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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 12, 2021

- Sunday:** Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
- 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:** Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a, and 13b [2a]/Lk 7:24-30
- Friday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17
- Saturday:** Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
- Next Sunday:** Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

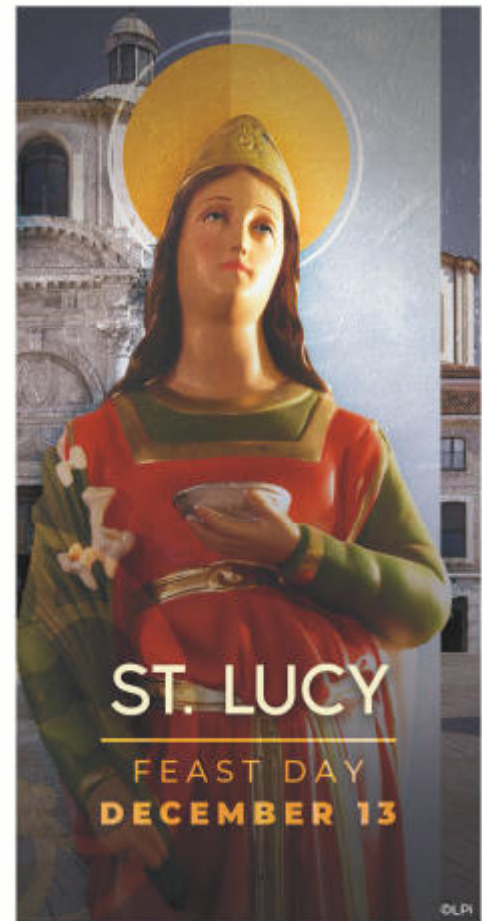
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 12, 2021

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Advent
- Monday:** St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
- Tuesday:** St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Advent

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Shout for joy! When was the last time you ever felt like doing that? Fear, uncertainty, pressure, negativity, disappointment, and myriad other human experiences can rob us of joy. We can never predict what life will bring. As unsettling as that can often seem, life's unpredictability is also the very thing that allows it to be exciting and adventuresome! We know that life can be difficult, and it is unrealistic to expect it to be otherwise. God never promised an easy road. But, when a person truly falls in love with God and discovers the peacefulness and assurance of God's presence, then a depth of understanding will be brought to everything they do and experience. Nothing will be able to rob them of joy! When we realize that God, the King of Israel, is in our midst and with us, there is no further misfortune to fear. We celebrate the beauty and wonder of God's gift of joy today as we ready ourselves, even more excitedly, for the coming of our Savior. Do not fear and do not be discouraged. There is a power and presence within us, our God, who has made us, who loves us and who will keep us. What more do we need? Rejoice!



SAINT OF THE WEEK

A name that means "light," St. Lucy (283 – 304) is the patron saint of those blind or suffering with eye trouble. Not much is known about her life, except that she was determined to remain a virgin and thus refused marriage. History tells the story of a frustrated suitor who eventually accused St. Lucy of being a Christian (at crime at the time), and she was executed in Syracuse, Sicily, in the year 304.

Today, we celebrate a number of traditions that incorporate symbolic meaning of St. Lucy as the "bearer" of light in the darkness of winter. This is particularly seen in Scandinavian countries, with their long dark winters. There, a young girl dressed in a white dress and a red sash (as the symbol of martyrdom) carries palms and wears a crown or wreath of candles on her head. In Denmark, Norway and Sweden, girls dressed as Lucy carry rolls and cookies in procession as songs are sung.



NOTES FROM THE PASTOR...

Fr. Roy Horning

It is ***Gaudete Sunday***, the Third Sunday of Advent, setting a tone of joyful expectation for the celebration of the Lord's birth and Glorious Second Coming. *Gaudete* is Latin and comes from the word "rejoice" in the **Entrance Antiphon**: *Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near* (Philip[pians 4:4-5). We joyfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity and look forward to celebrating it always *with solemn worship and glad rejoicing*, says our **Opening Prayer** on this joyful Sunday. The rose colored vestments capture the joy and anticipation we have for the great feast of Christmas. There is a newness and freshness to the message of our Lord's humble birth in Bethlehem stable. The God of all creation, for whom and through whom all things exist, humbled himself, and took upon himself our poverty becoming one like us in all things but sin. He became man in order that 'we could see Him with our own eyes, hear Him with our ears, and touch Him with our hands' as St. John testifies to in his 1st Letter. God took it upon himself to do for us what we are incapable of doing; conquering sin and death while simultaneously opening the path to heaven for those who love Him. Indeed, this is the reason to rejoice in the Lord always!

