

12-5-2021

2nd *Sunday*
OF ADVENT



Our Lady of the Presentation

Our Lady of the Presentation parish, established in 1915, embraces the Eucharistic presence of Jesus and the teachings of the Catholic Church and engages our members to be one in diversity through ministries of faith, education, compassion, hospitality, social justice and community enrichment.

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Mass Schedule

- Weekend Saturday 4:00 pm , Sunday 8:00 & 10:00am
- Weekday 8:00am
- Church will be open Mon.-Fri. until 4.
- Holy Days Vigil-7:00pm 8:00am & 12:00pm
- Rosary Weekdays 7:30am Sunday 8:45am
- Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions after 8am Mass on Tuesday
- Eucharistic Adoration-3rd Wednesday 8:45am-6:30pm
- Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions begin at 6:30 ending with Benediction.

SACRAMENTS

- **Reconciliation**-Saturdays, 3:00-3:30. Tuesday-8:45am-In the room off of the Baptismal area. Only face to face.
- **Baptism and Marriage**-Participation in a Baptismal and Marriage preparation Program is required.
- **Anointing of the Sick**-First weekend of the month rotating between Masses.

• Bereavement Committee	Jane Luft	• Parish Library	Chris Cordia
• Church flowers	Vinny Ridolfi	• Pro-Life	Chris Cordia
• Heavenly dusters	Church Cleaners	• Room at the Inn	Tina Riley
• Finance	Charles Riley	• Quilters (Wed. 9am)	Vickie Unger
• Gardening Angels	Sharon Delcour	• RCIA	Donald Wright
• Knights of Columbus (4th Wed. 7pm)	Joe Racher	• St. Vincent DePaul	Jamey Kost
• PAC (Presentation Art Center)	Sister Brenda	• St. Patrick Casseroles	Barb Buehler
		• Stewardship	Lisa Ridolfi

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

WHO IS SAINT NICHOLAS? Feast Day December 6

compliments of the Stewardship Committee

The true story of Santa Claus begins with Nicholas, who was born during the 3rd century in the village of Patara in Asia Minor. At the time the area was Greek and is now on the southern coast of Turkey. His wealthy parents, who raised him to be a devout Christian, died in an epidemic while Nicholas was still young. Obeying Jesus' words to "sell what you own and give the money to the poor," Nicholas used his whole inheritance to assist the needy, the sick, and the suffering. He dedicated his life to serving God and was made Bishop of Myra while still a young man. Bishop Nicholas became known throughout the land for his generosity to those in need, his love for children, and his concern for sailors and ships.

Under the Roman Emperor Diocletian, who ruthlessly persecuted Christians, Bishop Nicholas suffered for his faith, was exiled and imprisoned. The prisons were so full of bishops, priests, and deacons there was no room for the real criminals. After his release, Nicholas attended the Council of Nicaea, in AD 325. He died December 6, AD 343 in Myra and was buried in his cathedral church, where a unique relic, called manna, formed on his grave. This liquid substance, said to have healing powers, fostered the growth of devotion to Nicholas. The anniversary of his death became a day of celebration, St. Nicholas day, December 6th.

Through the centuries many stories have been told of Nicholas' life and deeds. These accounts help us understand his extraordinary character and why he is so loved and revered as protector and helper of those in need.

One story tells of a poor man with three daughters. In those days a young woman's father had to offer prospective husbands something of value – a dowry. The larger the dowry, the better the chance that a young woman would find a good husband. Without a dowry, a woman was unlikely to marry. This poor man's daughters, without dowries, were therefore destined to be sold into slavery. Mysteriously, on three different occasions, a bag of gold appeared in their home providing the needed dowries. The bags of gold, tossed through an open window, are said to have landed in stockings or shoes left before the fire to dry. This led to the custom of children hanging stockings or putting out shoes, eagerly awaiting gifts from St. Nicholas. Sometimes the story is told with three gold balls instead of bags of gold. That is why three gold balls, sometimes represented as oranges, are one of the symbols for St. Nicholas. ***And so, St. Nicholas is a gift giver.***

God bless you and God bless

OUR LADY OF THE PRESENTATION PARISH!

