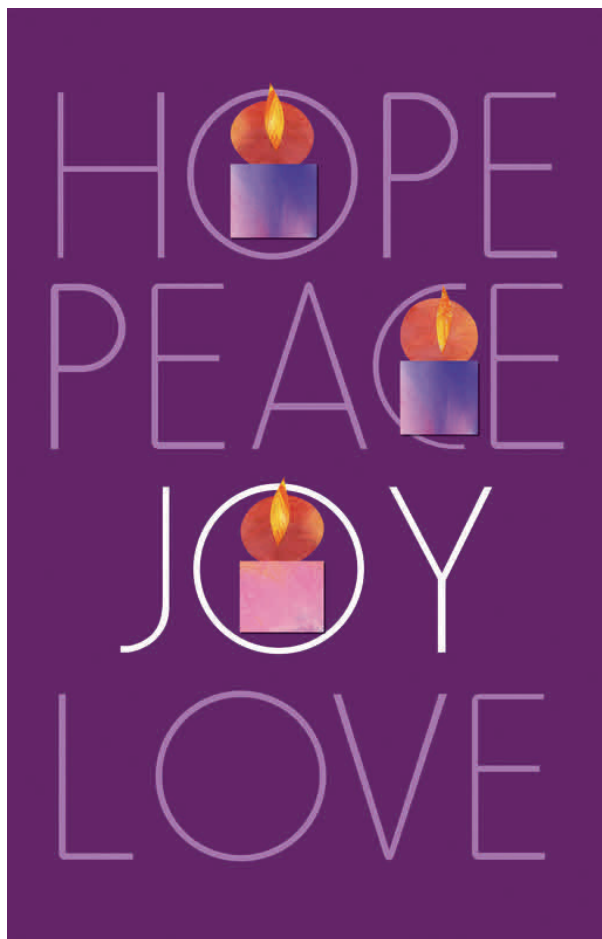


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## Third Sunday of Advent December 16, 2018



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**Thank you for worshipping with us! Again Welcome, Bienvenidos, Benvenuto, Willkommen, Nno-nu, Byenveni!**

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[ ] New Parishioners, please send a Parish Registration Form      [ ] We've Moved, here is our new information

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, December 15

8:00 a.m. No Mass Intention  
8:30 a.m. Rosary  
4:00 p.m. Confessions  
4:35 p.m. Rosary  
5:00 p.m. Norbert Huseman +

### Sunday, December 16

#### - Third Sunday of Advent -

7:10 a.m. Rosary  
7:30 a.m. Leo Volk +  
9:40 a.m. Rosary  
10:00 a.m. Parish Family

### Monday, December 17

8:00 a.m. Leonard Smythe +  
8:30 a.m. Rosary

### Tuesday, December 18

7:00 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
8:00 a.m. Valeria Talerico +  
8:30 a.m. Rosary  
8:30 a.m. Confession

### Wednesday, December 19

6:25 p.m. Rosary  
7:00 p.m. Reyes Ortiz +

### Thursday, December 20

8:00 a.m. Hildegard Schaefer +  
8:30 a.m. Rosary

### Friday, December 21

8:00 a.m. Edward J. Schaefer +  
8:30 a.m. Rosary

### Saturday, December 22

8:00 a.m. No Mass Intention  
8:30 a.m. Rosary  
4:00 p.m. Confessions  
4:35 p.m. Rosary  
5:00 p.m. Delfin Rios +

### Sunday, December 23

#### - Fourth Sunday of Advent -

7:10 a.m. Rosary  
7:30 a.m. Parish Family  
9:40 a.m. Rosary  
10:00 a.m. Bob & Rose Marie Bates +



*Come, Lord Jesus!* Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we, who are weighed down from of old by slavery beneath the yoke of sin, may be set free by the newness of the long-awaited Nativity of your Only Begotten Son. Amen.

## MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon., Dec. 17 - Third Week of Advent** - Gn 49:2,8-10/ Mt 1:1-17

**Tues., Dec. 18** - Jer 23:5-8/ Mt 1:18-25

**Wed., Dec. 19** - Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a/ Lk 1:5-25

**Thurs., Dec. 20** - Is 7:10-14/ Lk 1:26-38

**Fri., Dec. 21 - St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church** - Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/ Lk 1:39-45

**Sat., Dec. 22** - 1 Sm 1:24-28/ Lk 1:46-56

**Sun., Dec. 23 - Fourth Sunday of Advent** - Mi 5:1-4a/ Heb 10:5-10/ kmlaLK 1:39-45

## Third Sunday of Advent - December 16, 2018 - Year C

*A special "Thank You!" for the birthday wishes. It was a joy to celebrate this day with my parish family.*

This **Thursday, Dec. 20th, at 7 PM**, we conclude our **Advent Parish Mission** as we meditate upon the Gift of Myrrh, the third and final gift brought to the Christ Child by the Magi. Before to the Parish Mission, all are invited to join us at **6 PM in the Social Hall** for our Soup Supper. A special "Thank You!" to the Parish Council, the Women's Group, and the Knights of Columbus for taking turns to host the soup suppers.

