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December 6, 2020

## Readings for the week

**Sunday:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

**Monday:** Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26

**Tuesday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

**Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1]/Mt 11:28-30

**Thursday:** Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15

**Friday:** Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

**Next Sunday:** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

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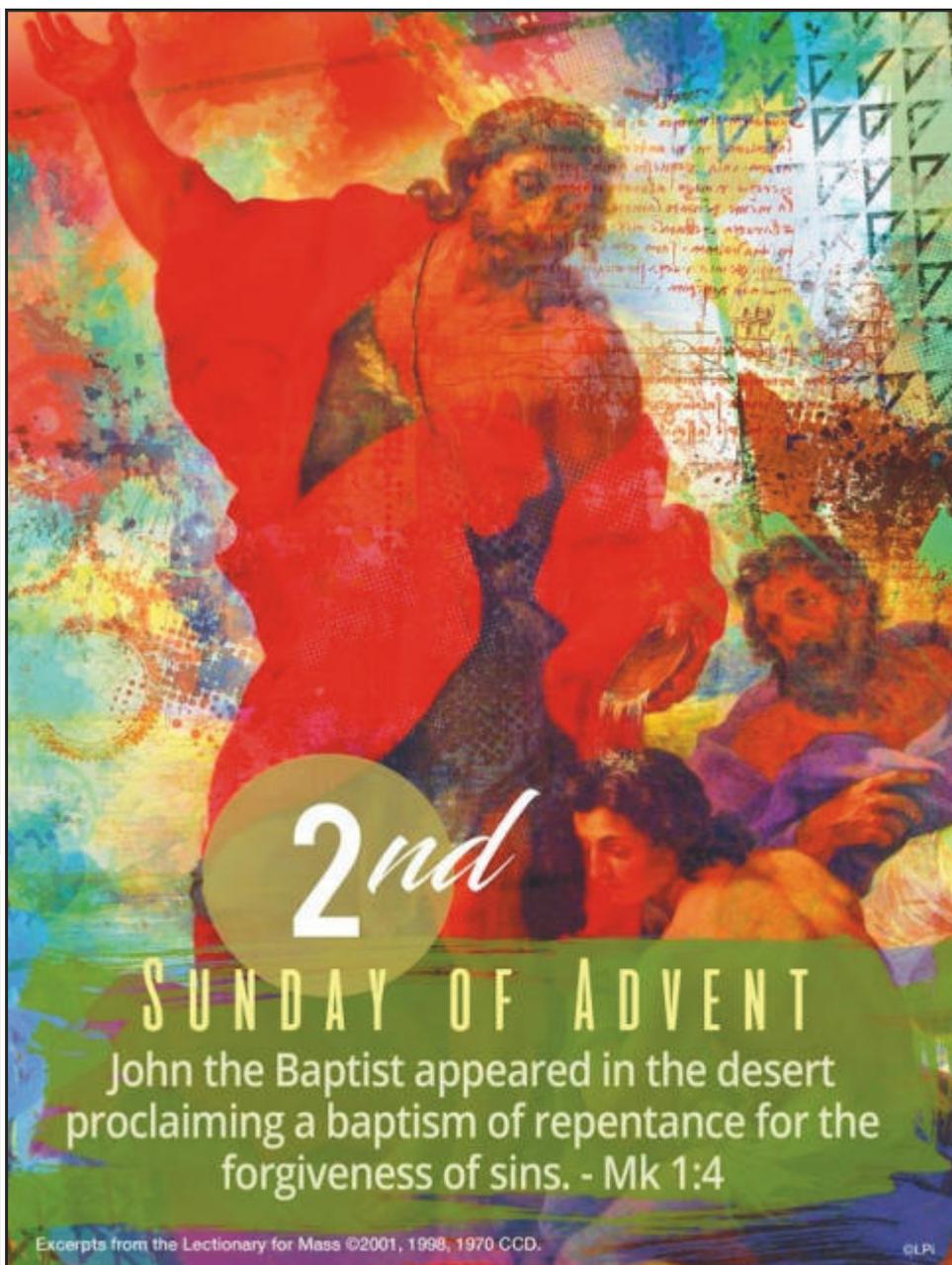
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## Mass Schedule:

Monday to Wednesday at 9:00 AM  
Saturday at 4:30 PM

Thursday and Friday (No Services at this Time)  
Sunday at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

