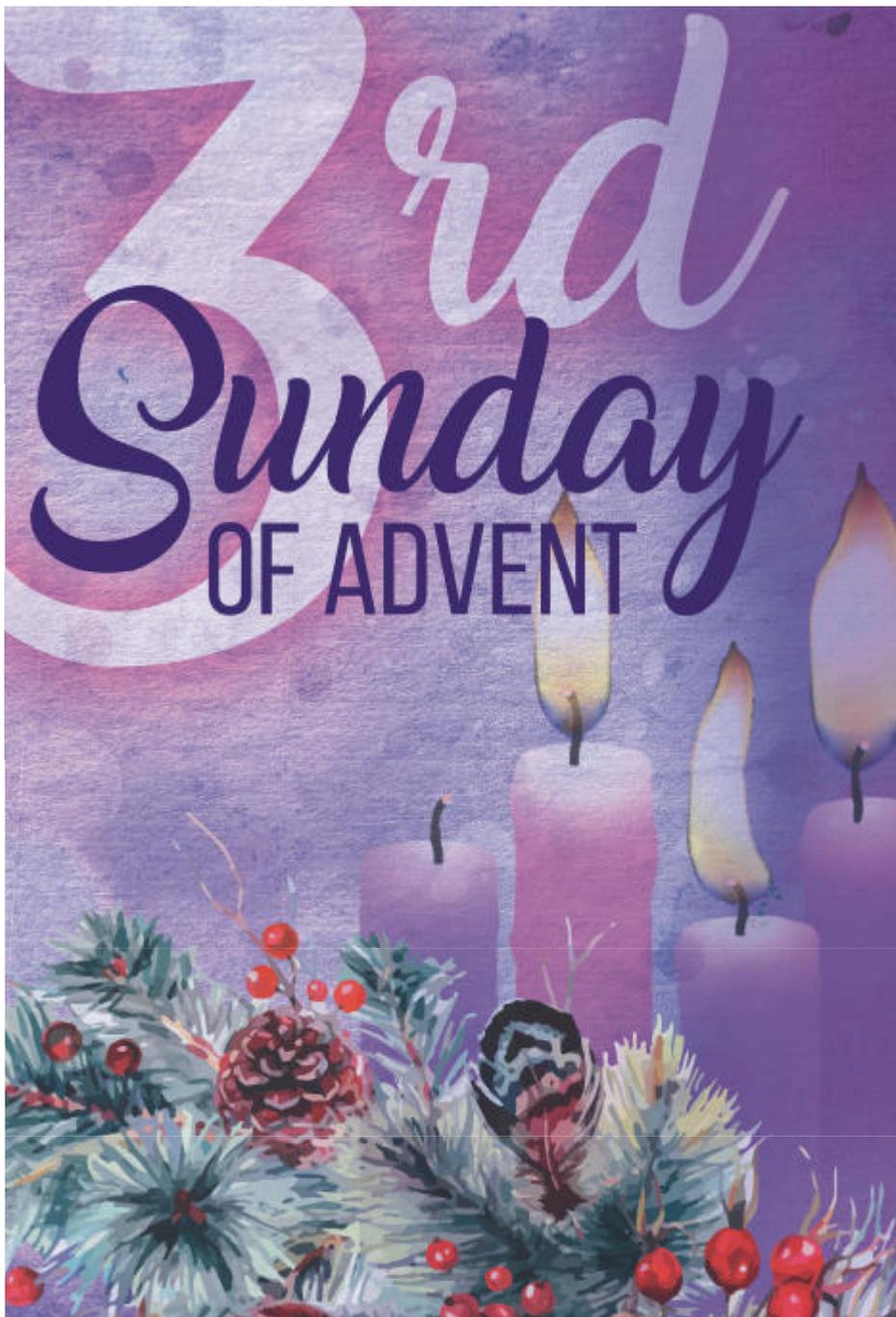


St Francis-St Maximilian

Catholic Community

Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2020



***Retirement Fund for Religious
Collection December 12/13***

Help our elders. In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.