ANNIVERSARY OF DECEASED PRIESTS AND DEACONS DECEMBER

4 Fr. Joseph Carretta--1818, Fr. Eugene Kenny--1878
Msgr. Thomas Woracek--2016
5 Fr. John Melies--1949, Deacon Henry Buckner--1999
6 Fr. William Reef--1937, Msgr. John Martin--1984,
Fr. Clement Burghoff--1994
7 Fr. David DeCeunynch--1910, Fr. John White--1926,
Fr. Russell Kendrick--1969, Fr. James Muldering--1984
8 Fr. Ennemond Dupuy--1859
9 Fr. John Duerinck, S.J.--1857, Fr. Joseph Schaeffers-'07
Fr. Joseph Selinger, Fr. Frederick Schlattmann--1947,
Fr. Martin Weissmueller--1955, Fr. Anthony Ellerbracht--1962
10 Fr. Bernard Wegman--1944, Fr. William Hamtil--1960,
Fr. Jeremiah Jakle--1980, Deacon Julius Fuse--1987,
Deacon George Blasé--2007
11 Fr. John Heckmann--1878, Fr. Roderick Finnerty--1893,
Fr. Louis Broeckelmann-'30, Fr. Bernard Geisman--'71,
Deacon Jesse Bell--2006
12 Bishop Louis DuBourg-1833, Fr. John Geoghegan-2015

PRAY FOR MORE PRIESTLY, RELIGIOUS AND
CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE VOCATIONS

THIS ADVENT

"Be Bold, Be Catholic!"

VOLUNTEER AWARD

Congratulations to Cheryl Morrissey, recipient of our **Mary, Servant of the Lord Award**, and Joe Racher, recipient of our **St. Joseph, the Worker Award**. WE are grateful for all of our volunteers!

CANDLE LIGHT MASS

This Tuesday, December 7th, at 7:00 PM, we will have our annual Candle Light Mass. Those who have attended in past years will remember how beautiful the celebration is with only candlelight illuminating the church. This mass fulfills your Holy Day of obligation to attend mass on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (December 8). Please make every effort to join us.

ADVENT CONSIDERATION -- WHO ARE YOUR ENEMIES?

Pray for those you would rather not pray for: those who upset your personal life in some way, those who are a danger to the Church or the world, those who are an insult and danger to society. Pray for these people every day for the next three months. **In your prayer, do not advise God on how to change them. Simply pray for God to bless them.** God knows what they need more than we. And don't be surprised if God blesses you, too!

Saturday	December 4	
5:00pm	Gerdi Anderson	
Sunday	December 5	
8:00am	The People of the Parish	
10:00am	Louise Cook	
Monday	December 6	
8:00am	Bernie Dolan	
Tuesday	December 7	
8:00am	Members of the Altar Society	
7:00pm	Parishioners	
Wednesday	December 8	
8:00am	George Andonov 12-Mary Bea Roth	
Thursday	December 9	
8:00am	Joe & Lee Huber	
Friday	December 10	
8:00am	Mary Wysocki	
Saturday	December 11	
4:00pm	Louise Cook	
Sunday	December 12	
8:00am	OLP 10:00am Judy Brown Birthday	



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE –Dec. 6-12

Mon-Ken Tues.-Jean, Wed.-JoAnn, Thurs.-Doris ,Fri-Nick
Connie-sub

Sat. 4pm, Lector–Doris, Alice -Cheryl

Sun. 8am, Lector– Ken, Theresa- Usher-Paul

10am Lector–Charles, Steve -Usher-John

Please sign up for lectors for Dec. 7th, 7pm,& 8th, 8am & 12pm in the vestibule

COUNTERS-Sunday, Dec. 12th-Richard, Perry , Gloria

CANTORS-Immaculate Conception, Dec. 7-7pm, Jordon

Dec. 11 & 12-4pm-Jordan, 10am-Tiffany, Donald

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE Have you ever wondered what needs to be done to plan a funeral when a loved one passes away? That’s what happened to parishioner, Jane Luft, when her father-in-law passed away around ten years ago. She felt a little lost in that planning, and decided to start a Bereavement Committee here at Our Lady of the Presentation.

