

December 8, 2024

Second Sunday of Advent -Year C

St. John of the Cross Catholic Cluster

NOTRE DAME du MONT CARMEL

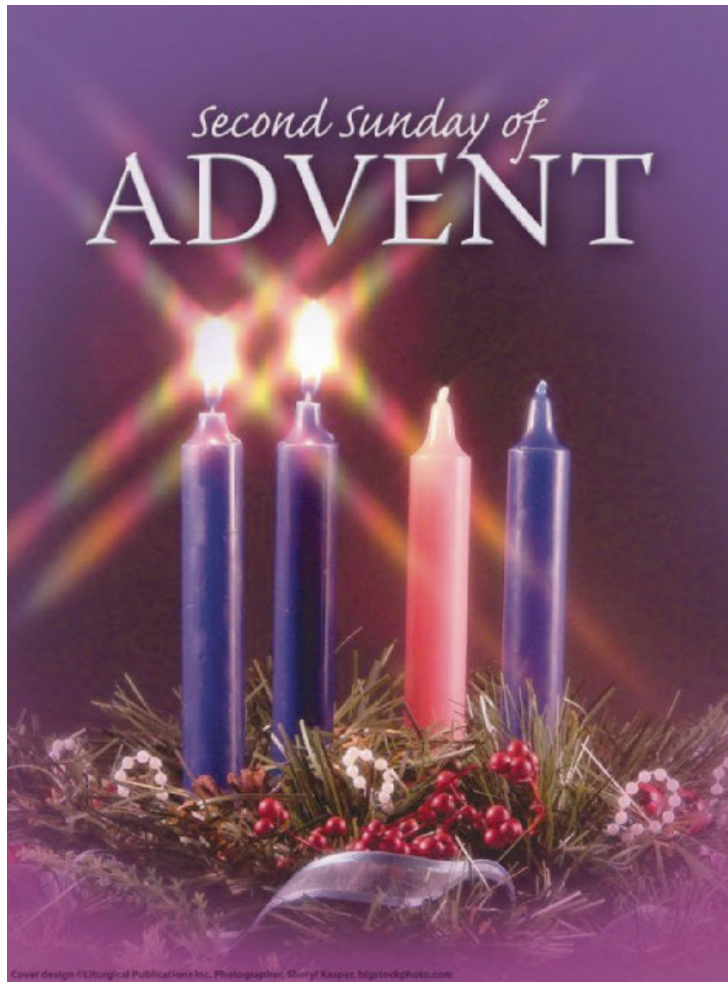
St. Gerard-Mt. Carmel (SG)
St. Thomas Aquinas (ST)
St. David (SD)

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY

St. Agatha (SA)
St. Luce (SL)
St. Joseph (Sinclair) (SJ)
St. Michael (Summer Months) (SM)

ST. PETER CHANEL

St. Bruno - St. Remi (SB/SR)
St. Joseph (Hamlin) (SJ)



Pastor

Fr. Kent Ouellette

Parochial Vicar

Fr. Antonidass Amirthanathan

Deacons

Rev. Mr. Donald Clavette

Rev. Mr. Rodney Deschaine



Cluster 2 Business Coordinator

Greg Cyr

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www.sjvcatholic.org

Cluster 2 Facebook

St. John Valley Catholics

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St. Thomas Gift Shop—728-3841 / 316-8062

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY

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ST. PETER CHANEL

174 Main St.

Van Buren, ME 04785

Parish Office - 868-2718

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SACRAMENTAL & PASTORAL CARE

Please call the parish office for the following sacraments:

Baptism - Anointing of the Sick - Funeral

Sacrament of Reconciliation

See page 2 for schedule or by appointment

Sacrament of Marriage

Please call parish office 6 months prior to date

New Parishioners

If you are new to the parish or have an address or phone number change, please contact the parish office.

