

December 5, 2021 • Second Sunday of Advent



The Roman Catholic Parishes of

Sacred Heart and St. Nicholas

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



Gospel Meditation

December 5, 2021
2nd Sunday of Advent

St. Ambrose shares some wisdom on our need to prepare the way and open the door for Christ. “You see that when the Word of God knocks hardest on your door, it is when his hair is wet with the dew of the night. In fact, he chooses to visit those who are in tribulation and trial, lest one of them be overwhelmed by distress. So, his head is covered with dew, with drops, when his body is laboring hard. It is important to keep watch so that when the Bridegroom comes, he is not shut out. If you are asleep and your heart is not keeping watch, he will go away without knocking; but if your heart is alert for his coming, he knocks and asks for the door to be opened to him.” When life gets overwhelming and difficult and we find ourselves feeling a bit downhearted and miserable, these words can bring great comfort.

We sometimes choose to remain stuck in our uncomfortable darkness and being stuck becomes our norm. In this time of self-focus our hearts are closed to the graces and life God desires to give us. Wrapped in the robe of mourning and misery, we fail to see the

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OF THE *Blessed Virgin Mary*

(a Holy Day of Obligation)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

10:00am Mass at Sacred Heart
With Exposition and Adoration
beginning at 9am

7:00pm Mass at St. Nicholas
(Bilingual)

Collection Summary

Sacred Heart

Item	11/22/2020	11/21/2021
# of Sun. Env.	36	36
In Envelopes	\$1,231.00	\$2,058.00
Loose	643.00	954.00
Alt. Soc. Missals	—	22.00
Candles	72.45	41.00
Holy Day	—	30.00
Little Blue Books	—	13.33
Nativity Donations	—	1,363.90
Religious Ed.	—	10.00
St. Vincent de Paul	20.00	30.00
Wednesday	295.00	241.00
Total	\$2,261.45	\$4,763.23

Item	11/29/2020	11/28/2021
# of Sun. Env.	41	36
In Envelopes	\$1,457.00	\$1,630.00
Loose	315.00	734.00
Candles	37.00	41.00
Flower Fund	—	25.00
Little Blue Books	87.00	12.75
Mass Stipends	—	20.00
Misc.	10.00	—
Nativity Donations	—	1,710.00
St. Joseph Missal	35.00	22.00
St. Vincent de Paul	—	20.00
Wednesday	102.00	201.00
Total	\$2,043.00	\$4,415.75

St. Nicholas

Item	11/22/2020	11/21/2021
# of Sun. Env.	37	36
In Envelopes	\$675.00	\$567.00
Loose	125.00	245.97
Candles	—	89.33
Fuel	10.00	—
Maintenance	—	10.00
Nativity Donations	—	20.00
Spanish Mass	—	265.00
Total	\$810.00	\$1,197.30
Item	11/29/2020	11/28/2021
# of Sun. Env.	38	32
In Envelopes	\$1,038.00	\$1,074.00
Loose	135.00	292.75
Christmas Flowers	50.00	—
Food Pantry	185.00	100.00
Maintenance	50.00	50.00
Mass Stipends	—	20.00
Misc.	60.00	—
Nativity Donations	—	70.00
Total	\$1,518.00	\$1,606.75

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mercy, justice, and love the Bridegroom wants to bring. If we take seriously the need to prepare the way for Christ and open our hearts in preparation for his visit, we can hear God's gentle voice calling us deep within. It beckons us to seek out its source and discover the inner calm and peace that can prevail over the darkness of despair. Sometimes our darkness is so dark that it may seem unsurmountable. Trusting in the spiritual friends who journey with us, and God's promise may bring a glimmer of light even when it is most difficult to keep our hearts' doors open. Sometimes, the only light in the darkness is found in trusting the faith of others both past and present.

We have to trust that God has already begun the accomplishment of good work in us and that humanity is on an incredible journey to something wonderful and awesome. God is not done. When we open the doors of our hearts, straighten the paths of our lives, and prepare the way, Jesus can come with God's simple gifts of peace, grace, and joy. Life throws a great deal at us. It is easy to get tired and confused. We have to train our hearts to keep watch, discern what is of value, and forge ahead. Not allowing ourselves to become so weighed down by things and brought out of focus is a tremendous goal to achieve this Advent season. God is knocking. Answer the door. You will see and understand life in ways you never thought possible before. ©LPi

Meditación del Evangelio

5 de diciembre de 2021: 2º Domingo de Adviento

En este Segundo Domingo de Adviento, Juan Bautista prepara el camino del Señor. Juan empezó a recorrer toda la región del río Jordán, predicando un bautismo de conversión, para obtener el perdón de los pecados. Esto ya estaba escrito en el libro del profeta Isaías: "Oigan ese grito en el desierto: Preparen el camino del Señor, enderecen sus senderos. Las quebradas serán rellenadas y los montes y cerros allanados. Lo torcido será enderezado, y serán suavizadas las asperezas de los caminos. Todo mortal entonces verá la salvación de Dios" (Lucas 3:3-6). El mensaje esta hecho como anillo al dedo para nuestra época, no está pasado de moda. ¿Cómo estás preparándote en este tiempo para recibir al Señor en tu hogar?

