

Advent

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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.
7:30 a.m. St. Lawrence Mission

WEEKDAY & HOLY DAYS:

See bulletin for schedule

NEW PARISHIONERS are welcome

And asked to register at the Church Office.

Reconciliation:

Saturday: 3:00 p.m. or by appointment

Baptism:

Celebrated the 2nd weekend each month, outside the weekends of Advent & Lent. Pre-baptismal program for parents is required. Please make arrangements through the Office.

Matrimony:

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance. Contact a priest or deacon.

Anointing of the Sick:

The Sacrament of Healing is especially intended to strengthen those who are suffering severe illness or the elderly. Contact the Church Office.

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound:

Privacy laws require a family member or those who are sick to notify the Church Office directly if someone is in the hospital or nursing home. Please call the Church Office to make arrangements for visitation or to receive Holy Communion by the parish staff.

Funerals:

Please contact the Church Office

Bulletin Deadline is Monday at Noon in writing or by E-mail

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

FATHER NOE'S BEST

The theme and key word of this Third Sunday of Advent is the word, "**REJOICE**" and yet it does not seem to fit into our lives at all at this time. Everybody seems so hurried and hassled. I went to the store Thursday and I couldn't help but notice the rather somber and sober and serious look on the faces of so many hurried people. Nobody really looked very happy; and here is the Church trying hard to cheer us up and telling us to REJOICE!

This is not an easy task. We have a multitude of reasons for being sad or mad instead of glad. The personal and public troubles and tragedies that increase and multiply with every edition of the daily paper and the evening news make the idea of REJOICING seemingly out of sync and inappropriate. Who can rejoice and be glad when there is so much suffering, anguish, anger, violence and hatred oozing out of the world's wounds?

Who can rejoice when this is a time when so many people walk through their darkest periods emotionally? Many seem to be suffering from what is known as the condition of "Christmas Neurosis"; a gloom that settles on people during the holidays and often brings a sense of loss, whether it focuses on missing our childlike sense of wonder or separation from loved ones.

With all the crises that the Christmas season can bring, how can we restore it to the splendor and glory of what we really celebrate?

I would like to offer you a suggestion that might be helpful. I'm going to ask you to put some different items on your Christmas Tree this year and not to think of it as a Christmas Tree at all, but rather as a Blessing Tree. Each of us has experienced God's blessing us in so many ways this year alone so why not dedicate our tree to Him? Describe a blessing that He has given you this year on a little piece of paper and roll it up and tie a ribbon around it and place it on your tree. We all might be surprised at the number of new ornaments that might appear. Certainly, you all belong to families and God has blessed you with each other, just for starters.

When we begin to think along these lines then we begin to understand that we can REJOICE because we see that God loves us so much that His very own Son has been sent not to condemn us, not to shame or blame us, but to save us.

What Christmas is all about and why we have cause to REJOICE is explained by Thomas Merton, the great spiritual writer of our own times, who wrote about a dream he had in which a beautiful young Jewish woman appeared to him. In the dream he writes that she showed a very deep and pure affection for him. She told him her name and she was not proud of it because others mocked her because of it. Then the dream ended.

A few days later, Merton was standing on a street corner in Louisville on a rare trip to town from the Abbey of Gethsemane. And suddenly, he saw that everyone was this beautiful Jewish girl. In all of the people on the streets was her beauty, yet he believed that they did not know who they really were; that they were people so near to

God. He wrote further that we share this with everyone, with every human person. And that everyday people look into our faces and Merton wrote further: "Can or do they wonder WHO YOU ARE? And, do we know that we are the greatest in creation? That we are partakers of Christ's divine nature? That Christ is in us? That He has identified Himself with us? That He has made Himself one with us? That this is what Christmas is all about and "**WHY WE HAVE CAUSE TO REJOICE!**"

Peace, Father John

Readings for the week of December 15

Sun 15 Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

Mon 16 Advent Weekday

Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a, Matthew 21:23-27

Tue 17 Advent Weekday

Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Matthew 1:1-17

Wed 18 Advent Weekday

Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-25

Thu 19 Advent Weekday

Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Luke 1:5-25

Fri 20 Advent Weekday

Isaiah 7:10-14; Luke 1:26-38

Sat 21 Advent Weekday

Song of Songs 2:8-14; Luke 1:39-45

Sun 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24

December 15, 2013 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

"Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, and the dead are raised..."

