

**THIRD SUNDAY OF
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December 13, 2020**

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LIGHT

A man named John was
sent from God. He came for
testimony, to testify to the
light, so that all might
believe through him.

JOHN 1:6-7

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EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS & SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Vigil Mass, Saturday: 4:00 p.m. • **Sunday:** 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 noon

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday at 3:00 p.m. Appointments also available; call the rectory.

BAPTISMS: During one of the Sunday Masses. Both parents are required to attend a Pre-Baptismal meeting on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Fr. Weber Center. Please call the parish office to register..

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: If anyone is ill and would like the Sacrament of the Anointing, please call the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Engaged couples are to make wedding arrangements at least eight months in advance. Pre-Cana classes are required.

EUCCHARIST TO THE SICK AND SHUT-INS: If ill or shut-in, please call the parish office if you wish that the Blessed Sacrament be brought to you.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: We welcome you into our Parish Family. Please contact the parish office to register as members of our parish family. As a member of the Church, you are accepting the responsibility of supporting God's work here through giving of yourself, your time and talents and a worthy Sunday offering to show your love for Christ and your gratitude for His many favors.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, VIGIL****Religious Retirement Appeal - Basket at front of Altar**

3:00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:00pm Claude Rathbun req. Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

Religious Retirement Appeal - Basket at front of Altar

8:00am Jean Preston req. Phil & Carol Daigler

10:00am Kathleen Lamoureux req. Jude Schwendler

12Noon Matthew Evchich req. Judith Alexin

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27

8:30am Rosary

9:00am Jean Frainier req. Lynn Knutsen

6:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

7:00pm Rosary

7:30pm Healing Mass

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32

8:30am Rosary

9:00am Leonard Higgins req. Bill Albrecht

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23

8:30am Rosary

9:00am Remo Lopez req. Connie & Jaime Cordero

6:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

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

9:00am Dr. Joseph Capuana req. Rosemary Conley

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

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

8:30am Rosary

9:00am Deceased Members of the Chapin & Mariano Families

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

3:00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:00pm Benno Brand req. Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

8:00am Angeline Kasprzak req. Tom & Betty Kasprzak

8:45am Novena to the Blessed Mother

10:00am Evelyn Cassidy req. Family

12Noon Gregory Stang req. The Stang Family

MINISTERIAL SERVING SCHEDULE**4:00PM SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19**

LECTOR: Elizabeth Ehrmann

8:00AM SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

LECTOR: Barbara Crage

10:00AM

LECTOR: Jude Schwendler

12NOON

LECTOR: Bonnie Hall

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

In these uncertain times, please pray especially for the sick, William (Monaghan) Adamberger, Donna Dentinger, Frances DiPasquale, Melanie - Elise Killian, John C. Loffredo, Barbara Masse, Lisa Monaghan, Pam Rudes, Donna Siudak, Sherry White, Msgr. George Yiengst.

Pray for those confined at home, medical personnel, first responders, the military and those whose livelihoods are in jeopardy.

We also remember all those who have passed from this life, and the friends and benefactors of St. Pius X Parish, Let us pray to the Lord.

QUEEN OF PEACE HEALING MINISTRY

Our next regularly scheduled Healing Mass at St. Pius X Church, will be held on **Monday, December 14th** with reconciliation at 6:30pm., the Rosary at 7pm, and Mass at 7:30pm. Following Mass there will be individual intercessory prayers for healing. You are also invited to visit us at our website at:

www.queenofpeacehealingministry.org

NOVENA IS BACK!

First, allow me to apologize for having to abruptly cancel the November novena because of restrictions caused by COVID. With Mary's help, we pray that the next novena, scheduled for December 20th directly after the 8am mass will proceed without a glitch.

Now as we are fully immersed in the season of Advent, let us keep our Blessed Mother close in our hearts. As the mother of our Savior Jesus, Mary's mission is to bring us closer to Him. Although we are living in a somewhat alternate reality, one thing that remains constant is Mary's love for us. Talk to her often, and join us at the next novena where she is always present to comfort us and hear our petitions.

