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## The Third Sunday of Advent • Welcome to Our Parish

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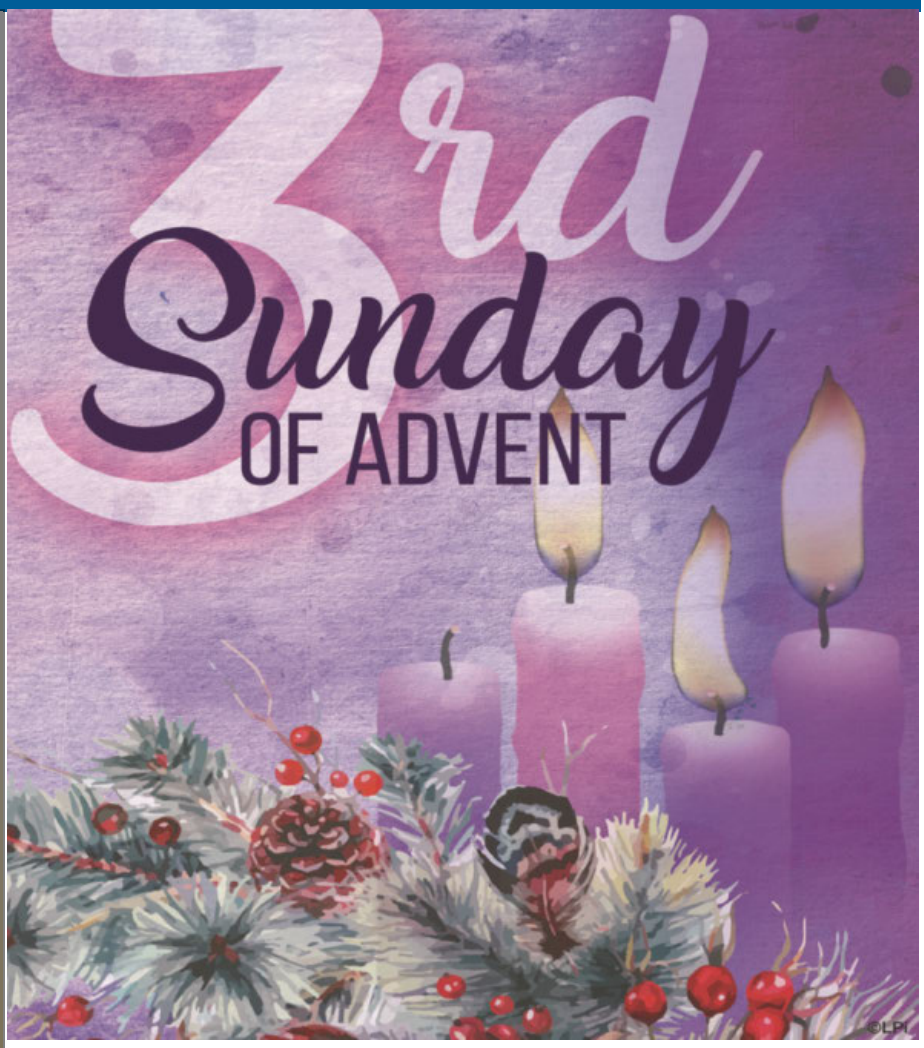
***Masses***
8:00A.M. Tuesday-Friday
Saturday - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday - 9:00 a.m.
***Rosary*** - 7:40A.M. Tuesday-Friday
***Confession*** - Saturday 3:00 – 3:45p.m.
Parish Office - **9:00a.m.-2:00p.m. Mon.-Fri.**

**BULLETIN CONTENT CUT OFF DATES!!**

**—Bulletins Due for Dec. 26th : Bulletin content due by or before Dec. 13th.**

**—Bulletins Due for Jan. 2nd: Bulletin content due by or before Dec.20**




**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION OF THE WEEK**

Shout for joy! When was the last time you ever felt like doing that? Fear, uncertainty, pressure, negativity, disappointment, and myriad other human experiences can rob us of joy. We can never predict what life will bring. As unsettling as that can often seem, life's unpredictability is also the very thing that allows it to be exciting and adventuresome! We know that life can be difficult, and it is unrealistic to expect it to be otherwise. God never promised an easy road. But, when a person truly falls in love with God and discovers the peacefulness and assurance of God's presence, then a depth of understanding will be brought to everything they do and experience. Nothing will be able to rob them of joy! When we realize that God, the King of Israel, is in our midst and with us, there is no further misfortune to fear. We celebrate the beauty and wonder of God's gift of joy today as we ready ourselves, even more excitedly, for the coming of our Savior. Do not fear and do not be discouraged. There is a power and presence within us, our God, who has made us, who loves us and who will keep us. What more do we need? Rejoice!

