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FOURTH SUNDAY

of Advent



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 19, 2021



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OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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MASS TIMES

Sunday Mass: 8AM, 10AM and 12PM (Traditional Latin Mass)
Daily Mass: Mon-Thurs 9AM
(Tues & Thurs- Traditional Latin Mass)
Saturday Vigil: 4:30PM
Holy Days: Please check the bulletin or the parish website.

RECONCILIATION

Tuesday: following 9AM. Mass
Saturdays: 3-3:45PM .
1st Wednesday of the month: 8PM
For private appointment call the rectory.

BLESSING OF OBJECTS

1st Wednesday of the month at 7PM in the church.

OUR SACRAMENTAL POLICY

Six month Parish registration and participation are required for Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage.

Baptism: Arrangements must be made in advance and parents must attend a baptism class. The Church requests that at least one of the parents be a practicing Catholic, and the Godparents must be practicing, fully initiated Catholics at least 16 years of age. If there are two godparents, one must be male, one must be female. If there is one godparent, they may be male or female.

Marriage: Arrangements must be made at least nine months in advance. Call the Rectory office. Officiate at the ceremony must be the Parish Pastor, Deacon, or a family member.

Funerals: Officiate must be the Parish Pastor of Immaculate Conception, or a family member

Please note: the services of the Parish Organists are used for all Weddings and Funerals.

For more details regarding our sacramental policies and procedures, please refer to the "Sacraments" tab on our parish website.

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Flyers 2 weeks prior to bulletin (pending approval of pastor).

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 19

4:30PM (Vigil) OF-MC Ed Sieradski+

8:00AM OF-MC Ira Wrubel+

10:00AM OF-MC Martha Cuttitta+

12:00 PM EF-MC People of the Parish
4th Sunday of Advent (OF & EF)

Monday, December 20

9:00AM OF-LM Ernestine Dionise+
Greater Feria of Advent (EF)

Tuesday, December 21

9:00AM EF-MC Cecilia Schlaud+
St. Peter Canisius (OF)
St. Thomas (EF)

Wednesday, December 22

9:00AM OF-LM Louis Conrad+
Greater Feria of Advent (EF)

Thursday, December 23

9:00AM EF-MC Dave and Sherry Ren
St. John of Kanty (OF)
Greater Feria of Advent (EF)

Friday, December 24

4:00PM OF-MC Joanie Skwirsk+
6:00PM OF-MC David Klave+
Christmas Eve (OF & EF)

Saturday, December 25

12:00AM EF-MC Martha Cuttitta+
9:00AM OF-MC Robbie Battani+
11:00AM OF-MC Jim Steffler+
The Nativity of the Lord (OF & EF)

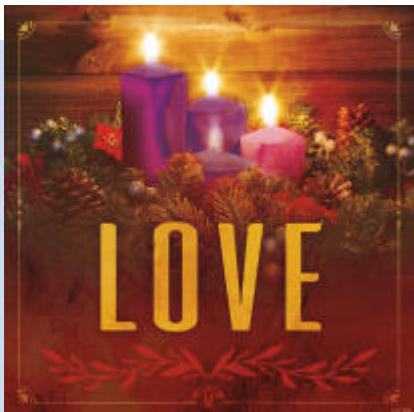
Sunday, December 26

8:00AM OF-MC Ashley Ivey+
10:00AM OF-MC Max Sierakowski+
12:00 PM EF-MC People of the Parish
The Holy Family (OF)
Sunday within the Octave of Christmas (EF)

OF - Ordinary Form (New Rite/Novus Ordo)

EF - Extra-ordinary Form (Trad. Latin Mass)

MC - Missa Cantata (Sung) LM - Low Mass



PARISH APOSTOLATES

Ambassadors for Christ

Meets 2nd Wednesday of each month BKS Room 303 7 -9PM.

All men 18 years and older are invited.

Harvey Vermeesch (810)358-0943

Angels of Mercy

For elderly and homebound of the parish.

Bea Castenada (810-)813-4069

Food Pantry

Dawn Peskey (586)924-1873

Homeschoolers

Meets for field trips and activities during the school year.

