

November 28, 2021 • First Sunday of Advent



The Roman Catholic Parishes of

Sacred Heart and St. Nicholas

Sacred Heart Church
700 Maple Vista • Imlay City, MI



St. Nicholas Church
4331 Capac Road • Capac, MI



Through the Intercession of St. Nicholas to the Sacred Heart of Jesus



GLPI

Confirmation

On Tuesday, November 30th, 2021, the following young people from Sacred Heart and St. Nicholas parishes will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at Mass with Bishop Arturo Cepeda:

*Mollie Austin
Allan Beier
Hugh Camire
Stephanie Carpio
Olivia Ebner
Jesús Martínez-Guerrero
Johanna Hintz
Jasmine Jimenez
Gabriel Peters
Dalia Torres
Gael Torres
Rafael Rodríguez-Torres
Bailey Sayle
Jacob Schoenrock
Jasmine Villegas
Yannet Zepeda*

Please keep them in your prayers, especially on Tuesday evening.



Collection Summary

The collection summary will return in next week's bulletin. This bulletin was sent to the publisher before Sunday, November 21st due to early submission requirements for the Thanksgiving holiday. Thank you for your understanding.

Early Bulletin Deadlines

Please be aware that, from now until the beginning of January, LPi has early submission deadlines for the bulletin. The collection summary may be omitted or appear a week later than usual.

Are You A Registered Parishioner?

If you have not filled out a registration form you may not be a registered parishioner. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and helps the office when planning Sacraments. Registration forms are located at the entrances of each church, on our website imlaysiacredheart.org, and in the parish office.

¿Es usted un feligrés registrado?

Si no ha llenado un formulario de registro, es posible que no sea un feligrés registrado. Registrarse en su parroquia es una declaración de fe y ayuda a la oficina a planificar los sacramentos. Los formularios de registro se encuentran en las entradas de cada iglesia, están disponibles en nuestro sitio web imlaysiacredheart.org, y en la oficina parroquial.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Saturday at Sacred Heart: Silent Adoration from 8:30pm to Midnight. Beginning at Midnight is the **Sociedad de Adoración Nocturna de la ciudad de Imlay** with prayers and hymns.

Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento

Todos los sábados en **Sagrado Corazón**: Adoración Silenciosa de 8:30 pm a Medianoche. A medianoche comienza la **Sociedad de Adoración Nocturna de la ciudad de Imlay** con oraciones e himnos.

Gospel Meditation

November 28, 2021: 1st Sunday of Advent

Staying awake can often be a challenge, especially when we are exhausted. Life's demands have a way of zapping every last bit of energy out of us. When we are tired it affects us not only physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. All of our senses are dulled and diminished. We can overlook details, become disinterested, lethargic and apathetic, and detached. Getting sufficient physical rest only helps so much. We need to be rejuvenated, refreshed, and reenergized in other ways. If we are psychologically exhausted, we need to understand what is draining our emotions and taxing our relationships. If we are spiritually tired, we need to find the necessary "shot in the arm" to put us back in touch with God. Unfortunately, exhaustion is seldom limited to just one part of who we are. When we lack energy and zeal it is usually the case that everything suffers. We not only are affected physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. In short, when we run out of gas the engine stops.

And yet, our Lord's directive is clear, "Be vigilant at all times." Even Jesus knew what "the anxieties of daily life" can do to us. One day pours into another and time quickly flies by. Any one of us can take a moment and reflect on how many wonderful, creative opportunities we miss because there is always so much "stuff" to do and so little time to do it. Usually these are missed moments of love, and if we are missing love encounters we are also missing God. Sleepwalking through life, we check the boxes next to our list of "must and have to dos" and justify it all by convincing ourselves that tomorrow is another day and there'll be more time. It may surprise us, but tomorrow is here, and time is running out. While we may like to believe that we have an "eternity" of time to do all those things that require the focus, energy, and desire we do not currently have, we don't. We're on a limited ride and time is short.

