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request prayers

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Second Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2024



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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Mass 4:00 pm | Confession 3:15-3:45 pm

Sunday Mass 10:00 am | Confession 9:15-9:45 am

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WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

Adoration 11:00 am | Confession 11:30-11:55 am | Mass 12:05 pm



Items for the bulletin need to be turned in by 4:00 pm on Tuesdays

Office Hours:
Monday-Friday
8 am- 4 pm

Food Pantry Hours:
Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs
9 am-Noon and 1-3 pm

Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation Please contact the Parish Office about sacramental preparation, to schedule a Baptism or info on sacrament schedules.

Become Catholic - RCIA We welcome you and are here to help answer all those questions from the call that God is inviting you to follow. Contact the Parish Office.

Marriage Couples planning to marry need to contact the parish office at least 6 months prior to their anticipated wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick Offered first weekend of each month after Masses. To schedule a time for receiving please contact the Parish Office.

A diverse, welcoming and vibrant Catholic community committed to living out the Good News of Jesus Christ through word, sacrament and service.

This Week in the Parish

Sunday 12/8	Monday 12/9	Tuesday 12/10	Wednesday 12/11	Thursday 12/12	Friday 12/13	Saturday 12/14
2nd Sunday Advent Rite of Welcome Confession 9:15-9:45 am Mass 10:00 am Alms Collection Anointing Confession 3:15-3:45 am Mass 4:00 pm	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass 12:05 pm and 5:30 pm Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Food Pantry 9am-12 & 1-3 pm	Food Pantry 9am-12 & 1-3 pm Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 5 pm in the Ministry Center	Food Pantry 9am-12 & 1-3 pm Choir 6:30-8pm	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Mammogram Bus in parking lot 8 am-3 pm Food Pantry 9am-12 & 1-3 pm Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm	Adoration 11 am Confession 11:30-11:55 am Mass 12:05 pm	3:15-3:45 am Mass 4:00 pm

Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2024

First Reading; Zep 3:14-18a
 Second Reading; Phil 4:4-7
 Gospel; Lk 3:10-18

Mass Intentions

Sat. 12/7 4:00 pm	Erin N. O'Daniel
Sun. 12/8 8:00 am	For the parish
10:00 am	Marcella Meredith
4:00 pm	Norbert Niemeier
Mon. 12/9 12:05 pm	Laura Richter and family
Tues. 12/10 12:05 pm	Doris Bush
Thurs 12/12 12:05 pm	Barbara J. Alvey
Fri. 12/13 12:05 pm	Sue Carol Nichols
Sat. 12/14 4:00 pm	For the healing of Pat Barnes
Sun. 12/15 10:00 am	Jack Dills and Family
4:00 pm	Norbert Niemeier
Mon. 12/16 12:05 pm	In Memory of Mike and Patty Deibler
Tues. 12/17 12:05 pm	Audrey McCool
Thurs 12/19 12:05 pm	Eileen Hyde

MASS INTENTION envelopes in church you can fill out and drop in the stewardship basket at Mass, or contact Lee Griggs in the parish office 812-425-1577 or lgriggs@evdio.org.



For the family of Joe Schutte, Jason McBride, Pat Barnes, Pat Kerstiens, Patricia Murphree, Tracy Jones, Mike DiLegge, Keown and Redd families, Stan Logel, Linda Cirillo, Ray Bigge,

Gladys Layne, Bill O'Nan, Helen MacDermott, Cap Berg, Tara Blessinger, Nancy Hamilton, Anne Priestly.

Pray for our loved ones in the Military...

William Russell Staff Sgt. Shaun Nelson
 Lt. Noah Huelsing Gunnery Sgt. Nathan Ulrich
 1st. Lt. Corey Cannon LT Noah Algee

Holy Day of Obligation

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, December 9, 2024: Mass Times: 12:05 pm and 5:30 pm
 Sunday Dec 8, 4 pm Mass will also satisfy the obligation if you have already attended another weekend Mass for the weekend obligation.

Christmas Church Decorating... Come and bring some friends or family to help us decorate the church for Christmas on Sat. Dec. 21; 8:00 am-Noon

Weekly Collection

Mass Time	Nov. 23-24	Nov 30-Dec 1
Saturday 4:00 pm	\$ 2,443.00	\$ 1,702.00
Sunday 10:00 am	\$ 2,244.00	\$ 2,751.00
4:00 pm	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,168.00
Electronic	\$ 838.33	\$ 2,570.48
Office Mail in	\$ 10,246.00	\$ 450.00
Total	\$ 17,771.33	\$ 9,641.48

Alms \$ 00 SVdP \$ 1,000.00

LET US PRAY... That we as Christian Stewards resist the lure of holiday advertising and instead concentrate on the message of simplicity and trust that is found in the Christmas manger scene.

