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DECEMBER 19, 2021 | 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Mass

Sacred Heart | Saturday 5pm
Sunday 9:30am
St. Matthew | Sunday 8am

Daily Mass

St. Matthew | Tuesday 8am
Sacred Heart | Mon 5:30pm
Wed & Friday 8 am

Reconciliation

Sacred Heart | Saturday 3:30pm
Or by appointment

Office Hours

Open Mon-Wed 9am-4pm
Thursday 9am-4pm, Friday 9am-noon
by appointment only

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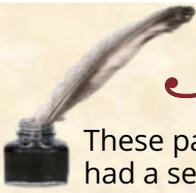
4th Sunday
OF ADVENT

"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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From the Desk of Fr. Justin...



These past few weeks, we've had a series on what is good about Advent and Christmas. We've gotten through four reasons so far: more overall church activity, nice winter weather, more family time, and the chance to be creative and generous with gift-giving.

Thing #5 is a big deal, right after Thing #1 (more people in church). Thing #5 that I love about Christmas is "peace on earth toward people of good will". Advent, as the weeks leading up to Christmas, is the time of the year when people ought to try harder to be charitable and kind to others. I used the word "ought" because there are obviously plenty of people who don't bother doing that whatsoever. Still, during this holiday season, I do believe that many people try harder to be considerate and compassionate to others. We tend to give more of our money to charities like the Salvation Army, and food pantries tend to get hefty donations around this time. We visit folks in nursing homes or other institutions... at least before COVID put an end to that. There seems to be more time for family get togethers or visits. School is out for a few

weeks and meetings tend to slow down a bit at work, so there's at least a bit more time for recreation.

I don't know about you, but this is a major part of the holiday vibe: a more pronounced feeling of peace and good will toward all. As we all are surely aware, that peace and good will is very often in short supply throughout the year. I, for one, appreciate the greater effort of kindness and compassion that many people devote to the holidays. We all fall short from time to time and it is not always easy or automatic to show those virtues in life when they matter the most. Still, I believe that in the eyes of God, the added effort counts for a great deal. Toward that goal, surely the true spiritual celebration of Christmas is a top-notch motivator for us all!

All-in-all, this ends my Top Five Things I like about the weeks leading up to Christmas. Hopefully, you share them or at least can understand them. I wish you all an absolutely wonderful end to Advent. May your Christmas Eve and Christmas Day be holy and joyful, and may good things await us all during the

Christmas Season from December 25th to January 9th.

-Father Justin

P.S. I had a little extra space this week, so allow me to squeeze in an extra silly Christmas picture. The photo shown here is a "Christmas Angel" that was a holiday art project when Allison was little and in Catholic school. To this day, that horrible thing tops our Christmas tree each and every year. That said, I refuse to call it an angel, due to its comical flightless-bird appearance. To me, it is and always will be the "Christmas Tree Allison Chicken". When I come home and see that thing staring down at me, I know the holidays are here!



Christmas Mass Schedule



CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

4:00 pm at Sacred Heart
6:30pm at St. Matthew

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

9:30am at Sacred Heart

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 12/19	Micah 5:1-4a / Hebrews 10:5-10 / Luke 1:39-45
Monday 12/20	Isaiah 7:10-14 / Luke 1:26-38
Tuesday 12/21	Songs 2:8-14 / Luke 1:39-45
Wednesday 12/22	1 Samuel 1:24-28 / Luke 1:46-56
Thursday 12/23	Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24 / Luke 1:57-66
Friday 12/24	(Morning) 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 / Luke 1:67-79
Saturday 12/25	Isaiah 9:1-6 / Titus 2:11-14 / Luke 2:1-14
Sunday 12/26	Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 / Colossians 3:12-21 / Luke 2:41-52

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

(H-Horicon N-Neosho)

Monday 12/20	5:30pm-H	✠ Barbara Mueller
Tuesday 12/21	8:00am-N	✠ A Special Intention
Wednesday 12/22	8:00am-H	✠ For Deceased Members of the Barthuly Family
Friday 12/24	4:00pm-H	✠ Don & Tim Pagel
	6:30pm-N	✠ A Special Intention
Saturday 12/25	9:30am-H	✠ For the People of the United in Christ Clustered Parishes
Sunday 12/26	8:00am-N	✠ Niel Jensen
	9:30am-H	✠ For the People of the United in Christ Clustered Parishes

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Sunday 12/19	10:30am	Instrument & Youth Choir Rehearsal
Friday 12/24		Office Closed-Christmas Eve
Saturday 12/25		Merry Christmas Day!

