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“Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” Luke 3:5-6

PREPARING A WAY FOR THE LORD

Even though the sun may be shining brightly and warmly outside, unless you pull back the blinds it will not be able to fill your house. In today's liturgy we hear the lonely but insistent voice of John the Baptist urging us to 'prepare a way for the Lord'.

Christ has come into our world, and he will come to us during this Eucharist. Let us pause to prepare our hearts and minds to receive him.

Lord Jesus, you come to reconcile us to one another and to the Father. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division. Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father. Lord, have mercy.

1st READING (Baruch 5:1-9). Jerusalem is told that she can forget the sufferings of the past. She will know the joy of seeing her exiled children restored to her. God will level out a highway to facilitate their return.

2nd READING (Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11). The central message of this message is a call for unity, perseverance and unwavering witness to Christ and the Gospel. At the same time Paul's love for his fellow Christians shines through.

GOSPEL (Luke 3:1-6). This tells about the appearance on the scene of John the Baptist. The heart of John's message is that God is coming to save his people. The people are urged to prepare a way for Him through repentance.



**IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION OF
THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY
DECEMBER 8th**

**This is a Holy day
of obligation.**

**Masses:
8:00 am 12:10pm
6:00 pm**

**December 5, 2021
Second Sunday of Advent (C)**

Mass Schedule

Sunday Vigil: Saturday 5:00 pm
 Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am & 7:00 pm
 Weekdays: 8:00 am
Holy Rosary: Daily at 7:30 am
Eucharistic Adoration: Friday 8:30 am - 6:00 pm
Reconciliation: Weekday 7:30 am - 7:50 am
 Saturdays: 7:30 - 7:50am and 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Marriage: Contact the Pastor at least six months prior to the date you wish to request.
Baptism: Pre-baptismal class for parents, who are contributing members of the parish for at least 3 months, is required. Class is held 2nd Sunday of the month, 9:30 am in Deacon Terry's office. Pre-register at 551-9004. Baptisms held during weekend Masses (your choice of Mass) on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month. Regular Church attendance is required.
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SCRIP NEWS

Christmas is fast approaching. If you are purchasing gift cards for Christmas gifts please don't wait until last minute and risk us not having **the cards that you want. Big orders need to be in by December 12th.** Thanks to everyone who participates in this fundraiser that benefits our church.



November 21, 2021

Regular Collection.....\$ 7,365.00
 Maintenance.....\$ 180.00

December 5, 2021

Regular Collection.....\$ 3,441.00
 Maintenance.....\$ 220.00
 Christmas Flowers\$ 736.00



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS

FOOD DRIVE We need 10 turkeys/hams along with non-perishable food. Any non-perishable food items such as cake mixes, cereal, canned vegetables, fruit, soup, boxed potatoes, tuna, crackers, peanut butter & jelly, jello/pudding, pasta & pasta sauces are needed. If you would rather donate money toward a turkey/ham or food please place it in an envelope marked food drive and drop it in the collection basket or at the parish office. **The food drive ends on Monday, December 13th.** Thank you.



The St. Peter's Dinner was a success! The dinner made a profit of \$2,037.00.

Many thanks to everyone who bought tickets and enjoyed the delicious meal. Endless thanks to all of the workers who devoted their time for the sake of our parish.

THE ANNUAL MITTEN TREE is now up in the lobby. Please follow directions on the **DIRECTION POSTER** by the tree for taking mittens. This is very important. **Don't forget to attach your part of the mitten to the gift when you bring it to church.** All gifts are needed to be returned by the weekend of **December 11/12.**

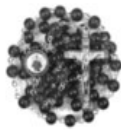


Please make sure that your **Christmas Flowers** envelope is turned in ASAP so that it may be listed in the parish bulletin. Thank you.



Prayer & Worship will meet on Monday, December 6th at 6:00 pm in the All Purpose Room. All are welcome to attend.

Our wonderful **Gift Shop** will be in the lobby **next weekend.** If you are looking for some special gifts you just might find them .



St. Nicholas (DECEMBER 6)

The one thing we truly know about St. Nicholas is that he was the bishop of Myra, a city that existed during the fourth century in present-day Turkey. So many stories have grown up around him that by the middle ages he had become one of the most popular saints. In England alone there were more than four hundred churches in his honor! Nicholas is the patron of seafarers because he was said to have safely seen a ship he was sailing in to shore when he took the tiller in the midst of a great storm. He is the patron of prisoners because legend has it that he appeared to the Emperor Constantine on behalf of three unjustly condemned men. And he is the patron of children because of the story in which he threw small bags of coins through the window of a poor man's house so that he had dowries for his daughters. The giving of small gifts on his feast stems from the Dutch and German custom brought to this country by early settlers of New Amsterdam (New York) who had transformed the sainted bishop into a kind of Nordic magician whom we know today as Santa Claus.