The parish office will be there to help assist you in picking out songs, psalms, and readings. Even better, you can fill out a form from the parish office to keep with your important documents. That way, your loved ones will know exactly what your wishes are for your funeral.

Jane can help you with planning a luncheon, or dessert and coffee in the parish hall for after the services if that is what you would like.

Jane would like to have a list of volunteers to call to help with the set up of tables, chairs, and decorations for these gatherings as it is something that can’t be planned too far in advance. If you feel that you could be a steward for your parish by helping Jane and joining our Bereavement Committee, please call her at (314) 629-5039. Thank you Jane for your service.

STEWARDSHIP November 28, 2021

\$3,418 online \$1,426

Total \$4,844

Need each week \$5,319

Difference \$ (475)

Thank you for your support.

Thank you to everyone who took chances on our Fall Raffle Quilt. Jennifer Jackson won the quilt. Her husband bought the tickets at the Turkey Trivia. We are delighted it went to a good home! If you didn’t win, don’t worry. We have a beautiful tulip quilt ready for our Spring raffle, just in time for the real spring flowers to start blooming.

The quilters are at the PAC from 9 am until 2:30 pm. If you are interested in the needle arts, come visit us. We have quilt books, embroidery blocks and floss, and counted cross stitch kits and books that we’d love to share.

OPEN HOUSE

Parishioners are invited to a Christmas open house at the rectory on December 12th after the 8 & 10am Mass.

ST PATRICK’S CASSEROLE

The St. Patrick’s Casseroles will be collected on December 18th instead of the 25th. Please bring them to the hall between 10-10:30am to be put in the freezer. On the 27th after Mass they will be brought to the St Patrick Center. If you can help carry them to the car from the hall it would be appreciated. Barb is still looking for someone to take over the casseroles. Please call her if you can help. 651-2204.

HELP WANTED

Mike Hamm is looking for a ride to 8am Mass on Sunday. Also if someone can help him with his laundry. Please call the office if you are able to help.

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, 7pm, December 8th in the Ponder room.

STEWARDSHIP

“And ‘to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself’ is worth more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices.” (Mark 12:33)

Of all the gifts that God gives us, the one He wants the most is our heart. He wants us to share out of our love for Him, not out of obligation. Using our talent in parish ministry and contributing money to support our parish mission is important, but it’s more important to spend time in prayer with God daily and discern how He is calling us to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the visible ones, but the invisible ones like love, mercy and forgiveness

THE BLESSING OF THE BAMBINELLI



On Sunday, December 19th, at the 10 a.m. Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, join us for our first Blessing of the Bambinelli celebration. We invite you to bring the Baby Jesus figurine from your home Nativity sets for this special blessing.

The blessing of the Bambinelli was first instituted by St. John Paul II. Now celebrated in other churches around the world, this Advent tradition is a way for families to connect their Nativity scene at home to the celebration of Christmas at their church.

Both Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis have continued this beautiful Advent tradition, one that sanctifies the home with the baby Jesus and makes his arrival in the manger scene an even more joyous event.

This blessing reminds us that the crib is a school of life where we can learn the secret of true joy. This does

not consist in having many things but in feeling loved by the Lord, in giving oneself as a gift for others and in loving one another. Let us look at the crib. Our Lady and St. Joseph do not seem to be a very fortunate family; their first child was born in the midst of great hardship; yet they are full of deep joy, because they love each other, they help each other and, especially, they are certain that God, who made himself in the little Jesus, is at work in their story. And the shepherds? What did they have to rejoice about? That Newborn Infant was not to change their condition of poverty and marginalization. But faith helped them recognize the “babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger” as a “sign” of the fulfillment of God’s promises for all human beings, “with whom he is pleased” (Lk 2: 12, 14).



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