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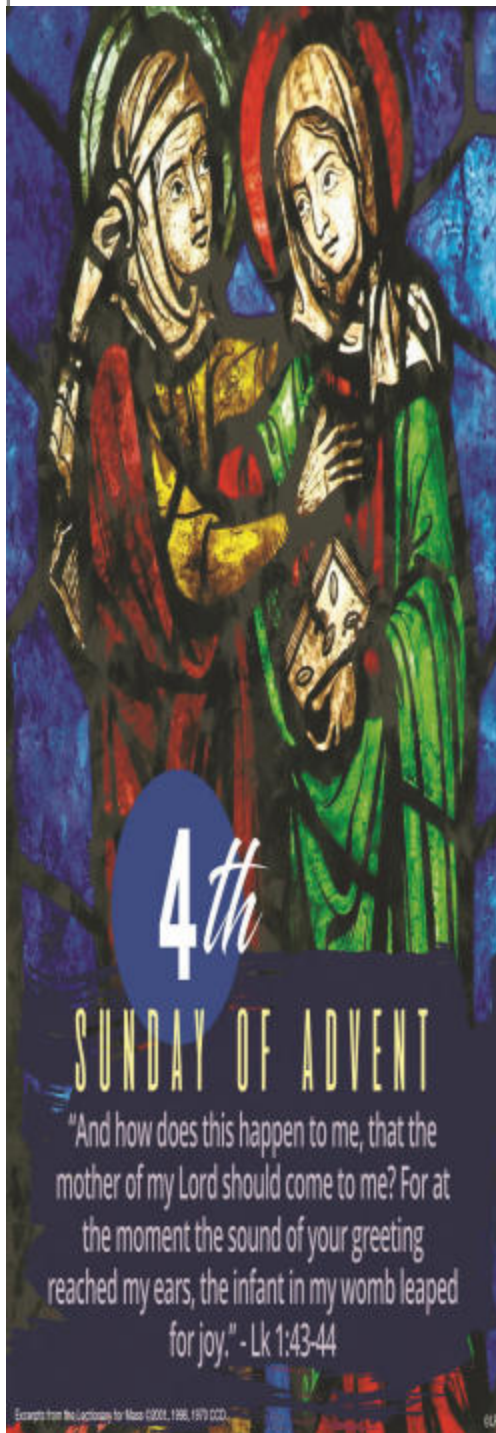
Call Parish Office to schedule preparation with Father Joe or Deacon Richard.

Marriage

Call Parish Office a minimum of six months in advance to schedule preparation with Father Joe or Deacon Richard.

Visitors

We are blessed to have you worship with us at Mass. If you would like to become a parishioner you can call the parish office or download a registration form from our website.



Mass Schedule

Saturday	4:15 pm	SC
Sunday	8:30 am	SC
Sunday	10:30 am	MI
Monday	4:15 pm	SC
Monday	6:15 pm	MI
Tuesday	9:00 am	SC
*Wednesday	8:30 am	SC
*Thursday	8:30 am	MI
Friday	8:30 am	MI

*Tuesdays

1:00 PM Mass at Hillcrest
 Assisted Living in Nashwauk

Confession

*Tuesday	5:00-5:30 pm	SC
Saturday	3:30-4:00 pm	SC
Sunday	7:45-8:15 am	SC
Saturday	9:00-10:00 am	MI
1st Friday	4:00-5:00 pm	MI

Fr. Joe is always open to making appointments for confession.

Adoration

*Tuesday	9:00 am-5:45 pm	SC
1st Friday	4:00-5:00 pm	MI

*cancelled due to Father's absence

Homebound Ministry

Fr. Joe visits the homebound within the parish boundaries on First Fridays.

Fr. Joe visits parishioners in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living in Grand Rapids and Hibbing on First Thursdays.

If you know of parishioners who are ill, hospitalized, or homebound, please contact the parish.



December 24-30
 Monday-Margaret Elj, †
 Tuesday -Annabell †
 Wednesday -No Mass
 Thursday- No Mass
 Friday- Bill Maves
 Saturday-Parishioners
 Sunday 8:30- Margaret Ward, †
 Sunday 10:30- Judd & Maryann Serich

Saturday 4:15 pm December 29

Lector: Judy Ozanich
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Terri Jarmer, Ken Ricker, Ted Squillace, Colleen Clusiau
 Servers: Ava, Damon, Adeline

Sunday 8:30 am December 30

Lector: Lois Best
 Ministers of Holy Communion: Mike & Debbie Troumbly, Jackie DeNucci, Terry McCollor

Servers: Jace, Madi, Jasmin

Ushers: Volunteers

Counters: Lorri Shalley & Greg Brandner

Sunday 10:30 am December 30

Lector: Bob Tok
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Karen Tok, Linea Johnson, Tessie Guyer, Margaret Kavanagh
 Server: Jacob Johnson



Bulletin articles need to be submitted by Tuesday at 10:00 am for the week the bulletin is printed. The Friday before if it is a holiday.

Know someone who could use prayers?
 CALL- -St. Cecilia's Prayer Chain:
 Darlene or Ted Squillace 885-1057.
 Mary Immaculate Prayer Chain:
 Teresa Kessler 910-9007.

Sister Dorene King from St. Scholastica Monastery has been assigned to our parishes to be a prayer advocate. She is praying for us, but if you have a special intention please call (218)723-6555.

