

Epiphany of Our Lord Church

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 12TH AND 13TH

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 9am-12pm

Tuesdays and Thursday: 9am-12pm and 2pm-4pm

Please call the office if you need to make an appointment outside of Office Hours.

Saturday Vigil Mass- 4:00pm

Sunday Masses— 8:30am & 11:00am

Daily Mass: 8:30am

Monday-Friday and First Saturdays

CONFESSIONS

Every Day after each Mass and by appointment (703-4066).
Please speak with Father if you would like to receive the sacrament of reconciliation.

PARISH STAFF

Pastor.....Rev. Mitch Byeck (703-4066)

DeaconRoy Dibb

Parish Business ManagerSarah Jo Schmitt

Faith Formation Coord.Tracy Tremblay

Music Director

Cantor/Leader of Song

Facility Coord. (Volunteer) Mary Ann Gabel

Maintenance (Volunteer) Roger Powenski

PARISH LAY TRUSTEES..Daniel Gabel • Bonnie Hohman

PASTORAL COUNCIL OFFICERS

Chairperson Roger Powenski

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Vicariate Council Representative Marty Ptak

Vicariate Council Representative Mary Richmond

PARISH MINISTRIES

Baptismal Prep FormationTina Kron

Finance Committee Robin Hohman

Liturgy Committee..... Annette Noto

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Compassion Ministry..... Anne Schmitz

Bereavement Contact Parish Office, 337-2686

PARISH HALL RENTAL: To reserve the hall for a function, please contact Mary Gattie at 337-3150.

For Information on Baptisms, Weddings, Faith Formation, Parish Registration, and other Church Activities, please call the Parish Office.

Advent is a season of waiting in joyful hope for the coming of the Lord. *Guadete* Sunday affirms the value of rejoicing and gives reasons for our rejoicing: God has given hope to his people waiting for redemption. We wait with rejoicing for what God has already accomplished and will yet accomplish through Christ.



**Mass Intentions
For the Week of December 13th
(C) Church**

Sat., Dec. 12th: *Vigil of the Third Sunday of Advent*
4:00pm (C) +Ron Schmitt Sr.
By Ronnie and Monnie Geiger

Sun, Dec. 13th: *Third Sunday of Advent*
8:30am (C) +Edwin Gabel
By Denny and Dolores Trimm
11:00am (C) +Werner Stang
By Folts Family

Monday, Dec. 14th: *Saint John of the Cross*
8:30am (C) +Jane Haag
By The Family

Tuesday, Dec 15th: *Advent Weekday*
8:30am (C) +Eleanor Avery
By Mary Gattie

Wednesday, Dec. 16th: *Advent Weekday*
8:30am (C) For All Epiphany of Our Lord Parishioners
By Father Mitch Byeck

Thursday, Dec. 17th: *Late Advent Weekday*
8:30am (C) +For All Souls
By Parish All Souls Intentions

Friday, Dec. 18th: *Late Advent Weekday*
8:30am (C) Danielle & Season Moran
By Phil & Tracy Tremblay

Sat, Dec. 19th: *Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Advent*
4:00pm (C) +Chuck Richmond
By The Hornbergers

Sun, Dec 20th: *Fourth Sunday of Advent*
8:30am (C) +Clyde Dole
By Pete and Cindy Renaldo
11:00am (C) +Alexandra Mikowski-Andrews
By The Family

The Sanctuary Candles are lit this week for all those facing the holidays alone.

Readings for the Week of December 13th

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17
Friday: Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25



Weekly Collection (12/06): \$2,137.00
Total Budget (Sept. 1st - Aug. 31st)
\$145,000.00
Current Collection Total for this Fiscal Year:
\$33,940.62

Lector Schedule

December 19th, 4pm— Mary Gattie
December 20th, 8:30am— Paul & Robin Hohman
December 20th, 11am— MaryAnne Kozub



This year's penance service will be held on Wednesday December 16th at 7pm in the Parish Hall. There will be 4 priests available to hear confessions that evening.

