

# *The* LIGHT HOUSE

*The Weekly Parish Newsletter of Holy Spirit Catholic Church*

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*"A light on the hilltop"*

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## Father Tom's Corner

We continue our Advent journey open to the reality of the presence of Jesus among us. We are invited to be intentional about our desire to know Jesus. Our readings for this Advent season remind us of what it means to live in a world that is full of possibilities and hope, all centered on a relationship with Jesus.

We pray as a faith community for Our Lady of Guadalupe Free Clinic in Worthington (our Advent project) and all in need of essential care this Advent season.

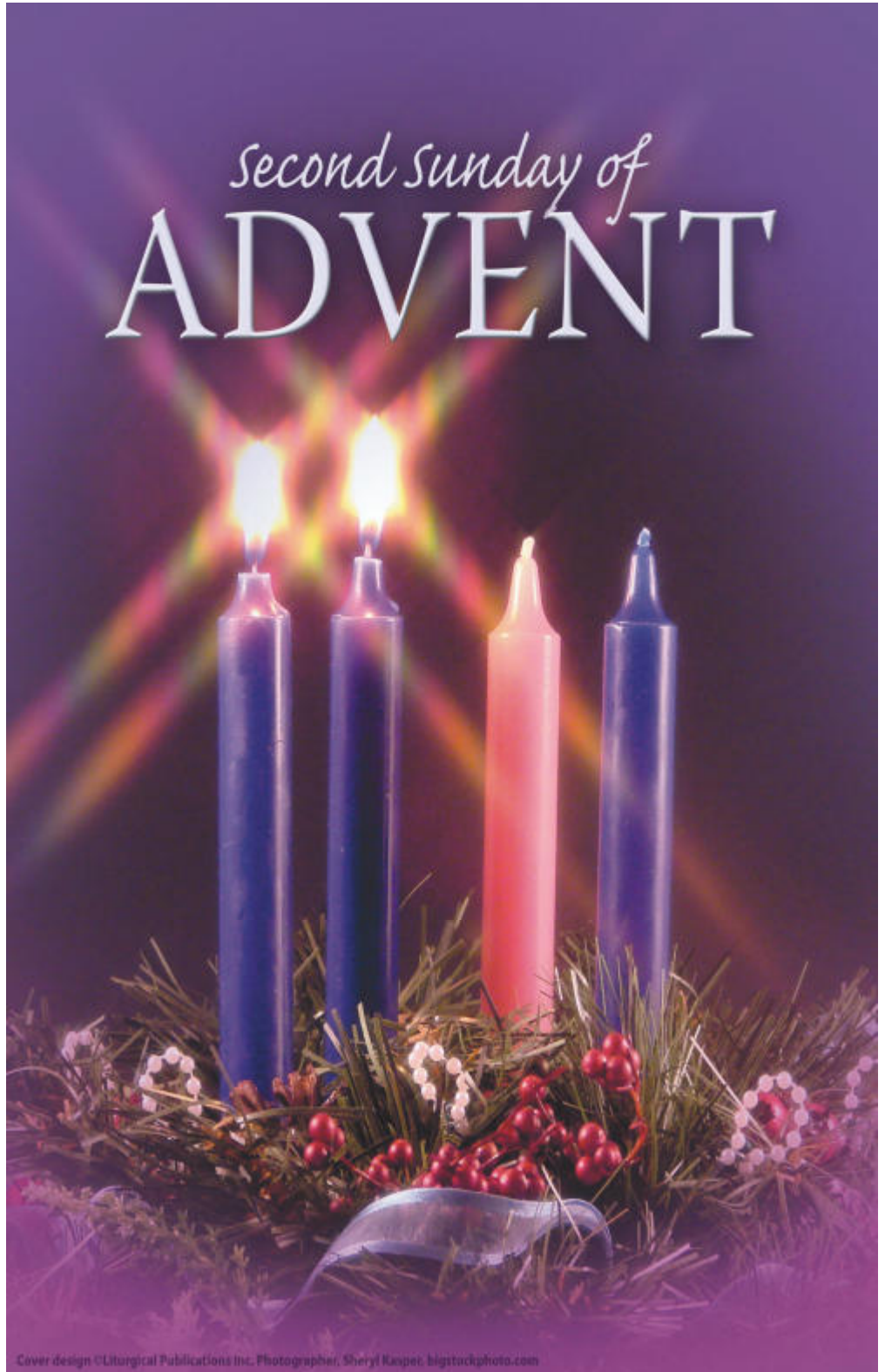
As you may know, Fr. Trocinski lived at the Holy Spirit rectory for five years. He has recently moved to La Crescent to be closer to his family. His new address is:

**Springbrook Village**  
1384 County Road 25, Apt. # c-219  
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Please keep him in your prayers. And feel free to send him a Christmas card! He would love that!

I would also like to share with you about our friend, Khaled Alyateem, who is from the Bethlehem Star Group who has been at Holy Spirit to sell olive wood carvings from Bethlehem. Khaled has a booth at Apache Mall until December 27 and is selling the olive wood carvings to help those struggling in the Holy Land. If you are looking for meaningful Christmas gifts, stop by and see Khaled.

