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Holy Spirit

3700 Harvey Lake Rd, Highland MI 48356

December 13th, 2020 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

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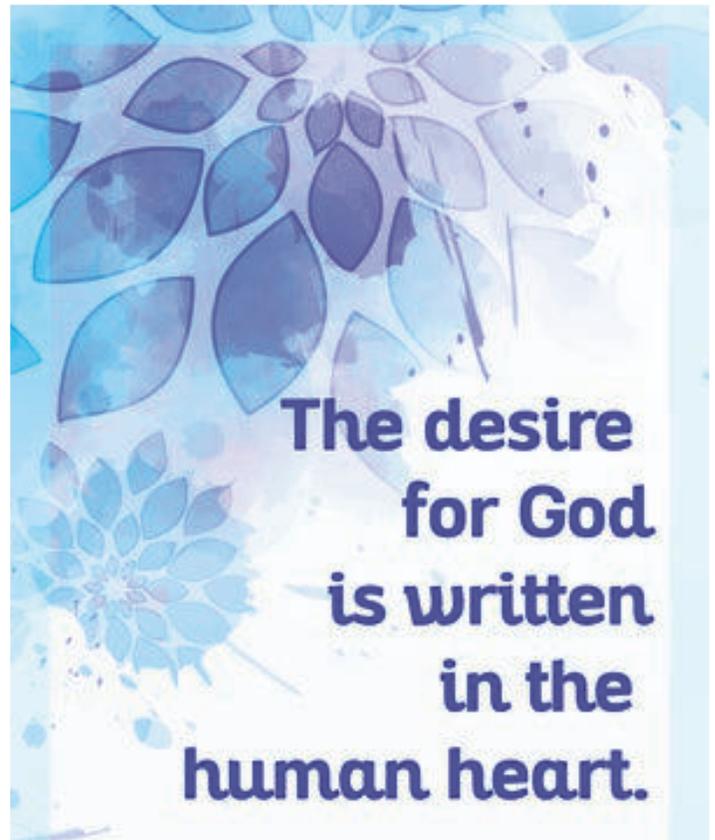
'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house... You've heard this Christmas classic more times than you can count. And yet, we enjoy it every time as much as when it was first read to us. Some have observed that there is a lot of Advent hiding in Clement C. Moore's poem. We start with the children nestled in their beds. Now look at the early Advent Mass readings to see what God says about waking from our sleep. The reindeer that lead the sleigh could be the prophets of old, clearing a path and making the rough ways smooth. Then there's St. Nicholas himself, dressed in fur, "all tarnished by ashes and soot." It might be a stretch, but one could make the case that it represents John the Baptizer: His camel hair clothes covered in the dust and grit of the desert.

It doesn't appear that Mr. Moore had these symbols in mind in when 1823 he wrote the poem. Yet, the poem does remind us to keep searching for God; Even when and where we least expect to see him. In a year when we learned that we can make due with much less, rather than exhausting ourselves in the annual fight against rampant consumerism, let's use our energy this year to be Advent treasure hunters. To keep seeking, rather, for deeper meanings hidden within our customs and traditions. With the help of God and guidance from the Holy Spirit, we may be surprised by what we find.

We are certainly not going to find spiritual benefits in holiday clearance sales, but we can find hidden ways to serve God and our neighbor through these days of preparation. In the remaining days of this holy season, open the door of your heart. In doing so, you just might find what you've been looking for all along: The Prince of Peace waiting to be born in your heart each and every day.

This year, 5 Christmas Masses are planned. Christmas Eve, 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Christmas Day 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. If it is your family tradition to attend the 4 p.m. on Christmas Eve, in light of the pandemic and to avoid overcrowding, please consider attending one of the other Masses. Your help in this regard is much appreciated.