Compassion Ministry

To place someone on the prayer list, please complete and return a card available at the entrances of the church, or call the rectory. Individuals will remain on the list for 4 weeks unless the rectory is notified otherwise. *If you have a loved one on our list and they pass away, please let the parish office know.*

Vicky (Achtyl) Alessi, Lena Anzalone, Cindy Gabel Amacher, Ann Andzel, Nellie Jo Ballard, Elaine Bauer, Romie Lee Bettinger, Ernest Bracikowski, Christine Brown, Mary Jane Butzer, Joey Crocker, Paula Czora, Esther Dittenhofer, Norie Donhauser, John Duggan, Otto Duggan, Anne Edwards, Art Gernatt, Norm Grapes, Patrick Grapes, Sylvia Grapes, Mark Grugel, Ashley Haettich, Bob Holbrook, Robert Hogan, Jeanne Hutchings, Daniel Kozub, Rose Kohn, Irma Martin, Sara Mackey Dunn, Andrew Marconi, Diane May, Bob McNerney, Millie Muehlbauer, Marty Niefergold, Jean Ott, Holly Pearce, Andrew Remero, Pat Ricotta, Levi Rothfuss, Kathy Smith, Danielle Stark, Lorraine Stark, Donelle Thomas, Trisha Weiss, Ed Urban, Gary Wentland, Mike Winter.

Christmas Flower Sale



Envelopes will be available in the back of Church, and at the side door, to order Flower Memorials for Christmas. Orders need to be returned to the office (or in the collection basket) by **Monday December 14th.**

Christmas Card Blessings

We invite you to bring your, **addressed and postage stamped** Christmas Cards to Mass with you and place them in the basket in front of the lectern. A label will be placed on them saying that they were blessed at Epiphany. They will be mailed out for you on the following Monday!



Due to the current guidelines that we are working with this year, we have decided to add additional Masses to our Christmas Schedule. All Masses will also be live-streamed on our Facebook Page.

Please consider attending the additional Masses to help spread the number of people at each Mass because of the Covid-19 restrictions:

Thursday, December 24th: 4pm
Thursday, December 24th: 8pm (*additional Mass*)
Friday, December 25th: 12am (Midnight)
Friday, December 25th 8:30am (*additional Mass*)
Friday, December 25th 11am

*First Annual
Epiphany Christmas Tree Lighting!*

Friday December 18th at 7pm

Join us as we light the decorated outdoor Christmas tree located near the front of the Church.

Christmas Carol Signing

Hot Chocolate and Cookies



Fire in the Cauldron

All are welcome at this free community event!

The Epiphany Parish Christmas Tree Story

On Sunday, December 6th, the Epiphany Buildings and Grounds crew embarked on a special mission. It had to do with an old tradition and the back story goes like this:

Back in the early 80's there was a terrible train wreck which the Winter family responded to. It was on that day that two young men would lose their lives. These men were Phillip and Mark Winter; the car they had entered exploded killing both.

Shortly after their funerals, Marv Winter was given a donated tree and he planted it as a memorial to both of his brothers. It is my understanding that Phillip's children, with their mother, Donna, started a tradition of decorating that tree, that is planted on the south front lawn of the Church. As the years went by and the children got older, it become more difficult for the family to carry out the tradition.

Now fast forward 45+ years.

My sister-in-law Teri Powenski came to me and suggested maybe looking into decorating a big tree outside our church because of the Covid Restrictions. She also suggested maybe make it a community celebration.

Well then I called Marv and gave him the ideas. He responded by telling me about a tree he planted in the 80's, holding back tears as relived that day. I knew then that this was our tree to decorate. As I called all the Buildings and Grounds crew and relayed the story to them, it became a "game on" and "all-in" celebration. In fact, everyone of them couldn't wait to decorate this tree as a tribute to the Winter Family, because they are an extension of our Epiphany Family.

Realizing I needed supplies, I made some calls. Everyone was "all in". Don Fox started by bringing his "larger than life" man-lift. Matt Tartick and Gene Spengler took the controls and we, on the ground, were many. There as Don Tharnish, Dan Gabel, Marv Winter, Dan Szeplowski, Marty Kasinowski, Steve Gross, Fran Kohn, and myself. We got that 50'+ tree decorated in 24 degree weather with frozen smiles. Thanks to MaryAnn Gabel, Bonnie Hohman, and Joanne Hoffman all necessary items were purchased and the entire crew was given refreshments, pizza, and had a great time.

