



Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

- 12-5 Mon 9:00 AM Anna Schuck
By Carole Ostrander
- 12-6 Tues 9:00 AM In Honor of Clare Sterchak's
94th Birthday
By Gabrielle Stillman &
Jean McKilligan
- 12-7 Wed 9:00 AM Alicia Consuelo
By Alex
- Feast of the Immaculate Conception**
- 12-8 Thurs 9:00 AM William Dashner 1st
Anniversary of death
By Anna Lucas
- 5:30 PM All Parishioners
- 12-9 Fri 9:00 AM Communion Service
- 12-10 Sat 5:30 PM Father Joe
By Bob VanVorvis
- 12-11 Sun 8:30 AM Father Joe
By Marge Suriano
- Sun 10:30AM Father Joe
By Ray & Lorraine
Keckeisen

Second Sunday of Advent

We are in the second week of our advent journey still preparing ourselves spiritually to welcome the Lord into our lives and our world. We continue to sit in solitude seeking calmness and peace in God's presence through contemplative prayer and meditation.

Today we light the two purple candles of the Advent Wreath symbolizing our longing for hope and peace in our lives and the world around us

We pray that amidst the challenges and struggles of life this sacred season will bring us to place our hope in God's promises for our lives.

The scripture readings for today's liturgy bring us words of consolation and hope.

The readings call us to trust in God's faithfulness and covenant love. They also challenge us to repent from our sins and strive to live in peace and harmony with one another.

In the first reading, we hear about the messianic age, a future full of peace and the knowledge of God. The prophet Isaiah foretold that a shoot shall come out of the stump of Jesse and a righteous branch shall sprout from its roots (Isaiah 11:1).

He gave a powerful image of the messianic age saying that it will bring harmony in creation and among all peoples. In this new age, enemies will learn to live together in love and peace. Wild creatures will cease to be a threat or danger to each other. Wolf and lamb, leopard and young goat, calf and loin will lovingly hang out together. The description of the messianic age is so appealing. It is what every good Christian and people of goodwill hopes for our troubled world, that it will be renewed in God's Spirit so goodness will triumph over evil. Unfortunately, our world continues to be racked with hatred, injustice, conflict, war, violence, suffering and darkness.

Something is required of each one of us to help make a difference in the world. God will bring us his peaceful kingdom but the time to start working toward that vision is now and it starts with me and you called to do that work. You and I need to be God's messengers and instruments bringing his love, compassion, reconciliation, forgiveness, justice and peace to our homes, families, our community and our world. Saint Paul prays for us in this Christian vocation that we will strive to live in peace and harmony with each other and welcome one another. In the second reading, Saint Paul exhorts us to be tolerant of one another, to be non-judgmental and more benevolent so we can be united in mind and heart to build God's kingdom on earth. In the gospel, Mathew brings us to the Jordan bank where we hear the voice of John the Baptist announcing the message of repentance, conversion, and renewal. John the Baptist fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah. He was the voice that cried out in the desert calling people to prepare the way of the Lord and make straight his paths (Isa 40:3). His message was clear and loud: "Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand."

John the Baptist is our advent voice calling us to examine our lives and change for the better.

All of us know the reality of sin in our lives. God's message comes to challenge us to face the truth in ourselves and see the evil that enslaves us. Let us allow his word to enlighten us to see the areas in our lives that need transformation. This advent let us seek to move in a new and a better direction and bear fruit as evidence of repentance. Let us realign our will to God's purpose and vision for our lives and so grow in his grace and holiness.

God bless,
Fr. Ben

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, December 8

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is this Thursday, December 8th. The Masses for this holy day of obligation will be celebrated at 9:00 AM and 5:30 PM. All are encouraged to attend Mass. Thank you.

Annual Seminarian Fund Drive

The Knights of Columbus are holding their Annual Seminarian Fund Drive this weekend, December 3rd & 4th at all Masses. Please prayerfully consider supporting the Knights in this fund drive. Thank you.

Daily Mass is now being held in the Chapel in the Parish Center. Holy Days and weekend Masses will continue to be held in the church.

The Rosary Society is meeting on December 14th after the 9:00 AM Mass. Members are asked to bring a donation for the Food Bank and/or BirthRight to the meeting. All members are encouraged to attend.

Weekend of December 10th & 11th, 2022

First Reading-Isaiah 35:1-6, 10

Saturday 5:30 PM

Celebrant: Fr. Ben

Lector: Chris Berkeley-Hartjen

Eucharistic Ministers Jane Artis

Altar Servers: Brock & Easton Porter

Second Reading-James 5:7-10

Sunday 8:30 AM

Fr. Ben

Phyllis Blincoe

Pat Tartaglia

Ayla, Quinn & Liam Gronwall

Third Sunday of Advent

Gospel-Matthew 11:2-11

Sunday 10:30AM

Fr. Ben

Judy Roldan

Kathy Saludo

Anderson & Garret Callender

Offerings of November 19th & 20th, 2022 Regular, \$2,037.00; Fuel, \$925.00; Building Maintenance, \$245.00; Christmas, \$50.00; Evangelist, \$20.00; Campaign for Human Development, \$25.00; Immaculate Conception, \$15.00; Christmas Flowers, \$55.00



December 4th - Classes for Pre-K-10th grade 9:20-10-20 AM
 December 11th - Classes for Pre-K-10th grade 9:20-10-20 AM
 December 18th - Classes for Pre-K-10th grade 9:20-10-20 AM
 Communal Penance Service 4:00 PM

The weekend of November 26th & 27th, 2022 the regular collection, Christmas and Immaculate Conception amounted to \$2,102.00. Each week the parish needs \$2,736.00 to meet the budget. Last weekend, the regular collection was \$699.00 below our budget. Since July 1, 2022, we have collected \$54,683.00, which is \$5,767.00 below budget.



