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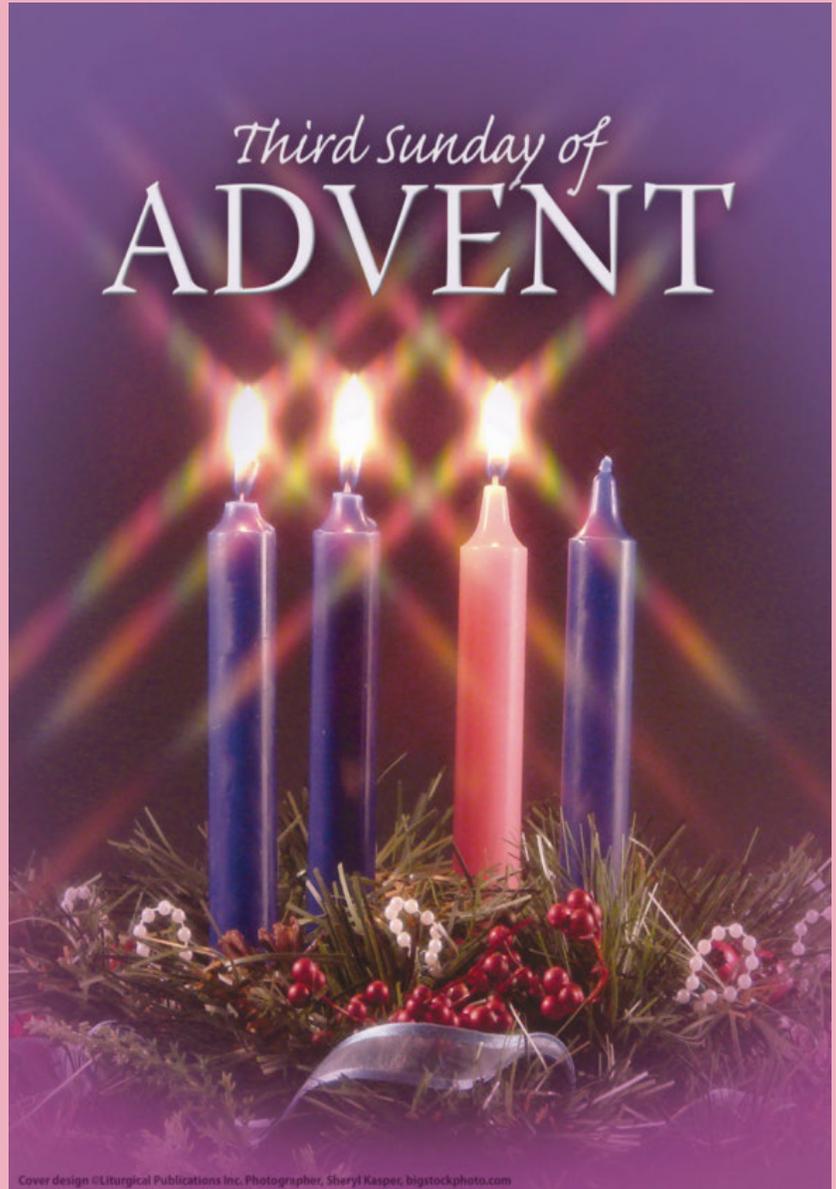
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December 12, 2021

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
CLOSED WEDNESDAY



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

December 12, 2021

Recently, our Second Graders made their First Reconciliation (see pictures below). They were nervous about receiving the Sacrament for the first time. I recall going to confession as a child and being scared and nervous, too. My heart raced from the moment I stepped behind the velvet curtain into the dark space and waited for Father to slide back the divider to begin. Great relief was felt when I stepped back out....perhaps not so much because of the realization the guilt of my offenses had been forgiven but that it was finally over! The Second Graders did a very fine job and were well prepared. I especially thank Ms. Witt and Mrs. Barnett for all they did helping the children get ready for this healing Sacrament.

Nervousness and fears are part of the unknown. A good way to help overcome this approach to the Sacrament is to be *prepared* by writing things down while you do your examination of conscience. Bring along your big sins and your little ones on a piece of paper that you can burn after you've completed your penance. Another safe place to put it might be on your password protected phone and erase your list following your penance. By coming prepared you won't have a looming sense of dread, and guilt, and shame lurking. It won't necessarily make it easier, but it will make it clearer for you while you're receiving the Sacrament. Be totally *open and honest*. Bring to the Sacrament anything you believe has hurt Jesus and others, and what has affected your relationship with him and with others. Jesus doesn't want you to be discouraged coming to Confession....but he does want you to be honest. Finally, the old saying "*Practice makes perfect*" also applies to Confession. The more you go, the more you'll know God's mercy and forgiveness. Be not afraid! This Advent is a perfect time to get more practice in by going to Confession. "HERE WE ARE, HOLY SPIRIT" *ADSUMUS, SANCTE SPIRITUS!*

See you at Confession and at Mass!



