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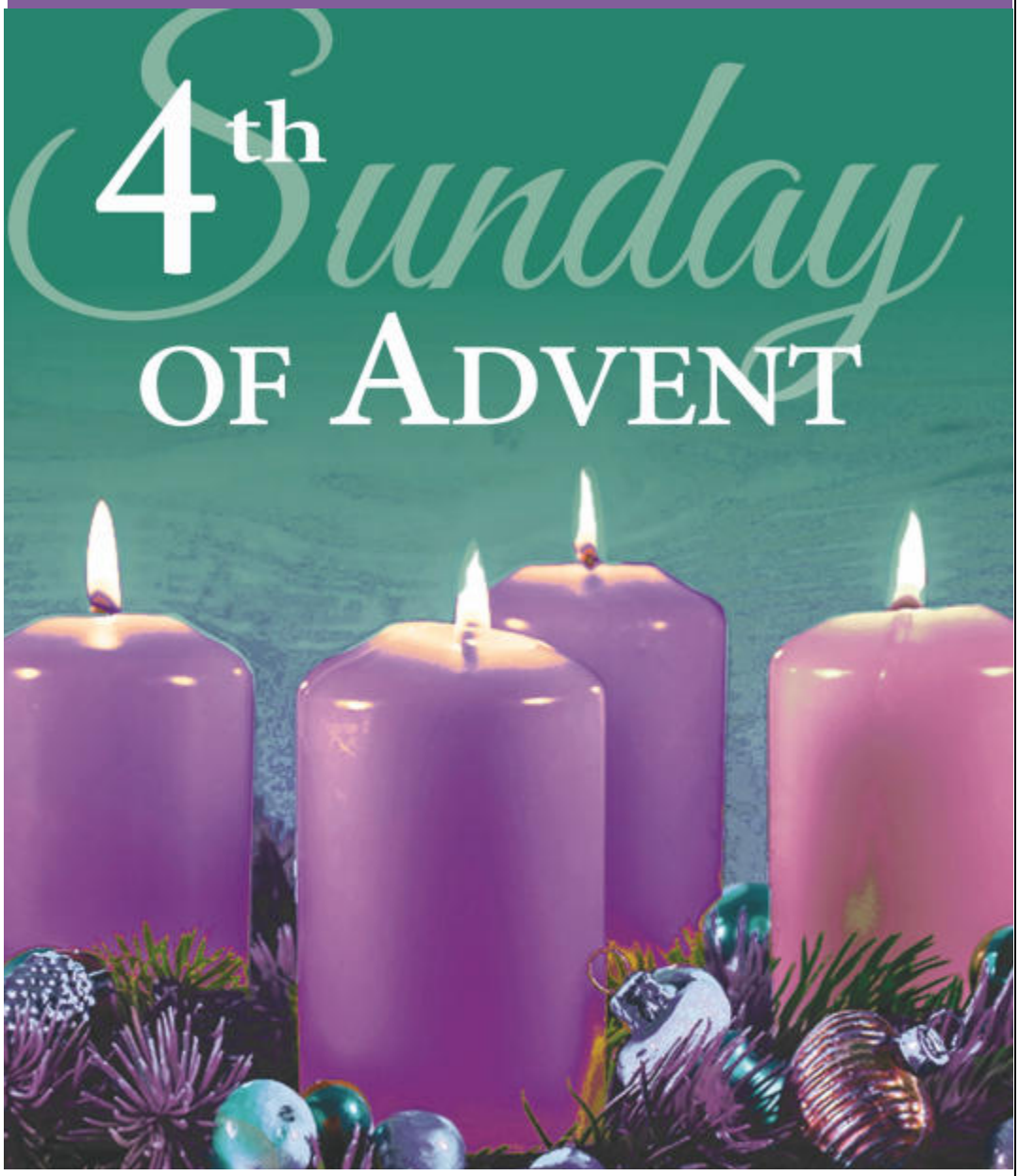
Sunday, December 20, 2020



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Saturday Mass: 5:30 pm
Sunday Mass: 7:30 am | 10:30 am
12:30 pm (en Español)

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Saturday Mass: 4:00 pm

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 19
7:30 am +Wanda & Steve Maske/Mass (SJB)
8:00 am Rosary & Reconciliation
4:00 pm +Barb & Mike Bubolz, Frances & Gerhard Kornstedt/Mass (St. Lawrence)
5:30 pm +John Weber, Hal Condon/Mass (SJB)

Sunday, December 20/Fourth Sunday of Advent
7:30 am +Charlie Rader, Ed & Bob Fornecker/ Mass (SJB)
10:30 am +Harry Graves; St. Francis of Assisi Parish/ Mass (SJB)
12:30 pm Mass in Spanish (SJB)

