

St. Joachim Catholic Church

"THE LITTLE FAMILY CHURCH IN THE WOODS"

DEC 3RD, 2023 | 1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

Sunday Mass: 8:30am & 10:30am

Daily Mass: Mon. & Tue 6:00pm
Wed. & Thurs. 12:00pm
Fri. No Mass

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 2:30pm - 3:30pm

Sunday: 7:45am - 8:15am
9:45am - 10:15am

ADORATION

1st Friday of each month: 9:00am - 1:00pm

PASTOR

Rev. Kyle J. Sanders

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 8:00am - 4:00pm

Tuesday: 8:00am - 4:00pm

Wednesday: 8:00am - 4:00pm

Thursday: 8:00am - 4:00pm

Friday: Office Closed

For after hours Emergencies, call the office at (504) 341-9226 leave a message and Fr. Kyle will call back as soon as he can.

BAPTISM

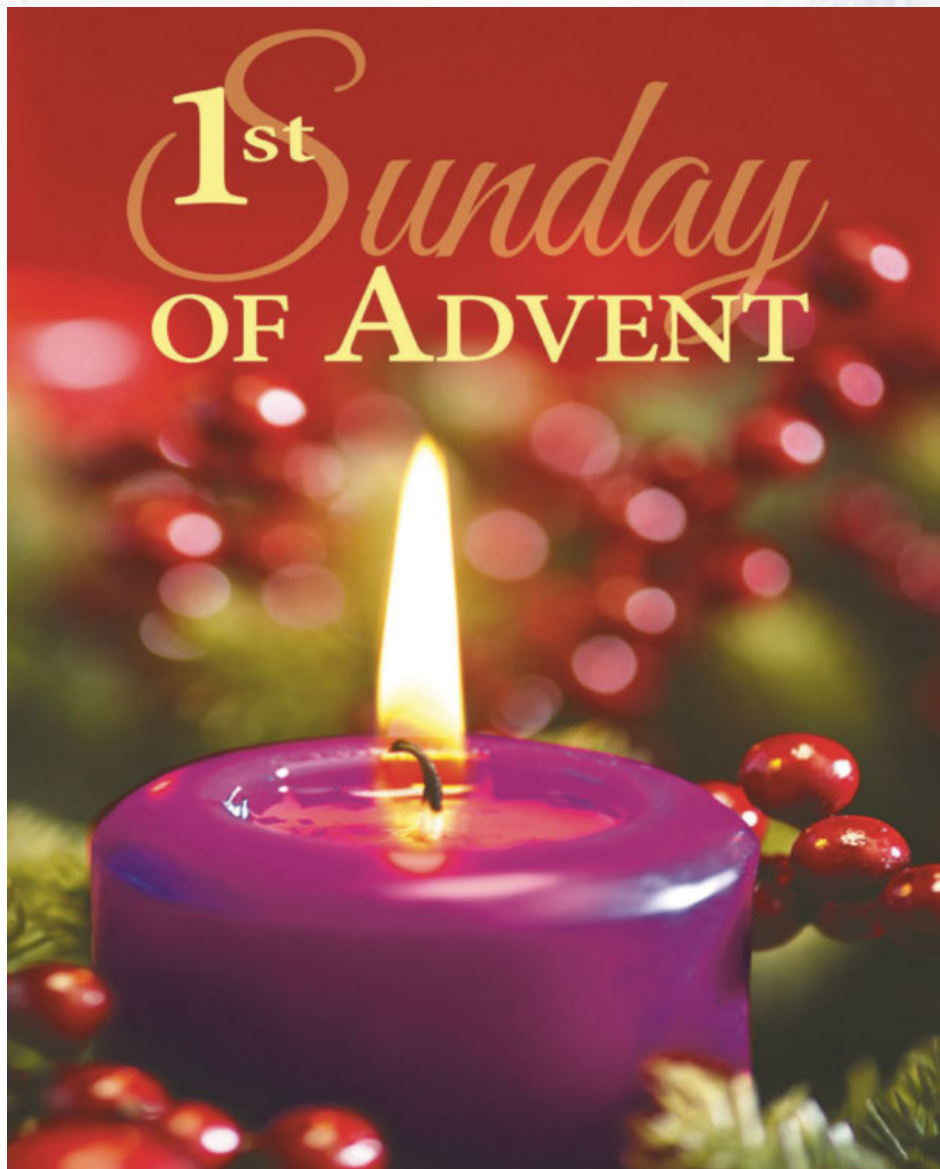
Parents, please call the Church office to begin the process of preparation for baptism.

