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The Second Sunday of Advent • Welcome to Our Parish

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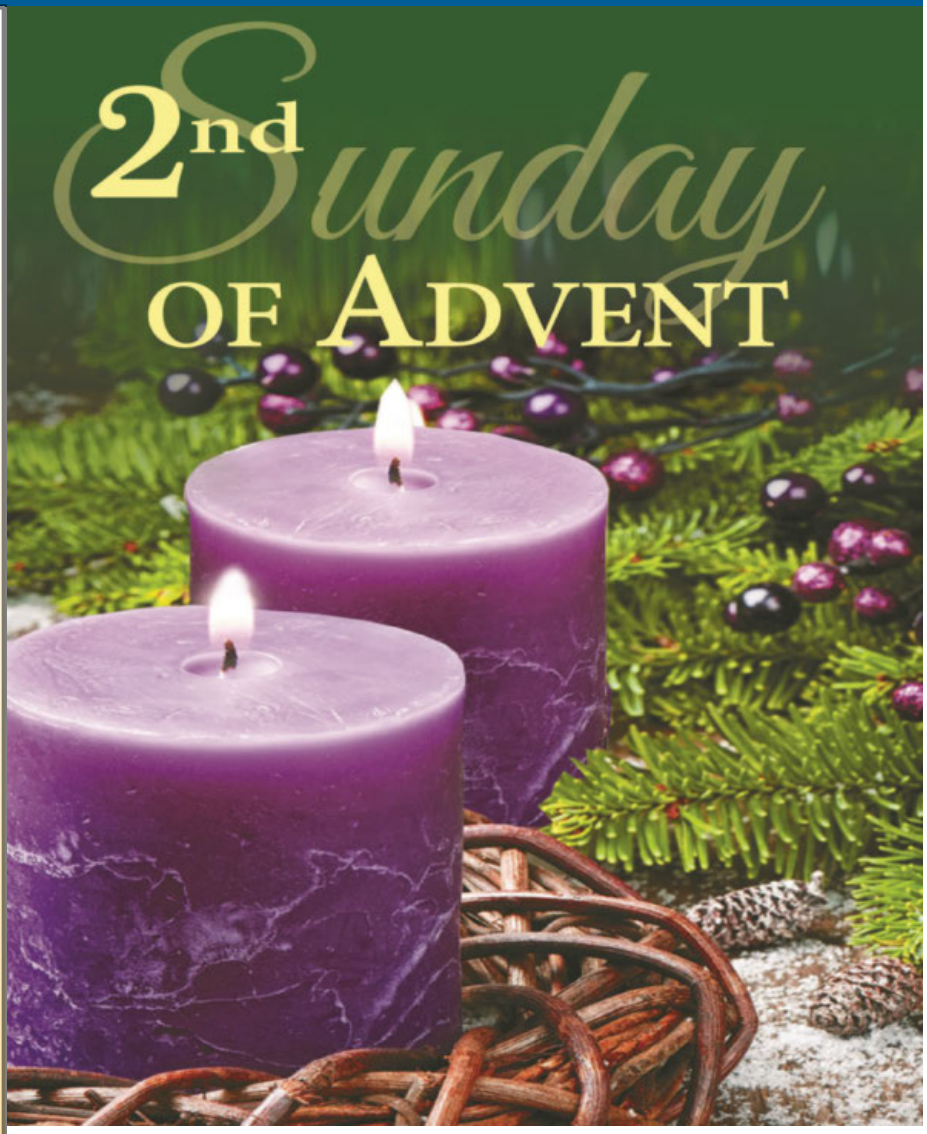
Masses
8:00A.M. Tuesday-Friday
Saturday - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday - 9:00 a.m.
Rosary - 7:40A.M. Tuesday-Friday
Confession - Saturday 3:00 – 3:45p.m.
Parish Office - **9:00a.m.-2:00p.m. Mon.-Fri.**

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT CUT OFF DATES!!