*God Bless!*



## IN THE PARISH & COMMUNITY

### Mass Schedule

<b>Weekday</b> .....	
.....	Mon–No Mass
.....	Tues–9:10 am
.....	Wed–9:10 am
.....	Thurs–9:10 am
.....	Fri–12:00 pm
<b>Weekend</b> .....	
.....	Sat–4:30 pm
.....	Sun–8:15 & 10:00 am

### Mass Intentions

- Saturday, December 5**  
4:30 pm Holy Spirit Parish
- Sunday, December 6**  
8:15 am For all First Responders  
10:00 am † John Monosmith
- Tuesday, December 8**  
9:10 am For the US Church
- Wednesday, December 9**  
9:10 am Holy Spirit Parish & School
- Thursday, December 10**  
9:10 am For the seminarians in the DOW-R
- Friday, December 11**  
12:00 pm Spec Int of the Tebandeke family
- Saturday, December 12**  
4:30 pm † Kayla Koranda
- Sunday, December 13**  
8:15 am Holy Spirit Parish  
10:00 am † John Monosmith

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### New Online Giving Platform

Holy Spirit Catholic Church now provides online giving with a new platform called *ParishSOFT Giving*. This is a convenient and secure way to make a one-time or recurring donation. Getting started is easy – just visit our website, [www.holyspiritrochester.org](http://www.holyspiritrochester.org) and click on **Support Holy Spirit Online Giving**.



Create your account by clicking on SIGN IN at the top of the form. From this link you will be able to manage your own account online. You can also set up a recurring donation using a credit card, checking or savings account. If you currently do EFT or ACH at Holy Spirit, we ask that you go to the new online giving platform and set up a new account. We will then remove you from the old system to ensure that donations aren't duplicated. **The old system will be discontinued on December 31, 2020.**

All of the funds you are accustomed to donating to at Holy Spirit can be found in the list of funds including: Operating Fund, Building Fund, Giving Tree/St. Vincent de Paul, all special collections found in your envelope packet, special Parish projects, etc.

Online giving has proven to be a very cost-effective method for our parish to receive your generous donations. This method of contribution has provided us with a hassle-free and consistent cash flow which enables us to more effectively operate our parish.

As you know, Holy Spirit Parish is continually developing our ministries and outreach. Furthermore, our general operating costs and expenses grow each year. This year of 2020 has been one of many challenges and may stretch into 2021. I am grateful for your generosity and hopeful that this new online giving program will help keep expenses down. Together, let us strive to be the best possible stewards of God's marvelous gifts!

### Virtual Banquet for RPR

Real Presence Radio invites you to attend a virtual fundraising banquet on Thursday, December 10. The event will feature Dr. Ray Guarendi as the keynote speaker. Host of "The Dr. Is In," Dr. Ray is a Catholic father of ten adopted children, a clinical psychologist, author and comic!

If you are interested in attending as a guest or hosting a watch party from your home, please register online at [RealPresenceRadio.com/banquet](http://RealPresenceRadio.com/banquet) or call 877-795-0122. Sponsorship packages are available at the \$250, \$500, \$1000, \$5000 or higher levels. For more information or to sponsor, email Jessica at [jessica@realpresencerradio.com](mailto:jessica@realpresencerradio.com)!

### Drive-Thru Live Nativity in Rochester

Calvary E. Free Church invites us to add some light and hope to our city through this unique portrayal of Jesus' birth and the life-changing hope and promise He brings.

**Friday, December 11, 7:00-9:00 PM**  
**Saturday, December 12, 5:30-7:30 PM**

(5500 25th Ave NW in Rochester)



## ADVENT 2020

### Holy Spirit Church and School Advent Project 2020

Holy Spirit Parish and School are collaborating on an Advent project this year for our Lady of Guadalupe Free Clinic in Worthington, MN. Worthington is part of the Diocese of Winona-Rochester in the far southwestern corner of MN and is extremely poor. Worthington is a city with 13,000 people, and more than 40% of its population is Latino. They lack affordable healthcare and have been hard-hit by Covid this year.

More information and a video can be found on the Holy Spirit website. We also have a prayer card/tent card that you may pick up in the church office or we can mail it to you. The back of the prayer card lists suggested donation amounts and tells you what each amount will cover at the clinic.



### Advent/Christmas Trivia Night—Open to All Parishioners

What's Fr. Tom's favorite Christmas cookie? Which saint is believed to have set up the first nativity scene? What song contains the line "that mourns in lowly exile here?"

Join us Saturday, December 12 at 7:00 PM via Zoom to test your knowledge and wage friendly competition with other teams. Get to know other parishioners while playing on a team. Families may form their own teams. Contact Mary N at [youthministry@holyspiritrochester.org](mailto:youthministry@holyspiritrochester.org) by Friday, December 11 to get the Zoom link.

### Advent Discussion: Peace and Hope for the World

This Advent, all parishioners are invited to consider ways to build a more hopeful, just, and peaceful world through discussion of Pope Francis' new encyclical: **"Frattelli Tutti" Fraternity and Social Friendship.**

Discussion sessions will be offered via zoom on the follow date/times:

- Tuesdays—December 1, 8 & 15 at 10:00 AM
- Thursdays—December 3, 10 & 17 at 7:00 PM

The encyclical may be found on the Vatican's website:

<http://www.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html>. Please contact Mary Nowakowski to register.

### Advent Reflection Series

Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota would like to offer you some opportunities to make your Advent preparations special this year. Beginning on Saturday, November 28, we will offer an Advent Reflection Series each Saturday at 10:00 AM on Zoom. Each week we will have a guest presenter offering reflection and discussion on the themes of Lent—Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. To get the Zoom link for this series, please contact Lisa Kremer at [lkremer@ccsommn.org](mailto:lkremer@ccsommn.org). Also check the Advent banner on the Catholic Charities website ([www.ccsommn.org](http://www.ccsommn.org)) for more information and other opportunities.

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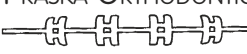
  
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