MARRIAGE

Engaged couples should make arrangements with the Parish Priest at least six months in advance.

FUNERALS

When a member of the immediate family returns to the Lord, please notify the Priest. Our office will contact the Bereavement Ministry to help provide comfort, care, and support to your family.



WELCOME VISITORS!

WE WELCOME YOU TO THE LITTLE FAMILY CHURCH IN THE WOODS AND INVITE YOU TO REGISTER IN OUR PARISH BY FILLING OUT THE REGISTRATION FORM IN THE OFFICE LOBBY!



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THE FOUR LAST THINGS PART I: DEATH ON THE STATE OF SOULS IN PURGATORY

We return to our reflections on the Last Four Things. We last talked about what purgatory is. So now we dive into what the souls in purgatory experience.

St. Thomas Aquinas starts by asking the question: are the pains of purgatory greater than any pains of this life? To answer this he quotes St. Augustine, “this fire of Purgatory will be more severe than any pain that can be felt, seen, or conceived in this world.” In other words, Purgatory is a mercy but not a consolation. Dr. Vost explains it thus: “The soul’s pain of losing the divine vision of God will be greater than any sense of loss on earth because the more we desire something, the more we suffer when it’s absent. (Any person who has lost a loved one can attest to this kind of pain.) Yet in purgatory, our overwhelming desire to see God is completely undiluted. The soul’s desire is not hindered or distracted by things of the body. Further, the soul knows that had it not been held back by the weight of sin, it would have already achieved the ‘Sovereign Good,’ as St. Thomas puts it. Therefore, the soul grieves most intensely because the delay of purgatory keeps it from its ultimate goal,” (Vost, 35-36).

Now this pain is different from the physical pain we experience in a broken bone or a pinched nerve. The pain can be related to the grief he mentioned earlier, but in the most acute way. It is a pain so deep and so hard, we can only describe it by analogy.

I know this sounds like a sort of hell, but it is very different from hell. Hell is an eternal prison of eternal suffering. Purgatory is a passageway that those souls chose to suffer, though difficult it may be, because they know the glory that comes is worth it, like the athlete who suffers greatly to achieve victory, but to a degree beyond our imagination.

This suffering cleanses the debt of punishment that remains in the soul. The debt of punishment is different from person to person as is the depth of their suffering. Each soul arrive in purgatory with different numbers and kinds of sin on their souls. If a soul was more attached to a particular sin, say judgment, they may have longer to suffer. The number of times he committed the sin of judgment that still remain on his soul determine the severity of the suffering.

To me, this is a wake up call. As we begin Advent and hear in the Scriptures that He is coming soon, have we properly prepared ourselves? Have we sought God’s cleansing mercy in the confession now? This is the time to suffer because suffering here in light-weight compared to purgatory.

REV. KYLE J. SANDERS

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down,
with the mountains quaking before you. (Is 63:19)

Psalm:

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we
shall be saved. (Ps 80)

Second Reading:

The testimony to Christ was confirmed among you,
so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift
as you wait for the revelation of our Lord
Jesus Christ. (1 Cor 1:6-7)

Gospel:

"Watch, therefore;
you do not know when the lord of the house is
coming." (Mk 13:35)

