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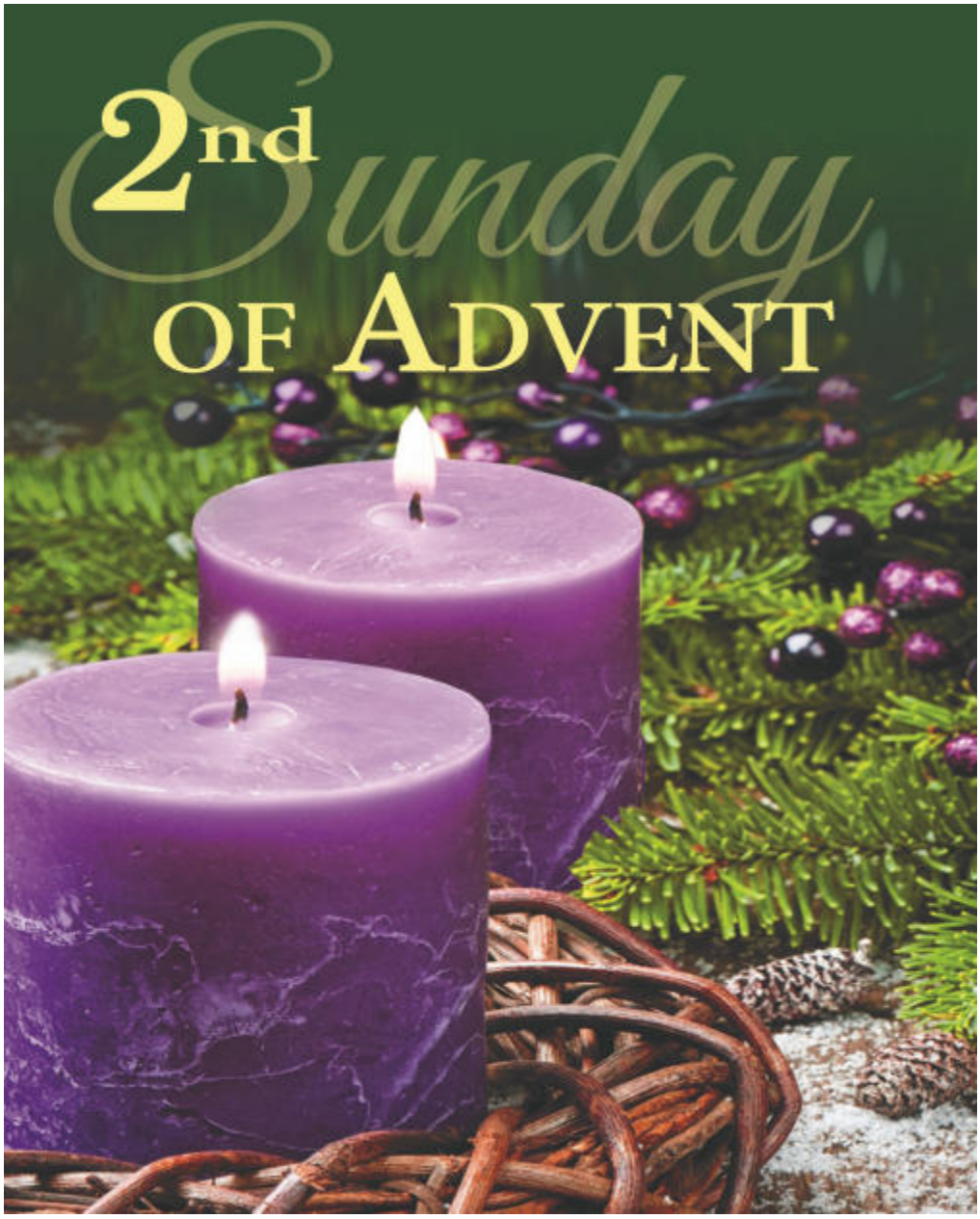
Temporary Mass Schedule

WEEKEND MASS Saturday Vigil 4:30PM
Sunday 8:00AM and 10:30AM

WEEKDAY MASS Tuesday-Saturday 9:00AM

CONFESSIONS Tuesday through Friday 8:40-8:55AM and Saturday 9:30-10:00AM in the Lincoln Ave. gathering space or call (812) 425-3369, ext. 0 for an appointment

