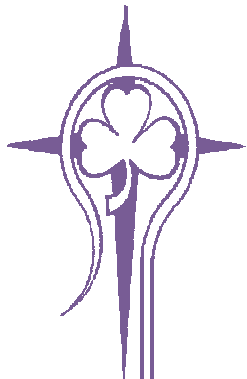




## 2nd Sunday of Advent

John went through the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah: “A voice of one crying in the desert: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’” — Luke 3:3-6



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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS** — 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday

#### REGISTRATION IN PARISH

Please visit the Parish Office (Located in the Convent basement ~ 1101 DeSoto Street)

#### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday at 4:00 p.m. on December the 22nd — Sundays at 10:45 a.m.

Hmong Mass ~ Sunday, December the 30th at 10:45 a.m.

**WEEKDAY MASS** Lower Chapel. Handicapped accessible.

8:30 a.m. Wednesday & Friday.

8:30 a.m. Communion Service — Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

**RECONCILIATION**: Saturday 3:30-3:50 p.m. on December the 22nd

#### BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE

For Sacrament preparation please call the parish office at 651 774-8675

**SAINT CASIMIR CHURCH** PHONE: 651 774-0365

Mass Schedule: Saturday at 4:00 p.m. on December the 15th — Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Servers</u>
<b>Saturday, December 8 - 4:00 p.m.</b>		
Howard Olson	* Dorothy Bartell V Anthony Weldon Tammy Villegas	William Mendez Javon Minor
<b>Sunday, December 9 - 10:45 a.m.</b>		
Wayne Craig	* Allison Lehner V Brody Lindstrom Toni Radcliff Markita Colburn Morgan Behnke	Demetre Fitzgerald Dominic Fitzgerald

<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Servers</u>
<b>Saturday, December 15 - 4:00 p.m.</b>		
<b>MASS AT THE CHURCH OF SAINT CASIMIR</b>		
<b>Sunday, December 16 - 10:45 a.m.</b>		
Gary Heaser	* Jeannie Berres V Dorothy Bartell Andrew Hoang Angel Hernandez Karen Berres	Markita Colburn Hana Lo

— THE WEEK AHEAD —

**DECEMBER 10 — DECEMBER 16, 2018**

- Wednesday:** Wednesday Work Crew, 9:00 a.m.  
Legion of Mary (Women), 9:00 a.m.  
Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting, 3:00 p.m.  
Legion of Mary (Men), 6:00 p.m.
- Friday:** **Parish Office Closed**
- Sunday:** *Faith Formation*, 9:10-10:30 a.m.  
***Faith Formation Christmas Celebration***  
10:00 a.m. in the Church Hall  
*Children's Liturgy of the Word*, 10:45 a.m.



Today is the national collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. ***Aging religious need our help.*** Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to today's second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. This Advent and always, may we all continue to strive for the radical conversion that will lead us to the kingdom of heaven. Please be generous in today's appeal. Thank you very much for sharing in the care!

**INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK**

**DECEMBER 8 — DECEMBER 16, 2018**

Sat.	4:00 pm	†Thomas Zschokke
Sun.	10:45 am	†Tillie Heaser
Mon.	8:30 am	†Dan Donovan
Tue.	8:30 am	†Olga Monterroso
Wed.	8:30 am	†Anita Gieske
Thu.	8:30 am	†Henry Korngable
Fri.	8:30 am	†Richard Olson
Sun.	10:45 am	†John Livesey

**FAITH FORMATION  
CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**

Lots of activity here next weekend on the *Third Sunday of Advent*. We will be meeting as usual for our *Faith Formation* sessions on Sunday, December the 16th, and then everyone is invited to join us at 10:00 a.m. downstairs in the Church Hall when we will take time to anticipate the coming of our *Savior* as we celebrate His birth and the birthdays of all of our young people for the year. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome!



**TOY SUNDAY** — the annual toy collection for people served by Merrick Community Center, will take place next Sunday **December the 16th**. Please bring your gifts to Mass and place them in the back of the Sanctuary that weekend. Thank you for sharing the *spirit of our Savior* as we prepare for His coming during this season of *Advent*.