Notre Dame du Mont Carmel

Saturday, December 7 **St. Ambrose**
4:00pm ST: Shirley Roy by Deb & Phil
6:00pm SG: Florence Dumais by Don & Pat Dumais
Sunday, December 8 **Second Sunday of Advent**
8:30am ST: Xavier W. Bouchard by Ray & Jessica Bouchard
11:00am SD: Gerard Chasse by Corinne & family
Monday, December 9 **Immaculate Conception**
6:00pm ST: Herby Fortin by Mirelle Fortin & family
Tuesday, December 10 **Our Lady of Loreto**
6:00pm ST: Nancy Daigle by Dennis & Jaylene Beaulieu
Wednesday, December 11 **St. Damasus I, Pope**
8:30am ST: Suzanne Hebert by Arnold & Pat Dufour

Thursday, December 12 **NO MASS / Our Lady of Guadalupe**
Friday, December 13 **St. Lucy**
1:30pm CVE: Lagasse family by Jeannine Daigle
6:00pm SD: Rita Lavoie by family
Saturday, December 14 **St. John of the Cross**
4:00pm ST: Deceased relatives by Don & Ann Marie
6:00pm SG: Vicky Daigle Kohr by family
Sunday, December 15 **Third Sunday of Advent**
8:30am ST: Jeanne Pratt by family
11:00am SD: Noella & Lucien Cyr by family

Our Lady of the Valley

Saturday, December 7 **St. Ambrose**
4:00pm SL: Valere Tardif by family
Sunday, December 8 **Second Sunday of Advent**
10:30am SA: Claude & Anita Bouchard
4:00pm SJ: Marie Brown Ayotte by Roland Ayotte
Monday, December 9 **Immaculate Conception**
6:00pm SA: Roger Chamberland by Pierre & Donna
Tuesday, December 10 **Our Lady of Loreto**
8:30am SJ: Angela Houghton by Francis & Claudia Morin
Wednesday, December 11 **NO MASS / St. Damasus I, Pope**

December 12 **Our Lady of Guadalupe**
6:00pm SL: Joyce Martin by Ivan Blanchette
Friday, December 13 **NO MASS / St. Lucy**
Saturday, December 14 **St. John of the Cross**
4:00pm SL: Yvette Hebert by Frank & Fern Desjardins
Sunday, December 15 **Third Sunday of Advent**
10:30am SA: Norma Martin by Ken & Arlene Lerman
4:00pm SJ: Deceased relatives of Corinne Daigle & family

St. Peter Chanel

Saturday, December 7 **St. Ambrose**
4:00pm SB/SR: Jean Paul Rioux (1st Anniversary 12/6)
 by his wife, Huguette Rioux & Family
Sunday, December 8 **2nd Sunday of Advent**
8:00am SJ: Darold Pelletier by Chris & Terry Berube
9:30am SB/SR: Wendel Bourgoin & Nan Hill by John & Noreen
Monday, December 9 **The Immaculate Conception of the**
 Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)
6:00pm SB/SR: Leo J. Cormier by wife, Linda & Debbie & Armand
Tuesday, December 10 **NO MASS/Our Lady of Loreto**
Wednesday, December 11 **St. Damasus I, Pope**
6:00pm SB/SR: Richard "Chid" Parent by Paul Dubois

Thursday, December 12 **NO MASS/Our Lady of Guadalupe**
Friday, December 13 **NO MASS/St. Lucy**
Saturday, December 14 **St. John of the Cross**
2:00-4:00pm SB/SR: The light is on (Confession)
4:00pm SB/SR: John "Hoss" Ouellette by Marilyn & Steve Lajoie
Sunday, December 15 **3rd Sunday of Advent**
8:00am SJ: James Corbin by Hamel, Nancy Leclerc & Family
9:30am SB/SR: Alfreda Lausier by John & Noreen Pelletier

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
& Confession Schedule****Church**

St. Bruno/St. Remi
 St. Agatha
 St. Thomas Aquinas
 St. Bruno/St. Remi
 St. Luce
 St. David

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday, 5:00 to 6:00pm
 Monday, 5:00 to 6:00pm
 Tuesday, 3:00 to 6:00pm
 Wednesday, 5:00 to 6:00pm
 Thursday, 5:00 to 6:00pm
 Friday, 5:00 to 6:00pm

Confessions

5:00 to 5:45pm
 5:00 to 5:45pm
 4:00 to 5:30pm
 5:00 to 5:45pm
 5:00 to 5:45pm
 5:00 to 5:45pm

Mass

6:00pm
 6:00pm
 6:00pm
 6:00pm
 6:00pm
 6:00pm

DIEU NOUS ATTENDS!

NOTRE DAME DU MONT CARMEL PARISH CORNER

St. David (SD), St. Gerard-Mt. Carmel/Grand Isle (SG), St. Thomas Aquinas/Madawaska (ST)

Worship & Spirituality

PRAY FOR OUR SICK



Matthew Dionne, Donna Deschaine, Ann Beaulieu, Frances Collin, Daniel Sirois, Rinette Pelletier and Pauline Parker. **FMI please call 728-7135.** Please note that after 1 month on the list we will remove the name. You must call back if you want to be put back on. Thank you.

SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS IN DECEMBER FOR:



ST. GERARD: Mark Lavoie by Mom & Dad

Addis, Norma, Marie & John Beaupre by Helen
Rolande Cloutier by Nancy & family

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS: Pelletier family by Jeanne

Remy J. Pettengill by Denise & Ricky Astle
Clifford Madore by Bev & family
Claudette Plourde by family

ST. DAVID: Scott Cyr by Mom & Dad

Larry Bouchard by Laurina
Reginald Bourgoin & Richard Coltart by family

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Tuesday, December 10th - 3:00pm - 5:45pm
at St. Thomas Aquinas Church

INTENTION: For all who do not have enough food or have shelter for the upcoming winter season, and for our area businesses and their workforces.

Lamp for the unborn burns for:

St. David - for the unborn by a Parishioner

St. Gerard - for Paisley by Raymonde

††REST IN PEACE

Please pray for those who have died and for their families:

Charlene Garon, 77, who passed away on November 18th.
She was a longtime member of our parish.

Fernand 'Mickey' Lavoie, 78, who passed away on
November 24th. He was the husband of Gemma.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT at Children's Mass

December 24th at 4:00 p.m.

St. Thomas Aquinas Church

All children are invited to come and join us in preparing for the children's Mass on Christmas eve. We will be having a Christmas Pageant before Mass and are in need of angels and shepherds.

Please call Melissa Babin at 728-7135 to participate.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Ministry grades 6-12 will be meeting at the St. Thomas Aquinas Church, St. Thomas room, downstairs on Wednesdays from 3-4:15pm. **Schedule as follows:**

December 11th - Lesson 8

December 18th - Christmas Party / Visit the elderly

Finance & Administration

Notre Dame du Mont Carmel Financial Update

Offertory: July 1, 2024 to November 24, 2024

Budget: \$135,692 **Actual:** \$133,657 **U Anticipated:** -\$2,035

	Amount given	Weekly goal
Weekly Totals	\$5,265	\$6,462
Average Collection	\$6,365	\$6,562

WeShare: \$327

Catholic Campaign for Human Development: \$1,337.15

SECOND & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

December 9th - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
December 15th - Heating Fund

Parish Life

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA PRAYER LINE: If you are in need of prayers for you or a loved one, the Daughters of Isabella can help through the Prayer Line. This is open to anyone – not only for members. FMI call **Lucy Cyr at 207-231-0859.**

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA CHRISTMAS PARTY AND OPEN MEETING: Monday, December 9th; social at 5:00pm followed by meal, short meeting & Christmas festivities. Pre-sale of tickets \$15.00.

LADIES OF STE ANNE OF ST. DAVID MEETING: Tuesday, December 10th at 1:00pm. Bring a friend.

ST. GERARD LADIES OF ST. ANNE: We will be having our Christmas Party on Thursday, December 12th at the GICC. Dues will be collected and if you want to participate in the gift exchange value of \$10 to \$15. Hope to see you all there.

MUSICIAN NEEDED: St. Gerard Church is in need of a musician for the Saturday, 6pm Mass. Please consider sharing your time and talent with us. FMI call the office at 728-7531 or Barbara, 895-6943.

Community Events

YOUR ST. THOMAS FOOD PANTRY IS HERE FOR YOU: If you are struggling and need food in these difficult times, we are here for you. Applications available at Frenchville and Madawaska Town Offices. You can also pick one up when you come pick up a box. Drive down Pleasant Street & turn onto St. Thomas Street. Turn in front for St. Thomas Office Building and open your trunk. Exit by St. Thomas Street.

Next food boxes will be available on Dec. 18 from 9-11am

For food emergency call parish office at 728-7531

SENIOR LUNCHEON: Thursday, December 12th, 11am at the Grand Isle Community Center. On the menu: **Baked Chicken.** Cost is \$5.50 eat in or \$6.00 for take out. Don't be late, we may run out.