Now all the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John the Baptist answered them saying, *I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming...He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire (Luke 3:15-16).* I teach and preach frequently of our need to live lives of faith. In ***Magnificat*** this Sunday there is a reflection by Blessed John Baptist Scalabrini, who was the Bishop of Piacenza Italy and entered eternal life in 1905. He captures very eloquently what I am trying to help us grasp and live out with all our heart, soul and strength. He writes, "We must not simply live in Jesus Christ. Rather he himself must be our life and must live in us. He must live in us with his spirit, with his grace, with the impression of his mysteries, with the application of this merits, with the efficacy of his sacraments, above all with the sacrament of this Body and Blood so that we can say with the Apostle Paul: *yet I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me (Gal 2:20).*" Blessed John fleshes this out concretely by stating, "He loves with our heart, thinks with our mind, speaks with our tongue, and works with our hands." This is the goal of our spiritual lives as disciples. It is a high bar that is attained only through much prayer, sacrifice, penance and self-offering of our lives to God and his Divine Will. Like silver that is purified it is a process that takes time and attention. But, this is exactly what Jesus is asking of us and it is achievable as all the saints of God bear witness. This is not something reserved only for the canonized Saints of the Church, but is for all God's holy men and women who follow Jesus Christ. This is the work that St. Paul prayed for last week in his Letter to the Philippians, "*I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.*" This is also my prayer for you and me; that we will continue to grow in faith, hope and charity bearing witness with the whole of our lives to God's glory and our good. Have a blessed *Gaudete Sunday* and may we rejoice in the good work that God is doing in us!

Liturgical Minister Schedules

Saturday, December 18th

LECTOR Pam Sneller
 CANTOR Anthony Avery
 E.M. Jim Blaine
 Pam Sneller
 Pat Curtis

Sunday, December 19th

LECTOR Linda Desrochers
 CANTOR Anthony Avery
 E.M. Dave Dutton
 Kathy Dutton
 Linda Desrochers



Please pray for the following people who are sick at home or in the hospital:

Nancy Kreger-Aills, Katherine Arendt, Joe Arnes, Dave Atwell, Jane Benson, Stephanie Bosley, Joe Boris, Lila Burnash, Bob Chuchvara, Tom Coha, Elizabeth Craig, Gary Ellsworth, Daniel Eissinger, June Fechik, Brian Fent, Katherine Gibson, Rebecca Gillette, Don Gray, Mark Hagler, Joyce Hipkins, Brian Holyfield, Jim Hoover, Jaden Howard, Patsy & Roger Howard, Denny Howell, Dolores & Wesley Hunt, Cindy Jackson, Bob Jackson, Mary Jankowski, Dean Jones, Joanne Jordan, Geraldine Karl, Amy Kelly, Beth King, Nancy Kroetsch, Tracy Kropp, Debra, Mike and Logan LeClaire, Jamie Liddle, Sandy Martin, Sandra O'Brien, Dale Osmundson, Kay Penney, Scott Penney, Rosemary Pieknik, Rachel Porritt Southerland, Joyce Powell, Velma Savoie, Laura & Dan Schlund, Clarence Seltz, Claire Sheets, Mary Ward, Judith Ware, Craig Zafiroff and Jerrod Zuwala.

If you, or someone you know, is ill or in the hospital, or are homebound, and would like to be on the prayer list, please call the office. The requests must come from the individual or an immediate family member.

Please call the parish office at 736-4040, as due to the privacy act, we may not be notified.

An Offering to God—November 27th & 28th

Weekly Sacrificial Budget	\$6,200.00
Weekly Collection Received	\$4,629.00

Fiscal Year Total

Budgeted	\$163,400.00
Received	\$152,567.18
UNDER Budget	(\$10,832.82)

During October, 216 of our 509 registered families contributed to our offertory collections.

The above figures are for Sunday Contributions only and do not reflect total Parish/School Budget.

Thank you so much to all who are contributing to Holy Rosary Parish.



MONDAY, December 13th

St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

TUESDAY, December 14th

St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:30 a.m. Mass: Christine Schwind
 by Sharon Guza
 Spec. Int. for Pat Estelle
 by Terry & Kim Edwards

WEDNESDAY, December 15th

5:30-6:30 p.m. Confessions
 6:30 p.m. Mass: David Buick
 by Mark Clark & Lynda Ecker
 And Leona Kelley
 by the Kelley Family
 7:15 p.m. RCIA—Right of Christian Initiation Class

THURSDAY, December 16th

FRIDAY, December 17th

8:30 a.m. Mass: Dwight Morris
 by John Kennet
 and Ann Beattie & Kristen Kuczera & Family
 by Sister Mary Norman
 Exposition and Adoration will follow the Mass,
 closing with Benediction at 10:30AM

SATURDAY, December 18th

8:30 a.m. Mass: Louise Leuckeman
 by Gary & Sandy Blondin
 and John Kuczera & Family
 by Sister Mary Norman
 9:00-10:00 a.m. Confessions
 6:00 p.m. Mass: Robert Howard
 by Steven & Hyon Howard
 and Gregory Rodriguez
 by Marian Rodriguez

SUNDAY, December 19th

Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Mass: Neil Martel
 by Lucille Martel
 and Mary Madaras & Holy Rosary Parish
 by Curt and Sally Wiggers

WELCOME

If you would like to join Holy Rosary Parish, have a change in address and/or telephone number, or would like to add someone to the Prayer List, please complete this form and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office.