Jesus is also clear on another point. "That day [will] catch you by surprise like a trap." If we are going to be judged on love and so easily justify not having all that much time to do so, then it seems we must shift focus a bit. St. Teresa of Calcutta tells us, "We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas-time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another." Getting to this place doesn't "just happen." It requires vigilance and discipline both with a knowledge of what is really of importance and what really needs to be the focus of our energy and time. Pray, starting now and not tomorrow, that we can stay alert, be strengthened in our faith, and prepared for whatever will come. Don't miss another opportunity to love. ©LPi

Meditación del Evangelio

28 de noviembre de 2021: 1^{er} Domingo de Adviento

Estemos preparados o no, hoy empieza el Adviento. Y es importante que notemos los siguientes puntos importantes para una mejor participación cuando asistimos a la Eucaristía. Estrenamos el Año Litúrgico e iniciamos un periodo de cuatro semanas dedicadas a prepararnos para la Navidad. Durante casi todo el año, escucharemos con gozo el Evangelio escrito por San Lucas, en el cual nos presenta a un Jesús muy sensible a los necesitados y muy compasivo con los pecadores. Describe la infancia de Jesús y la presencia de María en algunas de las narraciones. En este primer domingo de Adviento, Jesús nos trae la liberación de todas nuestras ataduras. Si estamos atentos y con el corazón abierto, la Palabra de Dios tocará nuestro corazón logrando que le hagamos caso al Señor y que demos un nuevo comienzo a nuestra vida.

El papa Francisco nos da algunas pautas para levantar la mirada hacia el Señor, quien ya viene a nosotros: "En Adviento, no vivimos solamente la espera navideña, también estamos invitados a despertar la espera del glorioso regreso de Cristo. Durante estas cuatro semanas, estamos llamados a despojarnos de una forma de vida resinada y rutinaria y a salir alimentados de esperanza y sueños para un futuro mejor. Estar despiertos y orar: he aquí como vivir este tiempo desde hoy hasta la Navidad. Rezar, esperar a Jesús, abrirse a los demás, estar despiertos, no encerrados en nosotros mismos. Pero, si pensamos en la Navidad en un clima de consumismo, de ver, que puedo comprar, Jesús pasará y no lo encontraremos. Nosotros esperamos a Jesús y queremos esperarle en oración vigilante" (12-2-2018). ©LPi

Word of Life

"Having received the gift of the Gospel of Life, we are the people of life and a people for life. It is our duty to proclaim the Gospel of Life to the world. To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself. Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society." *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities*
"The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary" respectlife.org/gospel-of-life-summary

SACRED HEART

Christmas Giving Tree

Please help our needy brothers and sisters by donating gift cards and/or adult-size winter hats, gloves & socks. Thank you in advance!

2022 St. Joseph Sunday Missals

Missals will be available on the table by the main entrance at Sacred Heart. A donation of \$6 each is requested.

New Nativity Set

A new Nativity set has been purchased for Sacred Heart. Contributions are being accepted to help defray the \$2,500 cost. Please write "Sacred Heart Nativity Set" on your donation envelope.

Sacred Heart Christmas Choir

There is a sign up sheet for the Sacred Heart Christmas Choir on a table by the main entrance of the church. Rehearsal details are on the form.

Sacred Heart Advent Gathering

Join us **Wednesday, December 1st** in the church hall, after the 10am Mass, as we plan for Christmas. Sponsored by the Altar Society. New members are most welcome!

First Friday Adoration and Mass at Sacred Heart: December 3rd

Join us for Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9am -10am (before the 10am Mass)

Little Blue Books

The *Little Blue Books* for Advent meditation are available at both Sacred Heart and St. Nicholas parishes. We were able to purchase 100 English copies total; please take only one per family. The requested donation is \$1.25 to cover the cost of the book (90¢ each) and shipping (35¢ each). May you have a blessed Advent season!

ST. NICHOLAS

St. Nicholas Cookie Walk

The St. Nicholas Christmas Cookie Walk will be on Saturday, December 11, beginning at 9:00am. Volunteer bakers and helpers are needed. Homemade cookies can be dropped off at the parish hall on Friday, December 10th from 9am - 2pm and from 6pm - 7pm. Or on the day of the Walk, Saturday, December 11th by 9am. Thank you for helping the St. Nicholas Altar Society with this fundraiser.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 27, 2021

4:00pm at St. Nicholas

For our St. Nicholas & Sacred Heart Parish Communities

7:00pm (Spanish) at Sacred Heart

For †Blanca Barajas
Req. by Miriam Lopez

Sunday, November 28, 2021

(First Sunday of Advent)