The Perpetual Novena is Honor of Our Lady of The Miraculous Medal has been responsible for many miracles. Treat yourself to your own Christmas miracle this Advent by invoking the power of the Holy Spirit through Our Blessed Mother at this month's novena. If you have any questions, please call me at 931-1961, Barbara Crage

Grace and Peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ...

Rejoice always –“**Gaudete Sunday**”



We are already half way through our Advent sojourn. Our gospel tells us that John the Baptist was born for a singular purpose, “to testify to the light.” And not just any light but the light of the human race, the light that shines in the darkness. One of the reasons the feast of Christmas was originally on December 25 was to highlight the symbolism of celebrating the birth of the one who proclaimed Himself “The Light of the World” during the darkest days of the Northern Hemisphere’s winter. In the Polish tradition, the celebration of the Wigilia Vigil (Christmas Eve meal) could not begin until the youngest member of the family sighted the *first star*, the Star of Bethlehem that announced the birth of the Messiah. Once upon a time, that youngest child was me.

Whether we find ourselves in the Northern or Southern Hemisphere on this Gaudete Sunday, there is plenty of darkness to be encountered throughout the world. There are the effects of the pandemic: isolation, despair, loneliness and fear, while still the perpetual problems of poverty, war, violence, hatred, and greed which are all manners of evil. When we turn our gaze to our own suffering and that of others, it is easy to become discouraged. How can any light brighten this darkness?

As Christians, we could say that we have all been born into the world with the same vocation as John the Baptist: to testify to the light, to be hope to the world by fully living our belief in the relationship with Jesus Christ. This is the source of our gladness, and the reason St. Paul urges all of us to “rejoice always.” As the feast of Christ’s nativity draws nearer, we pause to ask ourselves, “How do we live our vocation of joy?” How are we called, at this moment in human history, to testify to the light that one darkness can overcome.

This is an excerpt from my Christmas letter to family and friends as a way to make a difference this Christmas. “Yet, this pandemic has taught us to appreciate the simpler realities we have taken for granted. This Christmas is going to be different yet hopefully better. Appreciate the giftedness of those around us, share with them what is really important and hope that your heart will allow the Incarnation to transform this moment with God’s grace.”

Remain strong, share the faith, rejoice always and let’s bring some light and hope into our present situation.

In Christ,

Fr. Rob

PARISH MISSION: FEBRUARY 14—17

7:00pm - 8:30pm

Coming soon! We have planned a parish Mission, “Falling in Love with God” with Father John Graden, OSFS, from DeSales Resources & Ministries as our facilitator and preacher. It is a major spiritual event in the life of our parish and promises to be moving, intriguing and a great opportunity for spiritual enrichment. You’re definitely invited, encouraged, welcomed and hoped for. More information will follow but mark your calendars now!

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

6:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

7:00pm Rosary

7:30pm Healing Mass

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

All FF Classes Home— (Class A)

6:30pm - 7:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

SAT/SUN DECEMBER 19 & 20

All FF Classes Home

NEW LITURGICAL YEAR HOURS

The Blessed Sacrament Chapel will now be open weekdays, for prayer and reflection, from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm throughout the new liturgical year. Any variations to this schedule will be announced by Fr. Rob and/or placed in this bulletin.

WIGILIA WAFERS

CHRISTMAS WAFER (oplatek): Wigilia (Christmas Eve meal) begins with the sharing of the white Christmas wafer (oplatek). The ritual is complete when everyone has broken off and shared pieces of oplatek with everyone else. Oplatek are now available in the Church or in the parish office. Come and get yours while the supply lasts!

PARISH SUPPORT

11/29/2020	\$4,358.00
ACH 4th of the Month	<u>\$2,244.00</u>
	\$6,602.00

CHRISTMAS BLOOD DRIVE!

Give the greatest gift of all, the gift of life! Donate blood on Tuesday, December 29, 2020 between 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm in the Father Weber Center. Schedule your time at www.redcross.org or by calling 1-800-red-cross

**PLEASE SUPPORT THE RETIREMENT FUND
FOR RELIGIOUS APPEAL.**

OUR CHURCH IS OPEN FOR ALL LITURGIES - ALL ARE WELCOME!