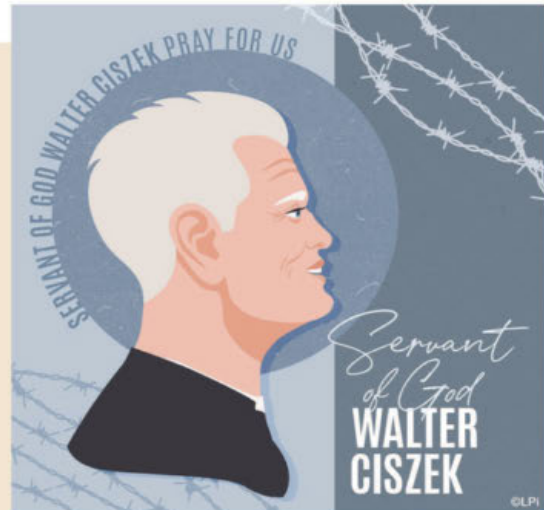
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Advent is a time for waiting, for hoping, for
praying. It is a time for reflecting on the special
work to which God calls us all. Stay alert. Show
Him you are listening.

Observances for the week of December 3, 2023

- Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Advent
- Monday:** St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Wednesday:** St. Nicholas, Bishop
- Thursday:** St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Friday:** The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Saturday:** St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin
- Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Advent



Saint of the week

Servant of God Walter Ciszek was a Jesuit priest and theologian who spent 23 years as a prisoner of war during the World War II and the Cold War. His endurance of suffering for his beliefs and his writings reminds us of the importance of religious freedom and the power of faith.

Prayer

We adore You, Most Holy Trinity, and we thank You for the exemplary life of Your Servant, Father Walter Ciszek. We pray that his strong faith in Your loving providence, his great love for You, and his kindness to all people be recognized by the Church. If it be Your will, may he be given to us as a saintly model of these virtues so that we too may be better motivated to dedicate our lives to Your greater honor and glory. We commend our petition through the prayers of the holy Mother of God. For to You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is due all glory, honor, and worship, now and forever.

Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://www.ciszek.org/Prayers.html>)

Parish News

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UPCOMING MEEETINGS

CCD MEETINGS

1st Communion Class

Wed. Dec. 6th 6:00pm—7:30pm

Faith Formation Class

Wed. Dec. 13th 6:00pm—7:30pm

Advent Bible Study
Tuesday nights at 6:45pm
Dec. 5th, Dec. 12th, & Dec. 19th

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Holy Day of Obligation
Mass Time
Thurs., Dec. 7th at 6:00pm Vigil Mass
Fri., Dec. 8th - 9:00am & 6:00pm

The Hospitality Ministry will host a Christmas Children's Fellowship after all masses on Dec. 9th & 10th. They will have gifts for the children and pictures available.



If you are someone you know is in need of a Christmas basket this year please call the office to leave your names or we have a sign up sheet on the table at the back of church. We are pleased to announce a parishioner will be donating all the hams. We are asking for your help with monetary donations for the food items.

Stewardship

Nov. 26th 2023

1st Collection (Incl. Online) \$ 2,319.00

2nd Collection \$.00

Needed weekly to sustain \$ 5,000.00

2nd Collections

12/03 Christmas Decoration

12/10 Retired Religious Fund


12/17 Building Fund

Mass Attendance

4:00pm 11/25 38

8:30am 11/26 46

10:30am 11/26 85



*O Come, Emmanuel
in the Eucharist*

**AN EVENING OF ADORATION,
SCRIPTURE & MUSIC**

FEATURING MUSIC BY
LORRAINE HESS,
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DECEMBER 6TH,
6:30PM
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Week of December 03, 2023



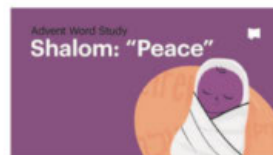
What Is the Immaculate Conception?

Join Drs Tim Gray and John Sehorn as they examine Mary under her title of the Immaculate Conception. This dogma of the Catholic faith, promulgated in 1854 by Pope Pius IX, speaks of Mary's conception and what it means to the Church.



