

December 13, 2020

**Third Sunday
Of Advent**



Scripture Readings: Isaiah 61:1-11; Luke 1:46 -54;
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-28

“Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” – 1 Thessalonians 5:16 - 18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. “Rejoice always” means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. “Pray constantly” means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. “Give thanks in all circumstances” means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

**Liturgical Assignments
December 19/20**

	Lector	Extraordinary Minister
4:30 p.m.	Matthew Ball	
9:00 a.m.	Shane McDonald	
	Altar Servers	
4:30 p.m.	David & John Paul Goettmoeller	
9:00 a.m.	Aaden Pearce / Sean Koch	
Weekday		

Money Counters: Rhonda Christie / Nancy Teschner

Sacrificial Offerings to God

December 5/6	\$ 18,645.00
Envelopes	
Plate	116.00
Votives	87.50
Repair/Utility Fund	800.00
Misc.	1,220.00
TOTAL	\$20,868.50

*Average Weekly Offertory
Needed* **\$14,360.00**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This weekend the second collection will be taken up for the annual **Retirement Fund for Religious**.

MORE CONFESSION TIMES before Christmas:

THU & FRI, DEC 17th & 18th – 6PM
MON & TUE, DEC 21st & 22nd - 6PM

CATHOLICISM - RCIA

This year we are showing Bishop Robert Barron’s beautiful video series on the Church. Parishioners are encouraged to attend any class on any given Sunday. We gather in the Casper Erk Rm (parish center) on Sunday mornings at 10:15AM.

DEC 13 – The Indispensable Men: Peter, Paul and the Missionary Adventure – Part 2

DEC 20 – A Body Both Suffering and Glorious: The Mystical Union of Christ and The Church-Part 1

Bishop Barron explores the Catholic Faith’s unique understanding of the relationship of Jesus Christ and the Church and presents the reality of the Church as a truly global culture. From the Church’s center in Rome to the cities of New York, Lagos, Manila, and Rio de Janeiro, Bishop Barron explores the Catholic conviction that the life and presence of Christ continues to embrace humanity in all its joys and sorrows through the presence of the Church.

If you have further questions please contact Josh or Lindsey Bachman by email at lindseybachman@gmail.com.

Church grants plenary indulgence for year of St. Joseph

By Vatican News staff writer

Pope Francis on Tuesday announced a special year dedicated to St. Joseph starting from 8 December 2020 until 8 December 2021, on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of St. Joseph as the Patron of the Universal Church, as well as the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady.

The Apostolic Penitentiary also issued a decree granting special indulgences for the duration of the special year to celebrate the anniversary and “to perpetuate the entrustment of the whole Church to the powerful patronage of the Custodian of Jesus.”

Prayer to St. Joseph

To thee, O blessed Joseph, we have recourse in our affliction, and, having implored the help of thy thrice holy Spouse, we now, with hearts filled with confidence, earnestly beg thee also to take us under thy protection. By that charity wherewith thou wert united to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God, and by that fatherly love with which thou didst cherish the Child Jesus, we beseech thee and we humbly pray that thou wilt look down with gracious eye upon that inheritance which Jesus Christ purchased by His blood, and wilt assist us in our need by thy power and strength. Defend, O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, the chosen offspring of Jesus Christ. Keep from us, O most loving Father, all blight of error and corruption. Aid us from on high, most valiant defender, in this conflict with the powers of darkness. And even as of old thou didst rescue the Child Jesus from the peril of His life, so now defend God’s Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity. Shield us ever under thy patronage, that, following thine example and strengthened by thy help, we may live a holy life, die a happy death, and attain to everlasting bliss in heaven. Amen.



THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

Sunday, December 13	Mass at 7AM (subject to change) Holy Hour /Confessions – 8AM Mass at 9AM (livestream on Facebook) RCIA – 10:15AM, C. Erk Rm Confirmation Class – 10:15AM, School Confessions – 11AM Latin Mass at 11:30AM
Mon.	Confessions – 7:30 to 7:55AM Legion of Mary – 8:30AM, C. Erk Rm Chaplet of Divine Mercy – 3PM, Church
Tues.	Confessions – 7:30 to 7:55AM Rosary/Chaplet of Divine Mercy -5:30PM Holy Hour/Confessions – 6PM Chaplet of Divine Mercy – 3PM, Church
Wed.	Confessions – 7:30 to 7:55AM All School Mass – 8AM Adoration – 9-11AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy – 3PM, Church
Thur.	Confessions – 7:30 to 7:55AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy – 3PM, Church
Fri.	Confessions – 7:30 to 7:55AM Office Closed
Sat.	Confessions – 3:30PM Mass at 4:30PM
Sunday, December 20	Mass at 7AM (subject to change) Holy Hour /Confessions – 8AM Mass at 9AM (livestream on Facebook) RCIA – 10:15AM, C. Erk Rm Confessions – 11AM Latin Mass at 11:30AM

Christmas Memorials - \$15.

Deadline is Monday, December 14^h.

Note: Donations to Christmas memorials go toward the flowers used to decorate the altar for the Christmas season. Remaining donations are put in our operating fund.



**Christmas Novena: Mass + Devotions
December 17 – 25**

Mass will be offered in the Extraordinary Form (traditional Latin Mass) daily from December 17 until December 25 in honor of the Nativity of Our Lord. Following Mass, we will publicly pray the Novena of the Divine Infant.

Thursday December 17	7pm
Friday December 18	7pm
Saturday December 19	8am
Sunday December 20	11:30am
(Fourth Sunday of Advent – normal Mass time)	
Monday December 21	7pm
Tuesday December 22	7pm
(Holy Hour will be slightly shortened)	
Wednesday December 23	7pm
Thursday December 24	6am
Friday December 25	Midnight Mass by candlelight

Confessions will be heard beginning at 6pm prior to the evening Masses only through Tuesday 12/22.



Advent Giving Wreath

Although our wreath is not in the vestibule this year, we have a tradition of donating items to **Birthright**, a local organization that promotes life and helps young mothers. The items they are most in need of are: Size 5 Diapers, Baby Wipes, Enfamil Baby Formula w/iron, Body Wash and Body Lotion. Donations can be left in the vestibule throughout the Advent season.



Please pray for vocations, especially from our parish.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 13

Third Sunday of Advent

7:00 a.m. – *Nold Family*

9:00 a.m. – *Michael & Frances Hernandez, Mary Ann Ellis* ✚

Third (Gaudete) Sunday of Advent

11:30 a.m. (Latin)

Pro Populo

Monday, December 14

St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8 a.m. – *Rev. Evan Patrick Harkins* ✚

Tuesday, December 15

Advent Weekday

8 a.m. – *Bob Betts* ✚

Wednesday, December 16

Advent Weekday

8 a.m. - *Police Officers*

Thursday, December 17

Late Advent Weekday

8 a.m. – *Virginia Girard* ✚

Friday, December 18

Late Advent Weekday

8 a.m. – *Patricia Neumann Clark* ✚

Saturday, December 19

Vigil Mass

4:30 p.m. - *Steve Belz* ✚

Sunday, December 20

Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:00 a.m. – *Jennifer Cox Johnson* ✚

9:00 a.m. – *Laudy & Genny Przybylski* ✚

Fourth Sunday of Advent

11:30 a.m. (Latin)

Pro Populo

(A cross indicates that the Mass intention is for a deceased loved one.)