

December 19, 2021 • Fourth Sunday of Advent



The Roman Catholic Parishes of

Sacred Heart and St. Nicholas

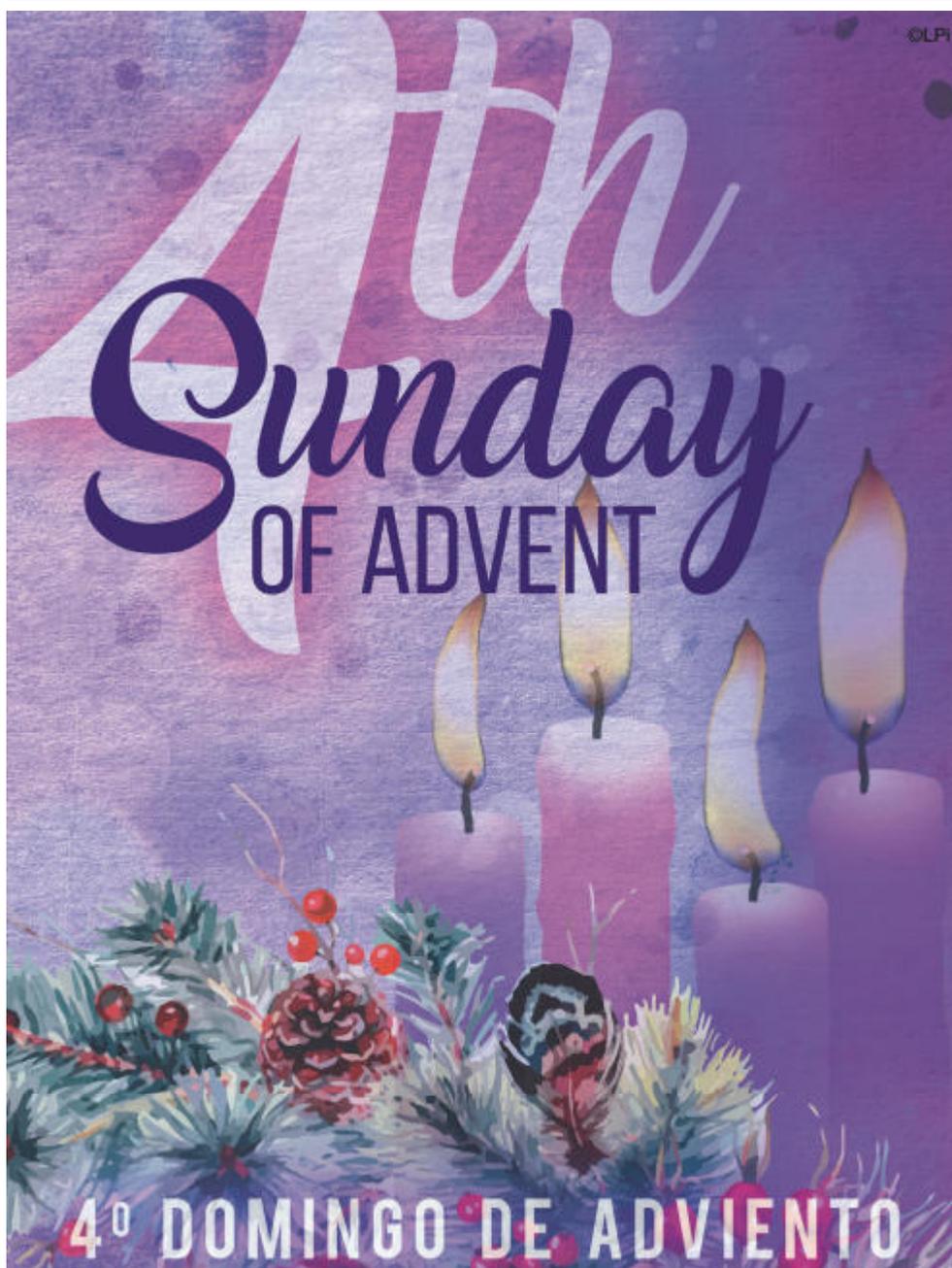
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4331 Capac Road • Capac, MI



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



Christmas Season Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

Friday, December 24, 2021

- 4:00pm St. Nicholas
With carols before Mass and special children's participation
- 7:00pm Christmas Carol Music Program at Sacred Heart
- 8:00pm Sacred Heart (*Bilingual*)

Christmas Day

Saturday, December 25, 2021

- 9:00am Sacred Heart
 - 11:00am St. Nicholas
Christmas Carols will begin 30 minutes before both Masses
- (No 4pm or 7pm Saturday Masses)

Holy Family

Sunday, December 26, 2021

- 9:00am Sacred Heart
- 11:00am St. Nicholas

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

(Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)

Friday, December 31, 2021

- 4:00pm St. Nicholas
- 7:00pm Sacred Heart (*Bilingual*)

The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 1, 2022

- 4:00pm St. Nicholas
- 7:00pm Sacred Heart (*Spanish*)

Sunday, January 2, 2022

- 9:00am Sacred Heart
- 11:00am St. Nicholas

Please Note: There will NOT be Wednesday and Thursday daily Masses on December 22, 23, 29 & 30.