***Your Sacrificial Offering***

2018-2019 Fiscal Budget Envelope Income	\$156,900.00
Envelope income so far is	\$ 63,256.94
Envelope Income still needed	\$ 93,643.06
November 25, 2018 collection	\$ 3,254.00

**CHRISTMAS CHURCH DECORATION** — We are in need of adult volunteers to help with the upcoming church decoration for the Christmas Season, which will take place on Sunday, December 23rd after Mass. Please call Tom Gahler at 651 226-4012 if you are able to help out.

**SATURDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

**SAINT CASIMIR**  
4:00 p.m.

**SAINT PATRICK**  
4:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 15th

Saturday, December 22nd

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

**CHRISTMAS EVE MASS**

- ◆ Monday, December 24th ~ 4:00 p.m. at Saint Patrick
- ◆ Monday, December 24th ~ 4:00 p.m. at Saint Casimir
- ◆ Monday, December 24th ~ 11:00 p.m. at Saint Casimir

**CHRISTMAS DAY MASS**

- ◆ Tuesday, December 25th ~ 9:00 a.m. at Saint Casimir
- ◆ Tuesday, December 25th ~ 10:45 a.m. at Saint Patrick

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

**Monday, December 17, 2018 ~ 1:30 to 6:30pm**

*The need is constant. The gratification is instant.* Blood donors who have not donated whole blood after October 22, 2018 would be eligible. To donate blood one must be 17 years of age or older (donors age 16 may donate with parental consent) must weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in good health. To schedule an appointment, please call Tom at 651 774-8675 or, if you prefer, you may sign-up online by going to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and entering sponsor code 7012. "Walk-ins" are always welcome here too!

**HMONG NEW YEAR CELEBRATION** — Save the date now and plan to join us on Sunday, December the 30th for Mass at 10:45 a.m. There will be a Luncheon and entertainment immediately following the Mass as we gather to celebrate the Hmong New Year in all its splendor!

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** all of those who are need of prayer, Angie Anderson, John & Rose Baregi, Danny Barron, Carey Blomdahl, Janice Breen, Jim & Carol Chandler, Lois Cihlar, Brittany Dimmick, Michael & Richard Doyle, Brian P. Elliott, Vicky Fitzgerald, Robert Heaser, Fred Kelley, Terry Kennicutt Griffith, Mary Kramer, Scott Lee, Marcus Lofton, Monica Lorang, Julianne Lovig, Jerry Macioch, Pat Mallory, Anne Maus, Joan McCann, Mina McCann Swanson, Arnie & Virginia Meier, Therese Moen, Jim & Mark Nagel, Joan Payton, Peter Peterson, Dan Printon, Donald Quatmann, George Russ, Brian Salazar, Floyd Sawicki, Jr. Angie Scherrick, Kathy & Patience Smith, Leah Spielman, Charity Stillman, Blong Yang, Lor Yang.

Dear Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Altar Servers,

I want to express to all of you my gratitude for your ministry of service to Saint Patrick's. You help make our liturgies something that sustain the spiritual needs of our parishioners. When you participate in your ministry, Christ is working through you to bring His sacred Word and Body to the people. It is both an honor and privilege to serve at Mass in any of these ministries. With this in mind, we are called to show our respect for both Christ and the community who we serve through how we dress at Mass. Therefore, the following dress code will be used for all Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Altar Servers.


1. Please do not wear flip flops or crocs. Only shoes are acceptable.
2. Refrain from wearing shorts. Slacks are most appropriate but jeans are acceptable.
3. Wear a shirt with a collar. T-shirts with logos or writing on them distract from the Mass and should not be worn.

This policy applies to all ministers who serve at Mass, including those who fill-in for someone else last minute. If you want to come to Mass dressed more casually, please do not fill-in to serve at the altar. Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If we all work together on this we will make our liturgies more reverential, and show our Lord the respect he deserves.

Fr. Michael Powell

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE** will be celebrated here at the Church of Saint Patrick this coming Tuesday, December the 11th at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome!

**BULLETIN NEWS DEADLINE** for Sunday, December the 23rd, is noon this Monday, December the 10th.



**MEMORIAL FLOWERS**

*We are now accepting donations for the Christmas Flower Fund in memory of a loved one, through December the 16th. Please place your donation in an envelope along with the names of those you would like to remember. Thank you!*

**Your name** \_\_\_\_\_

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