BULLETINS DUE FOR DEC. 19TH:
ANNCMTS DUE - FRIDAY, DEC. 3

BULLETINS DUE FOR DEC. 26TH:
ANNCMTS DUE - MONDAY, DEC. 6



LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION OF THE WEEK

Sometimes, especially when life gets overwhelming and difficult, we can find ourselves feeling a bit downhearted and miserable. Wallowing in this uncomfortable darkness seems to be our norm and it's difficult to see a way out of, or through, this experience. If we listen carefully enough, we will hear God's voice calling out deep within, beckoning us to seek out its source and discover the inner calm and peace that can prevail over the darkness of despair. Faith tells us that God has already begun the creation of a good work in us and is with us, bringing it to completion, until Christ Jesus comes again. It is this light of God's glory for which we are asked to pave the way and straighten the paths of our lives so that it can shine. With all that life can ask of us and bring to us, it is our task to constantly discern what is of value. So that we do not get so weighed down by things that we no longer see, or feel, God's salvation.

CCD CORNER

December Birthdays: -

Samantha Orr - 12/2/2010

Julie Feldshau - 12/12

CCD is still in need of a photographer for First Communion and Confirmation. That's just 2 days out of the year. If you are interested or know someone who might be interested, please call Laurie Harkness @ 694-2061 ext. 3 on Tuesday and Thursday between the hours of 9:00a.m.-3:00p.m.

Shop Pampered Chef this holiday season and support St. Monica's Ladies Guild!

Nov. 23 - Dec 14. 10-15% of sale totals will stay with the Guild for our projects. Catalogs and online party links available in the vestibule.

Order online: https://www.pamperedchef.com/party/stmonicaladiesguild

To participate in the Facebook party:
https://www.facebook.com/groups/1015449472352158

People who are not on Facebook can be part of a virtual party here:
https://table.pamperedchef.com/party/st-monicas-ladies-guild-pampered-chef-fundraiser-208373

To order by phone or join online parties, contact Julie Fonseca at 309-231-5596

Ladies Guild 2nd Dinnerless Dinner

Everyone had so much fun not eating, not getting gussied up, and not driving to last year's dinnerless dinner, so we're throwing another one! Everyone is cordially invited and no one will be there.

Date: January 32, 2022
Time: 7:22 - 9:41
Cost $30 (any donation graciously accepted)

(Please indulge our humor. It is our attempt to raise money in place of our annual Craft Fair.)
Make checks payable to "St Monica Ladies Guild" and mark the envelope Dinnerless Dinner. Envelopes can be put in the collection box or mailed to Eileen Hahn, 107 Alice Ave, East Peoria, 61611.
Thank you for helping support our Guild!

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMORIAL BULLETIN AD

It's time for some of you to renew the name of your loved ones in the bulletin ad! Please call the office to pay for another year for your loved one/s or honor someone else by placing him or her in this spot designated for our parishioners. When your loved one's names drop off of the bulletin, you will know that it's time to pay for another year.

If you are interested, please email stmonicaparishep@gmail.com or call the office to get your loved one placed in the Memorial section for 1 year. We have plenty of space for more people to add if you are interested! The more ads we have, the more space we have for bulletin announcements and inserts. Thank you for your support!

STEWARDSHIP

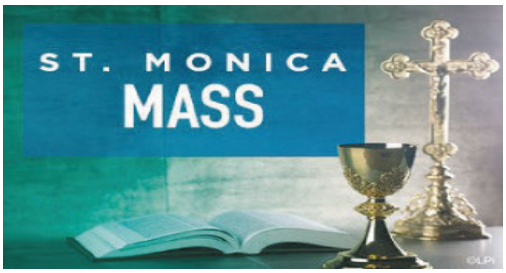
The **2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal** is now underway in our parish. Thanks to all who made a pledge to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Currently, we have **111 pledges** of **$37,110.47** toward our goal of **$36,550**, and we have received **$26,531.72** of those pledges from parishioners to date. A gift to the ADA, no matter how great or small can go a long way. A pledge of $10 or $20 a month can add up. Even a one-time gift is helpful to the cause. To those who have contributed, we are most grateful. If you have not yet made a gift to the ADA, we invite you to do so today. There are envelopes at the end of the pews.