We congratulate the following students receiving their First Reconciliation:

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|---------------|----------------|
| Patrick Berry | Amelia Nguyen |
| Maya Fischer | Olivia Shirley |
| Kate Ho | Lucia Vargas |
| Ryan Kollar | Neal Wickwire |



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, December 13-St. Lucy

5:30pm †Judy Johnson by Lisa Liddle

TUESDAY, December 14-St. John of the Cross

7:00am †Sr. Jean Francis Stenger by Cecilia Guth

WEDNESDAY, December 15-Advent Weekday

7:00am Intentions of Sr. Benjamine by Philomena Padavil

5:30pm †Edwin Rogers by Family

THURSDAY, December 16-Advent Weekday

7:00am †Juanita Nolan by The Office of Catholic Schools

School Mass 9:00am †Geraldine Ralph by Mary & Jim Donahue

FRIDAY, December 17-Advent Weekday

7:00am †Louis Kouri by Dick & Patti LaHood

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SATURDAY, December 18

5:00pm †Edward Zarecki by Fr. Paul Joseph Langevin, OFM Conv.

SUNDAY, December 19

8:00am Living & Deceased Members of Our Parish Community

10:30am †Fr. Anthony Labedis, OFM Conv. by Bo Kim

The Sanctuary Lamp intention for the week of December 11-17, 2021:
We remember in our daily prayers
†John Salanitro, Jr.
by Joyce Salanitro.



PRAY FOR FRANCISCAN VOCATIONS

Maria Serrano will have the Franciscan vocation picture and say the prayers for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life, especially to the Conventual Franciscans of Saint Bonaventure Province.



Please sign up for this important ministry opportunity in the vestibule.

Questions, please call: the parish office 688-3720.

CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE FOR ST. JUDE'S KIDS

The Bake Sale for the Kids of St. Jude will be after all Masses on December 18-19. For information call Carolyn at 309-688-1948.



Readings:
Week of December 13-19

Monday: Nm 24:2-7,15-17a/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2,9-13/Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18,21c-25/
 Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Lk 7:24-30
Friday: Gn 49:2,8-10/Mt 1:1-17
Saturday: Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
Next Sunday: Mi 5: 1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/
 Lk 1:39-45

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**Thank you for Food Drive Collection and
 Sharon Woods Bingo items**

We are so thankful for you, the members of Holy Family Parish, for once again responding to our request for donations. This collection was for prizes for the Bingo games hosted every month by the St. Vincent de Paul – Holy Family Conference with the residents at Sharon Woods HealthCare. We were blessed to receive so many items from you! The residents at Sharon Woods HealthCare are so grateful for this ministry, which provides them with company and conversation with the members of St. Vincent de Paul. Your generosity is greatly appreciated in helping these friends in need. If you would like to join us in this ministry, please contact Glen Forck at #309-691-1958, or any member of our conference.

We would also like to express our gratitude to the members of Holy Family Parish for your generous donations to the Thanksgiving Day Collection for the St. Vincent de Paul Pantry. We were blessed to receive 913 items for the pantry. These items will be shared with friends in need who call our conference through the Catholic Charities Help Line. Your generosity is greatly appreciated in helping these friends in need.



FINANCE CORNER

If you would like to make contributions electronically, please contact our business office at (309) 688-3427 x 201.

Anyone interest in a convenient method to make their regular Sunday contributions can use the link below. Here at Holy Family, we have implemented a secure website to accept your donations. The website for online donations is:

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/peoriahollyfamily>

**Thank you and God Bless you.
 First Sunday figures not available at time of printing.**

Nov-21	
First Sunday	\$23,294.51
Second Sunday	\$8,428.50
Third Sunday	\$12,794.60
Fourth Sunday	\$4,467.25
Fifth Sunday	

Monthly Total	\$48,984.86
Monthly Budget	\$49,700.00
Monthly Surplus (Shortfall)	\$(715.14)

Fiscal Year Total	\$227,680.15
Fiscal Year to Date Budget	\$268,500.00
Fiscal Year Surplus (Shortfall)	\$(40,819.85)

HOLY FAMILY GIVING TREE

Our annual Giving Tree is up and ready for you to pick your tags. You'll notice that the tree is up earlier than usual due to the anticipated shortage of items due to the pandemic. This will allow you to shop early before items are sold out.

This tree provides gifts and necessities for your brothers and sisters in need. This is a great opportunity for children to get involved and learn the joy of giving. It is easy to participate:

- Take a tag from the tree in back of church
- Put an ornament on the tree in place of that tag
- Place the gift you purchased under the tree

Gifts need to be unwrapped and returned to Holy Family no later than today, Sunday, December 12th by the 10:30am Mass.

