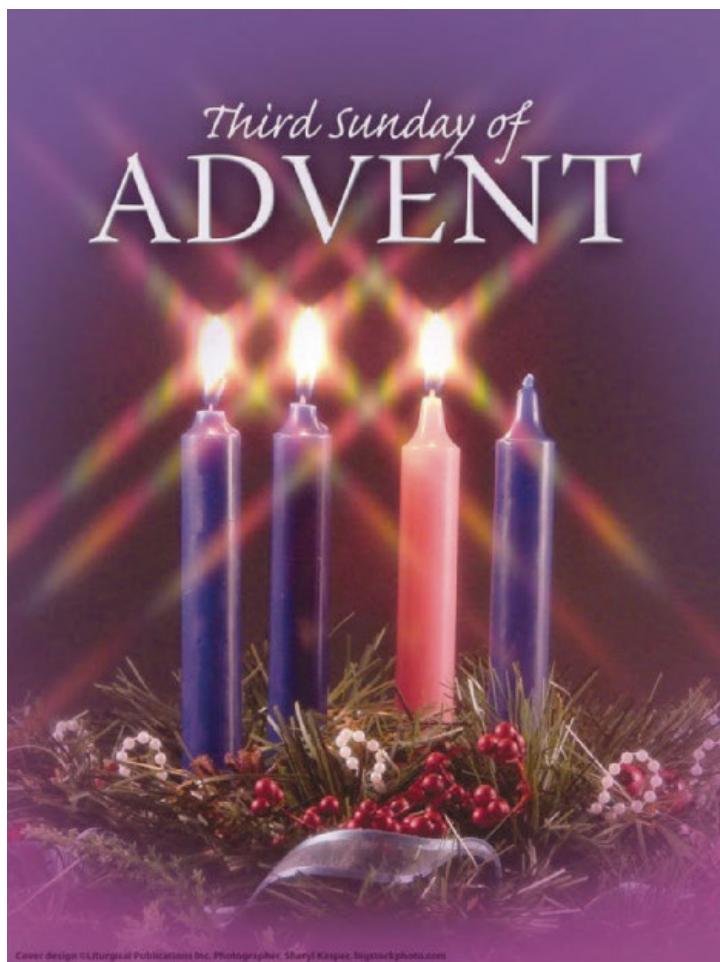
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# MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, December 16, 2023**

4:30 p.m. Marie Grawe by Pinky Riffle

**Sunday, December 17, 2023**

7:00 a.m. Pat Dougherty by Bob &amp; Toni Hogan

8:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the Gordon/Koch Families by the Judy Koch Family

11:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus by the KCs

**Monday, December 18, 2023**

7:00 a.m. Dorothy Kramer by Charlie Truitt

**Tuesday, December 19, 2023**

7:00 a.m. Andrew Titone by the Hocking Family

**Wednesday, December 20, 2023**

7:00 a.m. Simon LaHood by Sean &amp; Michelle Hayes

**Thursday, December 21, 2023**

7:00 a.m. Nick Volk by Gene &amp; Lori Gangloff

**Friday, December 22, 2023**

8:15 a.m. Chuck Schumacher by Judy Volk

**Saturday, December 23, 2023**

8:00 a.m. Donald "Doc" Fandel by the Family

4:30 p.m. Robert Noirot by Mary &amp; Family

**Sunday, December 24, 2023**

8:30 a.m. Pat Ozella by Linda Thomas

4:30 p.m. Chuck Schumacher by Mary Gover

9:00 p.m. Gene Venegoni by Rosi &amp; Mike Dalsing

**CCD Calendar for December/January**

Class Time 9:45 a.m.—10:45 a.m.

