

December

19

2021

St. Jerome, Columbus St. Patrick, Doylestown



4th SUNDAY of Advent

"And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy." - Lk 1:43-44

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 18

4:30 pm (SJ) †Edward & Cecilia Prosser

Sunday, December 19

7:00 am (SJ) People of our Parishes

9:00 am (SP) †Tim Geiger

11:00 am (SJ) †Bill & Betty Kennedy

Monday, December 20

8:20 am (SJ) †Roxanne Leik

Tuesday, December 21

5:30 pm (SP) For Lapsed, Lukewarm & Fallen Away Catholics

Wednesday, December 22

8:20 am (SJ) †John Thomas Andler

10:30 am (MD) †Nicholas George Walz

Thursday, December 23

8:20 am (SJ) †Larry Nelson

Friday, December 24

4:00 pm (SJ) †Sylvester Ballweg

7:00 pm (SP) People of our Parishes

Saturday, December 25

12:00 am (SJ) Poor Souls of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 am (SJ) †Philip Disrud

11:00 am (HA) †Phyllis Reinen

Sunday, December 26

7:00 am (SJ) †Patricia Wild

9:00 am (SP) People of Our Parishes

11:00 am (SJ) †Sylvester Ballweg

Reconciliation: Saturday 3pm - 4pm at St. Jerome
By appointment or otherwise noted

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Dec 19 (SP) 10:00am.....St Patrick Choir Practice
 Dec 19 (SJ) 5:00pm.....Rosary & Adoration w/ Benediction
 Dec 19 (SJ) 5:00pm.....Confession available during Adoration
 Dec 20 (SJ) 6:00pm.....Confession available until 8:00pm
 Dec 22 (SJ) 7:00pm.....Rosary & Adoration w/ Benediction
 Dec 23 (SJ) 7:00pm.....Fr. McGivny Prayer Hour
 Dec 26 (SJ) 5:00pm.....Simple Adoration & Rosary

Readings for the Week of December 19, 2021

SUN: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45
MON: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38
TUE: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
WED: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56
THR: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66
FRI: *Morning:* 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79
SAT: *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; *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

REFLECT

We are God's Instruments

St. Augustine tells us that a "Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks and a hand through which Christ helps." As we look around and out at the world, we do not have to search too far before we come face to face with inequity and injustice. There is so much unfairness, prejudice, anger, hatred, violence, and want. The stories of human heartache, people being hurt, deprived of life's necessities, loneliness, and sickness are far too commonplace. For many of the world's ills, the vices of greed, lust, pride, gluttony, and jealousy are clearly among the more significant root causes.

Why doesn't God just step in and fix this mess? After all, God created this world, and one would hope that he would step up and take some measure of responsibility for it! Once we sit with this thinking for a while, we can begin to realize just how flawed it really is. God did take responsibility and God did fix the problem! God sent us Jesus Christ as the divine solution to the world's ills. It is not God who has shirked responsibility, we have. We are the ones who continually fail to set our own personal needs, wants, and securities aside so that One more powerful than us can use us.

Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of God to come into the world. Put simply, Mary listened and believed. Having opened herself to being an instrument of the Divine, God could use her as his

mind, heart, voice, and hand. She became God's vessel so that God's greatness could reach the ends of the earth and peace could

come upon the world. God's fix for the world's difficulties is you and me. We are the ones who confess that Jesus Christ came into the world as the Son of God, the Prince of Peace, and herald of justice. All we have to do is believe, as did Mary, that what has been spoken to us by the Lord will be fulfilled. Then, we can step aside and be the Christians we claim to be. What a difference it would make if every person who professed to be Christian truly understood that their one and only vocation is to be God's instrument. What a beautiful, equitable, and just world it would be.



Christmas Eve Mass Schedule

- 4:00 PM at St. Jerome
- 7:00 PM at St. Patrick

Christmas Day Mass Schedule

- 12:00 Midnight at St. Jerome
- 9:00 AM at St. Jerome
- 11:00 AM at Home Again

NOTE-NO 4:30 Mass on Saturday 12/25

Religious Ed - Week at a Glance

Dec 19	(SJ)	9:15am.....K-7 th Grade - RE Class
Dec 22	(SP)	6:15pm.....K-1 RE Class NO CLASS
Dec 22	(SP)	6:15pm.....2nd - Confiramation - NO CLASS
Dec 22	(SJ)	7:00pm.....Confirmation Class - NO CLASS
Dec 26	(SJ)	9:15am.....K-7 th Grade - NO CLASS
Jan 2	(SP)	10:00am.....Adult Faith Formation Class resumes
Jan 5	(SP)	RE Classes Resume

