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SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy." - Lk 1:43-44

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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March– October
Saturday: 5:00PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM
10:30 AM
Confessions Times:
Saturday: 4:00 PM– 4:30 PM
Sunday: 7:15 AM–7:45 AM
9:45 AM– 10:15 AM



November– February
Saturday: 4:00PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM
10:30 AM
Confessions Times:
Saturday :3:00 PM– 3:30 PM
Sunday: 7:15 AM–7:45 AM
9:45 AM– 10:15 AM

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DECEMBER 19TH, 2021

MASST INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18TH

4:00 PM SH Catholic

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19TH

8:00 AM † Sanders Family

10:30 AM † Jim Simmons

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20TH

12:15 PM † Thomas Denfeld

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21ST

12:15 PM † Ann, Gil & Pat

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22ND

12:15 PM Kelly Parker

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23RD

12:15 Lee Rayburn

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

5:00 PM Flower Memorials

10:00 PM Flower Memorials

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

9:00 AM Flower Memorial

4:00 PM † Rita Christ

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26TH

8:00 AM SH Catholic

10:30 AM † Fred Rietbrock



First Reconciliation Class of 2021



HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The Offices of Sacred Heart will be closed on Friday, December 24th, 2021 until 8:00 am January 3rd, 2021.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Marilynn (Jokubeit) Adee, Carol Berklund, Tanner Blackwell, Dona Boschee, Delayna Crookes, Don Dodson, Rhyann Loos, Brynn McCartney, Robin Michael, Jim O'Malley, Matthew Sokolowski, Debbie Stockwell, Travis Wildeman, Larry Steinbach, Benjamin Rayburn, Amy Wolfe, Joe and Pat Ashman, Mary O'Hara, Marie Connor, Tony Vick, Judy Wolter, Michelle Schubert, Dan and Rosemarie Anderson, Ed Quistorff, Connie Weikel

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1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

Dear Faithful of Sacred Heart,

As we continue to prepare for the coming of the Savior at Christmas there is a simple practice we can utilize everyday to welcome Him and draw close to Him. This is the simple and time tested practice of praying the Hail Mary. The power of the Hail Mary is beyond description...many saints throughout the ages of the Church have expressed this same sentiment.

One of my favorite stories from the lives of the saints about the power of the Hail Mary comes from the life of St. Gertrude the Great (one of my favorite saints). Gertrude once had a vision of Our Lord Jesus Christ handling gold coins. Gertrude was curious as to what these coins might be...Our Lord stated to her: “ My daughter, every time you pray a calm, fervent, and loving HAIL MARY to my Mother, I deposit a Golden coin in the Treasury of Heaven for you.” Please note the qualities that Our Lord ascribed to the Golden Hail Mary : calm, fervent and loving.

The Hail Mary is not only extremely pleasing to Our Lord Himself , it is also very precious to Our Lady, one author explains: “In our Golden Hail Mary we should pray the Hail Mary slowly while pondering, meditating, ruminating over the simplicity, and at the same time great depth, of the mystery revealed in this beautiful prayer. May she who is full of grace attain for us a constant appreciation for grace—the life of God within our souls. With the help and intercession of Mary, full of grace, may we daily grow in grace; may we attain more abundance of grace. And the grace of all graces for the human person is to die in the state of grace. If accomplished, we will be saved, and rejoice in heaven with Mary for all eternity.”

Take some time while we prepare for the Savior to pray a loving, calm and fervent Hail Mary at some point in your day. Cash in on this Heavenly gold coin...”To conclude, we invite all of you to strive to be multi-millionaires in the spiritual life. You may not have a very rich bank account on earth, but you can have an enormous bank account in heaven! How you might ask? Remember the vision of Saint Gertrude and the Golden coin—the Golden Hail Mary. In imitation of Saint Gertrude, every time you pray the Hail Mary slowly, pondering the beautiful words in your heart, you store golden riches in heaven for all eternity!”

The saints have had a particular love for the Hail Mary. Once in preparing for the feast of the Immaculate Conception in 1937 St. Faustina Kowalska prayed 9,000 Hail Mary’s (1,000 each day for a nine-day novena)! St. Faustina stated : “ “Nothing is too much when it comes to honoring the Immaculate Virgin” May St. Faustina pray for all of us to have a true love for the Golden Hail Mary, which will lead us to a true love for Jesus Christ!

Be assured of my prayers for your families,

To Jesus through Mary,

Fr. Gabe



Readings for the week of December 19, 2021

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

Monday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

Friday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

Saturday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/ Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-5

DECEMBER 13TH, 2021

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What's Happening in PSR?