**Christmas Mass
Schedule**

***Thursday,
December 24***

*Christmas Eve Mass
4:00 pm*

*Bilingual Christmas Eve 6:30 pm
Christmas Eve Mass 10:00 pm*

Friday, December 25

Christmas Day Mass 10:00 am

Saturday/Sunday December 26/27

Regular Mass Schedule 5:30 pm; 7:45 am; 10:00 am; 12:30 pm (Spanish)

Friday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God ~ Holy Day of Obligation 10:00 am

Decoration of Church
We will be decorating the church
on Sunday, December 20th
@ 2:00 pm

More hands make the job go faster.

North Macomb Vicariate Advent Penance Schedule

Tuesday, Dec 15 @ 7 pm, St. Kieran

**Wednesday, Dec 16 @ 7 pm, St.
Lawrence**

**Saturday, Dec 19 @ 1 pm, St.
Therese of Lisieux**

Monday, Dec 21 @ 7 pm, St. Isidore

What is the RCIA?

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a journey for adults who are interested in learning about the Catholic faith and or becoming Catholic. RCIA weekly formation sessions offer the opportunity to study sacred scripture, discern the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, and experience a personal encounter with Jesus Christ through prayer. RCIA is designed for those adults who are:

- In need of Baptism
- Baptized in another Christian tradition who desire to become Catholic
- Baptized Catholic, and in need of the reception of the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation
- RCIA formation sessions will begin soon, call the office 586.598.3314 or see Fr. Chris or Fr. Art.



Stewardship Thought

The theme of "Rejoicing in the Lord" links today's Scripture passages. In Isaiah's prophecy he declares, *The spirit of the Lord is upon me ... I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul.* In today's Gospel from St. John, John the Baptist witnesses to the Light that is Jesus; that through Christ, all people may believe. The evangelist St. Paul, in his First Letter to the Thessalonians, encourages them, and us, to *rejoice always, never cease praying, render constant thanks; such is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.* How do we, as the Lord's disciples, respond in thanksgiving for this tremendous gift: our life in Christ Jesus? Before retiring to sleep each night, take a few moments to acknowledge in prayerful gratitude to the Lord five blessings bestowed upon you this day.

Attention all current 8th grade students & families! **Austin Catholic High School's** online application for the Class of 2025 is now live. Please visit our website to apply today, www.austincatholichighschool.org/admissions. We are also accepting applications for 2nd quarter transfer students. Located in Chesterfield, Austin is two months into the new school year with in-person learning in a large facility for grades 9-12 and sensible COVID policies in place for health and safety. Guided by Augustinian values and faith formation, we are committed to academic excellence with a 100% college acceptance rate and offer 12 varsity sports and multiple clubs. Our average class size is 18 students, where we foster strong relationships and build leaders of tomorrow.



Question: Are Catholics obligated to attend Mass each Sunday, or receive Communion each Sunday?

Answer:

The questions about Mass attendance and the reception of Holy Communion are clearly outlined in what are traditionally called the "Precepts" of the Church. These specific teachings are intended to stand alongside the Ten Commandments as fundamental practices for Catholics and are outlined in the *Code of Canon Law*. The obligations related to Mass attendance and receiving Communion are outlined in the first and third precepts, which we find quoted in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (no. 2042):

The first precept ("You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor") requires the faithful to sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord as well as the principal liturgical feasts honoring the mysteries of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints; in the first place, by participating in the Eucharistic celebration, in which the Christian community is gathered, and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days.

The third precept ("You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season") guarantees as a minimum the reception of the Lord's Body and Blood in connection with the Paschal feasts, the origin and center of the Christian liturgy.

Rather than seeing these as obligations that are simply to be fulfilled out of a sense of duty, Pope Saint John Paul II reminds us of the grace that is made available to us when we gather for Sunday celebrations of the Eucharist: "Sunday is the day which is at the very heart of the Christian life... Time given to Christ is never time lost, but is rather time gained, so that our relationships and indeed our whole life may become more profoundly human" (*Dies Domini*, no. 7).