GREATER GRAND ISLE HOMECOMING PRESENTS: Let's celebrate the holidays. Dinner by Dan & Rita, (half chicken dinner with fixings and dessert), music by Sun Shine Boys on **Sunday, December 29th at the GI Community Center.** Serving from 12 noon to 1pm; music 12:30-2:30pm. Eat in or take out. Advance tickets are \$15, at door \$17. Call Angela, 895-6949, George, 227-1177, Claudette, 895-3358, Grand Isle Town Office or St. John Valley Chamber of Commerce.

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY PARISH CORNER

St. Agatha (SA), St. Joseph/Sinclair (SJ), St. Luce/Frenchville (SL), St. Michael Chapel (SM)

Worship & Spirituality



PRAYER LINE CONTACTS

St. Joseph: Cecile Ouellette 543-6073

SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS IN DECEMBER FOR:

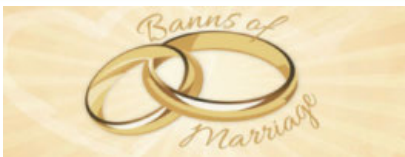


St. Agatha: Deceased relatives of Marilyn Beaupre
Elmer Daigle by Lucien, Joyce & family
Sr. Joan Ayotte by Charlene Coulombe

St. Luce: Abram & Rella Michaud by family
Sr. Jeannette Roy by family


St. Joseph: Deceased relatives of Kate Raymond

Sacraments



Kevin Chamberland & Melanie Bellefleur - II


Our Lady of the Valley Faith Formation needs teacher's helpers to assist with the student's classes. Please consider your gift of time (1hr per week) to help support our teacher's as they spread God's love and mercy with our enthusiastic children. Your kindness & caring goes a long way with these precious little souls. Please call Rebecca deMontigny, 543-7939, for more information. Many blessings to you all.



Window Campaign

THIS PAST SUMMER, WE WERE ABLE TO REPAIR ALL 10 LOWER WINDOWS WITH OUR \$500 WINDOW CAMPAIGN. EACH WINDOW WAS SPONSORED BY SOMEONE IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE OR REPRESENTED BY A FAMILY. WE STILL NEED TO HAVE THE ROUND WINDOWS AT THE TOP OF THE CHURCH REDONE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR A WINDOW, PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR \$500 AND SLIP BELOW, MAKE PAYABLE TO ST. LUCE REPAIR COMMITTEE, (C/O LISA BERNIER) PO BOX 311, FRENCHVILLE, ME 04745. A PLAQUE WILL BE DISPLAYED IN THE CHURCH WITH AN ENGRAVING OF THE SPONSOR AND THEIR LOVED ONE FOR EACH WINDOW WHEN THE PROJECT IS COMPLETED. YOUR DONATION IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

PLEASE CONTACT LISA BERNIER (207-316-9290) OR PERCY THIBEAULT (207-543-6697) WITH ANY QUESTIONS.



NAME: _____ PHONE #: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

WINDOW DONATION IN MEMORY OF: _____

Finance & Administration

Our Lady of the Valley Financial Updates

Offertory: July 1, 2024 to November 24, 2024

Budget: \$74,712 Actual: \$86,768 Over Anticipated: \$12,056

	Amount Given	Weekly Goal
Weekly Totals	\$2,483	\$4,283
	This Year	Last Year
Average Collections	\$4,132	\$3,516

WeShare: \$25

Catholic Campaign for Human Development: \$570.25

SECOND & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS
December 9th - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
December 15th - Heating Fund

Faith Formation

ATTENTION FAITH FORMATION FAMILIES: Our second annual Advent/Christmas kick off is in the near future!! We are having an [Advent/Christmas gathering for students Pre-K to Middle School and their families on December 15th after the choir practice at St. Luce](#). This will be held at the St. Agatha Church hall from 2-4pm. Games, music, door prizes, half & half tickets will be available. A very special visitor will be joining us to help us remember the real reason for the season. The finale will include a birthday cake (cupcakes) for Jesus. We look forward to seeing you all! All are welcome!

Christmas Mass Play
December 24th at St. Luce
4:00 p.m.



Our Lady of the Valley will be holding a Children's Mass Play on Christmas Eve at St. Luce in Frenchville at 4pm. We will be having practice on December 8th, 15th and 22nd at St. Luce Church from 12:30-1:30pm. This is for children in grades Pre-K to 12. No need to sign up, just show up at practice. We will need children for wise men, shepherds, Mary, Joseph, angels, altar servers, readers, choir members (this will be for the whole Mass, not just for the play), ushers, and more.