Preschool- They continued to learn about Advent and waiting for the birth of Jesus. They made an Advent craft too.

Kindergarten- They watched a movie called "The Star". It is a tale of faith and friendship.

First Grade- They learned about Mary and the Angel Gabriel. They also talked about the focus of Advent this week is JOY. They learned about Our Lady of Guadalupe and they practiced the Hail Mary prayer.

Second Grade- They reviewed for their First Reconciliation. See photos from the afternoon.

Third Grade- They read the gospel reading from the Bible and had a discussion. They also did a little painting for a special Christmas project.

Fourth and Fifth Grade- They learned about the hidden or private years of Jesus from the time the Holy Family returned from Egypt until He was baptized at 30. They discussed how Jesus chose to live life like an ordinary Jewish child including obeying His parents in order to set an example of how to live and to have a shared experience with us.

Upcoming PSR Dates

December 19- Last PSR class for 2021

December 24-Christmas Eve Mass at 5:00 PM. The children have been invited to carry up the nativity at the opening procession.

December 26-NO PSR Classes

January 2-NO PSR Classes

January 9-Welcome Back to PSR

Epiphany Baby Shower

The annual Epiphany Baby Shower will be on Sunday, January 9th following the 10:30 Mass. Please plan to come have a warm bowl of soup (a large variety of soup choices) and share in the Epiphany celebration. You are also encouraged to bring a wrapped baby gift that will be opened by volunteers from our local pregnancy center. We will also have a tree for those that like to give a monetary donation. You can attach your gift to the tree. If you'd like you can also bring a salad to share as a side dish. We hope to have several parishioners participate in this to show our commitment to helping pregnant moms in our community.



Thank you Barb Cavuoti for painting these keepsake candles for the children receiving the sacrament of First Reconciliation. They are a nice reminder that we are always forgiven and welcomed back.

An examination of conscience by the Reynolds family.



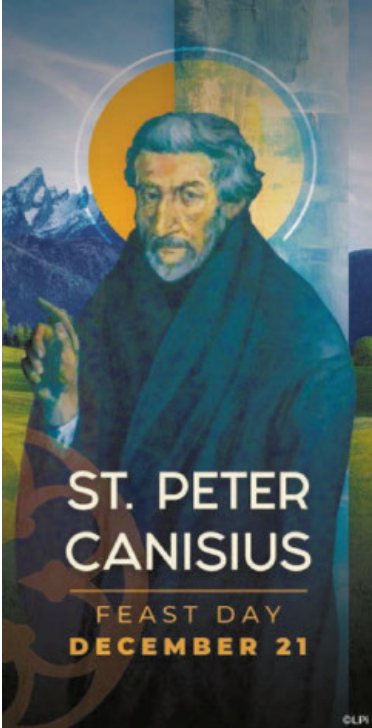
Retelling the story of the lost sheep.



Our preschoolers had a wonderful week and Christmas break has officially started! Cannot believe we are half-way through our school year! This week we talked all about the birth of Jesus and the nativity. We also introduced the letter J for Jesus and joy!

Thank you to all of our families that came to our Christmas parties, our preschoolers loved performing for everyone. Thank you Ms. Lauren for teaching us some songs to sing!

We are looking for an Usborne representative to help us with a book sale during Catholic Schools Week, please let us know if you'd be interested or know someone!



St. Peter Canisius | Feast Day December 21

Born in Holland, St. Peter Canisius (May 8, 1521 – December 21, 1597) was a preacher, teacher, and writer throughout his whole life. At the age of 19, he received a master's degree from the university at Cologne. Soon afterwards, St. Peter met Peter Faber, the first disciple of Ignatius of Loyola, who influenced him so much that he eventually joined the Society of Jesus.

St. Peter Canisius founded colleges and seminaries, served as a missionary, cared for the sick or imprisoned, and wrote close to eight volumes of letters — many about St. Cyril of Alexandria and St. Leo the Great.

A man blessed with many talents, St. Peter Canisius is a wonderful example of a man who developed his talents to further God's work here on earth



Holiday Schedule

Monday, December 20th

Holy Hour 11:15 Daily Mass 12:15

Tuesday, December 21st

Holy Hour 11:15 Daily Mass 12:15

Wednesday, December 22nd

Holy Hour 11:15 Daily Mass 12:15

Thursday, December 23rd

Holy Hour 11:15 Daily Mass 12:15

Friday, December 24th

Christmas Eve Mass 5:00 pm

Christmas Eve Mass 10:00 pm

Saturday, December 25th

Christmas Mass 9:00 am


Sunday Vigil 4:00 pm

Sunday, December 26th

Sunday Mass 8:00 am

Sunday Mass 10:30 am

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