

**Saint Christina Parish of Turner County  
PO Box 610 Parker, South Dakota 57053**

**Sunday, December 12, 2021**

**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**I want to thank all of you who assisted with our parish potluck last Sunday. I thought it was a wonderful opportunity to gather as a parish and enjoy some delicious food. I have been consistently struck by the close community here at St. Christina's and I hope we can keep having opportunities to go even deeper in our life together as a Catholic parish. We cannot be a Christian in this world by ourselves.**

**We are already half done with the season of Advent! Christmas will be upon us soon. I highly encourage you all to take advantage of the time left of Advent to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession is an opportunity for a fresh start in our spiritual lives. It is a chance to let God's mercy triumph over any shame we might have around our sins. I know that it is not easy to go to Confession. To be honest, I still struggle to go even as a priest. Yet, I know that I need regular encounters with Jesus' merciful heart in the Sacrament of Confession. So, I take courage and go. I always feel so free and joyful after I've gone to Confession.**

**Receiving the Lord's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a wonderful opportunity to open your heart to receive more of God's love at Christmas. God has so much love in store**

**for each of us. But our sin prevents us from receiving the fullness of that love. Confession allows us to open wide our hearts so God can pour all his love into us, right where we need it most. Sometimes people tell me they don't know what they would confess in the Reconciliation. The good news is that there are so many amazing resources out there to help. You can easily find different examinations of conscience online that will help you look at your life and give you a language for the sins you might want to confess. If it has been a while, the priest will guide you through what to do and the prayers to say.**

**Remember, Confession is a sacrament of healing. I know sometimes it is hard to go to the doctor, but it is better than dying. Confession works the same way. It is not always easy to go but it is better than living with a dead heart, separated from God's grace. I offer Confession every single week on Tuesdays from 5:00pm –5:50pm. I will be offering a special hour of Confession this Sunday from 3:45pm-4:45pm. And if you ever want to go to Confession outside scheduled times, just tell me and I will make it happen. Let's finish this last half of Advent strong, rooted in God's loving mercy!**

**God bless,**

**Fr. Tyler**

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**For Dependence Upon God**

**Lord, what we know not, teach us.**

**Lord, what we have not, give us.**

**Lord, what we are not, make us.**

**WEEKLY MASSES—— St. Christina**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>: Mass 11:00AM**

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**Confessions: 3:45 to 4:45pm, Before the Program**

**Religious Education Christmas Program**

**Pre-Kindergarten thru 6th Grade**

**Program 5:00PM;**

**Lunch in Parish Hall**

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**++Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>:**

**Confessions 5:00PM**

**Holy Mass 6:00PM**

**Int: +Randy Garry**

**++Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>:**

**Holy Mass 8:00AM**

**Int. +Robert Kippes**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>: Mass 11:00AM**

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**Sunday, December 12th 9:30 to 10:30am (if needed)**

**Students report at 4:30pm before the program.**

**Pot Luck Lunch Following Program:**

**East Side bring Salad/Desserts;**

**West side bring Sandwiches.**

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**The Turner County Bread Give-away is  
Tuesday, December 21st. It begins at 4:30pm  
at the Turner County Courthouse.**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**Bud Ozar**

**Today's gospel tells us to SHARE! This Christmas resist the pressure to give token gifts. Instead, use those funds to give NECESSITIES to the poor. If our impoverished brothers and sisters are not on our gift list, we've missed the point of Christmas.**

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**St. Christina Church Support: Deposited**

**Monday, December 6th, 2021:**

**43 Env. Reg. Giving \$2215.00; 1 Env. Reg. Giving \$80.00;  
Loose Giving \$59.00; Candles \$4.00;  
2 Env. Christmas Flowers \$60.00.**

**Thank You for your Generous Treasure.**

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**If you have not sent a Pledge for CFSA 2021, please be as generous as you are able. CFSA helps so many different programs for the young and old in the Diocese. Please help as you can and Thank You for your Generous Treasure.**

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**Holiday Mass Schedules:**

**St. Christina, Parker:**

**\*\*Christmas Eve—Carols: 6:00PM**

**\*\*\*Christmas Eve Mass: 6:30PM**

**\*\*\*Christmas Day Mass: 11:00AM**

**\*\*New Year's Day Mass: 10:00AM**

**St. Nicholas, Tea:**

**\*\*\*Christmas Eve Mass: 4:00PM**

**\*\*\*Christmas Day Mass: 8:30AM**

**\*\*New Year's Eve Mass: 6:00PM**