Community Events

ST. JOSEPH FOOD PANTRY IN SINCLAIR

Serving St. Agatha, Sinclair and Cross Lake

If you are in need of food in these difficult times, we are here for you. If you are a senior you may qualify for a senior box and food box every month. Food is given every **first Monday** of every month.

This is a drive thru - pick up, just open your trunk and we will load the box of food for you.

Pick up time is 10:00-11:00am & 12:30 -1:30pm.

FMI call Cecile Ouellette at 543-6073 or 543-5057

Monday thru Friday from 1-4pm

Application will be given & completed at the pantry!!

ST. PETER CHANEL PARISH CORNER

St. Bruno-St. Remi Church/Van Buren, St. Joseph Church/Hamlin & Borderview Nursing

ST. BRUNO-ST. REMI CHURCH SPONSORS

BREAD & WINE SPONSOR / IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

All the innocent Victims of Abortion

SANCTUARY LAMP SPONSOR / IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Geneva Gagnon by Leola Gagnon

Prayer Line: If you or a loved one is in need of prayer, the Daughters of Isabella Circle 464 are hosting a prayer line to offer prayers to our Lord Jesus for those in need. **Requests can be made by calling Anne at 868-2691 or Cecile at 868-3987.**

Faith Formation Special Event

The children of the Faith Formation program will perform a special Christmas program in the Church on Sunday, **December 15th at 1 pm.** All are invited to attend. Light refreshments will be available following the children's performance.

Columbiettes Meeting Schedule

December 18th

MARIAN PILGRIMAGE to the Shrines of Portugal & Spain

May 19-28, 2025

Cost: Total CAD \$4,730—only including taxes. Round trip from Fredericton, Moncton or Halifax. Superior tourist accommodation based on twin or triple occupancy. Daily breakfast & dinner. Not included in cost: Single room supplement—CAD \$510.00. A deposit of \$500 guarantees you a spot. FMI Marie Desjardins, 207-868-5027 or mariedesjardins1949@gmail.com

AMERICAN LEGION POST#49 COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

DATE: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH, 2024

TIME: 7AM TO 11AM

COST: ADULTS \$8 CHILDREN UNDER 12YRS \$5

Proceeds to help pay for utilities for the American Legion.

St. Peter Chanel Outreach Committee News

St. Peter Chanel Food Pantry

Next distribution: For December is Friday, Jan. 3 from 1-2:30 pm

Food emergencies - call PARISH Office: 868-2718 (Mon.-Thur.)

Major setback this month:

(2) flat tires enroute from Catholic Charities.

Drop off sites/days for bottles:

>Pantry open every Tuesday from 9-11 am (bring bottles then)

>Ouellette's Trading Post (tell Pete for the food pantry)

>Bottles welcome on Distribution day

>Bottle tank at: St.Bruno-St.Remi Church or Food Pantry parking lots

"THANK YOU" everyone for your bottles or monetary donations.

(Breakdown) Expenses
FOOD 55%
RENT 25%
Electricity 14%
Internet 5% Misc. - 1%
Salary - 0% Benefits: God's Blessings

People Helping People Thrift Store:

HOURS: Tuesday 12-3:30pm & Wed. to Fri. 12-4pm.

People Helping People is in need and accepting donations of Toys for children. They are given to families in need with no charge. If you have anything you could spare it would be greatly appreciated. We currently have a large inventory of bedding, back to school clothes and an excellent selection on men & women's clothing...stop by and we'll help you find some great buys. Many thanks to the community for your donations & Purchases.

DROP OFF OF CLOTHING SHOULD BE DONE ONLY DURING STORE HOURS.

PLEASE. Thank You!!

Matt 25:40 "Amen I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."

Finance & Administration

St. Peter Chanel Parish Financial Updates

Offertory: July 1, 2024 to November 24, 2024

Budget: \$53,388 **Actual:** \$52,957 **U Anticipated:** -\$431

Amt. Given \$2,720

Weekly Goal \$2,295

This year \$2,522

Last year \$2,702

Catholic Campaign for Human Development: \$677.13

SECOND COLLECTIONS

December 9: (Monday) **NOTE:** Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is observed as a Holy Day of Obligation.