Name _____
 Address _____
 City/Zip: _____
 Telephone: _____

I would like to become a registered, active parishioner
 Please change my address and/or telephone number as shown above
 Please add to the Prayer List _____

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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Night Vigil.....6:00 PM
Sunday.....9:00 AM
Saturday Vigil @ St. Mary.....4:00 PM
Sunday @ St. Mary.....7:30AM & 11AM:

DAILY MASSES

Tues., Fri., Sat.....8:30 AM
Wednesday Evening.....6:30 PM
Weds., Thurs. @ St. Mary.....8:30 AM
Tuesday Evening @ St. Mary.....6:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Wednesday.....5:30-6:30 PM
Saturday.....9:00-10:00 AM
Tuesday @ St. Mary.....5:00-6:00 PM
Saturday @ St. Mary.....3:00-3:45 PM

MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made with the pastor at least nine months in advance, and be a registered parishioner. Formation classes are required for the Sacrament of Marriage.

BAPTISMS

Arrangements must be made in advance. Parents/candidates must be registered, active members of the parish for at least three months. Baptism formation class is required for the Sacrament of Baptism.

SICK AND SHUT IN

Please contact the parish office if you, or a member in your family is ill— at home, or in the hospital, or if the Sacrament of the Sick is desired, as we may not be notified by the hospitals.

PARISH ADMINISTRATION STAFF

Fr. Roy Horning.....*Pastor*
Mrs. Kim Edwards.....*Administrative Assistant*
Mrs. Pamela Sneller.....*Pastoral Associate/DRE*
Mrs. Kimberly Murawski.....*Pastoral Associate/DRE*
Mr. Mark Callahan.....*Principal*
Mrs. Kimberly Kallas.....*School Administrative Assistant*
Mrs. Peggy DePottey.....*Bookkeeper*
Mr. Anthony Avery.....*Director of Music Ministry*
Mr. Arnold Lake.....*Maintenance*

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Please use this number only in **emergencies**, if you need a priest after 4:00 PM weekdays, or on weekends when the parish office is closed.

HOLY ROSARY COUNCILS & COMMISSIONS

Mrs. Ellen Anderson.....*Pastoral Council Chairperson*
Mr. Bradley DePottey.....*Finance Council Chairperson*
Mr. Dan Trytko.....*Worship Commission Chairperson*
To be determined*Education Commission Chairperson*
Mrs. Ann Marie Simon...*Holy Rosary Development Committee Chairperson*
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BULLETIN DEADLINE

Must be submitted in writing at least 10 days in advance of print date each week to ensure placement in the bulletin to holyrosaryflint@yahoo.com. Thank you.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !



Holy Rosary Catholic School

December 13th Gerald Popilek, Terry Timmons, Adam Flood

November 14th Patricia Estelle, Roxanne Shimelonis, Joshua Foster, Madison Paulic, Gabrielle Petrowski

December 15th Katherine Arendt, Julie McAuliffe, Laura Sweeney, Jaylon Burchfield

December 16th Laura DeGuise, James Key, Corinne Blaine

December 17th Trianna Shepherd

December 18th Claude Green

December 19th Patricia Raysin

Happy Third Sunday of Advent, This week we celebrate Joy as our wreath's pink candle is lite. What great joys our students and staff have experienced these last few weeks.

This past Monday our students celebrated the Feast day of St. Nicholas. It is always great to see students overjoyed as they find a small sweet treat in their shoes. We also took part in the traditional Santa Shop as our students looked to purchase those special Christmas items for their loving family members. Most importantly, students experience joy as they took part in The Immaculate Conception Mass, our usual Friday Mass, and spent time with Jesus in Adoration/Benediction.

Next week our school will see the return of our annual Christmas Concert as we will be live after a year of virtual. If anyone is looking to see this performance, it will be streamed on our Facebook page. Prayers for everyone during this joyous time of year!

