



ST. EDITH

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NOVEMBER 28, 2021



Fr. Jim's
Journal
Fr. James
McNulty

JESUS ... THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE

THIS IS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT. OUR THEME FOR ADVENT THIS YEAR IS **JESUS ... THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE**. It is all about Jesus, so let's keep him at the center of our preparation for Christmas. Make a commitment to attend Mass every weekend during Advent and the Christmas season. You may get very busy and be tempted to skip Mass and take care of one of the many things on your to do list. Remove this as an option.

While I did not know it at the time I picked this theme for Advent, **JESUS ... THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE** is also the title of one of the Bible Studies we are doing now at St. Edith. There are three prayers that I would like to share with you from the workbook of that title by Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Jeff Cavins and Edward Sir. You may want to pray these during Advent.

JESUS ... THE WAY

Lord Jesus, I consciously decide
right now to accept you
not just as my Savior but as
the Lord and center of my life.
Whether I never really gave you control
or gave it to you and took it back,
I'm sorry.
I turn over my claim I have on my life
and surrender control to you.
I believe that you know me better



than I know myself
and love me more than I love myself.
I know that your plan for me
will be better than any plan that
I can devise for myself,
and I am excited at what the future holds.
I believe that you will make something
beautiful out of me and will do
great things through me.
Together with your mother I say, "My soul
proclaims the greatness of the Lord
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior."

JESUS ... THE TRUTH

Father, Jesus said, "No one can come
to me unless the Father draws him."
Thank you for giving me
the gift of faith in your Son.
I now ask you to draw me to him
more deeply, more powerfully,
than ever before.
Through the gift of understanding
that flows from your Holy Spirit,
enlighten the eyes of my mind to
truly know him and
delight in his unsearchable wishes.
I make this prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

JESUS ... THE LIFE

Lord...grant that we may come to know
the risen life and that nothing
may distract us from the delight you offer.
Through our unremitting zeal for you,
Lord, set upon us the sign of your day
that is not measured by the sun.
In your sacrament
we daily embrace you
and receive you into our bodies;
make us worthy to experience
the resurrection for which we hope.
We have had your treasure
hidden within us ever since
we received baptismal grace;
it grows ever richer
at your sacramental table.
Teach us to find our joy in your favor!
Lord, we have within us your memorial,
received at your spiritual table;
let us possess it in its full reality
when all things shall be made new.

Love & Peace,
Fr. Jim



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Nourished by the celebration of the Sacraments of the Catholic Church, in an effort to become a more evangelizing Parish, St. Edith Parish is called to build a welcoming community of faith and service, continuing the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ.



We will welcome you regardless of your present status in the Catholic Church.
 We will welcome you regardless of your current family situation or marital status.
 We will welcome you if you are a staunch Catholic or do not like organized religion.
 We will not judge you based upon your personal history, age, race, ethnic background, appearance, sexual orientation or gender identity.
 We welcome children, even when they act like children.
 If there is no crying, our Parish is dying!
 We are all on a spiritual journey, trying to find our way.
 All are welcome to join us on our spiritual journey at St. Edith.

Welcome! ... to our visitors.
 We are happy to have you join us today for worship. If you wish to join our Parish, please stop by the Parish Office or complete the form on our Parish website, www.stedith.org.



Pray for those preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony

*On December 4, 2021
 Allison Leonhard
 & David Best*



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

9:00AM † Enrico & Ida Canini, req. by Graziano Canini

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

9:00AM † Mildred Wojciechowski, req. by St. Edith Religious Education Staff

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

2:00PM - Wedding ~ Allison Leonhard & David Best

5:00PM † Peter & Maria Piazza, req. by The Family

† Carole Anne Globe, req. by Janet & Joanne

† Lee Hicks, req. by Janet & Joanne

† Sharon Konal, req. by Her Husband, Anthony

† Jeff Leonhard, req. by Barb & Jerry Sheedy

† Mary Mininni, req. by Jim & Sharon Malinowski

- Special Intention Tim & Kathy Mooney, req. by John & Judy Digneit

- Special Intention Grace Weible on her 90th Birthday, req. by Disciples of Love Prayer Group