3rd Sunday of Advent

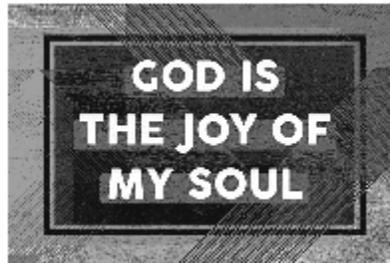
Did you ever stop and realize that there is no earthly gain that can ever really satisfy us? Think of winning the Lotto. On this side of the winning ticket, it's all about the money, the new car, house, vacations, bank accounts, and infinite pleasures. The possibility of acquiring all of these earthly securities brings us back again and again to the purchase of a ticket. Then, one day we win! Our dreams are fulfilled, and happiness is on the horizon. Then one day, we wake up and realize that nothing has really changed, and I am not as satisfied as I thought I was or would be. I find myself living in my incompleteness and with my profound sorrow and grief. I did not find joy.

Glimpses of joy are possible but not by material means. They are brought to us through incredible experiences of connection that bring us face to face with real and authentic faith, hope, and love. And, they are glimpses and do not last. The moment we find ourselves looking back at them, they are gone, and we find ourselves remembering the moment in memory. To carry joy within us is to realize that it is not something I create, manufacture or even acquire. It is not able to be purchased. It is a gift. My need for joy mirrors my need for eternity, for a Creator who has a claim on the very essence of who I am and desires a home within me. As C. S. Lewis discovered, joy is a surprise that speaks to my very soul and is given as gift by the God who loves me.

The beauty of Advent is found in discovering the beauty of the gift of joy. God has visited his people for no other reason than to show them where and how to find joy! All of our human and earthly joy experiences are always only glimpses. They never satisfy us, sustain us or fulfill us. It is only God who is the joy of my soul. Real, Divine experiences of joy catch us off guard, make us stop and become aware, bring a feeling of awe and rightness and have an eternal Otherness about them. Nothing created by humans can ever come close to this. We probably will not fully realize the truth

of all of this until we actually meet God face to face in heaven one day. Then, in that sacred moment when our hearts leap for joy we will understand what we have been tirelessly searching for all along. Intense gratitude will most surely follow.

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What gives you joy? Joy is discovered when we connect with something or someone very deeply and experience a dimension of ourselves that material or secular possessions cannot bring. Joy is stumbled upon when we see our newly born child for the first time, get caught up in the vastness of a mountain landscape, and are led out into infinity gazing at an ocean's horizon, or being lovingly present with someone when they are vulnerable and in need. Joy is a profound experience that in its uniqueness grounds us in ultimate truth. Did you know that all authentic, profound, and memorable moments of joy mirror the eternal joy we desire from God? We can have glimpses of this eternal Divine joy as we embark upon our earthly journey, mirrored in our human connections with joy, but experienced directly during moments of deep prayer. God is the joy of my soul. Ponder those intense words! You will know moments of true and real joy by paying attention to your response to the experience. You will find yourself rejoicing and saying thank you.

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As always, our church will be beautifully decorated with poinsettia's. Over the past few years and again

this year we are offering you an opportunity to purchase a flower in memory of your loved ones. Simply fill out the coupon below Or an envelope which is in the gathering space and return it with your donation of \$20.00 to the parish office by December 13th.

Vamos a decorar la Iglesia con POINSETIAS. Ahora podremos comprar las flores en memoria de algún ser querido. Simplemente llene el cupón de abajo y entréguelo con un donativo de \$20.00 a la Oficina Parroquial, antes del 13 de diciembre.

In Memory of:/En la Memoria de:

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Early Bulletin Deadlines

December 13th Bulletin needs to be in by Monday, December 7th.

December 20th Bulletin needs to be in by Friday, December 11th.