Immediately following the Parish Mission will be our **Parish Penance Service** from **7:30 - 8:30 PM** (on **Thursday, Dec. 20th**). If you've not yet had a chance to make a confession this Advent, I encourage you to do so. We will have several visiting priests with us for confessions. An Examination of Conscience has been included in this bulletin to help us prepare for our Penance Service and to make a good confession. As St. Alphonsus Liguori once said: "You will feel more happy at having confessed your sins than if you had been made monarch of the whole world."

### Reflection on the Third Sunday of Advent

Today, the Church celebrate *Gaudete* Sunday. The word *Gaudete* is Latin for "Rejoice" and is the first word of the Entrance Antiphon of our Mass today, which states: "Rejoice in the Lord always; Again, I say, rejoice! Indeed, the Lord is near" (Phil. 4:4-5). This Sunday serves as our reminder that, though we walk now in a penitential season, this season will soon give way to one of great rejoicing. Advent is always meant to prepare us for and lead us to the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ. For the same reason, the priest wears rose today, which mixes the violet of Advent, a penitential color, with the gold of Christmas, a color of joy.

This call to rejoice is even reflected in our readings today. In our first reading (Zep. 3:14-18), the prophet Zephaniah calls Israel to be ready to rejoice when God restores Jerusalem. Israel has fallen away from the Lord through idol-worship and Zephaniah prophesies the judgment that Israel will face for their transgressions. This prophecy finds its fulfillment in the Babylonian Exile and the destruction of Jerusalem that comes shortly after Zephaniah's ministry in the 6th Century BC. But, as Zephaniah concludes his prophecy, the Lord will restore Jerusalem and return Israel to the Promised Land. For this, they are to rejoice, or, as the Psalmist says, to "cry out with joy and gladness."

This joy is again seen in our second reading (Phil 4:4-7) as St. Paul exhorts the Philippians to trust in the Lord always. As St. Paul is himself writing from prison, awaiting trial for preaching the Gospel, his calls to trust in the Lord are not simply words, but a lived example. How to live out this trust in our lives is found our Gospel today (Luke 3:10-18). St. John the Baptist, attracting crowds by his authentic witness and his message of repentance, calls us to live lives in service to each other. The crowds, excited by St. John, hear his call and recognize that the time of the Messiah is near. St. John's message is not extraordinary by any means, but is a reminder that this life is not our end. Instead, we live not for this life, but for life in the world to come. This means living for one another and not for ourselves. How will we spend the remainder of our Advent season giving the gift of our time, talent, and treasure to those around us? - *Fr. David*



**Our Love & Prayers Go Out To...** Bud & Sharon Miller, Genevieve Lohmuller, Becky Biberstein, Fern Britton, Evelyn Morrissey, Betty Meyer, David Carr, Ronnie & Bonnie Burns, Michael Green, Rick Cotterman, Frances Carr, Kelsey Peters, Tom Richhart, Carol Lochtefeld, Priscilla Rhodes, Tom Williams, Betty Anderson and John R. Smith.

**Just a friendly reminder...**

### SOUP'S ON!

Don't miss the last Advent Parish Mission - The Three Symbolic Gifts, this Thursday evening, December 20; gather for a soup dinner in the Social Hall at 6:00p.m. and stay for the Advent Parish Mission at 7:00p.m.

**Advent Reconciliation-** Confessions will be offered from 7:30-8:30 p.m., for your convenience, there will be several Priests to hear confessions.

### AM I ALL IN?

**2019 Rekindle the Fire Men's Conference**  
**Saturday, February 16, 2019**  
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Registration forms and more information may be found in the narthex. You may also register on line at [REKINDLETHEFIRE.NET](http://REKINDLETHEFIRE.NET).