REFLECTION

By now winter has stripped the trees of their leaves. How poor and bare they look. All their flaws are plain to be seen.



Yet it is only when a tree has thus been stripped that we can see and appreciate its true shape. Nothing can hide in it. The sunlight pours through it. And how lovely it is, to be able to look through its skeletal branches to the blue sky beyond.

It is the same with ourselves. When we have been stripped of all inessentials, of all the flimsy things we use to hide our nakedness, then all our warts and wounds appear. At the same time, it is **only when all that is unimportant has been taken away that our true worth is revealed.**

Christ comes to strip us of all that is useless, to expose our wounds so that he can heal them, and to reveal to us our true dignity as sons and daughters of the Father.

Thus **God's light can pour into the world,** and we are able to look through it to the world beyond — **the world of the eternal.**



In this season of Advent as we prepare for the birth of Christ, we strive to bring Christ to others through our prayers and deeds. The students, teachers and staff at All Saints Catholic School observed World Food Day this past Tuesday. World Food Day is a worldwide event that increases awareness of hunger. Through Cross Catholic Outreach, our ASCS student council members led the prayer service after our Tuesday morning Mass to not only learn more about world hunger but work toward alleviating it! Students and staff were asked to contribute a dollar (or more) to the cause. All received a solidarity bracelet.

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 5

8:00 †Mary Jo Callahan by Jo Ann
Campagna

10:30 †Lorraine Wittbrodt by Janine
Bjurman

7:00 †Betty Baumann by Kurt Baumann

Monday, December 6. St. Nicholas, Bishop

8:00 †John Dosemagen by wife

Tuesday, December 7, St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:00 †Patti Sartori by Pat Goetsch
— People of St. Peter's Parish

Wednesday, December 8, The Immaculate Conception of Virgin Mary

8:00 †Deceased members of Kotarski
Family by Carol Lytkowski

12:10 †Frank Lukaszewicz by Mary &
John Hughes

6:00 †Jim Lenertz by family

Thursday, December 9

8:00 †Frank Lukaszewicz by Mary &
John Hughes

Friday, December 10

8:00 †Thoele-Perez-Salapare-Reyes
Families (living & deceased) by
Karl & Maria Thoele

Saturday, December 11

8:00 †Frank Lukaszewicz by Mary &
John Hughes

5:00 †Jim Lenertz by family

Sunday, December 12, Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 †Lee Maack by Joe & Becky
Chovan

10:30 †Lee Maack by Jo Ann Campagna

7:00 For Intentions by GOSPA members
by GOSPA members

Schedule of Lectors December 11-12

5:00 pm—J. Koehler

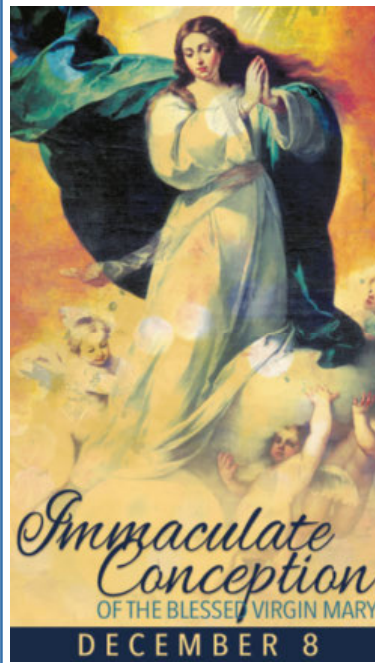
8:00 am—K. Malsack

10:30 am—Hassett Family

7:00 pm—C. Lytkowski

Schedule of Counters December 12

N. Piasecki & V. Kotten



THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Today we celebrate the feast of Mary's Immaculate Conception. What we are celebrating is the radical holiness of Mary, the mother of God. She was never subject to Satan, the Prince of Darkness. From the very moment of her coming into existence she belonged to the kingdom of God. We too are called to belong to that kingdom.

1st READING (Genesis 3:9-15, 20).

When man and woman disobeyed God and fell into sin, God promised salvation from sin through another man and woman, namely, Christ and his Mother.

2nd READING (Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12).

In his love for us God has adopted us as his sons and daughters. Hence we too are called to a holy and blameless life.

GOSPEL

(Luke 1:26-38). Mary's greatness and holiness are due to God's grace and her cooperation with that grace.

PRAYER TO THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, did prepare a worthy dwelling place for your Son, we beseech you that, as by the foreseen death of this, Your Son, You did preserve Her from all stain, so too You would permit us, purified through Her intercession, to come unto You. Through the same Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, world without end. Amen.

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