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

8:30AM † Dennis Williams, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Wilkerwicz & Family

† Doris Anne Isele, req. by the Isele Family

† Michael Salsbury, req. by The Isele Family

11:00AM † Denise Cassani, req. by Her Husband, Pete

† Donald & Mary Peck, req. by The McGlinch Family

† Jeanine Shamaly, req. by Fr. Fred Klettner

† Bill & Rosemary Bowen, req. by The Bono & O'Dea Families



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 Gerald Eskelinen
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 Lindsay Papazoglou
 Pat Rashid
 Chris Rodgers
 Anthony Salah
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 Terry Stillwagon
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 Joseph Dressell
 Tom Galos
 Angela Gardner
 Laney Gardner
 Matthew Gardner
 Karen Gartrell
 Oakley Geverink
 Elaine Goyer
 Isa Hassan
 Karl Isele
 Cailin LoGrasso
 Russell Mancewicz
 Olivia Marcy
 Hunter Mazur
 Jordan McDermott

Friends of Parishioners

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 David Parker
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 Steve Percha
 Anna Pittenger
 Scott Pittenger
 Audrey Quinn
 Al Scarantino
 Hadley Schoenborn
 Edward Sefcovic
 Laura Sefcovic
 Denise Weber
 Blake Weible
 Eric Wendt
 Katlyn Wilkinson
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 Ron Ziomek
 Nathan Zoratti
 George Alaska
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 Dan Bowerson
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 Dayna Kennelly
 David Konkel
 Catherine Lafferty
 Cindy Lieberman
 John Mason
 Danny Nowak
 Jim Perkett
 Chloe Photosios
 Sanchez Family
 Emma Scaramella
 Oliver Shinaver
 Kathleen Urbiel
 Alyssa Walker
 Gerard Wallon
 Renee Wood

Please notify Parish Office (464-1222) when a parishioner enters the hospital. To have the Eucharist brought to anyone homebound, call 464-1222. Please remember to contact the Parish Office when a family member/friend no longer needs inclusion on the prayer list.

Weekend Schedule December 4/5	SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4 5:00 PM	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5 8:30 AM	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5 11:00 AM	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5 5:00 PM
Reconciliation	Sat. 3:30 PM Fr. Jim Reconciliation Room			
Celebrant	Fr. Jim	Fr. Jim	Fr. Jim	Fr. Jim
Lector	Marg Soltis	Justin Munson	Lee Douglas	Youth Group
Music Ministry	For God's Glory	Bobbie Mieczkowski	Bobbie Mieczkowski/ Adult Choir	Music Ensemble
Altar Servers	See Sign Up Genius	See Sign Up Genius	See Sign Up Genius	See Sign Up Genius
Eucharistic Sacristan	Dorothy Korzym	Trish Watson	Al Rivard	TBA
Ushers	Tony Carozza Jim King Darrell Nelson Gerry Wnuk Ray Yee	Bryan Macek Terry Macek John Michniak Pat Ryan Tom Sawicki Norm Stevens Barry Shoemaker Jim Vick	Eric Baczewski Tom Bamrick Dennis Bay Angela Centi Michael Doyle Gino Fortuna Richard Fullmerhouser Nicole Karr Maria Potter Eric Stumpp Pat Suzio Mike Willis	Diane Dobleske Jeanne Magoullick Michael Magoullick Casey McCarthy Tom Rist Kathy Tuttle Connie Vassallo
Saturday Snacks & Sunday Coffee & Donuts	Pizza Dinner	FitzGerald Family	Ray & Josette Busuttill Cerroni Family Leslie Colbeck	Spaghetti Dinner

Coffee & Conversation
WITH FR. JIM

Topic: Blessing Others

Join the conversation!

