

## Mass Intentions for the Week

- 12/1 Mon 9:00 AM Alfredine Duguay  
By Ellen & Dave Reuter
- 12/2 Tues 9:00 AM Alfredine Duguay  
By Terry & Gene Walsh
- 12/3 Wed 9:00 AM Alfredine Duguay  
By Lou Palombo
- 12/4 Thurs 9:00 AM Alfredine Duguay  
By Knights of Columbus
- 12/5 Fri 9:00 AM Communion Service
- 12/6 Sat 4:00 PM Anne Schuck  
By The Family
- 12/7 Sun 10:30 AM Mark Granan  
By Jasmine, Izaiah, Baine

### Advent Wreath

There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule for the lighting of the Advent Wreath. Individuals or families are invited to come on the altar at the start of Mass to light the candle. Please see Father Ben if you have questions.

### Diocesan Appeal 2026 - Update

If you have not received your Diocesan Appeal mailing at home, there are envelopes at each of the exits for you to use to make your pledge/donation. Our assessment increased \$8,658.00 this year to \$19,152.00. We have collected as of 11/19/25 \$11,093.00. Please prayerfully consider how you can support Sacred Heart in meeting our assessment. Please be aware that all donations to the Diocesan Appeal should be mailed Directly to Albany. Donations are no longer processed through individual parishes.

### The Giving Tree

All gifts must be returned no later than Monday Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> so that distribution of gifts may begin. Thank you for your generosity!

### Strengthen your Marriage Prep Program

An online course covering Pre-Cana, Natural Family Planning, Relationship Assessment, & Enrichment. For more information please see flyer in vestibule.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent: Stay Awake: Live in Expectation.**

With Advent upon us, we enter a new liturgical year, a season of beginnings, promises, and grace. Advent invites us into hopeful waiting and joyful expectation. It gently calls us to pause, to slow down, to watch, and to wait with open hearts for Christ, who comes to bring hope, peace, joy, and love into our lives.

Today's scriptures remind us to live with hope, attentiveness, and love. Isaiah, in the first reading, offers a vision of unity and peace, proclaiming that all nations stream to the mountain of the Lord to learn His ways. His prophetic invitation is clear and profound: "Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord." It is a summons to step out of darkness and into God's radiant light.

The responsorial psalm echoes this joy, reminding us that true joy is found not in possessions or fleeting pleasures, but in God's presence, where peace and communion flourish.

In the second reading, Saint Paul urges us to wake from our sleep, for our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. He calls us to cast off the works of darkness and clothe ourselves on the armor of light, so our lives may be pleasing to God.

Jesus, in the Gospel, warns us to stay awake, for we do not know on which day the Son of Man will come. He recalls the days of Noah, when many ignored the signs and were swept away by the flood. In the same way, daily concerns and trivial pursuits can blind us to God's presence and voice. We, too, must guard against complacency and distraction, lest we miss the quiet ways God comes into our lives. Advent sharpens our spiritual vision. It teaches us to walk in the light, and to welcome Christ whenever He comes.

As we bless and light the first candle of the Advent Wreath, we are reminded of our Christian vocation: to be a light shining in the darkness, keeping hope alive in the hearts of those we encounter each day. This first candle is the candle of hope, hope that sustains us, strengthens us, and leads us toward Christ.

Let us ask the God of love and mercy to help us grow in His grace and holiness. May we remain steadfast in hope, vigilant in faith, and ready to welcome His coming again. And may these Advent candles pierce the darkness of our world and our lives, whispering hope, peace, joy, and love to every human heart.

Have a blessed and fruitful holy season!

**Fr. Dr. Ben**

### Operating Expenses

We did not meet our goal last week for operations expense. Your contributions continue to help us to meet the needs of the Sacred Heart Parish. Your generous gifts are deeply appreciated!

## Weekend of December 6 & 7, 2025

First Reading- Isaiah 11:1-10

Second Reading- Romans 15:4-9

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

### **Saturday 4:00 PM**

**Celebrant:**

Father Ben

**Lector:**

Jane Artis

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Dorothy Yaiser, Carole Ostrander, Gene Walsh

**Altar Servers**

### **Sunday 10:30AM**

Father Ben

Bill Babbage

Lorraine Keckeisen, Kathy Saludo, Kristin Reuter

Ayla Gronwall, Gabriel Harris

Offerings from Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025: Regular, \$1842.00; Campaign for Human Development, \$295.00; Votives, \$21.00

## Second Sunday of Advent



### **Religious Education 2025-2026**

Classes for Pre-K-10<sup>th</sup> grade

12/7	9:00-10:30 AM - Second Sunday of Advent
12/14	9:00-10:30 AM – Third Sunday of Advent
12/21	9:00-10:30 AM – Fourth Sunday of Advent
12/28	No Classes – Christmas Break

### **Penance Service**

Join us for our our Advent Penance service on Sunday Dec.7@4:00P.M. to encounter the power of God's love and mercy.

### **Advent Zoom**

Joseph, Husband of Mary  
Tuesdays, Dec. 2, 9, 16, & 23  
10AM to Noon in the Parish Center  
Please contact Paula in the Faith Formation office to register 607-563-7066. Fee is based on how many attend.