Take Care, Be Well,
Fr. Wayne



Mike's Musings

St. John of the Cross was a Priest and Doctor of the Church. He died in Ubeda, Spain, on December 14, 1591, was canonized in 1726 and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1926. Together with St. Teresa of Avila, he is an outstanding teacher of the ascetical and mystical life. He was born John de Yepes at Fontiveros, a town between Salamanca and Avila. His father had been disowned by his family for marrying beneath his social class and it is possible that he was of Jewish decent, as was St. Teresa of Avila. However, John's father died before John was one year old and as a result his mother moved to Medina del Campo in order to earn a living. There, John studied under the Jesuits and also served as an apprentice for various trades, ending up as a male nurse. John entered the Carmelite Order in 1563, and after his novitiate was sent to Salamanca for further studies. When he returned to Medina del Compo for his first Mass, he met St. Teresa of Avila, who convinced him to join her movement for the reform of the Carmelite friars and nuns. John changed his name from John of Matthias, to John of the Cross, and threw himself wholeheartedly into the work of the reform, which eventually resulted in the separation of the Discalced Carmelites (barefooted, or unshod, a term applied to religious congregations of men and women who wear sandals as a form of austerity, such as, St. John of the Cross, Augustinians, Clerks of the Holy Cross, Carmelites, St. Francis and St. Clare), from the Calced Carmelites. He was even kidnapped and held prisoner at Toledo. Discalced Carmelites today number around 4,000 religious. After holding numerous important positions among the Discalced Carmelites and after writing his major treatises and poems in mystical theology- The Ascent of Mt. Carmel, The Dark Night of the Soul, The Spiritual Canticle, The Living Flame of Love- he died at Ubeda, as he had predicted, just as the friars were beginning the mid-night Office.

Yours in Christ
Deacon Mike



For those who are still hesitant to come into church, we purchased a low cost, short range radio transmitter. Mass can be heard on 105.7 FM from a vehicle in the parking lot. Unofficially, we're calling it WSHH. (Holy Spirit, Highland).

Christmas Offertory

The contributions you make for Christmas is the one annual collection that is not assessed 7% for the Archdiocese, as is the case in all of the other offertory collections of the year. We are able to keep the entire Christmas collection, as long as the donations come in two weeks before or two weeks after Christmas in your Christmas envelope.

Holy Spirit Church

Calendar at a Glance

Monday, December 14

10am-2pm-Office Open
11am-AA

Tuesday, December 15

10am-3pm-Office Open
10am-Women's Prayer Group

Wednesday, December 16

9am-Mass
10am-3pm-Office Open
6:30pm-RCIA

Thursday, December 17

9am-Mass
10am-3pm-Office Open

Friday, December 18

9am-Mass

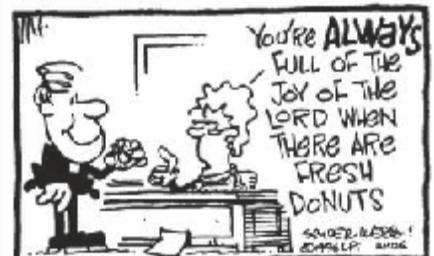
Saturday, December 19

5pm-Mass
Holiday Basket Sale

Sunday, December 20

9am-Mass
11am-Mass
Holiday Basket Sale

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Parish Vision: To Be Christ to All.

Our Mission Statement: Led by the Holy Spirit, we accompany others to encounter Jesus, to give witness to Him, and to grow as missionary disciples.

The Christmas Wafer (Oplatek)



The Christmas wafer commemorates a custom many centuries old. It is a tradition among Polish, Slovak, and many Lithuanian families, which has been adopted by many other ethnic groups. The tradition is as follows:

After grace is said and before sitting down to the Christmas Eve (or Christmas Day) meal, all present share the wafer as a symbol of love, brotherhood, innocence, and Christ. The father (or oldest person present) breaks the wafer with his wife (or next oldest person) exchanging wishes for health and happiness. The Oplatek is then broken with others, beginning with the oldest child, also sharing wishes for happiness, health, and good fortune. When the wafer is accepted, a willingness to forgive and forget is expressed; when it is offered to another, a willingness to share is denoted.

To help continue this beautiful tradition of love and peace of the Christmas season, we have Oplatek available in the office.

Please Prayerfully Consider Adoring in Our Chapel

We are looking to have the following hours immediately filled.