# 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

## *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!

## 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!

## STEWARDSHIP

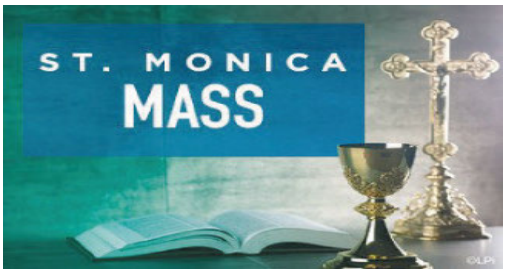
The **2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal** is now underway in our parish. Thanks to all who made a pledge to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Currently, we have **111 pledges** of **$37,110.47** toward our goal of **$36,550**, and we have received **$26,531.72** of those pledges from parishioners to date. A gift 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: $23,660.00
Contributions: 51

**The 3rd Sunday of Advent** **December 12, 2021**




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

**Monday, Dec. 13- No Mass**
**Tuesday, Dec. 14 – Shirley Faux** *(Mary, Mother of the Blessed Sacrament Community)*
**Wednesday, Dec. 15 – Walt & Delores Johnson** *(Kim & Deb Johnson)*
**Thursday, Dec. 16 – Christine (Ranney) Eiten** *(Laurie & Kenny Harkness)*
**Friday, Dec. 17 – Elmer Kotek** *(Jean Kotek)*

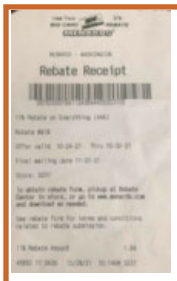
**Saturday, Dec. 18 4:00p.m. - Del Davis** *(Jim & Andrea Wygle)*
**Lector:** Judy Reinmann
**Altar Server:** Rick Couri
**Musicians:** Pat Schmillen & Jodi Scott
**Ushers**: John Salzer & Jerry Campen

**Sunday, Dec. 19 9:00a.m.– All Parishioners Mass**
**Lector:** Julie Fonseca
**Altar Server:** Henry Wefer
**Musicians:** Tim Houston (Praise Choir)
**Ushers:** Paul Flynn, Bill Durham, Don Johnson

**Sunday 10:30am Holy Communion Distribution**
**Ushers:** Paul Flynn, Bill Durham, Don Johnson

*"He who interrupts the course of his spiritual exercises and prayer is like a man who allows a bird to escape from his hand; he can hardly catch it again."*

-St John of the Cross **Feast Day**: December 14th

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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

Come sing for the Christmas 8pm Vigil Mass. Practices will be Mondays, December 13th & 20th at 7p.m. Call Eileen Hahn for more information.

A NEW FUNDRAISER FOR BUILDING HOPE IN KIDS- UGANDA

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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!**

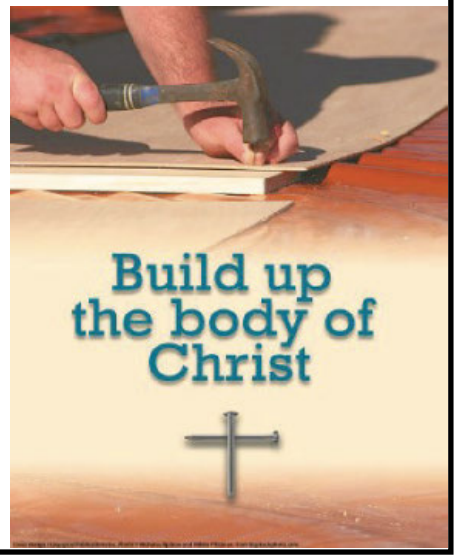
**If you live in our parish and have not yet had an opportunity to register, just fill in the form below and drop it in the Collection Box . You will then receive registration forms in the mail or you may come by the Parish Office in our Parish Hall between the hours of 8:00A.M.-2:00P.M. and register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

**NAME** _____

**ADDRESS**_____

**CITY**_____**PHONE**_____

Be a Willing Catholic, Remember Your Church.



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

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