All are welcome!!

Wednesday, December 1
7:00 pm

ST. EDITH CATHOLIC CHURCH

PLEASE NOTE

We recommend everyone wear masks for inside gatherings at St. Edith.

Thank you for your cooperation.

~ FAMILY of PARISHES ~

ST. COLETTE CATHOLIC CHURCH
17600 Newburgh Road
Livonia, MI 48152
(734) 464-4433, www.stcolette.net

MASS TIMES:
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday @ 9:00 am
Saturday @ 4:00 pm
Sunday @ 8:00 am, 10:00 am & Noon

RECONCILIATION:
Saturday 2:00 pm ~ 3:00 pm

ST. KENNETH CATHOLIC CHURCH
14951 North Haggerty Road
Plymouth, MI 48170
(734) 420-0288, www.stkenneth.org

MASS TIMES:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday @ 9:00 am
Saturday @ 4:30 pm
Sunday @ 7:30 am, 9:00 am & 11:00 am

RECONCILIATION:
Saturday 3:30 pm ~ 4:30 pm

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH
133 Orchard Drive
Northville, MI 48167
(248) 349-2621, olvnorthville.org

MASS TIMES:
Monday, Wednesday, Friday @ 8:30 am
Saturday @ 5:00 pm
Sunday @ 7:30 am, 9:30 am & 11:30 am

RECONCILIATION:
Friday 7:30 am ~ 8:15 am
Saturday 3:00 pm ~ 4:30 pm

**OUR OFFERINGS
AS OF
OCTOBER 2021 (REVISED)**

	Fiscal Year to Date
TOTAL	\$318,564
BUDGETED AMOUNT	\$312,235
DIFFERENCE	\$ 6,329



Please Keep These Members of the Military In Your Prayers:

- Ralph Buckley
- Christian M. Castillo
- Nathan Collins
- Austin Drake
- Lucas Drake
- Nicole Drake
- Tia Drake
- Robert Fraser
- Daniel Furlong
- C. J. Gustitus
- David Gustitus
- Eric Hill
- Matthew C. Hoak
- Ben LeClerc
- Christopher Mastantuono (Mastan)
- Brooke Heintz Morrissey
- Michael T. Morrissey
- Devin Moynihan
- Kristen Mudge
- Allison B. Murray
- Katherine Murray
- Ryan Nick
- Anna Nowak
- Damian T. Orsleno
- Travis Pecar
- Cody Perkins
- David Petruska
- Ryan Scalzo
- Steven Schenk
- Madeline Stowe
- Jim J. Tapin
- Jeff Willman II
- Stephen Wallon
- Jeremy Yono



Linda's Links to Family Ministries & More



Religious Education Class Schedule

Sunday, Grades K-8 from 9:45-10:45 AM:

December 5th & December 12th

Monday, Grades K-6 from 5:00-6:00 PM:

December 6th & December 13th

Monday, Grades 7-8 from 6:30-7:30 PM:

December 6th & December 13th

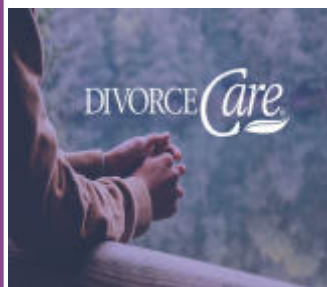
Please note there are NO RE classes scheduled for November 28th & 29th, December 19th & 20th and December 26th & 27th.

Christmas Nativity Pageant

We are planning on having our Children's Christmas Nativity Pageant on Saturday, December 11th, after the 5:00 PM Mass. We will have practice on Saturday, December 4th, from 9:30-10:30 AM in Church. We will be fitting for costumes afterwards. Please come on December 4th if your child is interested in participating. Thank you!