- Sunday 3-4AM, 2-3PM
- Monday 2-3AM, 3-4AM
- Wednesday 2-3AM, 3-4AM, 4-5AM, 2-3PM
- Thursday 5-6AM, 9-10PM
- Friday 5-6AM
- Saturday 5-6AM, 11AM-12PM, 12PM-1PM

COVID Cleaning Schedule

Weekdays 12PM-1PM closed for cleaning

We are always looking for substitute adorers. Please call, Jenna Konarzewski 248-891-1623 Or Autumn Woodcox 248-872-6607

Christmas

MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

MASS-4:00 PM

MASS-6:30PM

MASS-10:00PM

CHRISTMAS DAY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

MASS-9:00 AM

MASS-11:00 AM

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

CLOSED DECEMBER 24TH-JANUARY 3RD



CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL Weekly Report

Parish Target\$73,817
 Pledged\$56,322
 Amount Needed to Reach Goal.....\$17,495
 Thank you for your generous response.

Meditations for December 13
John 1:6-8, 19-28

There is one among you whom you do not recognize. (John 1:26)

Today is Gaudete Sunday, or “Pink Candle” Sunday, as some children call it. It’s a day for rejoicing, to rejoice “without ceasing” and “in all circumstances,” St. Paul tells us (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18). But why rejoice today? Because Jesus is near!

In today’s Gospel, some Jewish leaders are interrogating John the Baptist about who he is. John replies that he isn’t the Christ who would come to save Israel. He is merely testifying to him, proclaiming, “Make straight the way for the Lord” (John 1:23). But then he turns the conversation toward them. “There is one among you,” John says, “whom you do not recognize” (1:26). He is the Messiah. He is so holy that John wouldn’t even untie his sandal. John hoped that they would rejoice that the Messiah was near—but these men couldn’t see him.

Jesus is near to us too, but sometimes we have trouble recognizing him. In the flurry of our Christmas preparations. In our grieving over a deceased loved one. In our worries about the future. Our faith tells us that Jesus is there, but it feels hard to sense his presence in our midst. Even John had trouble: “I did not know him,” he says later, but “now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God” (John 1:33, 34).

So who makes the difference? The Holy Spirit. Jesus calls him the “Spirit of truth” who guides us to all truth (John 16:13). The Spirit is the One who makes Jesus present to us and helps us understand who he is. John tried to show his questioners that they were missing something important. Similarly, the Spirit can open our eyes so that we don’t miss seeing Jesus present in our lives.

Jesus isn’t hiding; he gave us the Spirit so that everyone can know him. And that’s a reason to rejoice.

“Open my eyes, Holy Spirit. Help me to recognize Jesus today.”

Readings for Sunday, December 20

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 |
 Rom 16:25-27 | Lk 1:26-38

Prayer
REQUESTS

The names of the sick will be removed in 6 weeks. To re-list, or to add a name, please call the parish office at 248-887-5364.

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| Nancy Cooper-Bass | John Matchinski | Linda Tudman |
| Gayle Crawford | Carole Mattson | Terese Tuohey |
| D’Ambrosi Family | Tom Mitch | Louie Weglarz |
| Pascual Della Torre | Ed Meyer | |
| Gen Demey | Jeanette Moran | |
| Steve Demey | Jeff Mummery | |



Weekly Offertory Collection

Date	Actual	Budget	Over / (Under)
12/06	\$ 8,931	\$ 9,885	(\$ 954)
Y-T-D	\$231,977	\$227,355	\$4,622

This report is based on the Offertory Collection line in the budget. It includes weekly envelopes, loose and children’s collection, holy day collections, and online giving. It does not include Christian Service, fuel, or kitchen fund envelopes, the Christmas collection, Parish fundraisers, grants received, CCE tuition and fees, or other miscellaneous income. It is based on a yearly budget where we anticipate the expenses of the Parish. Just because there may be a deficit here, it does not mean the Parish is operating at a deficit. To Feel free to direct questions to the Parish Finance Council.

The weekly offertory is the life-blood of any parish. We have utility bills to pay, a large physical plant to maintain, staff that we have hired to run our day-to-day operations, youth to teach, worship and music ministry to support, Christian Service neighbors to help. We need everyone who can to put something in the offertory basket each week. We are so grateful for all who do give weekly and are consistent contributors.



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Meet Our Extended Family



St. Lucy

Feast Day December 13

We do not know much about the life of St. Lucy as it has been lost to history. We know that from the earliest time of the Church, her name has been held in high regard. She, like St. Cecilia, dedicated her entire life to God from an early age. She lived during a time of great persecution and was eventually killed for her faith. We know that she was tortured during her execution by having her eyes plucked out. When she is depicted in art, she is always shown holding her eyes on a platter as a sign of what she suffered for Christ. Martyrs are often depicted showing some aspect of the death they endured as a reminder to us that what was painful in this life, when endured for love of Jesus, is transformed into victory and God's glory in heaven.