### As we pray this week:

Finding intimacy with God in the midst of our busy lives begins with getting in touch with our own desires. Advent is a wonderful time to ask myself, "What am I looking for? What do I desire? What longing can I recognize in my heart?" The answers to those questions will be our best guide for daily prayer. The readings this week offer some ways to talk with the Lord about our desires. We can begin by trying to get in touch with a part of my heart that is divided, perhaps with a desert separating the two parts. For example, is there a disconnect between my primary commitments and the amount of time and attention that I give to them? Is there a distance between who I say I am, and who I actually am? Do I experience something missing between what I believe and how I live those beliefs? We all have these contradictions and inconsistencies within us. These are the places into which we can let our Advent desiring grow. This week, we can imagine the prophet saying, "there will be a path between what is separate or divided or at a distance in your life!" "What is desert, barren, dry, life-less in you will come to life!" "You will find freedom and comfort, where you have been finding yourself in a captivity to pattern and routine, where you have felt weak and weary." "Learn from the Lord and learn real wisdom." When one or more of these desires really strikes a chord in our hearts, Advent begins for us. Advent is about our coming to a felt sense of our need for a Savior and letting our Savior into our hearts to save us. Advent comes alive for us as we identify our desires and let them be expressed as longing and expectant hope. Into this space our Lord comes with good news, healing and a peace the world can't give. As we taste our desires and longing grow, we can give thanks each evening before we go to bed, to acknowledge we are being given a great grace of a growing intimacy with our God, right in the mist of our very busy days.

Selections from: Creighton University Online Ministry, Daily Prayer

**We celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception this Tuesday, December 8,** as we remember our heavenly mother, who was born without sin, and was always willing to say yes to God. Mass will be at 9 am. It will also be livestreamed.

**The giving tree this year has gone virtual. MORE ITEMS have been posted.** If you are interested in participating, please check the website or Flocknotes for the registry of requested gifts. Thank you for your patience as we try a new way of doing things. If you have questions you can contact Joan Dobles 585-794-1167 or Lisa Guernsey 585-298-6273. Also, if you know of any families in need this Holiday season, please let Joan or Lisa know!

**Since reservations will be required for all Christmas Masses,** we anticipate the need for greater assistance from Liturgical ministers. This will entail functioning apart from your usual ministry. We also realize many ministers may not be at Mass during Christmas time. Therefore, please notify the office if you are willing and able to serve at Mass in a different capacity. For example, perhaps a Eucharistic minister might be willing to serve as an usher/hospitality minister. We do not have enough hospitality ministers for our regularly scheduled Masses and this ministry is especially needed during the Christmas season. Please prayerfully consider this. Thank you for all you do throughout the year and especially in this time of the pandemic.

**All volunteers who need the Diocesan required SAFE training** and/or background check have been contacted by Mary. Please complete the training as soon as possible. If you are not electronically connected, or have any issues with the training, feel free to contact Mary in the parish office and she can advise you how to proceed.

**CMA UPDATE:** We have 117 Donors with \$23,249.00 pledged and 36.52% of our goal. We thank those who have given generously and ask all who have it yet given to prayerfully consider doing so. The CMA helps our Church and our parish in so many ways. Please consider all the ways that God has blessed you and your family and think how the Church has brought goodness into your lives. Join our appeal and give back what you can do that we remain strong and able to do God's great work!

**Eucharistia Ministry News**

During the month of December we'll recap the ministries we shared our knitted and crocheted gifts with in 2020 and what was delivered. This weekend we'll start with Care-A-Van Ministries, a mobile church ministry established in May, 2000 by Paul and Bridget Ohlsen for street outreach. The 3 trucks and 1 bus are the tools to bring food, clothing, compassion, love, hope, and prayer to many areas of the city of Batavia. With the help of our friends at St. Pius X, the Chili Chain Gang, Elaine Montrois, and our friends and families, we were able to surpass our goal of 350 scarves for this wonderful ministry!! We are so grateful for the generosity of all who helped us to be able to offer a warm scarf to so many! We'd also like to recap a new ministry brought to our attention by David Saeli, who shares the Gospel of John with those who are homeless living in the downtown area. He has already started collecting warm hats and coats for men, along with heavy gloves, blankets, backpacks, tents, and sleeping bags so he is ready to hand them out this Fall and Winter when the cold weather arrives. We shared well over 100 knitted hats and scarves with him – this is now one of our ongoing ministries. If anyone can donate blankets, tents, backpacks, sleeping bags, or heavy winter gloves, please contact David Saeli at [dvsaeli@gmail.com](mailto:dvsaeli@gmail.com). This is NOT an organization. This is ONE man helping his fellow men.