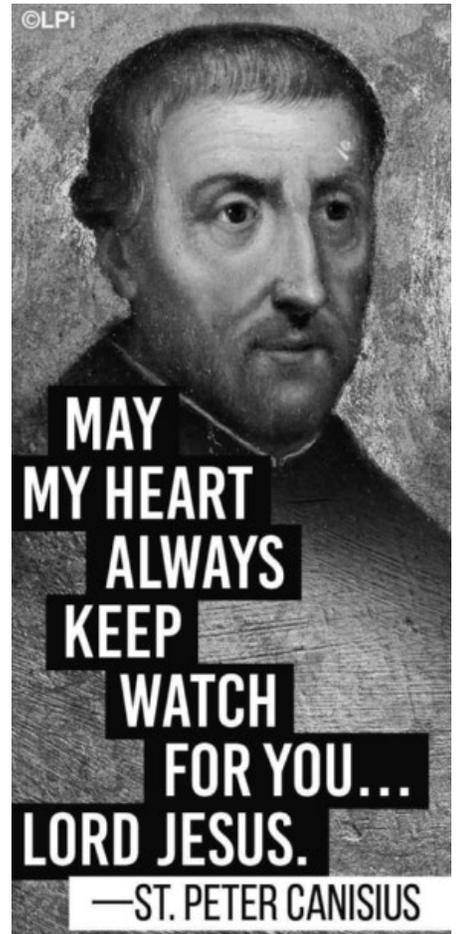
SPECIAL NOTES

There will be no Religious Education classes for all grades from December 20-January 1. Enjoy your Christmas Break!

The parish office will be closed December 24, 27, and 31. Please plan accordingly.

OBSERVANCES

Sunday 12/19	4th Sunday of Advent
Tuesday 12/21	St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Thursday 12/23	St. John of Kanty, Priest
Friday 12/24	Christmas Eve
Saturday 12/25	The Nativity of the Lord
Sunday 12/26	The Holy Family



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LITURGICAL LIFE

JOB OPPORTUNITY

SACRED HEART/ST. MATTHEW BOOKKEEPER

The clustered parishes of Sacred Heart, Horicon and St. Matthew Neosho are seeking an individual to begin employment as a part-time bookkeeper beginning immediately. The bookkeeper is responsible for computing, classifying, and recording financial transactions that are accurate and in compliance with Archdiocesan guidelines. Specific responsibilities include processing payroll, accounts payable and receivable, money counting, contributions, monthly reports, and budget development. Previous bookkeeping experience is required. Experience in QuickBooks is a plus. Applicant to understand the overall Catholic mission of the parish and administer parish business operations in relation to it.

Location: Sacred Heart Church,
950 Washington St., Horicon

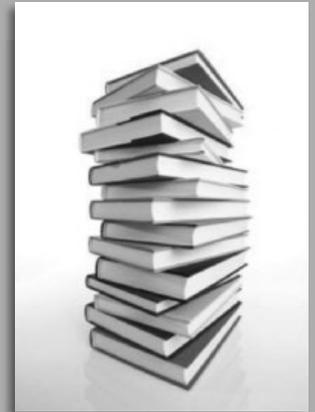
Compensation: Part-time, 25-
29 hours/week, \$14-\$16/hour

Send resume and references
to: Rev. Justin Lopina, PO Box
27, Horicon, WI 53032



Library News

We have received some very helpful guide books pertaining to the Ministries here at our Parishes. If you would like more information and guidance in the Ministry of *Sacristan, Assembly, Holy Communion, Lectors and Readers, Servers, Cantors, Ushers, Greeters and Hospitality, Liturgical Environment, or Music* please stop by and check out one of these great resources!



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STEWARDSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

Year End Donations Deadline

This is a reminder that financial contributions for the year 2021 must be submitted to the office **before 10 am December 30** to be credited on your 2021 Church Contribution Statement for tax purposes.

Any contributions received after December 31 cannot be deducted on your 2021 taxes unless it was mailed and both the check *and* the postmark are dated in 2021. However, such a check would **not** appear on your Church Contribution Statement. You would need to keep track of that on your own for your taxes.

To ensure the deductibility of your church contributions, please do not file your 2021 income tax return until you have received a written acknowledgement of your contributions. Your 2021 church statement will be mailed prior to 1/31/22.

If you have any further questions, contact Jane at 920-485-0694 x222 or jahsheart@sbcglobal.net

LITURGICAL LIFE

PAST DUE

**2022 Pledge
Cards were
due 12/6**

If you haven't already returned your pledge card for 2022 please do so as soon as possible. As of 12/7/21 Sacred Heart has received 138 returned pledge cards. This compares to 220 cards received the last time pledges were solicited two years ago. Sacred Heart has a total of 444 registered households. St. Matthew has returned 33 pledges compared to 42 prior pledges received. St. Matthew has a total of 106 registered households. We would still like to hear from more parishioners as the pledges are a key component of our budgeting process each year.