Monday, December 21/St. Peter Canisius
7:30 am +Luann Ganser/Mass (SJB)
8:00 am Rosary & Reconciliation (SJB)
4:00 pm +Greg Blegen/Mass (SJB)
7:00 pm Adoration-livestream

Tuesday, December 22
7:30 am +Rev. John L. Urban, Troy Thomsen, Bob Holman, Tim Tully/Mass (SJB)
8:00 am Rosary & Reconciliation (SJB)
4:00 pm +Robert Hain/Mass (SJB)

Wednesday, December 23/St. John of Kanty
7:30 am +Patsy Meidl, Shelly Kartschoke, Jeff Lutz/ Mass (SJB)
8:00 am Rosary & Reconciliation (SJB)
4:00 pm +Harry GravesMass (SJB)

Thursday, December 24/Christmas Eve
7:30 am +Carol Hoffer/Mass (SJB)
8:00 am Rosary & Reconciliation (SJB)
No School Mass

Christmas Eve Masses
4:00 pm For Our Parishioners/Mass (SJB)
5:30 pm For Our Parishioners/Mass (St. Lawrence)
7:30 pm For Our Parishioners/Mass (SJB)

Friday, December 25/The Nativity of the Lord *Holy Day of Obligation*
7:30 am For Our Parishioners/Mass (SJB)
9:00 am For Our Parishioners/Mass (SJB)
10:30 am For Our Parishioners/Mass (SJB)
12:30 pm For Our Parishioners/Mass in Spanish (SJB)

Saturday, December 26/St. Stephen
7:30 am +Jack Ganser/Mass (SJB)
8:00 am Rosary & Reconciliation
4:00 pm +Paul & Margaret Wedl, Bill Peterson/ Mass (St. Lawrence)
5:30 pm +Dr. Phillip Brich Family, Paul Schroedl, Pete Stypulkowski/Mass (SJB)

Sunday, December 27/The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
7:30 am +Patricia McGrath, Doris Jung Carmichael/ Mass (SJB)
10:30 am +Helen Stowe/Mass (SJB)
12:30 pm St. Francis of Assisi Parish/Mass in Spanish (SJB)

In accord with current public health recommendations, the faithful are required to wear face coverings when indoors.

One cantor and a musician may provide music during offertory and communion however, there will be no congregational singing.

All Masses will be live-streamed on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/sfajefferson

Church will be open 30 minutes before Mass begins. Please do not arrive sooner so our ushers can be in place.

The front doors and the new handicap accessible entrance will be the only doors you can enter at St. John the Baptist location.

Holy Water has been removed.

Ushers will take you to a pew-filling the front first. Every other pew will be roped off. Please distance you and/or your household 6 feet from another person/household in the same pew.

Fr Tom will come to your pew to distribute Holy Communion. Holy Communion may be received in the hand or on the tongue. 2 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will distribute to anyone sitting in their cars during Mass who may not feel comfortable being in church or if we have reached capacity due to spacing.

No Sign of Peace.

No books or hymnals will be in the pews.

Baskets for your offering will be in church-no collection will be taken.

Ushers will dismiss at the end of Mass starting with the pews closest to exits. Please wait your turn. Ushers will distribute bulletins as you are dismissed.

No congregating before or after Mass.

Readings for the Week of December 20, 2020

SUN	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38
MON	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
TUES	1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd]/ Lk 1:46-56
WED	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66
THURS	*Morning:* 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79
FRI	*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 Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
SAT	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22
SUN	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/ Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/ Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Observances for the Week of December 20, 2020

SUN	4th Sunday of Advent
MON	St. Peter Canisius
WED	St. John of Kanty
THURS	Christmas Eve
FRI	The Nativity of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)
SAT	St. Stephen
SUN	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

St. John the Baptist Christmas Memorials

Donations for the Christmas environment decorations are now being accepted, As in years past, this is an opportunity to donate funds to help cover the cost of the Christmas flowers. This can be done "in memory" or "in honor of", and the names will be published in the bulletin. Suggested donation is $15-$20. Please contact the parish office at 674-2025.

St. Lawrence Christmas Memorials

Please put the donor's name and "in memory of" or "in honor of" a loved one on the sheets of paper on the stand beneath the choir stairs. Place your $20 donation in a marked envelope in a collection basket in church.

Church For Our Future

No large meeting for the last few months but the small group met on Wed. Dec. 16, at 12:30 in the school staff lounge. Stay tuned for further updates. We are beginning the process of Evangelization in the Parish, and Father will share further updates. This past Monday, we had a presentation from Bishop Hying on Confession!
There are missalettes available in the breezeway of church for this season of Advent, and through Lent. Please grab one if you need one. We also have books available, "I Heard God Laugh." Contact Mr. Bare at the school if you would like one.