Collection Summary

Sacred Heart

Item	12/13/2020	12/12/2021
# of Sun. Env.	45	41
In Envelopes	\$880.00	1,737.00
Loose	705.00	723.00
Candles	—	110.00
Christmas	470.00	50.00
Flower Fund	92.00	127.00
Immaculate Conception	242.00	736.25
Little Blue Books	—	—
Mass Stipends	230.00	30.00
St. Joseph Missal	5.00	12.00
Wednesday	153.00	—
Total	\$2,777.00	\$3,525.25

St. Nicholas

Item	12/13/2020	12/12/2021
# of Sun. Env.	N/A	33
In Envelopes	\$805.00	838.00
Loose	139.00	322.00
Candles	37.00	57.00
Christmas	—	—
Flowers	42.00	90.00
Food Pantry	400.00	75.00
Immaculate Conception	95.00	214.25
Little Blue Books	—	—
Maintenance	25.00	10.00
Mass Stipends	20.00	—
Misc.	320.00	—
Nativity Donations	—	210.00
Spanish Mass	164.00	—
Total	\$2,047.00	\$1,786.25

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.

Gospel Meditation

December 19, 2021: 4th Sunday of Advent

St. Augustine tells us that a “Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks and a hand through which Christ helps.” As we look around and out at the world, we do not have to search too far before we come face to face with inequity and injustice. There is so much unfairness, prejudice, anger, hatred, violence, and want. The stories of human heartache, people being hurt, deprived of life’s necessities, loneliness, and sickness are far too commonplace. For many of the world’s ills, the vices of greed, lust, pride, gluttony, and jealousy are clearly among the more significant root causes.

Why doesn’t God just step in and fix this mess? After all, God created this world, and one would hope that he would step up and take some measure of responsibility for it! Once we sit with this thinking for a while, we can begin to realize just how flawed it really is. God did take responsibility and God did fix the problem! God sent us Jesus Christ as the divine solution to the world’s ills. It is not God who has shirked responsibility, we have. We are the ones who continually fail to set our own personal needs, wants, and securities aside so that One more powerful than us can use us.

Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of God to come into the world. Put simply, Mary listened and believed. Having opened herself to being an instrument of the Divine, God could use her as his mind, heart, voice, and hand. She became God’s vessel so that God’s greatness could reach the ends of the earth and peace could come upon the world. God’s fix for the world’s difficulties is you and me. We are the ones who confess that Jesus Christ came into the world as the Son of God, the Prince of Peace, and herald of justice. All we have to do is believe, as did Mary, that what has been spoken to us by the Lord will be fulfilled. Then, we can step aside and be the Christians we claim to be. What a difference it would make if every person who professed to be Christian truly understood that their one and only vocation is to be God’s instrument. What a beautiful, equitable, and just world it would be.

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Meditación del Evangelio

19 de diciembre de 2021: 4^o Domingo de Adviento

Tomar decisiones siempre es difícil; por muy simples que sean, lleva su tiempo de discernimiento. Hoy, la Liturgia se centra en María, y el Evangelio nos dice que: “*Por entonces María tomó su decisión y se fue, sin más demora, a una ciudad ubicada en los cerros de Judá*” (Lucas 1:39). Hacer la voluntad de Dios, como lo hizo la Madre del Señor, no fue cosa fácil. Al pronunciar su “sí”, trajo consecuencias de fidelidad y servicio. “¿*Cuáles eran sus pensamientos durante los meses de espera?*” La respuesta proviene del pasaje de la visita de María a su pariente anciana, Isabel. “*Entró en casa de Zacarías y saludó a Isabel*”. María estaba feliz por su maternidad, y a su vez, Isabel saludó a María diciendo: “¿*Cómo he merecido yo que venga a mí la madre de mi Señor?*” (Papa Francisco 12-23-2018).