### **Daily Mass**

As we have done in previous winters, to conserve our fuel oil expense, Mass will be held in the Chapel in the Parish Center. The heat will be turned down in the church but it will continue to be open for private prayer and devotion.

### **Reverse Advent Calendar**

There is an insert in this week's bulletin as we have done in previous years. There is a food item for each day that can be donated to our local food bank. All donations can be left in the basket in the vestibule. Thank you for your generosity.

### **2026 Calendars**

Calendars are available to be picked up at each of the exits after Mass. Thank you to C.H. Landers and Mirabito Energy Products for generously sponsoring our 2025 calendars.

### **Mass Intentions**

The 2026 Mass Intention book has arrived. If you have Masses that you would like scheduled for 2025 please call or stop by the office or send your requests in writing to the Parish Office.

### **November Bulletin Quotes**

"In addition to enshrining pro-life laws and policies, the transformation of our culture also requires continual conversion of our own hearts, so that we can recognize in every person the face of Christ and place their needs before our own."

*Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Chair of the USCCB  
Committee on Pro-Life Activities  
"Living Radical Solidarity"*

### **Question of the Week**

**Key Passage:** Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. (Romans 13:12b)

**Adult Question:** What will you do during Advent so that others can see that you have put on the light of Jesus Christ?

**Child Question:** What will you do during Advent so that the others can see the light of Jesus in you?

### **Christmas Flowers**

In your packet of envelopes there is one for Christmas Flowers. There are envelopes available in the vestibule if you do not use offertory envelopes. Donations can be made in honor or memory of your loved ones by writing their name(s) on the back of the envelope. A list of names that flowers are given in memory of will be in the Christmas bulletin. Please place your envelopes in the collection basket.

### **Wisdom of the Saints**

A single act of pure loves pleases Me  
more than a thousand imperfect prayers.

*~ St. Faustina (from a vision of Jesus)*

### **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Patronal fest day of the United States of America  
December 8, 2025. This feast is a holy day of obligation.  
Our schedule for this holy day will be in next week's bulletin.

**Please pray for the following people, who have requested our prayers:** Gussie Shifflett, Joe LaFave, Ginni Roe, Gabi Bakeman, Kimberlee Roe, Kevin, Michael Bell, Barbara Bennett, Grady Charles Weigand, Daniel Rickard, Mark & Andrea, Kim Sumski, Dorothy Kashuda, Alyson Sabillon, Linda Falk, Debra Barnard, Diane, Bonnie La Voie, Doug Williams, Faith Williams, Don Butler, Debra Patterson, Ed Nicol, Dawn Maruszewski, Carey, Madlyn Sumski, Alex Roberts, Paul J. Hamilton, Sr., Mary Munetz, Jazmiers Moore, Bruce Allen, Kimberly Basket, David Rivera, Jackie Bargher, Matthew Baxter Darline Smith, Joseph Dermody, Alice Anderson, Sandy Kemp, George Walters Lorraine Keckeisen, Maria LaBar, Patrick, John McCann, Natalie Stone, Marian Heeps, Mary Kolermous, Terri Cristofaro, Liliana, Nancy Daugherty, Mark Moratwe, Sharon Guenther, Kira Cronk, Terry Yackel, Jack Yackel, Jim Mylotte, Alice Walters, Rev. Steve Deckard, Terry Nicolini, Nick Gibson, Andy Woods, Bob Jenks, Jane, Dolores Storzinger, Alexis Spencer, Ines Warlock, Susan Chidester, Bob Oliver, Rose LoCasci, Eugene & Yvonne Cutler, Timothy Bell, Ruth Glaum, Holly North, Dixy Pflug, Celeste Hartman, Aidan Burns, Bill, James Jennings, Marge Suriano, Marlena Keath, Marian Agyemang, Frank Holley, Nicholas Gaedeke, Gary Maraia, Rachel Feyh, Marge LaFave, Olivia Ross & family, Joe Maggio, Eric Roll, Barbara Haynes, Renee Joseph, Susan Pondolfino, Charlie Washburn, James Rattrie, Sean Granan, Marge Ramsey, Beverly Pierce, Fran Groshans, Marion Kiselic, a dear friend, Pat Nabinger, James Stanley, Chris Smith, Pat Elbrecht, Bonnie De Salvo, Lori White, Ellen Reuter, Jaxson Beadle, Francis Duguay, Joan Rice, John MacDonald, Rowan DeCocker, Stephanie Soldinger, Bonnie Tabone, Daniel, John Gilmore, Will Sterchak, Donna Khan, Anthony Barber, Jr., Payton Lakin, Joan & Tony Barber, Mathias Mietzelfeld, Maggie Hoffman, Marybeth Modinger, Jacqueline Richardson, Celeste Aber, Teri Frallich, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Bill Babbage, Sarah Pressler, Bobbie August, Chris West, Dawn Cronin, Stephen, Josephine Materazzo, Avery Maggio, Barb & Jerry Patrick, Paisley Halbert, John MacDonald, Anne Klopchin, Gloria Parsons, Anthony Naple

**Please Note:** All names will remain on our list and will be prayed for unless our office is notified to remove an individual