December 6, 2020 • Second Sunday of Advent



Novena Prayer

O Gracious Father, in every age and at all times You bless Your people with great gifts. Through the prayers of Saint Jude Thaddeus, powerful patron of the hopeless, scatter the darkness of our fear, crush the coronavirus and its havoc, awaken cooperation for the common good, safeguard all who serve the sick and needy, inspire charity in our words and deeds, and train our hearts again to trust in you. Help our weary, broken world, Living Lord, with faith, peace, kindness, and compassion, with humility, respect, joy, and courage. See us through these trials, Lord God, especially people given to depression and despair, the unemployed, the homeless, the hungry, and all with daily struggles. May our love and respect for Your creation bring new life, greater mutual support, and enduring, confident hope for all. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

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From Fr. Godfrey

— **NOVENA PRAYER**. As the aftermath of our Thanksgiving celebrations unfolds in the Covid situation, it seemed opportune to do a novena to St. Jude, the patron of hopeless causes. That novena prayer is on the front of the bulletin this week. I encourage you to pray it nine days in a row, or nine hours in a row, for protection and hope!

— **CHRISTMAS CALLS**. Considering the isolation so many people are feeling, at the recommendation of the Pastoral Council, members of the staff, councils, and Welcoming Committee will be calling every parish household for which we have numbers between Sunday, December 6 and Tuesday, December 8, just to say hello, answer questions, and offer you the chance to ask questions. So if you get a call from an unrecognized Evansville number this week, that might be why.

— **ST. VINCENT PRAYER PARTNERS**. Last Wednesday evening, I received an email asking St. Ben's (along with many other congregations) to become prayer partners with Ascension St. Vincent. I have chosen the FIFTH DAY OF EACH MONTH to be our Prayer Partner day. I encourage you to pray especially for the patients and staff of Ascension St. Vincent every month on the fifth. Thank you!

— **CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES**. Just a reminder that Christmas Eve Masses this year will be at 2:00PM, 4:00PM and 10:00PM — for these Masses, RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED, which will be available December 9, by an online portal or by calling the parish center. We'll also have Mass at Midnight and 9AM on Christmas Day. These two Masses will not require reservations.

— ADVENT HOPE to all of you!

Last Week's Collections

Weekly Offering	$17,879
Weekly EFT	$1,802
Weekly Budget	$31,281
Surplus/(Deficit)	($11,600)

October Income Statement Year to Date

Sunday Offering Actual	$466,150
Sunday Offering Budget	$542,198
Surplus/(Deficit)	($76,048)
Diocesan Loan Balance	$1,427,503

Welcome to our parish! *We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors. If you are new to the area, we invite you to register and make St. Benedict Cathedral your home. You may also register online at saintbenedictcathedral.org and click on About Us >>Join the Parish.*

We welcome to our Parish Family
* Joe & Cami Vieke & children Camden & Kenna

Commitment Cards

We're still in the midst of our annual Stewardship Renewal. If you haven't returned your Commitment Card, it is NOT too late. Returning your card is an important part of being an active member of St. Benedict Cathedral. Please take this opportunity to discern how God is calling you to grow closer to Him this year.

St. Vincent de Paul News

The St. Ben's Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to give a colossal THANK YOU to Chuck Hirsch and his wife, Dianne. They have been key organizers, fearless leaders and primary contacts for our group for many years and sometimes, we don't say thank you enough. Over the past several years, Chuck has devised a system to facilitate calls for home visits and record our endeavors with efficiency. This has helped countless needy neighbors receive the help they need like beds, electricity, water, food and clothes. Thank you both for all you've done.

Mass Readings

Sunday, 12/6 *Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8*
Monday, 12/7 *Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26*
Tuesday, 12/8 *Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38*
Wednesday, 12/9 *Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30*
Thursday, 12/10 *Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15*
Friday, 12/11 *Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19*
Saturday, 12/12 *Zec 2:14-17/Lk 1:26-38*
Sunday, 12/13 *Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28*

Seminarian Spotlight

In your charity, please remember our Diocesan Seminarians in your prayer this week, especially

Philip Rogier

Saint Meinrad Seminary
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LITTLE BOOKS

Remember the Little Blue Book that we often have available for Advent and the Little Black Book for Lent? We will have a limited amount available this year but the company that produces them sent the following information:

Little Books can be ordered directly from the website at littlebooks.org. They are available in paper and ebook formats. You can also get all the seasonal books on the Little Books app available for iOS and Android devices. To learn more about the app, go to littlebooks.org/app

The Little Books app will give you access to the three seasonal books published every year by Little Books of the Diocese of Saginaw:
- Advent/Christmas Season
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These wonderful reflections from Bishop Ken Untener are enjoyed by thousands of believers every year. Each Little Book has been carefully crafted to help you explore the depths of Scripture and deepen your relationship with Christ.

