



Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

12-19	Mon	9:00 AM	All Deceased Parishioners
12-20	Tues	9:00 AM	Peg McKilligan By Charlie & Jean McKilligan
12-21	Wed	9:00 AM	Jim Suriano By Joe & MaryAnn Tokarowski
12-22	Thurs	9:00 AM	Jim Suriano By Rosary Society
12-23	Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service Christmas Eve
12-24	Sat	5:00 PM	Theresa Pickens By her family
	Sat.	7:30 PM	Madeline DeFalco Franzo By Joseph L. Franzo
			Christmas Day
12-25	Sun	9:00 AM	Jim Suriano By the family

Christmas Sign-up for Eucharistic Ministers
A Eucharistic Minister for the 9:00 AM Christmas Day Mass is still needed. If you are available to serve please sign up in the vestibule. Thank you!



Communal Advent Reconciliation Service

The celebration of the Communal Advent Reconciliation Service will take place on this Sunday, December 18th at 4:00 PM in the church. There will not be individual confessions at this service. Individual confessions are always available on Saturday afternoons from 4:30 to 5:00 PM. Please do not miss out on this wonderful opportunity to encounter the Lord in prayer, in his saving word and the sacrament of reconciliation. All are encouraged to attend!

There has been a delay in the delivery of church envelopes. Cathedral is working to process our order as quickly as possible. They are sending temporary envelopes for our use. They will be available in the vestibule when they arrive.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Has someone ever disrupted your plans? How did you feel? What did you do? Did you stick to your plan or abandon yours to follow the person's direction? Interruptions come to all of us in small and big ways. Sometimes they come to redirect our lives and for our good and the good of others. Joseph and Mary had their share of this human experience. God interrupted their plans to fulfill his divine plan of salvation for the human race.

Joseph and Mary were a young couple who had a wonderful plan for their future. They were engaged to each other and looking forward to marrying and starting a good family life. But God had a different dream in mind for them. He needed Joseph and Mary to play a part in the history of human salvation. God chose Mary, a virgin to bring forth the Savior, the long expected messiah to the world. She said yes to the Lord's message through the Angel Gabriel.

Today's gospel recounts how Joseph handled the unexpected change in his plans after learning that Mary was with child. Mary's pregnancy threw Joseph into confusion and anguish.

He had every right to throw his dream wife under the bus and publicly disgrace her but he responded graciously. As a righteous, good and kind man, Joseph decided to divorce Mary quietly. Such was his intention when God appeared to him in a dream through an Angel Gabriel to set the record straight. God's Angel told Joseph to not be afraid to take Mary as his wife for the pregnancy was not by a man but rather by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Joseph opened his heart to God's message and he took Mary into his home as his wife. He and Mary showed themselves as humble and obedient servants of God. This young couple had their freewill to reject God's plan and stick to their dream but they chose to not walk that road. Joseph and Mary allowed God to redirect their plans. They understood interruptions as opportunities for God to redirect our lives. They trusted that God has our best interest at heart.

What good lessons do we take from the example of Joseph and Mary? Are we receptive to God's voice?

Sometimes we get confronted with a choice on matters of faith, morals and justice. Do we act like Joseph and Mary? Do we wholeheartedly follow God's prompting in our choices or ignore his voice?

Do we trust in human capacities or abilities more than God? Do we allow fear to prevent us from trusting in God's plan and will for our lives?

In the first reading, king Ahaz of Judah allowed fear to overcome him and made him anxious and despaired. Fear moved king Ahaz to place his hope in the military power of Assyria rather than on God.

Even when the prophet Isaiah dissuaded king Ahaz to remain firm in the Lord he did not change his mind. He rejected God's message to ask for a sign. Nonetheless, God promised to redeem king Ahaz and his people. He gave him a sign that the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and name him Emmanuel, which means God is with us.

God's promise and plan of salvation for the whole human race became a reality through the gracious cooperation of Joseph and Mary. They surrendered their plan and dream in order to be a part of God's bigger plan for all of us. Like them, let us continue to submit ourselves to God and strive each day to live in accordance with his holy will so through our good example others may come to know the Lord and walk in his ways. Enjoy the last week of your advent journey and I am looking forward to seeing you and all your loved ones this Christmas.