December 27th Bulletin needs to be in by Thursday, December 17th.

January 3rd Bulletin needs to be in by Friday, December 25th..

FOUR GIFTS FOR YOU THIS ADVENT

The four weeks of Advent are a time of spiritual preparation that begins with an awareness of our own longing and leads us to a deeper openness to the many gifts God wants to give us. This article offers a reflection on a different spiritual gift for each week of Advent. Take time each day to reflect on the week's theme. If you make time for inner preparation, carrying out all the other demands of the season is bound to be more enjoyable. May you have a blessed Advent.

Gift 1: Time to Know Your Deepest Longings

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?"

Psalm 42:2-4

One day on a winter's walk in the woods I came face to face with a deer. Our town had been in the midst of a stretch of very cold weather, and the stream I was walking along was mostly frozen over. I had stopped at a place where the swift current of the stream broke through to the surface and swirled around in eddies before it disappeared back under the ice.

As I sat for a while watching and listening to the gurgling water, a deer quietly appeared. We stared at one another for a few moments and, sensing I was no threat, the deer moved to the edge of the water and drank deeply.

I recalled the words, "As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God." I had been experiencing a kind of winter in my soul. There were few signs of life, and the Spirit of God seemed to have become frozen over within me. Somehow, I was drawn to this external image of my internal longing—flowing water finding a way to bubble up from beneath solid ice.

It was Advent and I was longing, even though I was barely aware of my discontent. Like everyone else I had been caught up in the busyness of Christmas preparations. Though we had lit the Advent candles at home and I had tried to pray, I needed more. I needed time to really allow my sense of longing to swirl up and become clear to me as it did on that winter's walk in the woods. I knew then that I needed a closer relationship to God and that I had to stop just going through the motions of my prayer life. My longing, once acknowledged, turned out to be an invitation to live with a deeper awareness of God's presence and care all around me.

What are you longing for? What is your heart trying to tell you? The gift God offers this first week of Advent is the invitation to explore your inner longings. The Church, through our Advent customs, and even the weather of the season itself support such inner work. During the first week of Advent, give yourself time and space to contemplate what you are truly longing for in life. Know that this is the season when your longings will lead you to the Christ Child, in whom the hopes and fears of all the years are known and responded to with generous love.

Theme: Our World Longs for God

As individuals and as a community, we are longing for the presence of God. World events shatter our complacency; family difficulties shake our resolve. How can we say God is present when so much seems to be unstable?



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Gift 2: God's Words of Comfort

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD'S hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Isaiah 40:1-5

In early adulthood I began to find Christmas a great letdown. People talk about the magic of Christmas. At that time in my life, the magic seemed to have disappeared. Christmas began to seem like just any other day, only one with a lot of additional obligations and emotional demands.

Ironically, my sense of holiday malaise began to ease when I accepted that Christmas is, in one respect, just like any other day. That is, I can recognize the coming of Christ into my life and into my heart at any moment, on any and every day. Christ's coming wasn't limited to that one single day when "the magic" had to happen. In fact I came to realize that this wasn't about magic at all, but about reality. The true meaning of Christmas is grounded in the profound revelation that God so loves us that he chose to dwell among us both in Bethlehem and today right in our families. I came to see how, in Isaiah's words, "the glory of the Lord shall be revealed" whenever I am willing to prepare the way of the Lord into my life. For me, making a straight path in the wasteland usually has to do with quieting my mind and opening my heart.

The gift for the second week of Advent is that God speaks a reassuring word of comfort in the midst of our discontent and longing. In this quiet season—a season we tend to fill up with a lot of noise and frantic activity—make time daily to listen for the comforting words of God in your life. Probably the quickest way to begin hearing those words is to create a daily gratitude list. Set aside five minutes each morning or evening and take a few deep breaths. When you are settled, start jotting down whatever comes to your mind that you are grateful for. With a heart full of gratitude, everything else in our lives will change. We will begin to see, even in the demands of our Christmas preparations, the real purpose of those efforts—celebrating the Lord's arrival in our life and the lives of those we love.