Divorce Care



The pain and aftermath of divorce is very difficult to manage on your own. We can help! Please join us for our Winter session of Divorce Care beginning Monday, January 10, 2022. This first session will begin at 6:30 PM with an Orientation to see if this is the right fit for you. Most sessions will run from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM in the Church Hall through April 4th, 2022. **For more information and to register for the Winter session, please go to stedith.org/divorcecare.**

Return of Spaghetti Dinners on December 5th

We are planning on serving Spaghetti Dinner after the 5:00 PM Mass on Sunday, December 5th. **We ask that if you are planning to attend this event, please call the Parish Office at 734-464-1222 or email at parishoffice@stedith.org and let us know how many to expect from your family.** This is simply to help us in planning as we start to move back to past events so we can be best prepared for our guests. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!



Blessings friends, please stay safe, and remember to pray for one another!
Linda



St. Edith's Christmas Concert

*December 19, 2021
3:30 pm*

Celebration continues
in the Hall afterwards
with refreshments.



Featuring

Children's Choir
Music Ensemble
In Praise
For God's Glory
Adult Choir
Handbell Choir
Fr. Jim McNulty
Pastor
Heather Shina
Director of Music Ministry

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GOSPEL OF LIFE

Every Life is Worth Living From Conception to Natural Death

"Unless your faith is firm, you shall not be firm!" (Isaiah 7:9)

"Nature offers an abundance of telling examples of the need for firm foundations. Trees grow their roots far into the ground so as to provide support. The roots provide water and stabilization, enabling the tree to stand firm in strong winds. A human fetus knows the secure and warm comfort of the mother's womb, a secure, firm, and nourishing home. A baby is born and immediately is given still more firm foundations in the arms of its mother. We need security. We cannot fully live without the comforting assurance of a strong faith. We may exist through our days and years bereft of faith, but when we are deeply troubled or our hearts are broken by loss or tragedy, we fall back on ourselves instead of God. We do not have within ourselves the sources to embrace life in its fullness. We need the Church, as given by God, as the source of a strong, living faith." *A quote from Fr. James Stephen Behrens, OCSO*

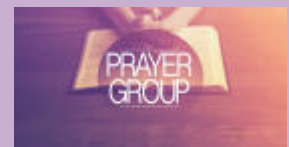
The **Right to Life--Lifespan Christmas Card Sale** is this weekend in the Church Hall. Stop by and pick up some beautiful Christmas cards! Thanks for supporting Right to Life--Lifespan!

Respectfully Submitted by Sandy Rogala ~ 734-421-7145



The Gospel of Life Group invites you to join us to pray the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet and other Prayers for Life, every Wednesday at 6:00 PM in the Church.

All Are Welcome!!



Disciples of Love Prayer Group

The Disciples of Love Prayer Group meets every Thursday afternoon from 1:30 ~ 3:00 PM in the Parish Office Fireside Room. Each week we enjoy music, quiet time and discussion. We also lift each other up in prayer.

All are Welcome to Join us!



ADVENT



HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

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Right to Life--
Lifespan Christmas
Cards will be
available for sale
in the Church Hall
this weekend
November 27-28



The St. Edith School Mass on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 AM will now be Open to the Public.

*As a courtesy to our students and staff, we ask that you please wear a mask.
Thank You!*

Advent Reconciliation



Reconciliation Services

**Monday, December 6
7:00 PM at St. Colette**

**Saturday, December 18
1:00 PM at St. Edith**

**Individual Reconciliation
Every Saturday
3:30 PM at St. Edith in the
Chapel Reconciliation Room**

OVER 750 RETAILERS!

SCRIP Gift Cards will be available after Mass in the Hall

Dec 4/5 and Dec 11/12

Cash or check accepted
Thank you for supporting St. Edith School!

GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFTS!