Church Minister Schedule for next weekend

Saturday, Dec. 14

Lector: Renata Rafferty
EMHC: Sandi Render, Vicky Carl, Diana Gillespie, Karen McBride

Adult Server: Sandi Render

Sunday, December 15

Lector: Kody Johnson **EMHC:** Kody Johnson, Brad Simms, Bob Barber, Laurie Ewers

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/7 Gianna Tretter
 12/9 Tommy Domsic
 12/10 Sheila Rehner
 12/14 Donna Laymon
 12/15 Dayanna Baltzell, Christopher Clayton
 12/16 Gregory Willming
 12/17 Henry Lawson
 12/18 Philip Brown, Gary Eddmenson, Jill Grady, Ramses Guivas
 12/19 Trandon McCray, Maggie Morris, Rebecca Smith

We celebrate you!

IN LOVING MEMORY...

We Remember, parishioner, Joe Schutte, 91, who died November 22, 2024. Joe is the brother-in-law to Deacon Dennis Russell. Please remember Joe and his family in your prayers at this time of loss.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS...

A truly wonderful thing happened this week. By last

Sunday, we knew we had a Neighbor to see on Tuesday, and that she needed a used baby crib, which are sometimes difficult to find. After Father Eugene asked the 10 o'clock Mass congregation if anyone had one, a parishioner came forward with three used portable cribs she had been preserving for just such a need. While we were discussing this, another parishioner came forward and donated \$140 in cash, on the spot, to help. Another parishioner allowed us (as how he got paid on Friday) to give him a call to any needed additional cash. Another provided a lead on some baby clothes not likely still needed by the original family. On Tuesday, we delivered one of the cribs, and as it turned out, another Neighbor needs the second one which we will deliver as soon as the three new mattresses arrive from Target. We are going to store the third mattress and crib at the Ministry Center against the time when they are needed. This parish's unqualified willingness to help those in need is demonstrated again and again. Thanks for letting us be the face for the delivery of this outreach.

That mother? She has very little in her housing unit, so we also connected her with Sleep in Heavenly Peace for beds for her 10 and 8 year-olds, gave her a clothing voucher for the family and a furniture voucher so that she could add furnishings to their apartment. She and her husband were so thankful.

"YOU DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE"



Second Sunday of Advent

Live Stewardship

"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..." (PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10)

During the Christmas shopping season, it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But, is that "gift" truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or, are you just fulfilling your "obligation" to give them something? To live Stewardship and grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them and learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less "stuff" and spend more time with those you love.

OCIA... Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults: A process for adults to become Catholic and receive the sacraments of initiation, which include Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. OCIA was previously known as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). The name was changed and approved by the Holy See in early 2024 to be used in December of 2024.

These following individuals are on their journey to become full members of the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Please keep them in prayer!

Catechumens:

Bradley Castillo
 Paxton Stone
 Abraham Palacios
 Tiffany Palacios

Candidates:

Noell Bockhorst
 Zane Clodfelter,
 Der'rik Hardin
 Penny Goshert
 Samuel Shafer

Catechumen is an unbaptized person.

Candidate a person who was baptized in another Christian church but who is uncatechized in the Catholic faith. All are seeking to learn about becoming Catholic through a gradual process of faith formation.

Christmas Poinsettia Memorial Envelopes available in Church

You are invited to make a donation for Christmas poinsettias in memory or in honor of your loved ones. Send in your name and the names of those to be remembered by Dec. 16. All memorials will be listed in the Christmas bulletin.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY...

We invite you to join Walking with Purpose Women's bible study here at Sts. Mary and John Parish. To register there are Sign-up sheets in the back of Church or call the parish office 812-425-1577.



Holiday Sign up Sheets for Ministers are posted in the back of church for the Christmas and New Year's Masses for all Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Servers, and Ushers. Please sign up for any Masses you are able to serve. Ushers - schedules for December were emailed to all who expressed an interest in being an Usher on Tuesday, December 3. Please check your email for the schedule. Also, please sign up in the back of church for any Christmas and New Year's Masses you are able to serve. These masses are not included on the schedule.