God bless,
Fr. Ben

Weekend of December 24th & 25th, 2022

First Reading-Isaiah 7:10-14

Saturday 5:00 PM

Celebrant: Fr. Ben

Lector: Bill Babbage

Eucharistic Ministers Paula Ciborowski

Altar Servers:

Second Reading-Romans 1:1-7

Saturday 7:30 PM

Fr. Ben

Kathy Saludo

Kristin Reuter

Please sign up with Father Ben

Nativity of the Lord-Christmas

Gospel-Matthew 1:18-24

Sunday 9:00AM

Fr. Ben

Ginni Brandt

Offerings of December 10th & 11th, 2022 Regular, \$1,895.00; Fuel, \$30.00; Building Maintenance, \$60.00; Evangelist, \$18.00; Immaculate Conception, \$656.00; Christmas Flowers, \$463.00; Christmas, \$10.00; Human Development, \$10.00



December 18th- Classes for Pre-K-10th grade 9:20-10:20 AM
Communal Penance Service 4:00 PM
December 25th & January 1st- **No Classes**

The weekend of December 10rd & 11th, 2022 the regular collection, Christmas and Immaculate Conception amounted to \$2,561.00. The budget for the regular collection is \$2,736.00. Last weekend, the regular collection was \$841.00 below our budget. Since July 1, 2022, we have collected \$58,948.00, which is \$7,081.00 below budget.

Thank you to everyone who has responded so far to our special fuel/insurance collection. We have collected \$14,670.00 as of Wednesday, December 7, 2022! Sacred Heart is truly a generous beyond measure family!



Prayer Shawl Ministr. Christmas Gifts
Are you looking for a gift for the person who has everything? Maybe a prayer shawl is the gift you are looking for. There is no charge for a shawl but donations are always appreciated. Contact Joan Barber at 607-563-1392 to get a shawl for someone special.



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 at a future date. Please place your envelopes in the collection basket.

If you took the tray that had angels on it home last weekend, please return it. The owner of the tray would like it back. The tray was on the table in the vestibule. In the future to avoid mishaps, items that are free to take will be labeled "Free". Thank You!

December Bulletin Quotes

"O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free."
USCCB, "Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita"



Our assessment for 2022-2023 is \$14,944.00. To date \$13,472.00 in pledges and donations have been received by the Diocese. We are just \$1,472.00 away from reaching our assessment! Thank you for your continued support of the Diocesan Appeal.

Upcoming December Meetings and Events

All meetings are held in the Parish Center unless otherwise noted

- Dec 18 Communal Penance Service in church 4:00 PM
- Dec 19 Knights of Columbus meeting 6:30 PM
- Dec 20 Advent Scripture Study 10AM-12 PM



Thank you to everyone who helped with the Granan bereavement luncheon. Whether you helped set up, prepared food, help serve or cleanup your time and efforts are greatly appreciated!



Thank you for your overwhelming support of the giving tree. 64 area children will have a brighter Christmas because of your generosity. May the joy you bring to the children also be your gift throughout Advent and Christmas.



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, Dan 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, Eugene & Yvonne Cutler, Rose LoCasco, 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, Marlena Keath, Marian Agyemang, Frank Holley, Nicholas Gaedeke, Pat Hamilton, Amanda Maggio, Alfredine Duguay, Gary Maraia, Rachel Feyh, Mike Andersen, Marge LaFave, Denise Dinato, Joe Maggio, Theresa Horton, Olivia Ross & Family, Steve Barber, Anne Terzo, Eric Roll, Regina Mathewson, Vicki Czapnik, Paul McCarthy, Barbara Haynes, Jess Johansen, Tasha, Renee Joseph, Susan Pondolfino, Margaret O'Hara, Sean Granan, Charlie Washburn, Father Gordon, Marge Ramsey, Beverly Pierce, Mary Cittadino, Fran Groshans, Marion Kiselica, a dear friend, Bonnie Tabone, Anne Powell, Father Peter, John Miller, Pat Nabinger, Jenne Barber, Marty Weishan, Ed Abbott, Tony Barber, James Stanley, Chris Smith, Gabriel Rivera

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