Mass Intentions

During this time where 7AM Masses with a congregation are not being offered, Fr. Ted will offer Mass intentions as he presides at Mass.

	Father Ted	Father Godfrey
Sun. 12/6		Intentions of Ava Clark & Family +Jimmy Evans
Mon. 12/7		
Tue. 12/8	Peace on Earth	+Robert Allen For the Parish +Theresa Kim
Wed. 12/9	+Beverly Groben	+Judith Effinger
Thu. 12/10	+Jenny Blake	+Alec Cavins & +Ian Cosby +Rachel Grimwood
Fri. 12/11	+Francis Durchholz	+Roseanne Epple
Sat. 12/12	+Anne Keller	+Ronald Hupfer +Shannon Geary
Sun. 12/13		For the Parish +Frances Muensterman

Holy Arts will be visiting our parish December 19 & 20 on behalf of the Christian families in Bethlehem, Palestine. Their mission is to support those families in the Holy Land.

For centuries the Christians in and around Bethlehem have earned a living by carving religious olive wood art to sell to visiting pilgrims. No pilgrims are journeying to the Holy Land today due to the pandemic, as tourism has shut down completely in the Holy Land since March, leaving the Catholic families with absolutely NO income.

As a result, there has been a dramatic rise in Christian emigration from the Holy Land. Now, less than 1.2% of the population in the Holy Land are Christians.

Please consider purchasing some of these beautiful olive wood crafts for your Christmas gift giving.

The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store serves many purposes in our community. We are a second-hand retail store and an outreach ministry. As a retail store, we offer a great variety of items from clothing, to furniture, household goods and much more. As an outreach ministry our Society offers vouchers to the store for those in need. Shopping at the Thrift Store is a great way to save money and give back to your community because every purchase you make goes right back into our work of helping our neighbors in need. Your purchases help us provide others with emergency social services, food, shelter, energy assistance, and much, much more. So please come and support the St. Vincent de Paul thrift store to help us help others.

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Scholarship Granting Organization

Thanks to all who have taken part in Indiana's SGO Tax Credit Scholarship program. In this program, 50% of a scholarship donation to the SGO is returned in the form of a state tax credit, and the other 50% is eligible for a federal tax deduction. To qualify for tax credit, the gift must be made before December 31, but donations for SGO can be made any time. For more information, please see the website for the Institute for Quality Education: https://sgo.i4qed.org/schools/157. Thank you for your generosity.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Masses this year will be at 2:00PM, 4:00PM and 10:00PM — for these Masses, RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. Reservations will be taken **beginning December 9**. More information on that process to come.

Mass will also be at Midnight and 9AM on Christmas Day. These two Masses will not require reservations.

Receive our **BULLETIN** in your email inbox. Sign up at **www.parishesonline.com.** Search for **St. Benedict Cathedral** and click on SUBSCRIBE.

If you would like the ability via email to ask others in the parish to pray for your intentions or if you would like to be notified via email when fellow parishioners are asking for prayers, send an email to **stbens-prayerchain @gmail. com.** Prefer to make and receive prayer requests via the telephone? Call Nancy Vaught at **491-1786.**

Prayer Chain

Electronic giving: saintbenedictcathedral.org/give

Each week we will feature a ministry for you to consider. Is God calling you to do more for others by sharing your talents?

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion~~~
Commissioned by the bishop and trained in the parish, EMHCs distribute Holy Communion at the daily and weekend Masses, and sometimes deliver Holy Communion to parishioners in their homes, hospitals, or nursing homes. Contact: Fr. Godfrey Mullen, OSB, at 812-425-3369 or gmullen@evdio.org.

Interested in having your child baptized?
Start the process by going to our website saintbenedictcathedral.org and clicking on SACRAMENTS >> BAPTISM. You will be contacted by Deacon David Rice after you have completed the registration.