Bulletin Memorials In Loving Memory of:



Marquis & Cyr Families
by
Ray & Judy Marquis

Fred & Jean St. Pierre
by
their Family

Leonhard Adam
by
Ella & Sharon

Madore & Rossignol
Families
by Carlene & Sheila

Leo & Jane Ayotte
by
Fred & Colette Ayotte

Theresa Labbe
by
Ron & Della Martin

Arnold & Rachel Berube
by
John & Noreen Pelletier

Wilfred & Regina
LaPlante by
Jean Claire & Family

Louie Laplante
by
Mike & Marie Lajoie

Edwin Berube by his wife,
Theresa & daughters
Gisele & Denise

Deceased Members of
the Cyr Family by
Colette & Fred Ayotte

Brittany Damboise 6/10
by Dot, Tessy, Tammy,
Jason & Senena

Tardif, Parent & Young
Families by
Ron & June & Family

St. Pierre & Marquis
Families by
Paul & Helen St. Pierre

Gloria Violette
by
Ronald & Della Martin

Janet Michaud
by
Lorance Chamberland

Roger Beaulieu
by His wife,
Edwina & Family

Our Deceased Parents
by
Don & Carmen Ouellette

Deceased Members of the
Chamberland
Family
by Lorance Chamberland

St. Anthony
In Thanksgiving for all
favors obtained
by a Parishioner

Gladys (Ouellette)
Pelletier
by
Ron & Della Martin

Henry & Edna Sirois, Don,
Jim & Kath
by Lisa, John & Family

Claude & Patricia
Madore by
Son, Glenn Madore

AVAILABLE

THE LORD HAS DONE
GREAT THINGS FOR US,
and we are filled with joy
PSALM 126:3



50/50 KC Weekly Drawing



(drop off at KC mailbox or mail to 284 Main St. VB)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

\$26 = 13 wks, \$52 = 26 wks, \$104 = 52 wks

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS CATHOLIC CLUSTER / DIOCESAN

Pastor's Corner



Advent hope needs some clarification so that we do not take it and practice it in the wrong way. Hope is not simply wishing for something, as is all too often the understanding in secular culture.

During this time of year, when we do so many things to prepare for the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord, secular culture tends to distort the meaning of hope. Youthful ambitions all too often equate desires with hope, even and especially in those who are older in years who have been formed by years of habit. Put in a different way, the true object of Advent hope cannot be bought or given, like the gifts we may give at Christmas. Hope is already ours by the gift of God's grace. Hope is, by definition, in the Catechism, "The theological virtue by which we desire and expect from God both eternal life and the grace we need to attain it." Hope is the gift and our practice of prayer is our participation in it. Prayer helps hope to grow. It is prayer that gives us hope for what we need now – "give us this day our daily bread". It is prayer that promises us the hope of eternal life – "lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil". Simply, Advent hope is the deepest longing of the human heart, union with God.

With my prayers, Fr. Kent

Monday, December 9, 2024, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception must be observed as a holy day of obligation in the diocese of the United States.

NOTRE DAME DU MONT CARMEL OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY ST. PETER CHANEL Christmas Mass Schedule

Tuesday, December 24, 2024
Vigil of Christmas

4:00 p.m.	St. Thomas Aquinas (Children's Mass)
4:00 p.m.	St. Gerard
4:00 p.m.	St. Bruno/Remi
4:00 p.m.	St. Luce (Children's Mass)
6:00 p.m.	St. David
6:00 p.m.	St. Joseph, Hamlin
6:00 p.m.	St. Joseph, Sinclair

Wednesday, December 25, 2024
Christmas Day

9:00 a.m.	St. David
9:00 a.m.	St. Agatha
9:30 a.m.	St. Bruno/Remi

ST. THOMAS GIFT SHOP

Located in the Basement of St. Thomas Aquinas Church
Hours: Mon. to Thurs. 9am to 3pm – Fri. 10am to 3pm
Or Call Lee for an Appt. 316-9234/728-4346

REMEMBER TO KEEP "CHRIST" IN CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR!! COME SEE US FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFTS!! WE HAVE MANY ITEMS AVAILABLE!!

CHRISTMAS CARDS – INDIVIDUAL OR BOX

CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS: Pewter look ornaments – The Nativity Stable or the Angel Nativity – each 3" high – hangs on your tree or nice to put in a card & mail as a token gift!! Hanging Mini Angels in various colors – 1-3/4" High – Blown Glass Hanging Stable – 2" high!

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY NIGHTLIGHTS Wonderful for the person with limited space - still have the presence of a Christmas decoration & is a safety feature that will bring many hours of pleasure – many various models!!