Family Prayer

Renewal of Baptismal Promises In preparation for the coming of Christ, recite the promises you or your parents made for you at your baptism. It is good for dad (or mom) to ask the questions and for each child to respond individually. Responses are in bold. Parents can ask each other these questions as well.

Do you reject Satan? **I do.**

And all his works? **I do.**

And all his empty promises? **I do.**

Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth? **I do.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father? **I do.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting? **I do.**

God, the all-powerful Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and forgiven all our sins. May he also keep us faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen

Christian Service Corner

We are in need of the following items:

Juice boxes or bottles of juice, Beef Stew, Salad Dressing, Mayo, Granola Bars, Dish Soap, Syrup, Corn, Peas, Pasta Sauce, Diapers: Sizes 5 & 6
Pull-Ups size 4/5 Toddler

Explore the Sunday Gospel



He came to testify to the Light 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

Take Time To Chat

1. What does it mean for John the Baptist to "testify to the light"?
2. Do you think it was hard for John to admit that he wasn't as important as Jesus?
3. What is different at Mass during Advent?

Mass Intentions

Lector Schedule

Monday, December 14

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a | Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday, December 15

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 | Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday, December 16

Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25 | Lk 7:18b-23

9:00 a.m. (PPP) Fred & Phyllis Ruggles

9:00 a.m. Intentions of the Muldoon & Winters Family

Thursday, December 17

Gn 49:2, 8-10 | Mt 1:1-17

9:00 a.m. (PPP) Fred & Phyllis Ruggles

9:00 a.m. Our Parish

Friday, December 18

Jer 23:5-8 | Mt 1:18-25

9:00 a.m. (PPP) Fred & Phyllis Ruggles

9:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the
Ciemiega & Hobbs Families

9:00 a.m. +Bill Devers

Saturday, December 19

5:00 p.m. (PPP) Fred & Phyllis Ruggles

5:00 p.m. +Vincent Spampinato

5:00 p.m. +Rebecca Pirie

Sunday, December 20

9:00 a.m. (PPP) Fred & Phyllis Ruggles

9:00 a.m. Diane Helou-Birthday Blessings

9:00 a.m. +Katie Leddy

11:00 a.m. (PPP) Fred & Phyllis Ruggles

11:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving

Saturday, December 19:

5:00 p.m. - Mary Pat Chynoweth

Sunday, December 20:

9:00 a.m. - Mike Perrera

11:00 a.m. - Cindie Audia

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Rev. Wayne Ureel, Pastor

Michael Somervell, Deacon

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY - 5:00 p.m., SUNDAY - 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

HOLY DAY - 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS - Saturday, By Appointment Only

Parish Offices

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Pastoral Council

Meets the 4th Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Baptisms

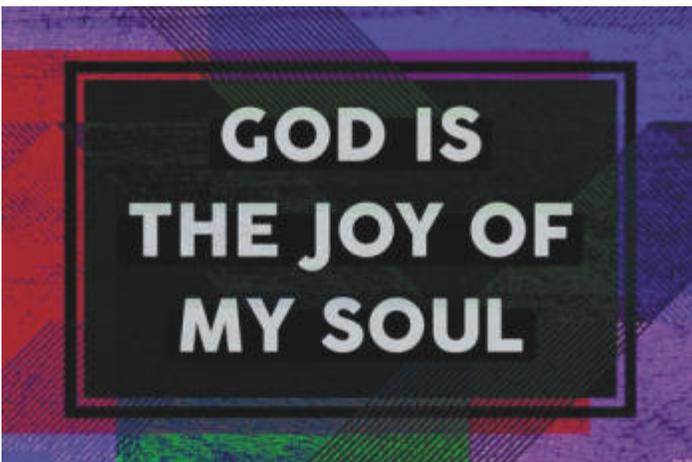
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Marriages

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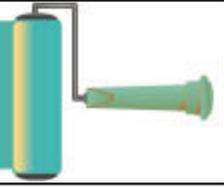


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