

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 13TH 2020



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of our parish communities are to nurture a loving relationship with the Trinity through a faith filled liturgy that empowers our parishioners to reach out to all those who are in need of the love & mercy that God offered to the world through His Son's life, death, & resurrection.



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.
- Jn 1:6-7

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PARISH MASS TIMES

ST. FRANCIS, SOLANUS

1050 MAIN STREET, GRESHAM

Sunday | 8:30am

Wednesday & Friday 8:30am

ST. MARY

W11842 THIRD STREET

LEOPOLIS

Sunday | 10:00am

Thursday | 8:30am

RECONCILIATION

St. Francis: Sunday | 8:00-

8:15am

St. Mary: 2nd Saturday 9:00am

HOLY HR-1ST TUES 6:30PM-G

ADORATION

St. Francis: Tuesday 6:30pm

St. Mary: 1st Thursday |

6:00pm

ST. FRANCIS SOLANUS

Pastoral Council Chair:

Pamela Koback

Finance Council Chair:

Esther Schutt

Treasurer Trustee:

Dan Huntington

Secretary Trustee:

Jerilyn Johnson

St. Francis CCW:

1st Thursday - 7pm

All women of the parish are

welcome as members.

Faith Formation: TBD

Grades 1-8

Grades 9-12 5:30-6:45pm

2nd Wed 6:00pm Mass

ST. MARY

Pastoral Council Chair:

Darold Paisar

Finance Council Chair:

Tim Mehlberg

Treasurer Trustee:

Theresa Voelz

Secretary Trustee:

Alicia Hoffman

St. Mary CCW:

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welcome as members.

Religious Education

Grades 1-12 Wednesdays

5:45pm-6:45pm

3rd Wednesday 5:30pm Mass

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Grunewald

SACRAMENTS

Anointing of the Sick: Individual arrangements can be made through parish office.

Baptism: Preparation program second Saturday of month 9-11 am. Please contact the Parish Office to register.

Marriage: Please call the parish office at least 6 months in advance.

Confirmation: TBD

1st Reconciliation: TBD

1st Eucharist: TBD

PARISH OFFICE OF ST. FRANCIS SOLANUS & ST. MARY LEOPOLIS

P.O. BOX 177 GRESHAM, WI 54128 715-787-3250

PARISH OFFICE HOURS— CALL TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT

PRIEST WILL BE AVAILABLE IN OFFICE BY APPOINTMENT

Bulletin on line at: parishesonline.com

PRAYER & WORSHIP

A NOTE FROM FATHER NONITO

John the Baptist was doing everything he could to make the people of his time ready to accept Jesus. And his message caught the attention of those in the area around Bethany and the Jordan. So, we should not be overly surprised when the priests and Levites quiz John to try to find out just who he was and what he was really up to. First, because they were expecting the Messiah, they ask him if he was he. If he were, that would be a big news because most of them were looking for “blood and thunder” Messiah who would overthrow the Romans, but John said no. Then they ask if he is Elijah who did some pretty fancy things himself; or Yahweh did, in answer to Elijah’s appeal. Remember Elijah among other things was carried to heaven in a chariot of fire. Maybe John’s inquirers are hoping to see some real-life effects, but John said no. Then comes the big question - “if you are not one of these, what are you doing here and why?” “I am preparing the way”, said John, “for there among you whom you do not recognize, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie.”

Jesus was there but was not recognized because he was not what they are were looking for nor had his time come. Like the people of his time, we sometimes do not see him in others: in the hungry and thirsty; in the naked and homeless; in the sick and in the prisons because we are not looking for him there. Yet, he is there.

In this season of Advent, we prepare for the coming of Jesus, the Savior of the world, but the big question - Are we prepared to see him today, in others and perhaps even in ourselves?

In Jesus,
Fr. Nonito

Today through the Retirement Collection we are able to Share in the Care of our retired sisters, brothers and religious order priests through the National Retirement Fund for Religious, as well as of the senior priests of our own diocese. Envelopes are available in the church entrance to make your contribution.

Please be generous in helping those who have given so much over the years.

Readings for the week of December 13, 2020

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17

Friday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25

Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/ Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

MASS INTENTIONS

ST FRANCIS SOLANUS

12/ 13 Vern Sr & Vern Jr Hoffman

12/20 Curtis Dumke & Jodie Hoffman

12/24/20 People of Parish

12/25/20 People of Parish

ST MARY—LEOPOLIS

12/13 Patrick & Mary Mc Clone

12/20 Gabe & Mary Kutil & People of the 4 Parishes

12/24/20 People of Parish

12/25 No Mass

MINISTER SCHEDULE:

St Francis Solanus 12/13

Lector: Sandy G.

Ushers: Sandy & Wayne, Jean & Lee

St Francis Solanus 12/20

Lector: Dave

Ushers: Sandy & Wayne, Jean & Lee

St Francis Solanus 12/24

Lector: Fran

Ushers: Sandy & Wayne, Jean & Lee

St Francis Solanus 12/25

Lector: Sandy G.