VINTAGE DEVOTIONAL CANDLE: Beautifully Handcrafted by Will & Baumer – 2-1/2" X 8" H. with a beautiful Nativity scene on the front – other designs available also!!

STATUES: Sacred Heart – Divine Mercy – Mary – Pregnant Mary – Our Lady of Mt. Carmel – Our Lady of Fatima – Our Lady of Grace – St. Anne – St. Joseph – St. Michael – St. Francis – St. Anthony - **plus many others!!** In various sizes, colors, prices!!

ROSARIES: Beautiful **Swarovski** Beads – in Birthstone Colors – Rosary or Decade Bracelet available for all 12 months. Wonderful Christmas Gift Idea!!

CRUCIFIXES: WE HAVE A WIDE VARIETY OF CRUCIFIXES IN SIZES – WOOD, METAL, BRASS, SILVER, RESIN, STANDING, WALL HANGING, WITH BRASS INLAY, PLAIN, PLUS MANY MORE!! EVERY CHRISTIAN HOME SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST ONE (1) CRUCIFIX!!

BOOKS: **"The CHOSEN"** I HAVE CALLED YOU BY NAME – By: Jerry B. Jenkins Based on the acclaimed video series – The most amazing story ever told – the Life of Jesus – Gets a fresh, new telling from New York Times. A wonderful gift idea! Only \$25.99

JESUS CALLING FOR CHRISTMAS - The perfect gift for the hard to buy for person – A gift that will be with them every day, bringing them in contact with Jesus, for a short, pleasing, uplifting & helpful conversation with Him. Only \$17.99

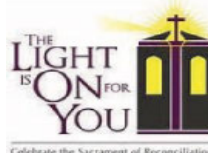
CHILDREN'S BOOKS: "Christmas Hidden Pictures" Hours of entertainment for your little ones! Only \$2.99

PUBLIC ROSARY GROUP

(America Needs Fatima)

We meet every **Wednesday & Friday's at 3:00pm St. Thomas Aquinas Church & at Joan Ouellette's house at 11 Green Point Rd.**

We begin with Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by the Rosary. Pray for restoration of our country facing evil forces that are prevalent right now.



December 14th - St. Bruno/Remi (2-4pm)
December 15th - St. David (2-4pm)
December 21st - St. Luce (2-4pm)

Christian Life Center

543-6193 / 543-7731



Wednesday (December 11th)
Michael Ouellette 1st Anniversary
 By Linda

Prayer Shawl Ministry: The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets at the CLC on the **second Saturday of each month** from 9am-12pm. If the CLC is needed for a retreat, the Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet at another location. Registered participants will be notified of the location.

Paint with Fr. Alex: **Sunday, December 8th from 6-8pm.** For High School students. Questions about the Church and your faith? Now's the time. Ask your questions while you paint. Bring a friend! Cost is \$12/person. Includes all supplies. Registration is necessary so we can plan accordingly. **Please register by December 5th at 1:00pm.** The CLC is then closed for the weekend.

3rd year of the Traditional Christmas event: **Sunday, December 15th from 2-4pm.** For all elementary school students. Cost is \$10/student. Please register by December 12th at 1pm. FMI contact the CLC at 543-6193.

Service of Hope and Light: **Wednesday, December 18th from 6-8pm.** Are you grieving the loss of a love one? Are you discouraged by the world around us? Struggling with family or work issues? Be with us for a time of Scripture, song and prayer that is designed to bring hope to the dark times in your life. There will be a time of socializing following the service.

Midnight Mass: **Tuesday, December 24th at 11:55pm.** To be held at the Christian Life Center. Space is limited so please come early.

With the exception of the Midnight Mass on December 24th, the CLC will be closed from December 19th through January 6, 2025. May the blessings of the Child Jesus be with you during this Christmas season and throughout the New Year.

As of 11/21/24 the Christian Life Center's Capital Campaign has raised \$71,815.00

Adult Faith Formation OCIA

Is God calling you to come home to the Catholic church? Please reach out on how to start your journey to the Catholic church. Melissa, 728-7135; Fr. Kent, 728-7531; Fr. Dass, 543-7447.

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"PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD, MAKE STRAIGHT HIS PATHS." (LUKE 3:4)



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Please Pray for our Military Service Members

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If you would like to have a service member listed, contact Charlie at 207-316-3382.

Lord hold our troops in your loving hands, protect them as they protect us, bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need.

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JOHN
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CROOKED
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