Theme: God Speaks Words of Comfort

The prophet Isaiah spoke God's words to the Jewish people in the midst of their exile in Babylon between 597 and 537 B.C. Their lives were shattered, the Temple had been destroyed and the memory of it was fading among their children. In the midst of a discouraging time came words of comfort. God speaks words of comfort to us today. We can only hear them if we are open to listening. They are not the words of false comfort that everything will somehow turn out for the best. They are words that come to us in the midst of our pain and confusion. They will lead us to an even greater sense of God's presence in our lives and in our families.

Next Week: Gifts 3 and 4 From [Finding God](#) LOYOLA PRESS

3er Domingo de Adviento

La atmósfera de la Liturgia de hoy es de júbilo y de alegría, porque la luz del Nacimiento de Cristo se acerca. Juan Bautista invita con intensidad a que descubramos la identidad de Jesús. Él indica el camino, y aún más les dice a sus oyentes: *“Yo no soy digno de soltarle la correa de su sandalia”*. (Juan 1:27) Con esta expresión indica la grandeza del que viene. Su dignidad es grande, es de Rey. Juan es el profeta que tiene la alegría de dar esperanza a aquel pueblo que vivía en tinieblas. San Pablo también habla a los Tesalonicenses de la importancia de la fe a la luz de la alegría.

“Estén siempre alegres, oren sin cesar y den gracias a Dios en toda ocasión; esta es, por voluntad de Dios, su vocación de cristianos. Y añade: No apaguen el Espíritu, no desprecien lo que dicen los profetas. Examínenlo todo y quédense con lo bueno. Eviten toda clase de mal, dondequiera lo encuentren”. (Tesalonicenses 5:16-22)

El Adviento es descubrir que Dios está en medio de nosotros. Y la alegría es el punto clave y esencial de nuestra vida de fe. Esa alegría se muestra en la convivencia familiar, en la ayuda al más vulnerable de la familia, en apoyar al inmigrante que sufre toda clase de desprecios. En fin, la generosidad no debe tener límites. Al Señor se le reconoce en el hermano/a con pensamientos y acciones efectivas. El Señor vendrá en unos días, sí, pero, su presencia en la Eucaristía está presente ya entre nosotros. ¿Lo reconoces ahí? ¡Ven Señor no tardes tanto en llegar!

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Un Compañero Constante

Como cristianos, estamos llamados a una vida de oración. Esto no es solo durante temporadas como Adviento, sino durante todo el año. Cuando hablamos de ser corresponsables diarios orantes, estamos hablando de cultivar una conciencia de que Dios está con nosotros en todo momento. Cada día comenzamos ofreciendo a Dios la totalidad de nuestro día. Cada noche descansamos en Él y esperamos que las horas que pasaron le hayan dado gloria.

Durante este tiempo ocupado de Adviento, es difícil cultivar esta vida de oración, pero sin ella podemos perder fácilmente de vista la razón de la temporada. Es durante esta época del año que necesitamos escuchar las palabras de San Pablo más que nunca cuando escribió a los Tesalonicenses: *“Vivan siempre alegres. Oren sin cesar.”* Así es como podremos evitar las trampas del consumismo y el secularismo y mantener nuestros ojos fijos en Jesús.

Lleva a Jesús contigo a la fiesta de Navidad de la oficina. Llévalo contigo a comprar regalos en los grandes almacenes. Sé consciente de Él cuando te sientes a ver especiales de televisión que has visto todos los años de tu vida. Dale todo tu tiempo y deja que su presencia llene cada momento. Al esforzarte por conectarte con Jesús en todo momento, darás más frutos y la alegría que experimentarás será mucho mayor de lo que puedas imaginar. Incluso podrías gastar unos cuantos dólares menos y pasar más tiempo con tus seres queridos, particularmente con el que más te ama, la encarnación misma.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Las lecturas de la semana del 13 de diciembre de 2020