De seguro hay mucho que enderezar después de esta pandemia que hemos vivido. Montañas existentes de incomprensión e inseguridad que hay que allanar y hacer planas. Enderezar el camino jorobado de nuestra vida que llevamos a cuestras. ¿Cómo hacerlo? ¿En qué estoy fallando en mi familia y en la sociedad? La figura del Bautista nos ayuda a recorrer dentro del corazón para llegar a una verdadera conversión. El Tiempo de Adviento nos ayuda para luchar contra nuestros vicios y falsos orgullos que cargamos durante años. La conversión es completa y satisfactoria si humildemente reconocemos nuestros errores y defectos. Ese es el grito del Bautista – conversión - girar la mirada hacia Jesús que ya viene a salvarnos. Juan cumplió muy bien su misión de preparar el camino para el encuentro de las gentes con Jesús. ¿Tú como preparas el camino para que tu familia se encuentre con Dios esta Navidad? Oremos con el Salmo 125: "El Señor ha estado grande con nosotros, y estamos alegres". ©LPi

Word of Life/Palabra de Vida

"Jesus calls each of us to 'care for the other as a person for whom God has made us responsible' (EV 87). ...The encyclical *The Gospel of Life* recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty and malnutrition to murder and war. Particular emphasis, however, is placed on threats to life at its beginning and end—precisely when it is most in need of protection. In modern times, children in their mothers' wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the 'least of these' in our world's estimation." *Excerpt from *Evangelium vitae*, © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities [respectlife.org/live-the-gospel-of-life](https://es.respectlife.org/live-the-gospel-of-life)

"Jesús nos llama a cada uno de nosotros a 'hacernos cargo del otro como persona confiada por Dios a nuestra responsabilidad' (EV 87) ... La encíclica *El Evangelio de Vida* reconoce la gama completa de amenazas contra la vida humana, tales como la pobreza y desnutrición hasta el asesinato y la guerra. Hace énfasis particular, in embargo, en las amenazas a la vida al principio y al final—precisamente cuándo más necesita protección. En tiempos modernos, niños en el vientre materno y aquellos que se acercan al fin de sus vidas están ciertamente entre los 'menores de estos' en la valoración que les da nuestro mundo." *Fragmento de Evangelium vitae*, © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Se usa con permiso. Se reservan todos los derechos. Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida de la USCCB <https://es.respectlife.org/live-the-gospel-of-life>

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

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 Thank You

Because of the wonderful generosity of our Sacred Heart parish family, the parish has been gifted with enough funds to defray the cost of the new Nativity Set. Thank you so very much for your donations!

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.



Little Blue Books

The *Little Blue Books* for Advent/Christmas 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

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!

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.

New Nativity Set

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 4, 2021

(St. John Damascene)

4:00pm at St. Nicholas

For †Jack Weingartz
Req. by Lloyd & Annette Ferrett

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 Belva Fisher

11:00am at St. Nicholas

For †Marge Huston
Req. by Family

Monday, December 6, 2021 - No Mass

(St. Nicholas)

Tuesday, December 7, 2021 - No Mass

(St. Ambrose)

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

(Holy Day of Obligation: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

10:00am at Sacred Heart

For †Guido Mattiacci & Family
Req. by Jeff & Michelle Schutz

For Theresa Gormley
Req. by Val Rankin

7:00pm (Bilingual) at St. Nicholas

For our St. Nicholas & Sacred Heart
Parish Communities

Thursday, December 9, 2021

(St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatatzin)

8:30am at St. Nicholas

For our St. Nicholas & Sacred Heart
Parish Communities

Friday, December 10, 2021 - No Mass

Saturday, December 11, 2021

(St. Damasus I)

4:00pm at St. Nicholas

For †Jack Weingartz
Req. by Lloyd & Annette Ferrett

7:00pm (Spanish) at Sacred Heart

For †Blanca Barajas
Req. by Miriam Lopez

Sunday, December 12, 2021

(Third Sunday of Advent)

9:00am at Sacred Heart

For Joe Lopez
Req. by Angie McCoy

For †Sarah Weingartz
Req. by Debbie Day

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

11:00am at St. Nicholas

For †Robert Aguinaga, †Regoberto
Aguinaga, & †Arthur Aguinaga
Req. by Family

For †Joseph Biondo *(1st Anniversary)*
Req. by Family & Friends

1:00pm (Spanish) at St. Nicholas

For our St. Nicholas & Sacred Heart
Parish Communities

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 November 23, 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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Office Hours: Please call the office
Capac Parish Office: (810) 395-7572
Web: imlaysacredheart.org
Email: staff@imlaysacredheart.org

Sunday Holy Mass Times

Saturday: 4:00pm
Vigil 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
2nd Sunday: 1:00pm (Spanish) - St. Nicholas
(2nd Sunday 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.

St. Vincent de Paul Financial Assistance
(810) 834-8530 (New Number)
St. Nicholas Food Pantry
Fridays from 9:00am - 2:00pm
Hispanic Service Center
810-724-3665
Catholic Charities of SE Michigan
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