St. Nicholas Day | Catholic All Year at Home w/ Kendra Tierney

Kendra shares her favorite recipes and traditions for celebrating the feast of St. Nicholas (a.k.a. Santa!). Learn how to make mulled wine and cider, speculaas cookies, and deep-fried Dutch meatballs



Shalom/Peace | Advent: Word Studies | The Bible Project

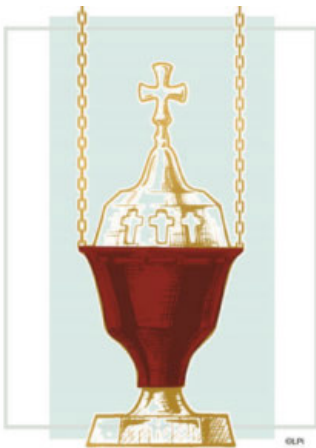
"Peace" is a very common word in English, that means different things to different people. It's also a very important word in the Bible that refers not only to the absence of conflict but also to the presence of something else.

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Roehl & Vivian Guidroz By Keith, Kathy, & Family	Gregory "Greg" Cannella By Bonnie, Amanda, & Kyle	Randy Thibodaux & Michael Mignacca By Name & Name Surname	Andrew Daigle By Wife, Children, & Grandchildren	Betty & Ruphus Boutte By Family	Ronald J. Chauvin By Family
O'Neil & Rita Becnel By Children, & Grandchildren	Karen Saltalamachia By Husband, Children, & Grandchildren	Fitch & Hymel Family By Family	Lorlei Creppel By Family	John Kramer By Family	Ronald J. Chauvin By Rose & Leah
Dawn Cookmeyer Boatright By Family	Johnny & Greg Thomassie By Family	Ronnie & Carrie Thomassie By Children & Grandchildren	Ambrose & Andreiella Foret & Rosalie & Huey Este Sr. By Cathy Este	Huey Este Jr. By Cathy, Rory, Dawn, Kayle, & Hannah	Claire Lucido By The Mineo Family



The Sanctuary Lamp Burns In Loving Memory of Fr. Amal Dec. 3rd—Dec. 9th

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY

Dec. 2 4:00pm † The Parishioners of St. Joachim

SUNDAY

Dec. 3 8:30am † Greg Cannella & Clarie Lucido

10:30am † Roy Rogers, Jose Perez Jr., & Roy Rogers

MONDAY

Dec. 4 6:00pm † All sick members of our parish community.

TUESDAY

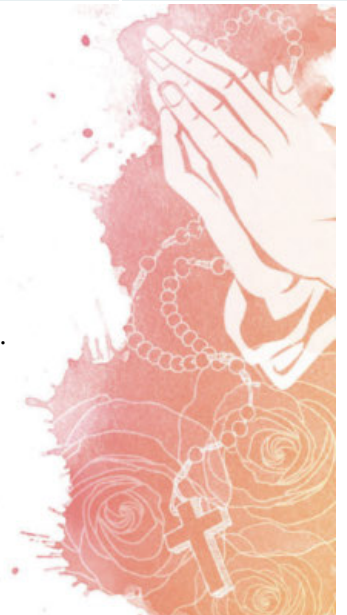
Dec. 5 6:00pm † Silvia & Jose Perez

WEDNESDAY

Dec. 6 12:00pm † For all deceased pastors of St. Joachim

THURSDAY

Dec. 7 12:00pm † The benefactors of our parish community.



IN OUR PRAYERS

SAL LOMONACO, JOYCE BUCKLE, DORIS S. SMITH, LANA B. SMITH, KIM S. WESTERN, CARMON CORTEZ, LEROY CORTEZ, COTTON CORTEZ, FRANK SAUVINET, BILLIE MERIDETH-MORGAN, KEVIN SMITH, DEBBIE MAYS, CINDY MALACON, AMANDA SONGY, REGGIE KERNER, DEBBIE, ARTHUR LETMON, SHELIA FONCHEAUX, DARRELL SULLIVAN, LEISA WALKER, RICHARD DONAHOE, GARY BARNES, RHONDA KELLER, O'NEIL BECNEL JR.

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