St. Pius X

Christmas Schedule 2020

Thursday, December 24, 2020

Vigil – Christmas Eve Liturgies

4:00PM Church - Fr. Rob Wozniak

4:00PM Fr. Weber Center – Fr. Jay McGinnis

6:30PM Church

Overflow

6:30PM Fr. Weber Center [live-streamed](#)

10:00PM Church

Overflow

10:00PM Fr. Weber Center [live-streamed](#)

Friday, December 25, 2020

Christmas Day Liturgies

10:00AM Church

Overflow

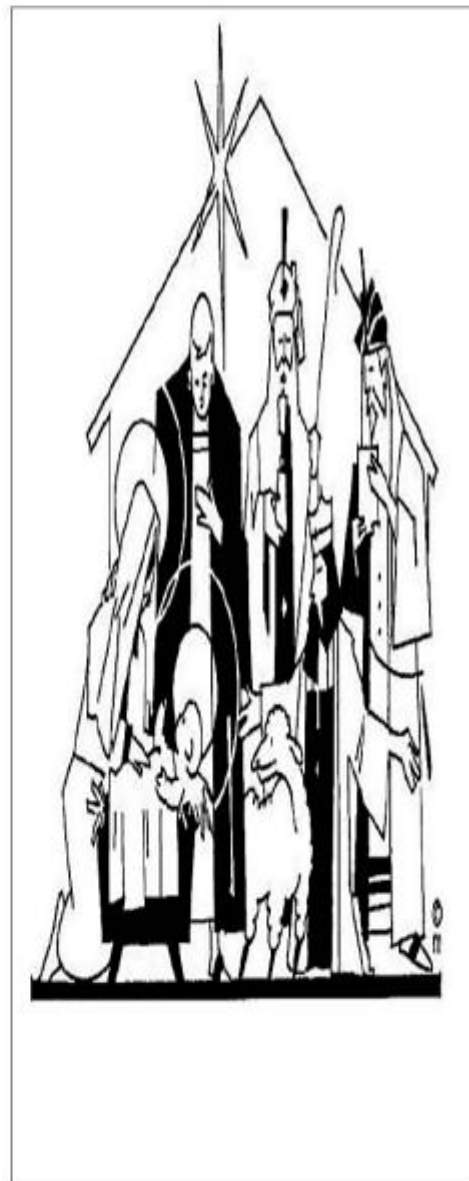
10:00AM Fr. Weber Center [live-streamed](#)

12:00PM Church

Overflow

12:00PM Fr. Weber Center [live-streamed](#)

If any last minute changes occur due to the Pandemic restricting attendance, only the 4:00PM Christmas Eve and 10:00AM Christmas Day liturgies will be celebrated through live-streaming. Please refer to our website (www.stpiusxgetzville.org) for any changes regarding scheduling.



Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you-we bless you-we adore you, we glorify you,- we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you are alone the Holy one, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

First Reading IS 61:1-2A, 10-11

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God. I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem, like a bride bedecked with her jewels. As the earth brings forth its plants, and a garden makes its growth spring up, so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise spring up before all the nations.

Responsorial Psalm LK 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54.

R. (Is 61:10b) **My soul rejoices in my God.**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked upon his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:

R. **My soul rejoices in my God.**

the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.

R. **My soul rejoices in my God.**

He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

R. **My soul rejoices in my God.**

Second Reading 1 THESS 5:16-24

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.

In all circumstances give thanks,
for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.

Do not quench the Spirit.

Do not despise prophetic utterances.

Test everything; retain what is good.

Refrain from every kind of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfectly holy
and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body,
be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus
Christ. The one who calls you is faithful,
and he will also accomplish it.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.** IS 61:1 (cited in LK 4:18)

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel JN 1:6-8, 19-28

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?" He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Christ." So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." So they said to him "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?" He said: "I am *the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,'*" as Isaiah the prophet said." Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

The Word of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



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