Parking Lot Donations

If you would like to donate to the Parking Lot Fund by check, please write "Parking Lot" in the Memo line. Place the check or cash in a separate envelope labeled "Parking Lot" so our Counters can be sure it goes to the proper account. As always, thank you for your generosity.

Total received: $12,560.00
Contributions: 47

The 2nd Sunday of Advent **December 5, 2021**



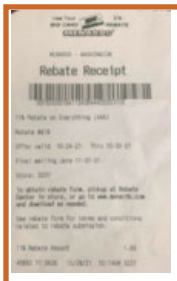
Weekday Mass is at 8:00A.M. @ St. Monica (unless noted otherwise)

Monday, Dec. 6 - No Mass
Tuesday, Dec. 7 –
8:00a.m. Mass - *Joanne Flynn* *(Keith Wilson*
7:00p.m. Vigil Mass - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - *Michael T. Couri* *(Palmer Family)*
Lector: Michelle Palmer
Altar Servers: Joshua and Jude Palmer
Musicians: Barb Dolton and Debbie Wenzel
Wednesday, Dec. 8 –
9:00a.m. The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - *Michael Bieneman* *(Eileen Bieneman)*
Lector: Bonnie Kumer
Altar Servers: Bill Rogers & Wanda Schoch
Musicians: Eileen Hahn & Jodi Scott
Thursday, Dec. 9 – *Dick Sayles* *(Kenny & Laurie Harkness)*
Friday, Dec. 10 – *John & Eleanor McCabe* *(McCabe Family)*

Saturday, Dec. 11 4:00p.m. - *Perry Tisdale* *(Jenny Tisdale)*
Lector: Eugenia Schutts
Altar Server: Bill Rogers
Musicians: Pat Schmillen & Adam Vestal
Ushers: Rick Couri & Jim Demmel

Sunday, Dec. 12 9:00a.m.–
Lector: Greg Berry
Altar Server: Bill Durham
Musicians: Barb Dolton & Debbie Wenzel
Ushers: Earl Riley, Larry Russell, John Dickerson

Sunday 10:30am Holy Communion Distribution
Ushers: Earl Riley, Larry Russell, John Dickerson
Counters: Pat Schmillen & Wanda Schoch