Ushers: Sandy & Wayne, Jean & Lee

St Mary Leopolis 12/13

Lector: Sue L.

Ushers: Tim M., Bob S.

St Mary Leopolis 12/20

Lector: Alicia H.

Ushers: Earl H., Robert V.

St Mary Leopolis 12/24

Lector: Alicia H.

Ushers: Earl H., Darold P.

MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND MASS SERVICES FOR THE HOMEBOUND ARE OFFERED BY THE FOLLOWING TV STATIONS: WBAY-TV- CHANNEL 2 AT 5:30 AM ON SUNDAYS. CHANNEL 5 WFRV BISHOP RICKEN’S MASS AT 10:00AM. MASS OFFERED ONLINE AT WWW.HEARTOFTHENATION.ORG. ST. MICHAEL FACEBOOK LIVE STREAMED MASS AT 9:00AM SUNDAY

NEWS & HAPPENINGS AT THE PARISHES



WELCOME!

The Lord has called all of us to a new way of living under His wonderful grace as our Savior. May joy and peace be yours as we praise our Lord and grow close to God and one another. It is a pleasure to have you worshipping with us. If you are considering joining our parish, please talk with Father Nonito or call the Parish Office at 715-787-3250. Anyone who has not officially signed up and would like to be a registered member, please stop in the office and fill out a form. It is that easy!

ST. MARY FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

12/06/2020

Support \$ 1278.00

B & G \$ 60.00

Flowers \$ 85.00

ST FRANCIS SOLANUS FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

12/06/2020

Support \$ 3362.00

B & G \$ 65.00

FLOWERS \$ 100.00

UPCOMING EVENTS

ST. MARY

W 12/16 FF 5:45-6:45

TH 12/17 8:30AM

MASS

SUN 12/20 10:00AM

MASS

TH 12/24 4:00PM

MASS

12/25 NO MASS

ST. FRANCIS SOLANUS

W 12/16 8:30AM MASS

F 12/18 8:30AM MASS

SUN 12/20 8:30AM

TH 12/24 8:00PM

F 12/25 8:30AM

Christmas Mass Vigil, Dec 24th, 4:00pm St. Mary Leopolis, 8:00pm Gresham

Christmas Day Mass, Dec 25th, 8:30am St. Francis Gresham

New Years Eve Mass, Dec 31st 4:00pm St. Mary Leopolis

Solemnity of the Motherhood of Mary (Vigil)

New Years Day Mass January 1st 2021 8:30am St. Francis Gresham

St. Mary's, Leopolis religious education students will be collecting canned goods and dried goods to donate to a local food pantry. Donations will be collected on Wednesdays in classrooms, and can be left at church on Sundays near the church entrances. Thank you for your help! Class Wed Dec 16th 5:45-6:45 No Mass on 16th

St. Francis Solanus religious education students will be collecting canned and dried goods to donate to the Gresham Area Food Pantry, "Flowing With Kindness". Donations can be dropped off at the Church entrance on Wednesday, Friday or Sunday when there is an 8:30am Mass. Thank You for your help with this very needed collection!

SPIRITUS is seeking Catholic young adults, 21-29 to join the SPIRITUS missionary team this August. SPIRITUS ignites the faith in thousands of young Catholics through retreats and parish youth ministry each year. Missionaries live in community and travel to parishes and schools throughout Wisconsin; they receive training, formation, spiritual direction, lodging, food, a monthly allowance, health insurance and a \$2,000 stipend upon completion of the 9 month program. It is a unique opportunity to serve our Lord and help young Catholics grow in faith. Visit spiritusministries.org/beamissionary, contact Rachel at recruiter@spiritsministries.org or 920-722-8918 ext 113 for more information.

Wearing of masks is mandatory at Masses celebrated throughout the diocese. Temperatures will be taken, physical distancing and communion in hand observed. Thank you for your support and compliance as we as a community of faith come together to worship in safety.



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THOSE IN OUR PARISH FAMILY WHO ARE ILL.

Mary Nellis, Darold Paiser, Barb Carroll, Margaret Hoffman, Roni Schultz, Mark Dillenburg, Debbie Brady, Mary Zahringer, David Carroll, Russell Stoehr, Jim Knoke, Shelly Gudis, Kim Lamberies, Robert Lohrentz, Todd Lohrentz, Rod Lohrentz, Dana Walton, Vincent Carroll, Albert Schroeder, Ataloo Wadzinski, Steve Brockman, Kathy Zoglman-Felkner, Lacey Estes, Ed Wedde, Jenny & Makenna Wiitanen, Katelyn Fehrman, Robert Knowles, Pat Paiser.

Prayer List: If you would like to add yourself or someone else to our parish prayer list please contact the parish office. When the specific need for prayer is over, please let the parish office know so that the name can be removed.

Bulletin News/Announcements: Deadline for new information is 9:00 am Mondays. Submit to parish office by email or in person.

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