ANOINTING

The next dates for the Anointing of the Sick:

Sunday, December 5
After 11:00 AM Mass

Sunday, January 2
After 5:00 PM Mass

(Please meet in the Church after Mass)

May the Angels lead you into Paradise

May they Rest in Peace. Pray for the Soul of:

Steven Fitzgerald
(Son-in-Law of Deacon Bob & Carol Delbeke)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Beginning November 2021, the Adoration schedule will change from a weekly rotation to a monthly rotation:

Month of November 2021	After 5:00 pm
Month of December 2021	After 8:30 am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

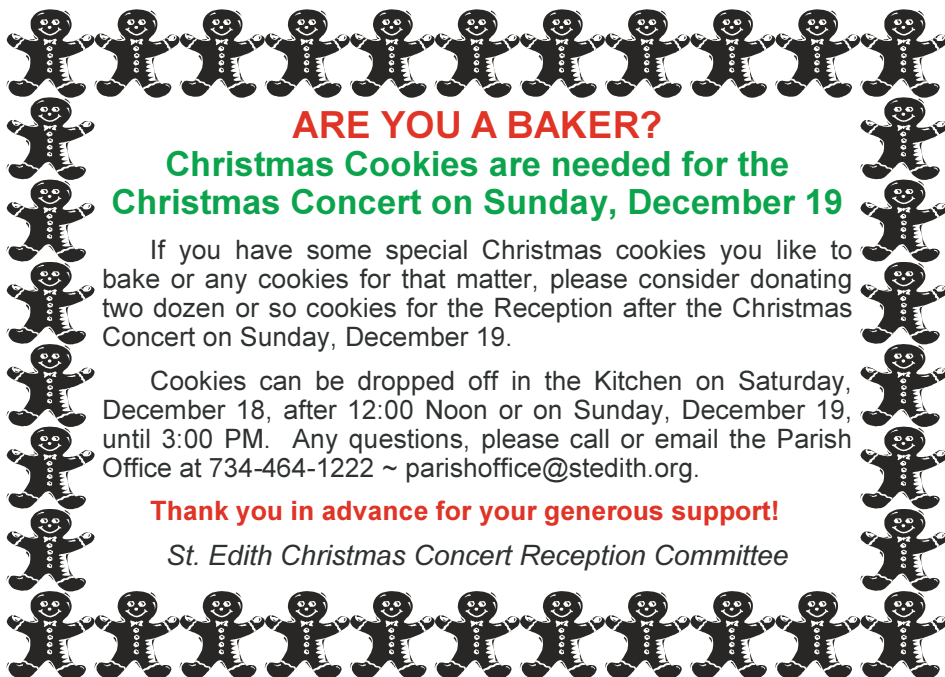
Eucharistic Adoration
In the Chapel Every Tuesday
(Following the 9:00 AM Mass)
From 9:30 AM ~ **5:30 PM**

Adoration will Conclude with Benediction at **5:30 PM.**
(Please note time change.)

All Are Welcome!!

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

- MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29**
6:30 PM Ladies Advent by Candlelight (Hall)
- TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30**
9:00 AM Mass (Church)
10:00 AM Adoration (Chapel)
Benediction at 5:30 PM
7:00 PM Walking with Purpose
Women's Bible Study (SL)
7:30 PM In Praise (C/MR)
- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1**
9:00 AM Mass (Church)
12:00 PM Mat Makers (Hall)
5:45 PM Hand Bells (MR)
6:00 PM Gospel of Life Rosary (Chapel)
7:00 PM Coffee & Conversation with Fr. Jim (Church)
7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting (PL)
- THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2**
9:30 AM Walking with Purpose
Women's Bible Study (H) (CR-L) (FR) (PL)
1:30 PM Disciples of Love
Prayer Group (FR)
7:00 PM Adult Choir (C/MR)
7:00 PM Great Adventure Bible Study (A/V)
- FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3**
6:00 PM Cookies & Cocoa with Santa (Hall)
- SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4**
8:00 AM Fishers of Men Bible Study (A/V)
9:30 AM Nativity Pageant Practice (Church)
3:30 PM Reconciliation (Chapel Reconciliation Room)
5:00 PM Mass (Church)
SEPA Scrip Sale (Hall)
Saturday Night Pizza Dinner (Hall)
- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5**
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:30 AM Mass (Church)
SEPA Scrip Sale (Hall)
Coffee & Donuts (Hall)
9:30 AM Adoration (C)
9:45 AM Religious Education/Kindergarten-8th Grade
11:00 AM Mass (Church)
RCIA Breaking Open the Word (PL)
SEPA Scrip Sale (Hall)
Coffee & Donuts (Hall)
11:00 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word (A/V)
12:00 PM Anointing of the Sick (Church)
5:00 PM Mass (Church)
Spaghetti Dinner (Hall)
5:00 PM Youth Group (G) (YR)