If you do not return a pledge card we will use your 2021 donations as an indicator that you will give the same amount in 2022 so we may more accurately prepare our fiscal year budget. Remember to update any changes to your household information on the back of the card.

Thank you for taking the time to update your pledges and household information.



Join us for a candlelight hike or snowshoe on our beautiful Green Loop Trail, followed by hot cocoa and snacks in the Ecology Yurt.

Friday, January 14, 2022
6:30 PM – 9:00 PM
Tickets \$5-\$24

Come out to the Catholic Ecology Center for a beautiful candle-lit hike or snowshoe on our Green Loop Trail.

The Green Loop encounters the pond, Otter Creek, the Rubicon River, the boardwalk and ends at our Ecology Yurt. The trail, which will be lined with luminaries, is approximately 3/4 of a mile and mostly flat making for a beautiful hike.

The hike will end at the Ecology Yurt with a fire, hot chocolate and snacks. This is a wonderful time to get outside during the cold season and enjoy the beauty of creation.

Snowshoe use free to members while supplies last. Leashed Pets are welcome on trails but not allowed in buildings.

The Catholic Ecology Center is located at W1468 County Road NN Neosho, WI 53059. Just 12 minutes west of Holy Hill

catholicecologycenter.org

Please direct all inquires to the Catholic Ecology Center, **not** Sacred Heart.

Joe Meyer
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Christmas Choral Preludes

This Christmas, we will once again have musical preludes before our three Christmas Masses.

At 3:40 pm the Choristers and pianist Bevin Schessow will present four selections to prepare us for Mass at 4:00 pm at Sacred Heart on Christmas Eve.

At 6:15 pm the Christmas Trio at Saint Matthew will present three selections to prepare us for Mass at 6:30 pm on Christmas Eve.

At 9:10 am the Christmas Quartet at Sacred Heart will present four selections to prepare us for Mass at 9:30 am on Christmas Day.

Please join us, for joyful music and prayer as we commemorate the birth of Jesus.

Inclement Weather Policy

Inclement weather may force our parish to cancel services and/or programs at times.

If inclement weather should cause cancellations of church services **on weekends**, our parish will put these announcements on the WBEV AM1430 & WXRO 95.3 FM radio stations. We will also typically post the closing on our parish website, www.sheart.org and our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/sheartparish.

If you have signed up for electronic communication you may also get an email or text alert. If you wish to sign up for electronic messages you can join at <https://sacredheartstmatthew.flocknote.com>. Please try the "Login" button first to see if your email or cell phone number are already in our system (not your name). If not, then join up and provide your information or contact the parish office (920) 485-0694 x221 during business hours to update your contact information.

Please Note: cancellation may not occur until within the hour prior to the service.

During the week, cancellations will occur if the Horicon School District has a late start, early release or is closing due to weather conditions. The Horicon School District will announce this information on local radio and TV.

* ***If school is canceled***, all church programs & services will be canceled the entire day.

* ***If a late start is announced***, the morning church programs & services will be canceled.

* ***If an early release is announced***, all afternoon and evening church programs or services will be canceled.

Christian Women Christmas Craft & Bake Sale

The Christian Women of Sacred Heart Church would like to thank everyone that made our Christmas Craft and Bake Sale & Basket Raffle so very successful! Thank you to those that donated crafts and baked goods and money, those that helped setup and take down, those who helped make the baskets, sell tickets, staff the sale, and those that supported our cause by purchasing tickets, crafts and goodies! Also thanks to the Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus who organized and ran the chili lunch!

Thanks to all of your efforts we raised about \$5,000 to support the Christian Women group here at Sacred Heart! Thank you to ALL!

Christmas Basket Raffle 2021 Winners!

Thank you for your raffle ticket purchases ensuring another successful Christmas Raffle. Congratulations to the winners of this years baskets!

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| 1. What a doll | Kim Weggeland |
| 2. Warm and Woolly | M.B. Schessow |
| 3. Checkmate | Karen Schultz |
| 4. Santa Sack | Kathy Kodrich |
| 5. Dinner for 4 | Diana Theide |
| 6. 12 Days of Christmas | Jayne Schuett |
| 7. O, Boy! | Parker Beck |
| 8. Checked Out | Donna Oathout |
| 9. Baking Delights | Shanna Dykstra |



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