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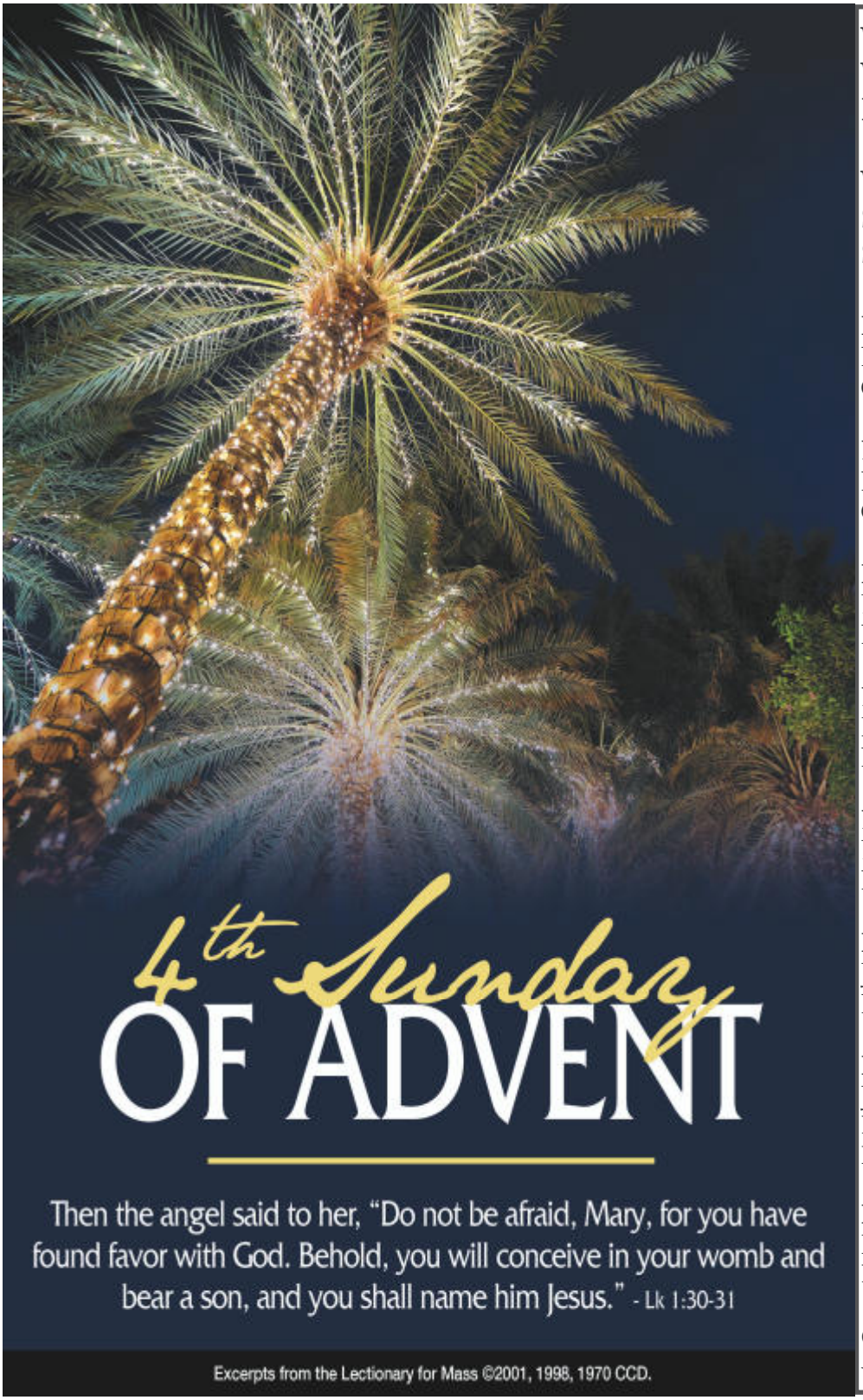

Weekday Masses
Wednesday: 8:00 a.m.
Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Weekend Masses
Saturday: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	December 21	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	December 22	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Wed.	December 23	8:00 a.m.	Lavonne Irving
Thurs.	December 24	5:30 p.m.	Tom Vrombaut
Fri.	December 25	8:30 a.m.	Katie Grady
Sat.	December 26	5:30 p.m	Elaine Schulz
Sun.	December 27	8:00 a.m.	People of the Parish

Tune to FM 103.3 in the church parking lot to listen to Mass from your vehicle.