Ashley Gill (248)918-7008

Hospital, Homebound, and Nursing Home Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Joe Hojna (810)969-4082

Knights of Columbus

Meets first Tuesday of the month in the BKCS Community Room.

Phil Francis (810)728-2295

Ladies League

Meets at 6PM on the last Tuesday of the month. All adult ladies of the parish are welcome.

No meeting in Dec.

Dawn Walker (810)664-6946

Mother of Perpetual Help Rosaries

Meets first Wednesday of the month

Jenni Hulway (586)453-4580

Purgatorial Society

Increasing devotion and charity to the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Meets 1st Monday of the Month at 7pm in the church.

Andrew Sprinkle (706)840-1568

St. Vincent de Paul

Meets once a month in the rectory.

Youth Group

Lillian Peddemors (937)241-6407

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

Friday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

Saturday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/
Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52

SUNDAY READINGS

FIRST READING

Mi 5:1-4a

Thus says the LORD:

You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah
too small to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel;
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient times.

Therefore the Lord will give them up, until the
time

when she who is to give birth has borne,
and the rest of his kindred shall return
to the children of Israel.

He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock
by the strength of the LORD,
in the majestic name of the LORD, his God;
and they shall remain, for now his greatness
shall reach to the ends of the earth;
he shall be peace.

PSALM

Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19.

R. 
Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your
face, and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hearken,
from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth.
Rouse your power,
and come to save us.

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Once again, O LORD of hosts,
look down from heaven, and see;
take care of this vine,

and protect what your right hand has planted
the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

May your help be with the man of your right hand,
with the son of man whom you yourself made strong.
Then we will no more withdraw from you;
give us new life, and we will call upon your name.

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING

Heb 10:5-10

Brothers and sisters:

When Christ came into the world, he said:

“Sacrifice and offering you did not desire,
but a body you prepared for me;
in holocausts and sin offerings you took no delight.
Then I said, ‘As is written of me in the scroll,
behold, I come to do your will, O God.’”

First he says, “Sacrifices and offerings,
holocausts and sin offerings,
you neither desired nor delighted in.”

These are offered according to the law.

Then he says, “Behold, I come to do your will.”

He takes away the first to establish the second.

By this “will,” we have been consecrated
through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once
for all.



GOSPEL

Lk 1:39-45

Mary set out

and traveled to the hill country in haste
to a town of Judah,

where she entered the house of Zechariah
and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting,
the infant leaped in her womb,

and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit,
cried out in a loud voice and said,

“Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

And how does this happen to me,
that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

For at the moment the sound of your greeting
reached my ears,

the infant in my womb leaped for joy.

Blessed are you who believed

that what was spoken to you by the Lord
would be fulfilled.”



ST. PETER CANISIUS- DECEMBER 21

Born in Holland, St. Peter Canisius (May 8, 1521 – December 21, 1597) was a preacher, teacher, and writer throughout his whole life. At the age of 19, he received a master's degree from the university at Cologne. Soon afterwards, St. Peter met Peter Faber, the first disciple of Ignatius of Loyola, who influenced him so much that he eventually joined the Society of Jesus.

St. Peter Canisius founded colleges and seminaries, served as a missionary, cared for the sick or imprisoned, and wrote close to eight volumes of letters — many about St. Cyril of Alexandria and St. Leo the Great.

A man blessed with many talents, St. Peter Canisius is a wonderful example of a man who developed his talents to further God's work here on earth

PARISH GOODS REGISTRY

Need a place to give this Christmas? Check out our Church Goods Registry with Michigan Church Supply! From candles to altar cloths to communion hosts, you can directly purchase the items our parish needs from week to week. A link to the parish registry is on our webpage.

GIVING TREES

The St. Vincent dePaul Giving Tree remains in the Church for the remainder of the Advent Season.

Thank you for your generosity!

Young Professionals for Life of Metro Detroit have a Baby Giving Tree for Pregnancy Center of Lapeer in the back of the church. Items for the PCOL can be left in the box next to the tree.

BLOOD DRIVE

Today, December 19, there is a Red Cross Blood Drive in the Bishop Kelley Gym. from 9AM-2:45PM. Stop by and give the gift of life.