9:00am at Sacred Heart

For †Guido Mattiacci & Family
Req. by Bob & Arlene Novak

For Rick Bryce
Req. by Val Rankin

11:00am at St. Nicholas

For our St. Nicholas & Sacred Heart Parish Communities

Monday, November 29, 2021 - No Mass

Tuesday, November 30, 2021 - No Mass
(St. Andrew)

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

10:00am at Sacred Heart

For †Guido & Joann Mattiacci
(65th Wedding Anniversary)
Req. by Jeff & Michelle Schutz

For †John L. Fisher
Req. by Belya Fisher

7:00pm (Spanish) at Sacred Heart

For our Sacred Heart & St. Nicholas Parish Communities

Thursday, December 2, 2021

8:30am at St. Nicholas

For our St. Nicholas & Sacred Heart Parish Communities

Friday, December 3, 2021

(St. Francis Xavier; First Friday)

10:00am at Sacred Heart

For our Sacred Heart & St. Nicholas Parish Communities

Saturday, December 4, 2021

(St. John Damascene)

4:00pm at St. Nicholas

For our St. Nicholas & Sacred Heart Parish Communities

7:00pm (Spanish) at Sacred Heart

For †Blanca Barajas
Req. by Miriam Lopez

Sunday, December 5, 2021

(Second Sunday of Advent)

9:00am at Sacred Heart

For †Guido Mattiacci & Family
Req. by Mark & Denise Gabryel

For †Kathryn Van Renterghem
Req. by Val Rankin

For †John & †Myrtle Fisher
Req. by Belya Fisher

11:00am at St. Nicholas

For †Marge Huston
Req. by Family

Opportunities to Pray the Rosary

- Thursday at 8:00am at St. Nicholas
- Saturday at 3:30pm at St. Nicholas
- Patriotic Rosary on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30pm at Sacred Heart

PRAYER REQUESTS

Dear God, we place our worries in Your hands and our sick under Your care and humbly ask that You restore Your servants to good health once more...

Emily Baron	Becky McDougal
Cecilia Clark	Sonja McLeod
Joyce Dupras	Sheri Miller
Glenn Edgerton	Unique E. Mills
Brian Fedeson	Florence Mroz
Steve Glombowski	Gilbert Mroz
Teresa Gormley	Hendrix Mroz
Diane Haskins	Scott Nickens
Gene Haskins	Judy Palmieri
Joel Holland	Christopher
David Hurt	Petersen
Laura Jordan	Juan Rios
Lynn Kloc	Linda Sampson
Joann Mattiacci	Rita Stoneburgh
George	Bill Van Erp
Matyanowski	Mike Wennberg
Linda McBryde	Noah Whitney
Joann McBryde	Michelle Woods
Angie McCoy	Finn Woodworth

Contact the parish office to add your loved one's name to the prayer list. Please let the office know when a name needs to be removed from the list. Thank You.

Updated COVID-19 Guidelines

As of August 17, 2021, the Archdiocese of Detroit encourages Mass-goers, regardless of vaccination status, to wear face-coverings and practice social-distancing to reduce exposure to COVID-19 and its variants.

Please pray for the men and women serving in our armed forces.



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St. Nicholas Food Pantry
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Office Hours: Please call the office
Capac Parish Office: (810) 395-7572
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Sunday Holy Mass Times
Saturday (Vigil): 4:00pm
November - April at St. Nicholas
May - October at Sacred Heart
Saturday: 7:00pm (Spanish) - Sacred Heart
Sunday: 9:00am - Sacred Heart
11:00am - St. Nicholas
First Sunday: 1:00pm (Spanish) - St. Nicholas of the Month ONLY
Reconciliation
Saturday: 3:00pm, 1 hour before Mass
Wednesday: 9:30am at Sacred Heart
By appointment also. Call the parish office.

Weekday Holy Mass Times
Wednesday: 10:00am - Sacred Heart
7:00pm (Spanish) - Sacred Heart
Thursday: 8:30am - St. Nicholas
First Friday: 10:00am - Sacred Heart
Baptism
By appointment; a preparation class is required.
Matrimony
By appointment; a 6 month preparation period is required.
Anointing of the Sick Please call the office.

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(810) 834-8530 (New Number)
St. Nicholas Food Pantry
Fridays from 9:00am - 2:00pm
Hispanic Service Center
810-724-3665
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