Knights of Columbus
For information for the Knights of Columbus at
Our Lady of the River call Joe Kleiss at 563-343-1354

Liturgical Roles

Date December 19-20	5:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m.
Lector	Teresa Anderson	Brian Dugan
Greeter	Penny Souhrada	Pam Hughes
Usher	Mike Souhrada	Jay Hughes
Recorder	Betty Hamilton	Jennifer Hildebrand
Date December 26-27	**5:30 p.m.**	**8:00 a.m.**
Lector	Madelyn Phares	Nancy Murray
Greeter	Betty Hamilton	Kathy Cox
Usher	Steve Eye	Brian Dugan
Recorder	Jim Anderson	Karen Dugan

NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome to our parish family! Please register in the sacristy after Mass.

BAPTISM: Contact the Pastor

RECONCILIATION: Immediately following the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday or anytime by appointment.

MARRIAGES: Arrangements are to be made six months before the wedding.

SICK CALLS: Anyone who cannot attend Mass or receive the sacraments in Church because of illness or age please contact the Pastor.

REMEMBER *in your prayers*

Let us remember those on the prayer chain.

Let us remember those who are in the nursing home: Betty DeCraene and Betty Drumm.

Let us remember those who are sick or in need of our prayers: Laura Bauer, Nathan Brandt, Bob Boyd, Brian Burke, Donna Farraher, John Grady, Andrew O'Rourke, Bobby Schilling, Cyndi Smith, Joe Trujillo, Tim Trujillo, Ruth Viktora, and Alexis Willey.

Let us pray for those who are serving in the military: Richard Brumage, Jenna Harrison, Kevin Sipple, and Devon Stock.

Power of Prayer—OLOR Prayer Chain

We would like to remind parishioners of our e-mail prayer chain. If you have a prayer concern, or would like to be added to our prayer chain, please e-mail **Teresa Anderson** at: jite2@mchsi.com - or - call 563-340-9470

UPCOMING Events

Parish Diary
Commencing the Week December 20th

Sunday, December 20th
8:00 a.m. Mass
Monday, December 21st
Tuesday, December 22nd
9:30 a.m. Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Adult Study
Wednesday, December 23rd
8:00 a.m. Mass
Thursday, December 24th
5:30 p.m. Mass
Friday, December 25th
8:30 a.m. Mass
Saturday, December 26th
5:30 p.m. Mass
Sunday, December 27th
8:00 a.m. Mass

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Collection
November 28-29

Envelopes ——————————————$1,226
Offertory ——————————————$7
Christmas Gift Certificates-——————————$220
Christmas Flowers-——————————————$150
Campaign for Human Development——————$30
Memorial——————————————————$120

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

We invite you to remember a loved one in a special way during the Christmas season by making a donation to the flower fund. Use the envelope in your packet or one of the envelopes in the church hall marked "Christmas Flowers" and drop it into the collection basket or return it to the parish office. Please remember to include any names you wish to be memorialized.

Communal Penance Information

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, we are not able to have our usual Advent Communal Penance service this year. The Holy Father , Pope Francis, has told us that because of the Pandemic when it is impossible to receive the Sacrament of Penance , one may pray a perfect Act of Contrition with the assurance that our sins will be forgiven.

This is not to say that the Sacrament of Penance is no longer important. But under certain conditions, such as a pandemic, perfect contrition, coming from the love of God and expressed by sincere repentance and the firm resolution to receive sacramental confession as soon as possible, the individual penitent obtains the forgiveness of sins, even mortal one (See Catechism of the Catholic Church #1452)

Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for volunteers to help decorate the Church for Christmas on Sunday, Dec 20th, after the 8 a.m. Mass. We will be setting up the trees, Nativity Scene flowers, etc. Many hands make light work.

Liturgical Roles

The Church Life Commission is in need of parishioners to help with greeting, ushering and recording at both Masses, especially Sundays. The duties are: arrive at church half an hour before Mass starts. Greeters will stand by the entrance and greet people coming in, and directing them to the recorders table. The recorder writes down the names of those coming to Mass to aid in contact tracing. The usher will accompany the attendees into the church and seat them from front to back. After Mass, all three will wipe down the pews with sanitizers. If you can help with this ministry, please call or email Pam Hughes, 563-570-2446 or expressinthread@aol.com. Thank you, Pam Hughes

NATIVITY OF THE LORD MASS SCHEDULE:

Thursday, December 24th
OLOR Mass at 5:30 p.m.
COV Mass at 3:30 p.m.
Friday, December 25th
OLOR Mass at 8:30 a.m.
COV Mass at 10:30 a.m.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Thursday, December 31st
OLOR Mass at 5:30 p.m.
COV Mass at 4:00 p.m.
Friday, January 1st
OLOR Mass at 10:00 a.m.
COV Mass at 8:30 a.m.
OLOR Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Retirement Fund for Religious

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Diapers are being collected at OLOR

They will be donated to Hiney Heroes to be distributed to families in need.

Bulletin Deadline

Due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays we're requesting bulletin information turned into the church office by the following dates:

- Bulletin for January 2/3 – Information due Noon on Dec 20th

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Numbers 6:24-26

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