ARE YOU A BAKER?

Christmas Cookies are needed for the Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 19

If you have some special Christmas cookies you like to bake or any cookies for that matter, please consider donating two dozen or so cookies for the Reception after the Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 19.

Cookies can be dropped off in the Kitchen on Saturday, December 18, after 12:00 Noon or on Sunday, December 19, until 3:00 PM. Any questions, please call or email the Parish Office at 734-464-1222 ~ parishoffice@stedith.org.

Thank you in advance for your generous support!

St. Edith Christmas Concert Reception Committee



**Early
Deadlines for
Bulletin
Submissions**

DUE TO THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS,

**Bulletin Articles for the December 12 Bulletin
WILL BE DUE ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29 BY 9:00 AM.**

**Bulletin Articles for the December 19 Bulletin
WILL BE DUE ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 6 BY 9:00 AM.**

**Bulletin Articles for the Christmas Bulletin (December 24/25 & 26)
WILL BE DUE ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 13 BY 9:00 AM.**

**Bulletin Articles for the January 2, 2022 Bulletin
WILL BE DUE ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16 BY 9:00 AM.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Parish Office at 734-464-1222.

Please submit your articles to bulletin@stedith.org.

Thank you for your cooperation!



RETREAT FOR MEN ~ FIRST CALL

This is the **FIRST CALL** for the men of St. Edith to make a spiritual retreat at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center on the weekend of January 7 ~ 9, 2022. The retreat theme for this year is **"Bouncing Back ~ Living in Hope."**

Hope is the knowledge that even when life is difficult, it can be lived in a meaningful way. After what we have all experienced over the past year and a half, what a way to start the New Year ... great rooms, food, fellowship, and most of all, Hope.

Come, join other men from St. Edith for this spiritual renewal. Be assured that all COVID protocols are also followed at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center.

**For more information, please contact:
Tom Sawicki (734-464-3336) or (hamtown543@aol.com).
You can also learn more and register at stpaulretreat.org.**



Readings for the Week of November 28, 2021:

- Sunday:** Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
- Monday:** Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
- Tuesday:** Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22
- Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37
- Thursday:** Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday:** Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31
- Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
- Next Sunday:** Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6



2021 Christmas Giving Tree

When you come to Mass this weekend, you will notice the **Giving Tree** in the Gathering Area . *We decided to again put the tree out with the tags on it a week prior to Thanksgiving to enable folks to take advantage of the Black Friday deals!*



We have tags for local families and some families through *Loaves & Fishes of Southwest Detroit*. We are also asking for gift cards for Kroger, Meijer and gas stations in any denomination.

Note there are “Code Names” on each tag. No, we are not delivering gifts to Columbia or Nashville; these code names are used to protect the privacy of those we help at this time of the year. Would you please consider taking a tag or two to help make someone’s Christmas a bit brighter?

If you choose to take a tag/tags, please wrap the gift, attach the tag to it and put it back under the tree by **Monday, December 13**. Later that same week, our Volunteer Elves will be sorting and packing the gifts and readying them for delivery on Saturday, December 18. We ask for gift cards so that we are able to provide one (or more, depending on the size of the family) to each family. You don’t need to wrap the gift cards, **unless** it is a card that was requested for a particular person. (For example if there is a Code name on the tag, and they have asked for a particular gift card, then you should wrap it. If it just says “Kroger Gift Card” or “Meijer Gift Card” or “Gas Station Gift Card” there is no need to wrap it.) You will also find the Drop Box in the Gathering Area for non-perishable food donations for our Christmas Outreach.