New Online Store
Just in time for Christmas!

PrayerfullyCreated.Artfire.com

The Sisters of St Benedict have a new online store for a wide variety of sister-made products! Currently, Christmas is arriving at prayerfullycreated.artfire.com while you are reading this bulletin!! New items are coming throughout the months of October and November. You will find creations from Sisters Gail, Leona, Mary Lee, Doris, and more! As always, our profits go directly to supporting our retired sisters in our monastery and everything we make is prayerfully created!! Please share our store with family and friends and groups! Be assured of our gratitude and prayers for each of you! God Bless us all!

Have questions or interested in the Knights of Columbus? You can find info at www.kofc.org or email kofc7544info@gmail.com. St. Benedict Cathedral K of C Council 7544 has over 120 members and growing.

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Hunger Bowl 2020

The Knights of Columbus of SW Indiana would like to thank all who contributed to the Friday Knights Hunger Bowl to raise $10,852.95 for the St. Vincent DePaul Food Bank. A special thanks to the K of C Council at St. Benedict and the students of St. Benedict's school for their support. This is over $4,000 over last year's total. Remember it's not too late to help them out. Contributions can be sent directly to SVPD at 809 N. Lafayette Avenue, Evansville, Indiana 47711. Vivat Jesus... K of C Co-Chairs Mark Hackert and John Sanders. For more details on the Knights or the Hunger Bowl --- kofc7544info@gmail.com.

Discerning Priesthood?

Last year three young men moved into a new House of Discernment at Sacred Heart Church in Evansville. Mass, prayer, meals, and discussions dot the week while the residents continue their college studies or jobs while living at the House. If you are 19-30 years old and would like more information, please email Fr. Tyler Tenbarge, House Director, trtenbarge@evdio.org) or call (812) 423-1721 and leave a message for Fr. Tyler.

"We should make Mary lie down in the straw. She's 'specting a baby, you know."

Raising Vocations

Holy Hour and Parent Discussions

Vocations Office
DIOCESE OF EVANSVILLE

Our Lady of Hope
Washington, IN
December 10, 6-8PM EST

Guided Holy Hour with Adoration, a Homily, & a panel discussion with parents of priests & nuns from our parishes. All are welcome at all parishes.

Our 2020 Doves Are Ready For Flight!

This year's Dove Tree Program may look a little different, but the heartfelt mission is still the same!

DOVES ARE NOW AVAILABLE! Here's how you can get one:

<u>During church service</u>: Doves will be located near the east and west entrances on the wall. Choose the one you want, and take it home to use as your shopping list!

<u>At the Parish Center</u>: Stop by Monday through Thursday between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm (Closed for lunch between 11:30 am and 12:30 pm), or Fridays from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm to choose a Dove.

<u>ONLINE:</u> New this year!!! Doves are available by visiting our website at saintbenedictcathedral.org and clicking on the 2020 Dove Tree Program link.

Those who wish to participate should choose a Dove, purchase gifts listed, and return the wrapped gifts (unless otherwise noted) using the Dove as a nametag to the Parish Center no later than Sunday, December 13.

For more information or questions, please contact Angie or Kelley in the Parish Office at 812-425-3369.

Seeking Coordinator of Music Ministry

SJB Newburgh is seeking a full-time Coordinator of Music Ministry. This individual should be a strong leader who possesses a passion for traditional and contemporary worship; a vision for musical excellence; and the ability to lead instrumentalists, vocalists and congregational singing.

Qualifications include:

Experience in music ministry preferred.

The ability to read and play music and to direct congregational singing.

The ability to organize and lead choirs, ensembles and instrumentalists.

A heart for personal and corporate worship of God.

A passion to involve and equip people for ministry and a willingness to work within a team concept.

A basic theological understanding of music in worship and an understanding of the role of music within liturgy.

If you are interested in joining our dynamic team at SJB Newburgh, please send your resume as well as three references to: Jay VanHoosier, jwvanhoosier@evdio.org. For questions or for more information, call Deacon Jay at (812) 490-1000.

Help Needed

The Emergency Food Pantry Consortium needs volunteers to work in the call center mornings and afternoons. Basic computer and phone skills are needed. Call, text, or email Cathy Folz at 812-760-9421; cathyfolz@gmail.com.

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