Un diálogo de amor, entre estas dos mujeres, estalla en las montañas de Judea por el Mesías esperado. María acudió con prontitud, no con ansiedad, sino actuando como una verdadera discípula a su corta edad. La visita de María a su pariente Isabel debe ser un ejemplo vivo para prepararnos a vivir una Navidad de dinamismo, fe y servicio hacia el más necesitado. Un encuentro de alegría auténtica, que manifieste la compasión y la ternura de Dios hacia los que nos rodean a través de nosotros. ¿Cuántos miembros de la familia sufren por falta de una visita, de un saludo? A tan solo unos días del nacimiento del Salvador, es el momento oportuno para las obras de caridad. ¡No pierdas la oportunidad! Camina presuroso al encuentro del Señor.

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Word of Life/Palabra de Vida

“Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother.” *Learn ten tips at* respectlife.org/support-her. *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “10 Ways to Support Her When She’s Unexpectedly Expecting”*

“Tal vez una de tus amigas haya quedado embarazada inesperadamente. Como alguien que ha pasado por eso, te animo a que apoyes a tu amiga en su nueva senda de ser madre”. *Entérate de diez consejos en* es.respectlife.org/support-her. *Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida de la USCCB “10 Maneras de apoyarla cuando está esperando sin haberlo esperado”*

Opportunities to Pray the Rosary

- Thursday at 8:00am, before the 8:30am Mass, at St. Nicholas
- Saturday at 3:30pm, before the 4:00pm, at St. Nicholas
- Patriotic Rosary on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30pm at Sacred Heart



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Christmas Giving Tree

The Sacred Heart Christmas Giving Tree is in need of hats, mittens, gloves and socks. Also gift cards to Meijer, Walmart, Kroger and Fast Food will be given to our local needy. You can give your gift card or donation to an Altar Society member, put it in the collection basket or bring it to the office. Thank you very much.

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.

Combined Parishes Appreciation Dinner

On Monday, December 20th at 6pm at Sacred Heart, there will be an Appreciation dinner for volunteers and those involved in the various ministries at both parishes. This is a Potluck with chicken provided. You are also invited to bring a white elephant gift, wrapped and with a \$5 limit.

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).

ST. NICHOLAS

Thank you!

The St. Nicholas Altar Society would like to thank everyone who baked, bought and helped in any way with the Cookie Walk. They brought in \$1,768 which will directly benefit the parish.

Christmas Giving Tree

The Altar Society once again will be having a Christmas Giving Tree. Donations of Hats, gloves, scarves and socks can be put in the basket in the vestibule. Also needed are \$25 gift cards for Fronney's, Kroger and Dollar General. Thank you for helping in this ministry.

Christmas Decorating

Sunday, December 19th, starting at 12 noon
Volunteers are needed to help decorate the Church for Christmas. We especially need some younger, stronger persons to handle heavy items and climbing ladders.

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 18, 2021

4:00pm at St. Nicholas

For †Edwin Kot
Req. by His Loving Family
For †Joan Chick
Req. by Jeanette Chick

7:00pm (Spanish) at Sacred Heart

For †Blanca Barajas
Req. by Miriam Lopez

Sunday, December 19, 2021

(Fourth Sunday of Advent)

9:00am at Sacred Heart

For †Carol Super, †Thomas Schutz,
& †Eric Simon
Req. by Jeff & Michelle Schutz

For Joanne Ruddock
Req. by Ann

11:00am at St. Nicholas

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

Monday, December 20, 2021 - No Mass

Tuesday, December 21, 2021 - No Mass
(St. Peter Canisius)

Wednesday, December 22, 2021 - No Masses

Thursday, December 23, 2021 - No Mass
(St. John of Kanty)

Friday, December 24, 2021

(Christmas Eve)

4:00pm at St. Nicholas

For †James & †Edna Shanefelt
Req. by Daughter, Holly Shanefelt

8:00pm (Bilingual) at Sacred Heart

For †Blanca Barajas
Req. by Miriam Lopez

Saturday, December 25, 2021

(The Nativity of the Lord/Christmas Day)

9:00am at Sacred Heart

For Stella Skindall
Req. by Family
For †Guido & Joanne Mattiacci
Req. by Susan Germonprez

11:00am at St. Nicholas

For †Don & †June McNary
Req. by Donna McNary

Sunday, December 26, 2021

(The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph)

9:00am at Sacred Heart

For †Blanca Barajas
Req. by Miriam Lopez
For Joanne Ruddock
Req. by Ann

11:00am at St. Nicholas

For †Edward Worden &
†Carol Worden Biondo
Req. by Kathleen Worden

Mass Intentions

If you would like to have a Mass offered for your loved one, you can contact the parish office at (810) 724-1135, use the forms by the main entrance of each church and place in the collection basket, or e-mail your request to staff@imlaysia Sacred Heart.org. A stipend of no more than \$10 per Mass is the norm.

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

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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al San Nicolas**
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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.

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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

Catholic Charities of SE Michigan
810-664-4646

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800-799-7233

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