Domingo: Is 61, 1-2. 10-11/Lc 1, 46-48. 49-50. 51-54 [Is 61, 10]/1 Tes 5, 16-24/Jn 1, 6-8. 19-28

Lunes: Nm 24, 2-7. 15-17/Sal 25, 4-5. 6 y 7. 8-9 [4]/Mt 21, 23-27

Martes: Sof 3, 1-2. 9-13/Sal 34, 2-3. 6-7. 17-18. 19 y 23 [7]/Mt 21, 28-32

Miércoles: Is 45, 6-8. 18. 21-25/Sal 85, 9 y 10. 11-12. 13-14 [Is 45, 8]/Lc 7, 18-23

Jueves: Gn 49, 2. 8-10/Sal 72, 1-2. 3-4. 7-8. 17 [cfr. 7]/Mt 1, 1-17

Viernes: Jr 23, 5-8/Sal 72, 1-2. 12-13. 18-19 [cfr. 7]/Mt 1, 18-25

Sábado: Jue 13, 2-7. 24-25/Sal 71, 3-4. 5-6. 16-17 [cfr. 8]/Lc 1, 5-25

Domingo siguiente: 2 Sm 7, 1-5. 8-12. 14. 16/Sal 89, 2-3. 4-5. 27. 29 [2]/Rom 16, 25-27/





If you have someone special in the military, please send their name into the office so we as a parish can pray for them. You can call the

office 586.598.3314 or email www.stfrancisnh@comcast.net.

PFC Aaron Bubka, *National Guard*
 Capt. Brian T. McGill, *Army*
 Pvt 1 Rob Schwartz, *Marines*
 A1C Eric Seefried, *Air Force*
 MSgt James Turner, *Marines*
 SMSgt Stephen Van Hamme, *Air Force*

Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen.

Happening this Week
 Church open 10-4 daily for private prayer

Monday, Dec 14 Mass @ 9 am—SFSM
 4 pm Distribution of Gifts
Tuesday, Dec 15 Mass @ 9 am—SFSM
 4 pm Distribution of Gifts
Wednesday, Dec 16 Mass @ 9 am—SMMR
 4 pm Distribution of Gifts
 7:30 pm AA—Spanish @ PC
Thursday, Dec 17 Mass @ 9 am—SFSM
Friday, Dec 18 Mass @ 9 am—SMMR
 7:30 pm AA-Spanish @ PC
Saturday, Dec 19
 9 am Pageant Rehearsal @ SFSM
 12 pm Confirmation 1 @ SFSM
 2:30 pm Confirmation 2 @ SFSM
 Mass 4:00 pm @ SMMR
 Mass 5:30 pm @ SFSM
 6:30 pm Youth Group Caroling
 7:30 pm AA-Spanish @ PC
Sunday, Dec 20 Fourth Sunday of Advent
 Masses: 7:45 am, 10:00 am English
 —12:30 pm Spanish

SFSM—St. Francis-St. Maximilian Church
 • SMMR—St. Mary Mystical Rose Church, Armada
 • Austin High
 • PC—Parish Center 23965 23 Mile Rd
 Online Mass on Facebook.com/St Francis-St Maximilian Catholic Community or on YouTube

Prayer List

Parishioners

Ivan Ayala Martinez
 Del Asbury
 Kerry Beste
 Fr. Robert Blondell
 Giovanni Coppola
 Irene Couture
 Marge DeCrease
 Angelina DiPiazza Ferris & baby
 Pat Fehribach
 Jim Ferrari
 Marlyce Geil
 June Gentner
 Chester Godlewski
 Gloria Guerrero
 Tina Hahn
 Marge Harder
 Don Harris
 Bob Landino
 Charlotte Lipka
 Celina Lukowski
 Edgar Martinez
 Sue Mooney-Smith
 Joe Mrosewski
 Joan Murphy
 Pat Oleksik
 Johana Piazza
 Don Rhein
 Bill Rose
 Mary Ann Schoenherr
 David Smith
 Fred Smith
 Larry Socia
 Mary Vanhoorne
 Ellen Vanderbeke
 Irene Warren
 Bill Wiseman
 Sharon Wood