Again, delivery of the food and gifts to our needy friends will take place on Saturday morning, December 18, so it is very important that your gifts are wrapped and back under the tree at the very latest by Monday, December 13, so we have time to ready everything for delivery. **Any gifts that come in late cannot be used.**

As always, if you would like to make a monetary donation to help defray the cost of the perishable foods we purchase for our families, that would be very much appreciated. Please make your check out to **St. Edith Church** and put “**Christmas Outreach**” in the memo area. If you have any questions please feel free to give me a call. Thank you in advance for your ongoing support of this most worthy Outreach project!

Toni Sheffield ~ Christian Service Office
(734) 464-1222, Ext. 309
tsheffield@stedith.org



Christmas Mass Schedule

Friday, December 24
Christmas Eve

4:00 PM
Children’s Mass
(For God’s Glory)

6:30 PM Mass

11:30 PM
Christmas Music
(Adult Choir)

12:00 AM
Midnight Mass
(Adult Choir)



Saturday, December 25
Christmas Day

8:30 AM Mass

11:00 AM Mass
(Hand Bell Choir)



Friday, December 31
Mary, Mother of God

5:00 PM Mass





**Fr. James
McNulty**

HOMILY ~ 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 13/14, 2021

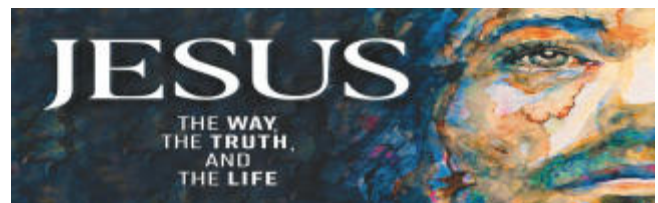
There is an ancient tale about a king and queen who ruled over a vast kingdom. They were both getting advanced in years, and they knew that they would not live forever. They never had any children, so they were not sure who would take over for them when they both died. They decided to open up this possibility to everyone in their kingdom. They decided to interview people who were interested, and they would select their successor. They did not want anyone to have an unfair advantage, so they opened up the palace. They opened up the royal closets so that people could select the clothes they would like to wear for the interview. They provided facilities so that people could bathe and prepare themselves for the interview. They provided lotions and fancy soap. They prepared a great banquet with sumptuous food and drink so that people would be able to eat well. They provided music and entertainment for the people while they waited for their interview. There was a gracious invitation for all. The king and queen waited in the royal chambers for people to line up for their interviews. Hours and hours went by, and they decided to go downstairs and find out what was happening. Everyone was gone. The royal closets were empty, the food and drinks had all been consumed. They even took the fancy soaps. The people enjoyed the royal hospitality so much that they forgot why they came. We do that sometimes in life. We forget why we are here. We are here temporarily to get to heaven. We are only passing through.

This is the end of the Church year, so the Readings are all about the end times, or the time of our own death, whatever comes sooner. The Readings are very clear. The material things of this world are going to pass away. Sometimes we get so caught up in the comforts of this world that they take on much more importance in our lives than they deserve; and we can forget why we are here. Livonia is a pretty affluent area, and most of us are very comfortable. Now there is nothing wrong with the material things of this world. They are all part of God's creation, and he gave them to us to be used and enjoyed by us; but we cannot get too attached to them. They do not belong to us; we only have them on loan from God. Some day, when you die, someone is going to put a dumpster in your driveway and empty out the contents of your house. No one will really want all of your stuff. Someone may take the time to donate some of the things to charity; but most likely all of your collections will be discarded, your house will be put on the market and someone else will be living there soon. And your portfolio that may have seemed so important to you, it no longer will be yours. It may give your family something to fight over for years. I learned that as an attorney during the time I spent probating estates. Most likely, the people who inherit it will not really need it, will not really want it or will squander it. Maybe you should give more of it away while you are here.