Lighting of Advent Wreath

We invite individuals and families that would like to light our advent wreath at weekend Masses

to please sign-up after Mass. A sign-up sheet is posted in the vestibule. Thank you.

Thank you to everyone who has responded so far to our special fuel/insurance collection.



We have collected \$11,980.00 as of Wednesday, November 30, 2022! Sacred Heart is truly a generous beyond measure family!



Christmas Flowers

In your packet of envelopes there is one for Christmas flowers and there are envelopes 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 bulletin a future date. Please place your envelopes in the collection basket.

Friends Near Me Grief Support Group

All those experiencing grief and loss this Holiday season are invited to a support group that will meet at the Community Cultural Center on Monday, December 5th and 19th at 7:00 PM. The cost is free but donations are accepted. Contact Beatrice Bishop for more information at 607-563-3531

December Bulletin Quotes

"Jesus calls each of us to 'care for the other as a person for whom God has made us responsible' (EV 87). ...The encyclical The Gospel of Life recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty and malnutrition to murder and war. Particular emphasis, however, is placed on threats to life at its beginning and end—precisely when it is most in need of protection. In modern times, children in their mothers' wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the 'least of these' in our world's estimation."

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Our assessment for 2022-2023 is \$14,944.00. To date \$11,332.00 in pledges and donations have been received by the Diocese. Thank you for your continued support of the Diocesan Appeal.



Gift tags for the Giving Tree have arrived! You can pick up your tag at the church weekdays between 9:00am and 3:00pm or after weekend Masses. Gifts should be placed in a gift bag or shopping bag with the tag attached. Please DO NOT wrap your gifts. All gifts must be returned to the church or parish office no later than Thursday, December 8 at 3:00pm. If you would like your gift picked up or you have any questions please call Pat Smith at 607-563-3118.

Upcoming December Meetings and Events

All meetings are held in the Parish Center unless

- Dec 6 Advent Scripture Study 10AM-12 PM
- Dec 13 Advent Scripture Study 10AM-12 PM
- Dec 14 Rosary Society meeting after 9:00 AM Mass
- Dec 15 Finance Council 6:30 PM
- Dec 17 Knights of Columbus Christmas Party
- Dec 18 Communal Penance Service 4:00 PM in church
- Dec 19 Knights of Columbus meeting 6:30 PM
- Dec 20 Advent Scripture Study 10AM-12 PM

Please pray for the following people, who have requested our prayers: Avery Maggio, Gussie Shifflett, Steve Pickwick, Joe LaFave, Terry Dermody, Ginni Roe, Gabi Bakeman, Bettye Pete George Mertz, Kimberlee Roe, Grady Charles Weigand, Kevin, Michael Bell, Barbara Bennett, Daniel Rickard, Andre' Lundstrom, Mark & Andrea, Kim Sumski, Elaine Ferretti, Dorothy Kashuda, Alyson Sabillon, Linda Falk, Jake Delay, 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., Ray & Mary Munetz, Jazmers Moore, Bruce Allen, Kimberly Basket, David Rivera, Jackie Bargher, Matthew Baxter, Darline Smith, Daniel, Joseph Dermody, Alice Anderson, Jeremy Matviak, Sandy Kemp, George Walters, Lorraine Keckeisen, Maria LaBar, Jane Artis, Kathryn Wickham, Frannie Robinson Patrick, John McCann, Natalie Stone, Mary Kolermous, Clare Sterchak, Terry Cristofaro, Joan Kaiser, Nancy Daugherty, Mark Morotwe, Sharon Guenther, Kira Cronk, Liliana, Terry Yackel, Fr. Hearn, Jack Yackel, Marian Heeps, Alice Walters, Mariah Pierce, Rev. Steve Deckard, Terry Nicolini, Tammy Byrnes, Nick Gibson, Andy Woods, Bob Jenks, Jane, Dolores Storzinger, Alexis Spencer, Susan Chidester, Sandy Grooms, Agatha Trikourr, Maureen Joy, Ines Warlock, Alyce Hopkins, Bob Oliver, Mark Granan, Eugene & Yvonne Cutler, Rose LoCasci, Timothy Bell, Jamie Mathewson, Barb Doyle, Ruth Glaum, Tom DeMulder, Holly North, Jim Mylotte, Natalia Ciborowski, Dixy Pflug, Maryann Cottrell, Tony & Lila Donnolo, Stefanie Smith, Celeste Hartman John Alksnis, Sarah Pressler, Aidan Burns, Bill, Alicen Knapp Feroletto, Assunta Siniscalchi, Tina Klein, Leon Matthews, James Jennings, Marge Suriano, Marian Agyemang, Marlena Keath, Frank Holley, Nicholas Gaedeke, Pat Hamilton, Amanda Maggio, Alfredine Duguay, Gary Maraia, Rachel Feyh, Mike Andersen, Marge LaFave, Denise Dinato, Theresa Horton, Olivia Ross & family, Joe Maggio, Steve Barber, Anne Terzo, Eric Roll, Regina Mathewson, Vicki Czapnik, Paul McCarthy, Barbara Haynes, Jess Johansen, Tasha, Renee Joseph, Susan Pandolfino, Margaret O'Hara, Sean Granan, Charlie Washburn, Father Gordon, Marge Ramsey, Beverly Pierce, Mary Cittadino, Fran Groshans, Marion Kiselica, a dear friend, Tony Barber, Jr., Bonnie Tabone, Anne Powell, Father Peter, John Miller, Pat Nabinger, Jenne Barber, Maty Weishan, Ed Abbott

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