**Faith Formation and Human Services Ministry Christmas Outreach**

Christmas is a time of joy and gift giving. Jesus was a gift from God to the world. The three kings brought gifts of frankincense, gold and myrrh to the Baby Jesus. Now, we exchange gifts with our families, friends and special people in our lives. For our December service project, we'll be making Blessing Bags to give to homebound parishioners from St. Christopher's and residents of Legacy Assisted Living. Due to the pandemic, many people have not been able to have visitors or spend time with their families for many months. We hope our little Blessing Bags will brighten their day and let them know someone is thinking of them during the holiday season. If you would like to donate to this worthwhile project, the Blessing Bags items needed are: notepad, pen, chapstick, hard candy, hand lotion (suitable for men or women), small snack bag of pretzels, goldfish, nightlight. These items can all be purchased at the Dollar Tree if you shop there. There is also a display board at the front of church showing examples of each item. Thank you for your generous support and help as we reach out to make Christmas a little merrier for those who might be alone!!! For questions or more information please contact [Lori.murtaugh@dor.org](mailto:Lori.murtaugh@dor.org) or 594-1441 ext 105

**Human Services Updates:** Thank you to everyone who donated 27 pair of boots and warm outerwear. The Memorial AME Zion Church is making sure they get to people who need them the most.

Thank you also to our amazing Eucharistia Ministry which hand knitted over 100 hats and scarves! These will be going to School #4 middle school children in the City who are in need.

Our food collection during Advent will be given to a group formed for Monroe County: United and Healing Through Hope of Monroe County. This group a county-wide collaboration of government, police, spiritual and community groups to promote healing over division in our community. Please see the bulletin for more information.

Our Christmas Cradle is back! This year's donations will be going to The Open Door Mission at Coldwater Road. We will be collecting infant/toddler clothes including socks, underwear, diapers, gloves and hats. They are also asking for personal hygiene items for the adults. The cradle will be located in the front foyer.

**Liturgical Ministers are needed to fill positions for the following Masses:** Dec. 08, (Immaculate Conception), Christmas Eve, Christmas Day & Jan. 01 (Solemnity of Mary). Virtual sign-up sheets are available on line or contact Dee Milner, [deemilner13@gmail.com](mailto:deemilner13@gmail.com) or call 585-764-9144. Thank you for your service.

**Please pray** for Joe Czeck Jr., son of our parishioner Joe Czeck Sr., who died in Florida last week.

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**Saturday, December 5**

4:30 PM– Robert Baisis by Kitty Keller

**Sunday, December 6**

9:00 AM– Kathleen Delesky by Dave & Robin Kepler

11:00 AM– Sharon Strollo by CCS & Skirment Family

**Monday, December 7**

9:00 AM– The Parish

**Tuesday, December 8**

9:00 AM– Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lionetti by Mary Lionetti

**Wednesday, December 9**

9:00 AM– Suzanne DiNottia by Dave & Robin Kepler

**Thursday, December 10**

**NO COMMUNION SERVICE**

**Friday, December 11**

**NO COMMUNION SERVICE**

**Saturday, December 12**

4:30 PM– Jimmy VanderLinden by Pauline Mangione

**Sunday, December 13**

9:00 AM– Cheryl Foxworth by Richard & Laurie Prescott

11:00 AM– Ron Farley by Dave & Robin Kepler

*Prayer Ministry*

Please contact the rectory if you would like to be added to the list of people who need prayers. If you or someone you know has been hospitalized and would like to have a pastoral visit, please contact the Church Office at 594-1400 ext.: 100

***Please keep the following people in your prayers:***

Linda & Robert Springer	Jean LeWalter
Richard Welch	Pat Bradt
Tom & Pat Schryver	Beulah Reihle
Valerie Brescia	Bob Early
Terrance Collins	Fred Hoehn
Patrick Ford	Dominick Fantauzzo
Fr. Bob Gaudio	Roz Fadden
Mary DiPonzio	Dino Pezzimenti

Please keep the families of those who have lost loved ones in your prayers.

*Parish Staff*

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*Sacraments*

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM or by appt.

**Baptism:** Baptisms are scheduled the last Saturday of each month at 1pm. Please contact Mary to begin the Baptismal process. You must be a registered and active member of the parish in order to have your child baptized.

**Marriage:** Please contact Church Office at least 6 months before wedding.

**First Reconciliation, First Communion &**

**Confirmation:** Contact the Faith Formation Office, 594-1441 ext. 105

**Anointing of The Sick:** Please contact the Church Office at 594-1400 ext. 100

*Weekly Collection/Attendance*

11/28/2020-11/29/2020

4:30 Mass: 63 people

9:00 Mass: 50 people

11:00 Mass: 40 people

Virtual Mass: 55 views

**Total Collection:** \$2771.00

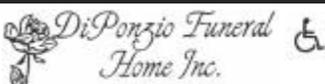
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