Mr. Mark Callahan—Principal

Holy Rosary Parish 2021 First Friday Memorials & Special Intentions for Living & Deceased Family Members

*Bob and Bobby Gibson
Leona & Michael Kelley
Neminski and Grantner Families
Stewart Pincumbe Families
Burnett, Clapper & Palacios Families
George & Anne Zafiroff
Karen Zafiroff-Johanning
Ronald Sneller
Ronald Isaacson
Vaughn Owens & Marzonie Families
Gary Clase, Clase and Gadany Families
Buick, Jedlowski & Korcyiak Families
Alan Uren
Margaret, Stephen, & Hyon Howard Families
Carole Jozwick
Harp, Hannon & Neumann Families
Martinbianco & Newland Families
Claude Green Families
Faris & Meredith Families
Walter & Ruth Blaine
LaGraff, Gray & Showalter Families
Kozlowski, Musialowski, Reska & Hadden Families
Louis Missitti, Sr. & Jr.
Joseph Missitti
Lawrence I Viznau
Jankowski & Haviland Families*

*Jim & Virginia Flood Families
Marion & Rose Galvas Families
Turchi & DeVito Familie
Russell & Julia Whitmeyer
Marion & Rose Galvas Family
Patrick Burnett
Phyllis Trundle
Aube & Woloszyk Families
Karl & Lindsay Families
Holy Souls in Purgatory
Pilon, Hazel, and Weiler Families
Kreger, Aills and Morgan Families
Robert & Colleen Kanous
Knoblauch, Rose, Gibault
and Trevorrow Families
George & Marion Welsh Family
Francis & Mary O'Brien Family
Irene Bennett and Joe Bennett
Nate Welsh
James & Dolores Smith Family
Frank & Maureen Smejkal
Rodriguez & Mucha Families
Mary Marzonie Gocha*

Remember your loved ones or special intentions at the First Friday Mass each month, and in the bulletin all year. The cost is \$75 for the year.

Save the Date

December 13th-Holy Hour of Prayer-Monday
St. Mary's, Mt. Morris 7-8PM
December 14th-Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner
Parish Hall 4-7PM
**Christmas Masses: Christmas Eve-4PM & 6PM
and Christmas Day at 9AM**

Excerpts from God given to St. Maria Faustina (Diary, 309)

**O Blood and Water which gushed forth
from the Heart of Jesus as a Fount of Mercy
for us, I trust in you!**



Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner

**Tuesday, December 14th 4-7PM
Holy Rosary Parish Hall
"All You Can Eat" Spaghetti Dinner
with Salad Bar and Breadsticks**

Adults \$10 Salad Bar \$5

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and Lectors Needed

**Christmas Masses
Christmas Eve, December 24th
4PM and 6PM Masses**

**Christmas Day, December 25th
9AM Mass**

**Please sign up on the sheet provided in the
corner of the gathering space. Thank you.**

Christmas Baskets

We are taking donations of gift cards
or monies to be used towards the
purchase of gift cards, for those in need at
Christmas. Please place your donations in the
collection basket-appropriately marked
or bring to the parish office.

**If you, or anyone you know is in need of
assistance for celebrating Christmas,
please call the parish office at 810-736-4040.**

Thank you for all that you do!

The Virtues and Grace

Human Virtues acquired by education, by deliberate acts and by a perseverance ever-renewed in repeated efforts are purified and elevated by divine grace. With God's help, they forge character and give facility in the practice of the good. The virtuous man is happy to practice them.

It is not easy for man, wounded by sin, to maintain moral balance. Christ's gift salvation offers us the grace necessary to persevere in the pursuit of the virtues. Everyone should always ask for this grace of light and strength, frequent the sacraments, cooperate with the holy Spirit, and follow his calls to love what is good and shun evil.

* From Catechism of the Catholic Church

We Need Your Help!

We are collecting new men's socks and gloves
for the North End Soup Kitchen.
If you would like to help, there is a box in the
gathering space for collecting these items.
It will be there through December 18th.

Winter 2022 Catechism of the Catholic Church : Learning and Living the Catechism Pillar I: The Creed

The Creed opens up the structure of the Catechism and shows how it is far more than a list of "faith facts," but instead a sure map for your journey of faith. Sean Innerst teaches how what we believe emerges from the living story of salvation history. Learn what God's "innermost secret" is and how we're called to participate in it as you discover how the *Catechism can be seen as a new catechesis for the New Evangelization*.

Pillar I reveals that our journey of faith is one from "Blessing to Blessing"—
that the God who made us wills
that we return to him.

This will be a 12 week study.
Classes will be held on Tues. evenings
from 6:30 - 8:30 PM
and Wed. mornings from 10 AM - Noon.
Classes start Jan. 11/12 and end Mar. 29/30.
Signup sheets are in the gathering space.
Cost is \$30.

**The last date for this Study signup
will be Dec. 20.**

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