ASK FR. JOE

"We have been told that St. Peter will be at the Pearly Gates of Heaven. Is that the same Peter who denied Christ three times and the rock that Christ said He would build His Church? If he denied Christ, was it that God was so forgiving that He still gave him that position anyway? Who was the Apostle who killed himself out of grief and guilt?"

Yes, St. Peter is the same guy who denied Christ during the Passion, but is also the one who Christ said He would build His Church on, and the one who is said to be in charge of the Pearly Gates. His name started out as Simon, but Jesus later changed it to Peter. The Greek form of the name Peter is *Petros*, which literally translates as rock. So when Christ said, "You are Peter and on this rock I will build my church" (Mt 16:18a) wasn't just speaking figuratively. He actually called him Rock. In the very next verse, Christ goes on to tell Peter, "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven". Christ was making Peter His Prime Minister. The Prime Minister was given the keys to the city and had the power to decide who could come in and who would be left out. Because of this passage, St. Peter is often depicted in artwork as holding two large keys. It is also because of this passage that this idea of St. Peter standing at the gates of Heaven came about. We don't know if he really is at the gates, but it makes sense if he is.

It can seem strange that after having denied Christ like he did, that he would still be so highly regarded. But it speaks volumes to Christ's mercy. Yes, St. Peter committed a grave sin, but he remained with the other Apostles and saw the risen Christ on Easter Morning. He sought forgiveness and was given it. Chapter 21 of the Gospel of John tells about Jesus' appearance on the Sea of Tiberias (or Galilee). It is here that Jesus asks St. Peter, "Do you love me?" three times. Many scholars surmise that Jesus did this so that St. Peter could make up for his three denials. In the end, Peter is forgiven.

In contrast to St. Peter, we have Judas Iscariot. He famously betrayed Jesus. Matthew 27:5 describes how Judas, overcome with grief and guilt, hung himself. Both Peter and Judas betrayed Jesus, but only Peter asked for forgiveness. There is no evidence that Judas did. It should be noted that while the Church has declared thousands of people to be in Heaven, she has never once declared that anyone (even Judas) is in Hell. We don't know precisely what happened to Judas after his death, but we do know that his sins were forgivable. All he had to do was ask.

Curious About China? Father Dave Tushar is again offering the opportunity to experience a true "Taste of China," visiting Beijing, Xi'an, Chengdu, Suzhou and Shanghai from October 7 to October 22. Arrangements are through Hua Travel, a Chinese agency specializing in small group tours. This is not a pre-packaged tour, but a customized small group tour with the same experienced Chinese tour guide during the entire trip. Trip includes round trip air (economy booking) with Delta from Minneapolis and back to Minneapolis, accommodations at 5-star Hotels with buffet breakfasts and travel within China. References are available. Could this be the Christmas or New Year's gift for another or yourself that you have always thought about? For detailed tour information and pricing, please call Father Tushar at 218-384-4563. Deadline: June 1, 2019.

The Elementary Christmas Plays will be on Saturday, Dec. 22 at 3:45pm at St. Cecilia's and on Sunday, Dec. 23 at 10am at Mary Immaculate.

Check out the "GIFT NOOK"! Lots of things available including Christmas. The only price is a free will donation that goes towards extra youth activities. The GIFT NOOK is located over by the classrooms at St. Cecilia's.

Watch the story that isn't finished yet . 1531 is a love story from Mexico to the world. It presents the appearances of Our Lady of Guadalupe and shows how that story is not finished yet. **FORMED.org** Parish code is **KVR7DF**

When Elizabeth was visited by Mary, her joy was overwhelming. Elizabeth recognized that Mary was carrying inside her the Messiah. She was honored to receive Mary, not just because of who Mary was herself, but also because of the One she had inside her.

We meet people every day in our lives. Some we know well, some are acquaintances, and others we may have never seen before. Yet all of them are made in the image of God and carry within them the person of Jesus. If we considered this more frequently, would we act more graciously toward each other? Mary gave birth to the Son of God so that we might be able to be adopted sons and daughters of God. If we thought of this more often, would we be so quick to dismiss someone or ignore him or her?

This time of year is filled with gatherings and parties for many of us. We also find ourselves rushing about getting ready for Christmas. There are so many people who cross our paths. Will we allow the Jesus in us to greet with joy the Jesus in them? Will we pause to offer a greeting or kind word? Instead of looking at them with human eyes, will we try to see them through the eyes of faith like Elizabeth. If not, what is all of this celebration and preparation about anyway? - Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Readings for the Week of December 16, 2018

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Youth Minister's Letter

As the wait for Christmas is almost over, the psalm response for today caught my attention. The writer of this psalm was eagerly awaiting the coming of the Messiah, and he pleaded, "Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved" (Ps. 80:4). This psalm was likely written during the Babylonian captivity, in which Israel longed for a new king who would save them from the oppression and corruption they lived under. At Christmas, Jesus answered the prayer the psalmist so eagerly prayed centuries before. God, himself, came to earth. The Psalmist prayed, "let us see your face and we shall be saved." Now, through Jesus, we can see the face of God, and he is, indeed, our redeemer, the King of kings. Yet, let us not forget the first part of the verse: "Lord, make us turn to you..." Despite Jesus' coming to earth at Christmas and in our hearts today, there are ways we often choose not to turn to see him. Today, pray to know the face of Christ more deeply. Also, please generously share your joy and peace by gently inviting your family members who do not normally come to church to try coming again on Christmas so that they might have a chance to discover the face of their savior and king. A burst of joy, light, and truth will be here in just a few days. Let us eagerly await Christ's coming by using the prayer of the psalmist: "Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved."

God Bless, Christina



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