Dec 17th—Class

Dec 24th—No Class

Dec 31st—No Class

Jan 7th—Class

Jan 14th—No Class

Jan 21st—Class

**Baptism Class**

The January Baptism class will take place on Sunday,  
January 14, 2024, after the 11 a.m. Mass  
in the church. Please call the church office to register.  
(309) 444-3524

**LITURGICAL ROLES****Saturday, December 23, 2023**

4:30 p.m. Lector—Nicole Clark

EM—Dodie Fisher, John Grillot, Patricia Milligan, Linda Pratt

Servers—Mason &amp; Anneliese Schlack

**Sunday, December 24, 2023**

8:30 a.m. Lector—Jean Lushina

EM—Lori Biagini, Dave Graham, Bobbie Jennings

Servers—Adelyn Freehill, Zoey Geisz

4:30 p.m. Lector—Kay Grillot

EM—Mary Blackford, Justin Cody, John Grillot, Bobbie Jennings

Servers—Jaci Fitz

9:00 p.m. Lector—Kathryn Ehrsam

EM—Patti Blanchard, Cindy Toyne

Servers—Carly &amp; Brooke Foglesonger

**PLEASE PRAY FOR . . .**

Dick Alessi, Patricia Asher, Kenneth Bergman, Shirley Black, Peter Blackburn, Jeanette & Pete Blackman, Gene & Barbara Broadbear, Daniel Brown, William Burian, Sharon Buysse, Polly Casey, David Clark, Linda Clark, Susan Cody, Paul Coovert, Jill Cunningham, Brad Curless, Dan and Shirley Curley, Avery Dansizen, Jane Dobbins, Charlotte Foley, Norma Gaul, John & Susan Gorman, Lois Gorman, Evan Grube, Mary Habecker, Eleanor Hammer, Gene Hobbs, Shirley Hobbs, Mikayla Hoff, Kristina Holt, Victoria Houze, Jean Jones, Jerry Jarboe, Mary Jane Junk, Kent Karcher, Victoria Lacey Gloria LaHood, Kathleen Lane, Rhonda Larson, Lisa Lienen, Irma McCaffrey, Leo McGowan, Paul McLaughlin, Harlan Monk, Jerry Moore, Deacon Paul Neakrase, Rhett Nichols, Roger O'Brien, Suzanne O'Dea, Mark O'Neill, Aileen Orr, Mary Otten, Tina Otten, Sue Pierceall, Andy Roe, Sarah Rogers, Libby Shea, Lahoma Singer, Corey Smith, Marty Sokolowski, Mary Ann Speerly, Michael Stephens, Austin Strong, Gary Sweet, Bridget Tackman, Arthur Tattersall, Earla Tenuta, Tony Tenuta, Solange Wahl, Denise Welch, Nancy Welch Pruitt and Welch Family, Shari West, Kris Williams, Mary Winslow, Larry and Lynda Wright, Ed Zwilling.



## Blessing for Expectant Mothers

Today after all Masses by  
the Mary statue.



## Coffee and Cookies

Come join us Sunday after  
the 8:30 a.m. Mass in the  
Sister Mary Ann Gym  
for coffee, milk  
& cookies!  
Your free-will  
donation is greatly  
appreciated!



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jerry Smith  
who died on December 4, 2023. Our condolences  
to his daughter, Stephanie (Miles) Standish.

Decorating the  
church for  
Christmas will take  
place after  
8:30a.m. Mass on  
Sunday, December  
24th. Please stay  
after Mass and help  
decorate! Children  
must be accompanied  
by an adult.



## Thursday Adoration will begin December 14th

St. Patrick Church has Adoration on  
Thursday evenings from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

## Friday Adoration will begin January 12th

after 8:15 a.m. Mass

### Benediction:

At 2:15 p.m.

If you would like to sign up for a time  
during Friday Adoration please contact  
Kathy Horning, at 309-648-2576



## Sunday Mass Times and Holiday Schedule

Saturdays 4:30p.m.  
Sundays 7:00a.m., 8:30a.m. & 11:00a.m.