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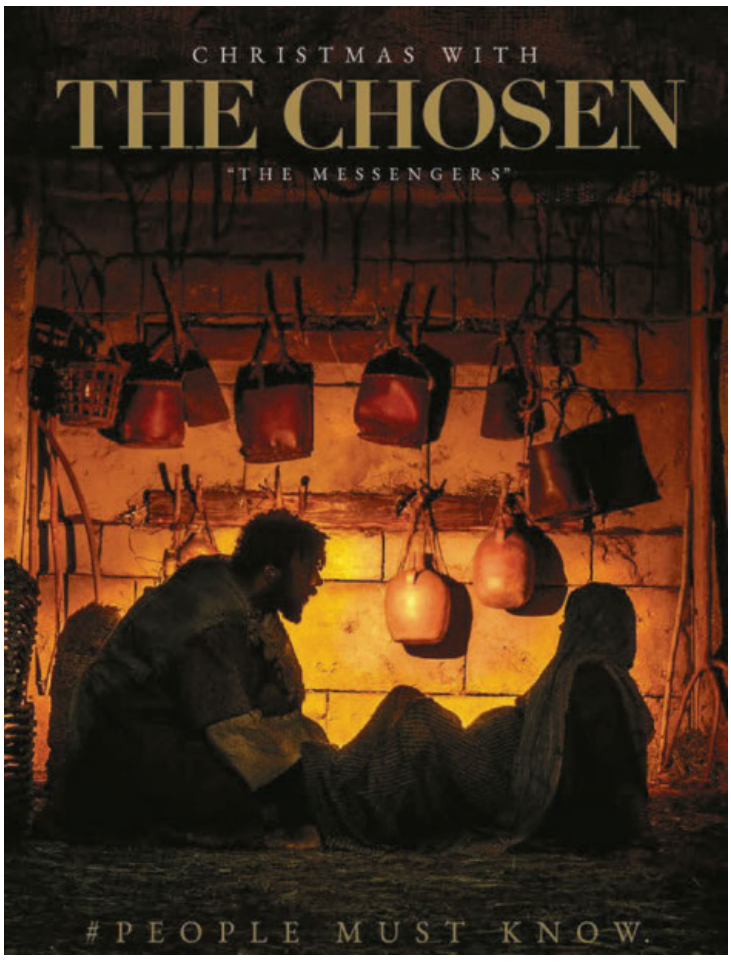
Pray For...	Fr Ken Marchulones	Fr. Paul Meismer
Bill Durham	Tyler Vanskike	Al Peplinski
Leonard Vestal	Tony Bieneman	Deb Johnson
Sharon Martin	Linda Racki	Mike Kumer
Jan Bowes	Michelle Bush	Keith Wilson
Irma Robbins	Greg White	Pat Rose
Pat Wahrenburg	Karen Clark	Sue Couri
Dick Coyle	Michael Cioni	Susan Palmer
Ray Martin		
All St. Monica Parishioners	All clergy fighting COVID	All those fighting cancer

Adult Bible Study continues on Thursday nights. Dcn. Steve and Linda Racki will soon be discussing a new Bible Study called "The Chosen". Class is on Thursdays @ 6:30pm and will be starting on January 6th. The donation will be $5. Faith Formation is taking place via ZOOM, so, if you are interested, please call Linda Racki @ 824-3587.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82480435228?pwd=djZ3Z25pZ2VnUVdWQWVGWjNYYlBUUT09

Join us for Christmas with "The Chosen"
Sunday, December 12th at 3pm
St Monica Parish Hall
Get your Tickets at: https://faithcontentnetwork.brushfire.com/thechosen/521374



If you wish to honor someone special or celebrate a special occasion with the purchase of a Christmas poinsettia that will be used in the decorating of our Church for Christmas, please send your order to the Church Office via the collection box, mail, or you may stop by the office. The cost is $12. Please make checks out to St. Monica Church with Memorial Flowers in the memo.

In Memory of:_____

From:_____

Would you like to have your poinsettia when we take them off of the altar? Yes_____ No_____

Phone Number _____

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

If you live in our parish and have not yet had an opportunity to register, just fill in the form below and drop it in the Collection Box . You will then receive registration forms in the mail or you may come by the Parish Office in our Parish Hall between the hours of 8:00A.M.-2:00P.M. and register here.

NAME _____

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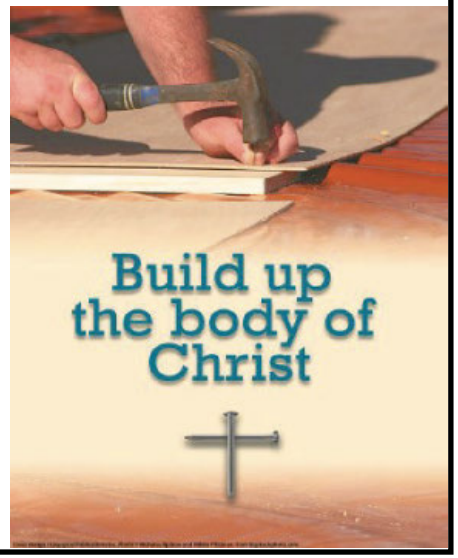
CITY_____**PHONE**_____

Be a Willing Catholic, Remember Your Church.



IN REMEMBRANCE OF
St. Monica Catholic Church Parish Families Loved Ones

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