HIGH SCHOOL FORMATION NIGHTS

NOVEMBER 7
NOVEMBER 21
DECEMBER 5
DECEMBER 19
JANUARY 16
JANUARY 30
FEBRUARY 6
FEBRUARY 20
MARCH 6
MARCH 20
APRIL 3
MAY 1
MAY 8

WHEN: SUNDAY NIGHTS / 7-8:30PM
WHERE: SACRED HEARTS - SUN PRAIRIE

XAVIER MISSION TEAM

High School Formation Nights

HS Formation Nights presented by the Xavier Mission Team. The goal of the Formation Nights is to equip teens to live a life of virtue, through real conversations about the things that matter. Plus, games, snacks, prayer, etc. :)

Dec. 19 topic - Forms of Prayer

Please contact CJ Grahn (cgrahn@stjeromecolumbus.org or 920-623-3753) for more information if you are interested!

Brick Pavers at St. Jerome's

Remember a loved one by purchasing an engraved brick for our Memory Walk by St. Jerome School. Find the order form on the St. Jerome website at <http://www.sjcolumbus.org/parish/support/memory-walk/>. Or pick up an order form at the Resource Table in the Narthex. We will be placing the order and installing the bricks in the Spring

Donations for Flowers at St. Patrick

Anyone wanting to donate to Saint Patrick's Christmas flowers, put your donation in an envelope: mark it **Saint Patrick's Christmas Flowers, with your name on it**, and put it in the collection. Thank You for your donations in the past.

Year-End Contributions

Just a reminder that we can not record any contributions received after December 31 as a 2021 contribution unless it is postmarked by 12/31/2021. Thank you for your continued support to our parish.

Maintenance/Custodial Position Open



St. Jerome School and Parish are seeking a person to fill the open Maintenance/Custodian position. All interested parties should send application information to: St. Jerome Parish, Attn: Search Committee, 1550 Farnham St.,

Columbus WI 53925.
Or email Kradtk@stjeromecolumbus.org

St. Jerome Cemetery

St. Jerome's is looking for a Cemetery Sexton. If you are interested in finding out more information, please call Kris at the parish office, 920-623-3753.

Advent Reconciliation Times

- December 20th, 6-8pm (Advent Reconciliation at St. Jerome)
- December 22nd, 7-8pm (St. Jerome)



Songs of the Season



The New Hope Singers will provide pre- Mass Christmas music for the 4:00pm Christmas Eve liturgy, starting at approximately 3:15pm.

St. Jerome Parish Offertory - December 5, 2021

Offertory Envelopes	\$	17,036.00
Online Offertory	\$	2,365.66
Loose Offertory	\$	548.03
Total Collections	\$	19,949.69
Last Year Offertory 12/6/20	\$	14,938.55

Holiday Bulletin Submission Schedule

January 2 bulletin - due by 4pm Mon, December 20

The Solemnity of The Nativity of the Lord (Dec. 25th) and the Feast of the Holy Family (Dec. 26th) are **both Holy Days of Obligation**. This year they are back-to-back. The following chart is included to assist you in fulfilling both obligations next weekend. *Pick one from each column to fulfill both obligations.*

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) (Pick One)	Feast of the Holy Family (Pick One)
Dec. 24th 4pm (St. Jerome)	Dec. 26th 7am (St. Jerome)
Dec. 24th 7pm (St. Patrick)	Dec. 26th 9am (St. Patrick)
Dec. 25th 12am (St. Jerome)	Dec. 26th 11am (St. Jerome)
Dec. 25th 9am (St. Jerome)	
Dec. 25th 11am (Home Again Assisted Living)	

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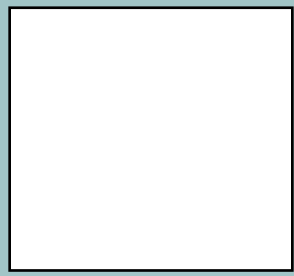


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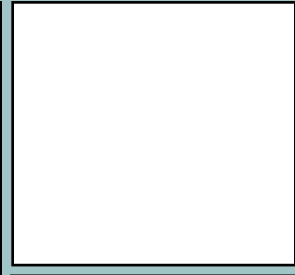
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