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Lessons & Carols

The seminarians of the Diocese of Madison, in conjunction with the Office of Worship, will hold a virtual Lessons & Carols on Sunday December 20th at 2:30 pm on the Diocese of Madison YouTube live. Search "Madison Diocese" on YouTube.

Free Dinner: Christmas Day

This is a free dinner for anyone in the community who may be alone on Christmas Day or who cannot prepare a holiday meal, Carside and carryout ONLY will start for pick-up at 11:30 am-1 pm, Home deliveries will be made to shut-ins by calling Tom at 920-988-1280. Reservations for orders may be made by calling St. Joseph office (920-563-3029). Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Don & Olive at 920-563-4773.

Christmas Environment Décor Thank You

St. John the Baptist: Special thanks to Frasier Traditions Christmas Tree Farm (Paul & Kim Kysely) for the beautiful outdoor décor. Thank you for making our church building look so special during this season!

School News

St. John the Baptist began Christmas vacation this past Friday. It has been an unbelievable beginning of the year. We have been very fortunate to have made it this far with only one class closure necessary. Students really belong in the classroom, and it has been a blessing each day to have students here. Thank you to all parishioners for your continued prayers!

Some schools may have chosen to go all virtual for the period after the Christmas holidays. We are planning on staying face-to-face until we cannot! We need to get ready for Catholic Schools Week, Jan. 31-Feb. 5!

While the Church for our Future group has started calling all parishioners, our Home and School group is attempting to call all school families to make sure everyone is doing well heading into the holiday season.

It's a GREAT DAY to be a KNIGHT!

SCRIP NEWS

The Knights of Columbus hope that everyone has a safe and healthy Christmas, We will plan on processing SCRIP orders throughout the holiday season. Our plans include home delivery of all orders before Christmas and New Year's days. If you have any questions please call Rick Loof at 414-940-3540.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Xiomara Lopez Krassel
Daughter of: Jimmy Lopez Gonzales & Jessica Krassel Delgado

We welcome Xiomara to our Faith Community through the Sacrament of Baptism!

RCIA Information

RCIA - For those interested in becoming Catholic or who simply have questions about Catholicism...
We will begin January 5th, 2021 for anyone who may want to learn more about the Catholic Church and what it really teaches. This is a great opportunity for non Catholics, or Catholics who need to complete their sacraments.

Attending our weekly sessions does not mean you are committing to join the Catholic Church. It just means you are interested in learning more about the church. **Classes are held every Tuesday from 6:30-8:00 pm in the rectory (Fr. Tom's house).** Please call Sue Dascenzo at 608-345-5426 or Rick Helman at 920-699-4029.

RCIA could use some help!

If you have ever thought or might be interested in joining our leadership team at St. Francis of Assisi we would sure like to hear from you. Please contact Sue Dascenzo at 608-345-5426 or Rick Helman at 920-699-4029. We meet once a week thru spring.

Gospel Meditation

In Blaise Pascal's work, Pensees, he says: "What else does this craving, and this helplessness, proclaim but that there was once in man a true happiness, of which all that now remains is the empty print and trace? This he tries in vain to fill with everything around him, seeking in things that are not there the help he cannot find in those that are, though none can help, since this infinite abyss can be filled only with an infinite and immutable object; in other words by God himself."

We have a difficult time accepting that fulfillment and happiness are not achieved by our own merits but through a relationship with God. We are hardwired for this relationship and it is in our DNA. The simple fact is that we come from God and are designed to return to God. If our beginning and our end define who we are, why would we not want to seek the One who can truly satisfy? The world does not realize that it is waiting. It is waiting for the birth of God in time, within one's soul and in eternity. We get so confused by seeking other momentary satisfactions that we misinterpret the hunger within. We crave God.

The union of God and humanity, revealed in Jesus Christ, is precisely what sets us on a straight path, orders our relationships, establishes proper focus and goals and tells us whose kingdom we really are meant to serve. We are so lost. God is with us. The prophet Nathan told this to King David, the angel said this to Mary and the birth of Christ brings this Good News to us. We do not need to be busily looking for more things but must learn to find contentment and blessing in the One Presence. This is the beautiful simple message of Advent!

If you are feeling unsettled, anxious, angry, disgruntled, disconnected, unhappy, worried, fearful, off center, becoming overly self-indulgent, unable to spend time alone and without distraction, then there's a good chance you are lost. Now is the time to allow God to find you! Ponder the holy simplicity of Mary's call to be the Mother of God. "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." When we are helpless and at home with our emptiness, God will fill us. Our Savior has come.

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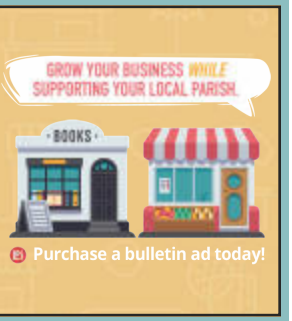

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