Thank you to every one who supported Karing for Kids- Angel Tree Project, you made a difference in the lives of many kids/families this year. Also, through your generosity, a monetary donation of \$500.00 was given through the St. Vincent de Paul Fund and also coats from the Knights of Columbus pancake/sausage breakfast. Rhonda O'Reilly and Karing for Kids appreciated your generosity very much!

### From Death To New Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of Patricia R. 'Pat' McCord, mother of Karen (Dan) York who died Friday, December 7, 2018 and Valetta (Batt) Keeterle, sister of Ginny (Mike) Fenstermaker, who died Sunday, December 9, 2018,

May God welcome them home, fill them with peace and bless those who will miss them.


Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord, and let Perpetual light shine upon them. May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in Peace. Amen.

### PARISH CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 2018


- Sun., Dec. 16 - Juice/Milk & Donuts after 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Masses served by the Knights of Columbus
- Thurs., Dec. 20 - Advent Parish Mission- Enjoy a bowl of soup at 6:00 in the Social Hall and stay for the Parish Mission: The Three Symbolic Gifts - Myrrh, Symbol of Death - 7:00 p.m. Church - \* **Confessions immediately following- 7:30-8:30 p.m.**
- The Parish Office will be closed December 24 through December 28; will be open Monday, December 31 and closed January 1; then open January 2 . . .
- Mon., Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Family Mass- 5:00 p.m.
- Mon., Dec. 24 - St. Joseph Choir Christmas Concert- 9:30 p.m.
- Mon., Dec. 24 - Christmas Night Mass- 10:00 p.m.
- Tues., Dec. 25 - Christmas Mass- 9:00 a.m.
- Mon., Dec. 31 - Vigil Mass of Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God Mass- 5:00 p.m.
- Tues., Jan. 1- Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God Masses- 7:30 & 10:00 a.m.

### WEEKEND OF December 22/23 , 2018


#### CANTORS:

 **5:00** Larry Leitz  
**7:30** Mike Morrissey  
**10:00** Nancy Leitz


#### LECTORS:

 **5:00** Glenn Ryan  
**7:30** Geoff Frank  
**10:00** Patti Clark-Johnson


#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

 **5:00** Kevin or Jessica Seago, Linda Huseman, John Horn  
**7:30** Dave Gruss, Jill Morrissey, Sherry Makowski  
**10:00** Tammi Helm, Sandy Smythe, Rick Singer, Diana Cole, Ann Reifsteck

#### MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

 **5:00** Volunteers  
**7:30** Dan/Sarah McCorkle  
**10:00** Dan/Larisa Sudhoff, Mike/Brenden Kobryn

#### SERVERS:

 **5:00** Wyatt Girod, McKenna McNabb, Volunteer  
**7:30** Clayton Vachon, Jacqueline/Phillip Mayer  
**10:00** Catherine Crawfis, Eve/Gabe McElhaney

#### Collection for Weekend of December 8/9, 2018

Adult Envelopes- \$3,708.00  
 Child Envelopes-\$34.50  
 Loose- \$231.00  
 Religious Ed. Fund- \$60.00  
 Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$80.00  
 Christmas Flowers- \$567.00  
 Immaculate Conception- \$856.30  
 Votive Candles- \$60.80  
 St. Joseph CCW Reimb- \$40.00

**Total- \$5,637.60**

#### The amount needed each week to make budget is \$5,116.40.

We are \$27.16 ahead of our monthly budget.

#### Other Collections within our Parish:

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$25.00  
 Mass Intentions- \$20.00

#### Diocesan Special Collections:

Religious Retirement- \$661.00

*Thank you for your gifts to St. Joseph's!*



### TRAINED MINISTERS NEEDED!

Trained Ministers are still needed for the upcoming Masses of the Christmas Season. If you are able to help, please sign up to help minister for the Mass you are planning to attend. The sheet is in the narthex. Thank you!

**No Religious Education Classes/ Christmas Break**  
**Sunday, December 23 and Sunday, December 30, 2018**  
**Classes resume Sunday, January 6, 2019**



### ALL DAY ADORATION

#### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursday, January 3, 2019 - 8:30a.m. - 7:00 p.m. /  
 Litany of the Eucharist/Benediction- 6:45 p.m. /  
 Mass at 7:00 p.m. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex and come spend an hour with Jesus in quiet prayer.

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"It is necessary to confess our sins to those to whom the dispensation of God's mysteries is entrusted. Those doing penance of old are found to have done it before the saints. It is written in the Gospel that they confessed their sins to John the Baptist [Matt. 3:6], but in Acts [19:18] they confessed to the apostles" St. Basil the Great (374 AD).



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