Furthermore, a big thank you goes out to 2 young lads, Jordan and Zacharee, for their help both inside church and outside as well.

It is our hope that the entire Langford Community will join our Epiphany family for the lighting of this beautiful tree on Friday December 18th, at 7pm. There will be hot cocoa, a nice fire, Christmas Carols, and happy faces.

Please join in to renew this old tradition!

From all of us, to all of you,
Merry Christmas and God Bless you all!

Respectfully Submitted,
Roger Powenski, B&G Charimen

Third Sunday of Advent Reflections

The past two Sundays, our church was adorned in violet for Advent. Today, it is in rose for *Guadete* Sunday. *Guadete* means "Rejoice", and rose is a bright and beautiful color of rejoicing for this third Sunday of Advent, since we are more than halfway through our journey to Christmas.

But, did we not get the memo? Because it seems Christmas has already come. Outside of church there is no violet and rose, but red and green. There is Christmas music on the radio and Christmas specials on the screen. Our homes and communities are decorated. Stores have been decked out for Christmas for weeks. The rejoicing has begun. So, why *Guadete* Sunday now?

First, *Guadete* Sunday affirms the *value* of rejoicing. Isaiah, in the first reading, rejoices heartily in the Lord, who is the joy of his soul. In the responsorial, we acclaim together with Mary: *My soul rejoices in my God*. In the second reading, Paul encourages the Thessalonians to *rejoice always and do not quench the Spirit*. The rejoicing we are experiencing and sharing with others is a good and holy thing. We can enjoy these times, and give thanks for the gift of family and friends.

Second, *Guadete* Sunday gives us *reasons* for rejoicing. Isaiah rejoices as he brings glad tidings of God's vindication for his people. Mary rejoices in the fulfillment of God's promise to send a Messiah. John the Baptist cries out in the desert because the Lord is on his way. Paul rejoices as God prepares his people for the return of the risen Lord. Through Isaiah, Mary, John, and Paul, God gives hope to his people waiting for redemption. Given this hope, they can wait with rejoicing. We are God's people today, waiting with what God has already accomplished and will yet accomplish through Christ. The hope God gives prepares our hearts and makes straight the way for Christ.

Finally, *Guadete* Sunday means that Advent waiting is a joyful, hopeful, waiting for Christmas and more. Often, the day after Christmas, the music on the radio stops, the decorations in the streets and stores come down, and the trees get thrown to the curb. Post-holiday clean-up and blues begin. But for the Church, the rejoicing goes on. Our Advent rejoicing becomes Christmas rejoicing up to the celebration of Jesus' baptism, well into January. Rejoicing carries us into a new year, and new celebrations of God's redeeming work.

No matter what the colors of the season— violet, rose, red, or green— every time we gather to hear God's word and celebrate the Eucharist, we do so with rejoicing. Through the grace of Word and sacrament, our Lord sustains us in joyful hope, not only for Advent and Christmas, but for every season of the year as we await the coming of his Kingdom.

2021 Grand Raffle



Our 13th Annual Grand Raffle will take place on Tuesday, March 23rd 2021. Each ticket is \$20; there will be 30 winners and the prizes are:

- 1st Prize: \$4,000
- 2nd Prize: \$1,000 3rd Prize: \$1,000
- 4th-6th Prizes: \$500 7th-10th Prizes: \$250
- 11th-20th Prizes: \$100
- 21st-30th Prizes: \$50

Our goal is to sell 1,000 tickets to make the Grand Raffle a success. That means we need everyone to help. Tickets have been mailed out to all registered parishioners. If you need more tickets, they are available at Church or in the Rectory. They can make great Christmas gifts! Please return any tickets you are unable to sell.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, we will not be having the reception this year. We will draw the tickets with a small audience, possibly at a Pastoral Council Meeting, and all winners will be posted in the parish bulletin as well as on our Parish Facebook Page.

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