NO SUNDAY VIGIL MASS DEC. 25

Due to the Christmas Feast Day there is no 4:30PM Mass next Saturday, the 25th. Mass Schedule for Sunday the 26th is a normal Sunday Schedule.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office closes on December 23 and will remain closed until January 3rd.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Fr. Hurley and Fr. Paul Czarnota are hearing confessions in church on Tuesday from 7PM-9PM and on Wednesday from 6PM-9PM. There are no confessions on December 25.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Tuesday, January 4, at 7PM, join the musicians of our parish for a Christmas Concert in the Church. the Sunday parish choirs, the Bishop Kelley students and additional parish musicians have been hard at work preparing Christmas Pieces, familiar and new, to celebrate the 10th Day of Christmas.

PRAYER LIST

Charlie Rice	Timothy Hojna
Pamela Holihan	Glany Saldanha
Joe Altz	Patricia Ribai
John Losinski	Anita Gayeski
Sean Patrick	June
Bill & Bernice Hurley	Dennis, Christine, and Noah
Dave Saelens	Slagle
Joe Castenada	Katie Sellers
Lindsey Summers	

If you wish to have your loved one put on the prayer list, please call the rectory. The names will remain on the list for four weeks, or you can call the rectory to have their name relisted



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

December 21-Confessions
7PM-9PM

December 22- Confessions
6PM-9PM

December 24- Christmas Eve
4PM & 6PM Mass

December 25- Christmas Day
12AM (TLM), 9AM, & 11AM Mass

January 1- Octave of Christmas
9AM Mass

January 4-Christmas Concert
7PM in the Church

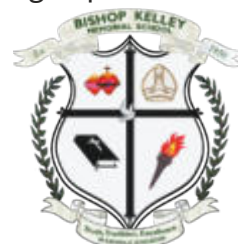
KNIGHTS CORNER

The annual Knights of Columbus Christmas Tree Sale continues in the lot next to the parish garage. Tree sales run through approximately Dec. 22. Sales will be from 11 AM to 7PM.

Knights, we will need your help with sales throughout this period. Please contact Rick Spankie at 810-538-5270 to sign up for some 2 hour slots or if you have any questions.

BISHOP KELLEY SCHOOL NEWS

Each grade at Bishop Kelley is creating a spiritual bouquet for all those affected by the tragedy at Oxford High School. We encourage families to do likewise, by performing devotional acts and prayers for the intentions of the families affected.



Thank you again to Wojo's Greenhouse, On Pointe School of Dance, and Christy Sierakowski for helping us finish our Christmas greenery fundraiser, and thank you to all who supported it! Long time parishioner Howard Coon has joined our staff as a part-time Lunch Supervisor. Thank you, Mr. Coon and to all our lunch-time volunteers!

CATHOLIC Q&A

Why do we celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord on December 25th?

Strange as it may seem, the key to dating Jesus' birth may lie in the dating of Jesus' death at Passover. This view was first suggested to the modern world by French scholar Louis Duchesne in the early 20th century and fully developed by American Thomas Talley in more recent years. But they were certainly not the first to note a connection between the traditional date of Jesus' death and his birth.

According to the Gospel of St. John, Jesus is crucified as the Passover lambs are being sacrificed. This would have occurred on the 14th of the Hebrew month of Nisan, just before the Jewish holiday began at sundown (considered the beginning of the 15th day because in the Hebrew calendar, days begin at sundown). In Matthew, Mark and Luke, however, the Last Supper is held after sundown, on the beginning of the 15th. Jesus is crucified the next morning—still, the 15th.



The 14th of Nisan was equivalent to March 25 in the Roman calendar. That date was later recognized as the Feast of the Annunciation—nine months before December 25.

And Pope Benedict XVI, affirms this connection. "The decisive factor [in setting the date for Christmas] was the connection of creation and Cross, of creation and Christ's conception." (Aletia, 2019)



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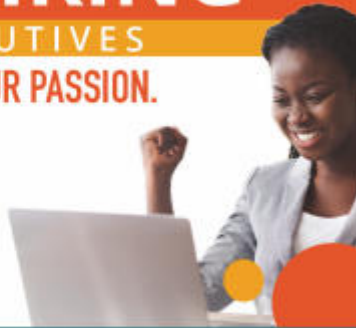
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