The Readings are very clear that we do not know the time of the end of the world as we know it or the time of our own death. Intellectually you would all tell me that you know this could be your last day on earth. But in reality, most people do not want to think about this or deep down they believe that they will live to be 100 years old, in good health and will have a few months warning before they die to give them time to prepare. I have been doing funerals every week for almost 20 years, and I am telling you, that never happens. Many people die a sudden death, accident, drug overdose, heart attack, stroke. This happens with no warning at all ages. And if we do not die suddenly, we can get sick and die at any time. We know this could be our last day, but most of the time we do not live our lives that way. I think we need to start, not in a morbid obsessive way, but in a way that we make the most of the time we have left. We sometimes spend a lot of time ruminating about the past. That is not good. We need to learn the lessons we need to learn from the past and then let it go. We sometimes spend a lot of time and energy running away from the pain, suffering, difficulties and challenges in our lives. That just leads to anxiety and depression because we can run but we cannot hide. We need to recognize what is, allow it to be, investigate it and see what we need to do to resolve it or accept what is. We also can spend a lot of time and energy trying to predict the future or control what the future will be. How is that working for you? The future almost never turns out the way we planned. If we ruminate about the past, run away from the present or live for the future, we will miss today which is really all that we have. Regardless of where I am in my life, I can always accomplish what I really need to do to get through today; and I can always find things to be grateful for.

So let's not forget why we are here. We are here temporarily to get to heaven, and we do not know how long this will be. And we know that our lives in this world will have some pain, suffering and challenges and will ultimately end with death. But we must remember what is important. Let's focus upon today, because that is all that we really know that we have. It is all about learning the lessons we are to learn. It is all about the people in our lives and how we treat them. It is all about how well we love. It is all about getting to know Jesus. He is the way, the truth and the life. That is going to be our theme for Advent, getting to know Jesus.

Love & Peace,
Fr. Jim



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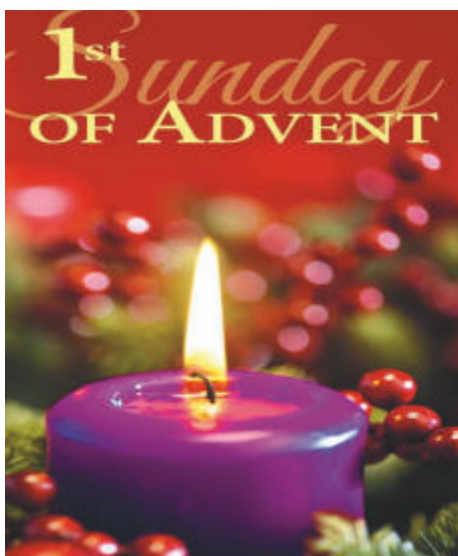
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...Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

Luke 3:4

Blessing of an Advent Wreath

The use of the *Advent Wreath* is a traditional practice which has found its place in the Church as well as in the home. The blessing of an Advent Wreath takes place on the First Sunday of Advent or on the evening before the First Sunday of Advent.

When the blessing of the Advent Wreath is celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another member of the family.

All make the sign of the cross as the leader says:
Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Response (R/.) Who made heaven and earth.

Then the Scripture, *Isaiah 9*: (lines 1-2 and 5-6)
or *Isaiah 63* (lines 16-17 & 19)
or *Isaiah 64* (lines 2-7) is read:

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.

With hands joined, the leader says:

Lord our God,
we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:
he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,
he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,
he is the Savior of every nation.

Lord God,
let your blessing come upon us
as we light the candles of this wreath.
May the wreath and its light
be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us
salvation.

May he come quickly and not delay.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.

The blessing may conclude with a verse from
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel":

O come, desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of humankind;
bid ev'ry sad division cease
and be thyself our Prince of peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

—*From Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers*



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