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 Stuart Alexander
 Carolyn Antolin
 Skye & Sevanah Baker
 Maria Barnes
 Danielle Bauman
 Randy Black
 Eric Bluhardt
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 Lisa Bower
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 Denise Bynum
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 Nancy Gebauer
 Marguerite Goike

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 Angie Hood
 Dolly Houth
 Jodi James
 Norma Jean
 Ann Jenuwine
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 Doug Thompson
 Kameron Thuss
 Lila Tkaczyk
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 Lynn Upleger
 Michael Ureel
 Jim Vanderbeke
 Mary Vendetti
 Catherine Venier
 Lori Vogel
 Tim Walkowski
 Chris Warren
 Pat Warren
 Pamela Webber
 Erin Welling
 Janet Wentzel
 Joyce Williams
 Barbara Wilson
 Janice Wilson
 Marilyn Wisenski
 Jerry Wysocki
 Cole Yahara
 Alvin Zeckzer
 Helen Zedan

Altar Linens Laundry Schedule

Month of December
 Sandy Parmentier
Month of January
 Bridgett Nowicki

CSA 2020 Update

Goal: \$31,953.00

THANK YOU!!

Total pledged: \$55,768.00
 Total paid: \$43,834.00
 Total pledges: 116



Your Stewardship in Action

Total Active Families 769
 Total Envelopes Mailed 526
 Envelopes Returned 76
 Tithe—Outreach.....\$284.75
 Utility Fund.....\$ 430

Dec 6 \$5,795
 Dec 13
 Dec 20
 Dec 25
 Dec 27

Online offertory for month.....\$850.00

Church Debt to Diocese \$ 778,000

Weekend Liturgy Schedule December 19/20, 2020

Mass	Saturday 5:30 PM	Sunday 7:45 AM	Sunday 10:00 AM
Presider	Fr. Chris	Fr. Chris	Fr. Steve
Mass Intentions	† Mary King by Dean & Denise Genereaux	† Jane Jasinski, 4th Anniversary by Russ & Debbie Reichenbach William & Helen Colpaert by Barb & Lawrence Colpaert	† Lawrence Bucec by Amos & Loretta Clotfelter
MC Acolytes	Dan Byrne	Mike Seefried	Jim Van Belle
Lectors	Yvette Wolski Sharon Dillaway	Daniel Banas Kathleen Banas	Kathy Burke Sheri Grace
Ministers of Hospitality	Charlie Oliver Elsie Olivier Dave Robinson HELP NEEDED!!	Jim Quayhackx Lawrence Colpaert George Ferrari Jim Ferrari Andy Vandeveld HELP NEEDED!!	Dan Burke Joe Burke Dave Corrion Don Haranczak Vince Maselli Don VanDeWater

Readings for the Week December 13, 2020

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
Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17
Friday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25
Next Sunday: 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

The Mission of our parish is to see the face of Christ in every person so that they may see the face of Christ in us and together we will go forth to bring Christ to the world.

La misión de nuestra parroquia es ver el rostro de Cristo en toda persona, para que él o ella puedan ver el rostro de Cristo en nosotros, y juntos, llevemos el rostro de Cristo al resto del mundo.



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MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday 4:00 @ St. Mary Mystical Rose
5:30 pm @ SFSM**

**Sunday 7:45 am; 10:00 am English 12:30
pm (Spanish) @ SFSM**

11:15 am @ SMMR

**WEEKDAYS: Monday, Tuesday & Thurs-
day 9 a.m. @ SFSM**

**Wed. & Fri. 9 a.m. St. Mary Mystical
Rose, Armada**

**HOLY DAYS @ Church: 9 a.m. and
7:00 p.m.**

First Friday of the Month: 7:00 p.m.

Confession by appointment

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