If you have any questions call Ana Lippert at: 309-922-0813.



Eucharistic Adorers				
WEDNESDAY	Name	Name	Name	Name
8:00 AM	Linda Nolan	James Dunn	Maureen Alouan	Maurice Alouan
9:00 AM	Tom Otten	Katie Hagemann		
10:00 AM	Kathleen Krippel	Mun Dinh	Thuan Dinh	
11:00 AM	Jackie Glastetter			
12:00 PM	Pat Pamatmat	Denise Adams	Lisa Sanderson	Delores Rockey
1:00 PM	Sherry Urbanc	SVdP member		
2:00 PM	Katrina Stanley			
3:00 PM	Jeri Look	Becky Fay	Olive Enriquez	
4:00 PM	Sharon Knapp	Carol Gross	Janet Schneider	
FIRST FRIDAY	Name	Name	Name	Name
8:00 AM	Katrina Stanley	Evelyn Walters		
9:00 AM	Joan Smart	June Frank		
10:00 AM	Katie Hagemann	Travis Nickles		
11:00 AM	Mun Dinh	Thuan Dinh	Olive Enriquez	
12:00 PM	Judy Gutierrez	Lisa Liddle		
1:00 PM	Pat Pamatmat	SVdP member	Beth Gilbert	
2:00 PM	Philomena Padavil	Lisa Sanderson	Marguerite Everts	
3:00 PM	Becky Fay	Sharon Knapp	Shirley Armand	Ana Lippert
4:00 PM	Sharon Knapp	James Dunn		
Substitute	Sister M. Ignatia			

The above schedule shows the individuals who have offered their time to come for Adoration. If you are available to sign up, please call the Parish office at 309-688-3427.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Christmas decorating of our church will be done over the next two weekends. If you are available today, December 12th, or next Sunday, December 19th, your help would be appreciated. If you are can help, please contact Ed Maubach at: 309-363-7183.



ADVENT CONFESSION OPPORTUNITY

On Wednesday, December 15, 2021 confession will be available at various times throughout the day to avail yourself of the Sacrament. This will be in lieu of a formal Penance Service.

Please consider coming between 2pm and 5pm to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to spend time with Jesus during the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

There will be extra priests in the evening between 6:30pm and 8:00pm.

When: December 15, 2021

Time: 2pm-5pm

6:30pm and 8:00pm.

DECEMBER 12, 2021 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"From silly devotions and sour-faced saints, good Lord, deliver us!" St. Teresa of Avila

We've all heard the adage, "Laughter is the best medicine." In many ways, it really is. When was the last time you really laughed? The gift of imagination allows us to see possible things that are yet to be. Imagine a world filled with laughter. We take life too seriously sometimes. Fear, uncertainty, pressure, negativity, disappointment, and myriad other human experiences can rob us of the joy needed for laughter. God never promised us an easy road, and we do have to take the course of our lives seriously. However, there is a balance to be sought and a possible joy that can be brought even to the darkest and most challenging of encounters.

St. Therese of Lisieux reminds us that, "Joy is not found in the material objects surrounding us but in the inner recesses of the soul. One can possess joy in a prison cell as well as in a palace." Falling in love with God, who is present in all of creation, allows us to bring a depth of understanding to everything we do and experience. We can more easily see above and beyond things while pursuing the only One who can truly satisfy our hearts. When we realize that God, the king of Israel, is in our midst and with us, there is no further misfortune to fear. We can celebrate the wonder and beauty of God's gift of joy. It is no wonder that many saints radiate joy and have no reservations expressing laughter. They are happy because they have found a pearl of great price.

We celebrate with joy today with hearts filled with expectation, wonder, awe, and beauty as we ready ourselves, even more excitedly, for the coming of our Savior. Do not fear and do not be discouraged. If you haven't laughed in a while, why? Something is preventing you from expressing the magnificence of your soul and the presence of God who dwells within. God's power and presence within us assures us that we are loved and kept in that presence. What more is really needed? Rejoice and laugh in the presence of God! It really is the best medicine and a most perfect way to convince others that God is really with us. "Go ahead, laugh! Live your life with joy and serve the Lord with laughter! Joy, with peace, is the sister of charity. Serve the Lord with laughter." (St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina)

PRESENTATIONS: "The Eucharist"

WHERE:

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

SESSION 1

Catholic
Understanding of
Eucharist based on
Sacred Scripture

SESSION 2

The Eucharist as the
Center of our Daily Life



SUPPER AT EMMAUS CARAVAGGIO

WHEN:

SESSION 1:

Thursday, Dec. 9

1:00 – 2:30 pm

- or -

6:00 – 7:30 pm

SESSION 2:

Thursday, Dec. 16

1:00 – 2:30 pm

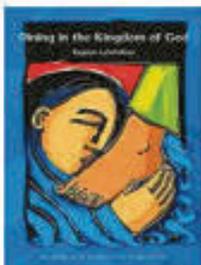
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6:00 – 7:30 pm

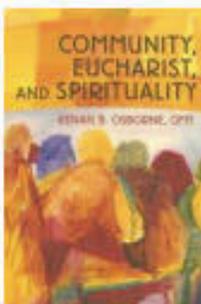
*"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life
and I will raise him on the last day."*

JOHN 6:54

REFERENCES



*Dining in the
Kingdom*



*Community,
Eucharist and
Spirituality*

Program Description

The 2019 PEW Research Center found that just 1/3rd of US Catholics agree with their church that Eucharist is **the body and blood** of Christ. Why is this?

This Advent, presenters will discuss:

- Why we use the word Eucharist, meaning "thanksgiving", to describe the Mass as we know it today.
- The origin of Eucharist in the Old Testament (Jewish Scripture), the Gospels, and St. Paul's Letters.
- What is the meaning of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass?
- What does the Eucharist have to do with my daily life?
- How am I called to live a Eucharistic life?
- How are we a Eucharist people—The Body of Christ in the world today?

Please join in the presentations and discussions on **"The Eucharist"** in a two-session format to strengthen your knowledge and beliefs in the true presence of the Body and Blood of Christ in **"The Eucharist."**

PRESENTERS



Dr. Ted Wolgamot



*Sr. Rachel
Bergschneider*

Reservations not required but appreciated

Call Holy Family office: (309) 688-3427

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again!” Phil. 4:4

Many years ago, I served as an assistant parish priest. On a particular Sunday, the gospel of Luke for that day featured the incomparably beautiful story that begins with these words:

“A man had two sons.”

Many people through the centuries would agree that it’s arguably the most beautiful story found anywhere in Sacred Scripture because it contains a message that represents the heart and soul of the entire New Testament.

Ironically, even though it’s most often referred to as the story of “The Prodigal Son,” its main character is really the father – a father who lavishes both of his sons with the most endearing of all God’s gifts:

Mercy.

So, back to when I served as a parish priest.

On a particular Sunday, I spoke at all the Masses about the boundless, infinite graciousness of the God we believe in through Jesus, and how we are each called to imitate that same mercy depicted so unforgettably in that gospel story.

To put it mildly, the pastor was not pleased with my words.

In fact, he was so upset with my portrayal of a God immersed in a passionate love affair with His people, that the next week he got into the same pulpit and ardently emphasized exactly the opposite:

God’s eternal judgment, hellfire and damnation, and the ever-present reality of sin.

To say that I was stunned by so open a rebuttal would be an understatement. Fortunately, many of the parishioners were as bewildered as I was. One lady was even so kind as to say:

“I like your God a lot better.”

According to the gospels, so did Jesus.

In fact, like St. Paul in today’s second reading, the Gospels present Jesus as one who enters into a relationship so intense and so personal that he dared to speak of God in the most intimate of terms, even addressing him as “*Abba*” – a familiarity unheard of previously.

Jesus in fact, like the Father in the Prodigal Son story, adopted God’s primary characteristic of mercy and made it the hallmark of his entire ministry:

Mercy to the blind and the lame; mercy to the woman caught in adultery; mercy to the good thief as he hung on a cross; mercy to the woman who washed his feet with her tears and dried them with her hair.

Mercy. Always mercy.

Unfortunately, as expressed so sadly by that pastor in my story above, the primacy of God’s unrelenting mercy and love throughout the Gospels has, in the words of one scholar, been “*criminally neglected*” in Catholic theology.

That is why Pope Francis has made the theme of mercy the hallmark of his papacy. In doing so, he is trying to remind us in as powerful a way as possible that mercy is what best defines the God of Jesus.

We are being urged by Pope Francis, then, to make the mercy of God come alive in the world we live in – a world immersed in fear, in threats of vengeance, in instruments of hatred, in patterns of retribution.

What Francis is attempting to do in his papacy is to urge each one of us to reflect on the ethics Jesus preached and lived out: love, not hate; compassion, not revenge; peace not war.

Instead: mercy.

Always mercy.

The season of Advent is the perfect setting to remind us of the unqualified importance of God’s mercy. Because Advent is a time especially dedicated to listening and reflecting and “*preparing the way of the Lord.*”

Again, Pope Francis is urging each of us to make this Advent time one in which we, in his words, “*rediscover the depth of the mercy of the Father Let us therefore become artisans of mercy in our lives.*”

“Artisans of mercy”

When we achieve that goal, then we will be able to enthusiastically say with St. Paul:

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice.”

Ted Wolgamot, Psy.D.



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