Masses for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (a Holy Day  
of Obligation) Thursday, December 7th at 6:00p.m. and Friday,  
December 8th at 7:00a.m., 8:15a.m. and 6:00p.m.

There will be no 7:00a.m. or 11:00a.m. Masse on the morning of  
December 24th. There is a 4:30p.m. Mass on December 23rd and  
an 8:30am Mass on December 24th  
to fulfil your Sunday obligation.

Christmas Eve Masses will be held on December 24th at  
4:30p.m. and 9:00p.m. and  
Christmas Day Mass will be held at 9:00a.m. on Monday,  
December 25th.

## Bible Study

Bible study group will be taking a short break and  
returning January 9, 2024

Contact Molly Knapp for more information or  
questions (309) 264-5619.





Congrats to all our Lego League members on a job well done at their recent competition, held on December 2nd. Especially our 5th grade robotics team: Matthew Stevenart, Rose Berberich, Bobby Lindsey, Cecilia Hatton, Quin Toohill, and Ansel Strauser won the coveted Rising All Star Award at Saturday's tournament and qualified for State!

December 6th, is the Feast Day of St. Nicholas and the St. Patrick School Parent Ministry celebrates in a special way. In the Middle Ages it was custom throughout Western Europe to select a boy or a young man to be the Nicholas Bishop for this feast day. Dressed in a bishop's regalia, the Nicholas Bishop would use his honor to serve others and have fun. In keeping with new tradition, the junior high teachers have selected an 8th grade boy to serve as St. Nicholas. We'd like to recognize Jayce Hughes for his academic achievements, as well as his strength in virtue as a student of St. Patrick School.



Pictured on the left is Jayce with Principal, Cassie Smith and Fr. John.



On the far right is Jayce and his mom, Shannon Hughes, our Pre-K 4 teacher.





**ADVENT****THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
LECTIONARY 8**Gospel – John 1:6-8, 22-23**

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. [The priests and Levites] said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?" He said: "I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,'" as Isaiah the prophet said."



**We belong to God, our Father, who sent his only Son Jesus for our salvation. In the preparation for this Christmas season, Mary gives us the first example of discipleship in her radical "yes" to the Angel, Gabriel. This Advent season, we give thanks for the legacy of faith that has formed us, while we prayerfully envision the future vibrancy of our parishes, schools and ministries.**

"In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son, whom he made heir of all things..."

- 1 Hebrews 1:1-2

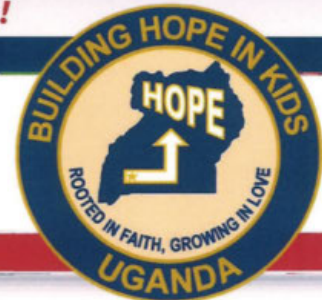


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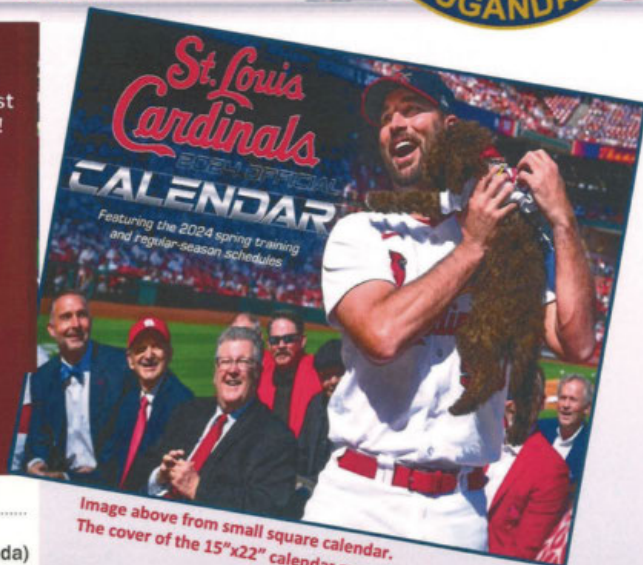


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