Matthew 11:4-5

When Jesus cured the sick we called it a miracle. Yet God has blessed us with many good things – our eyesight, our hearing, our talents, our health and so much more – and we often take it all for granted. The good steward recognizes every blessing in life as a miracle from God and strives to use those gifts for God's honor and glory.

Let us focus on generosity, or returning God's gifts with increase, through the generous sharing of our time, talent and treasure."

Sunday, December 8, 2013

Offering Received	\$ 5,551.39
Weekly Budget Needed	\$11,500.00

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



This Week in our Parish

Monday	December 16
6:30 p.m.	Bible Study- Judy Fields' home
6:30 p.m.	Guild of St. Monica- Undercroft
Tuesday	December 17
6:30 p.m.	Book Group- Pat Huges' home
6:45 p.m.	RCIA- Undercroft
Wednesday	December 18
6:30 p.m.	CCD Classes- School
7:00 p.m.	Prayer & Praise Group- Undercroft
Thursday	December 19
NO Adoration following 7:50 a.m. Mass (until January 9th)	
NO *Rosary Group- 12:30 p.m. (until January 9th)	
NO **Rosary and Benediction 7:30 p.m. (until January 9th)	
Friday	December 20
9:00 a.m.	Guild of St. Monica- Undercroft
Saturday	December 21
***NO Adoration at 3 p.m until just before Mass at 4 p.m.	
3:00 p.m.	Confessions
Sunday	December 22

PRAY FOR OUR SICK, ESPECIALLY-

- Homer Skeens, Paul Helton, Clay Stiltner, John Bush, Janet Rodgers, Steve Kirkner, Carla Sue Adkins, Marc Haney, Gloria Fosson, Ellie Berry, Shirley Hambrick, Sean Hammack, Gail Layne, Bill Story, Charlie Boyd, Jean Murer, Frank Quinlan, Joan Skaggs, Margie Sheridan, Emma Maynard, Wanda Daniel, John Kadar, Duke Sheridan, Larry Gates, Sr. Elizabeth Weiman, Jane Range, Pat Somers, Kate Reese, Betty Serey
- Scott Woods, Bob Brislin, Rosemarie Ellington, J. J., Terry Mulvaney, Neil Mulvaney, Jane Hood Smith, Mary Hughes, Bob Winters, Don Childers, Al Janson, Nada Tabet, Janet Keller, Christopher Steele, Ralph LeMaster, Patty & Ed Hacker
- Mario Citti, Paula Cannon, Cindy Henneman, Larry Lemaster, Jim Goldcamp, Barbara Naybor, Tom Byrne, Pauline Appeldom, Vinnie Muccini, Jack Bragg, Mary Mowery, Martha George, Clyde Wallace, Laura Debord, Fred Schmitz, Beth Cournan, Matthew Wolfe, Garnet Damico, Becky Curtis, Steve Caudill, Stella Wallace, Tyler Diedrick, Robert Slusher, Britney Colegrove (Sheridan), Judith Thompson, Megan Kern, Willa Mae Mulvaney, Jim & Janie Terreo, Mary Fugeman

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY, ESPECIALLY:

A1C Richard Aldrich, Sgt. James Bentley, PFC William Carney, Private Kevin Bragg, Kenton Fulmer, Chris Bogar, Bray Keeling, MSG Anthony Mulvaney, Shane Jobe, Lance Cpl. Stephen Lien, Col. Anthony Sinnott, Sgt. Patrick B. Callahan, Brandon White, Lt. Col. John Mills, II Lt. Sean Allen, Eric Distel, Richard Stump, Matthew Jancsek, Nick E. Gray

PRAYER REQUESTS: For prayer requests or to join the Prayer Network, Contact Sara Ramey at 324-4580.

If no answer, please leave a message or e-mail

hfpprayer@hotmail.com

Cub Scout Pack 104 & Girl Scouts Troop 90 are collecting clothes, blankets and coats for The Dressing Room. Collection box is located in the Church. Thank You for helping us help others!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	December 16
7:50 a.m.	Ralph LeMaster, for healing
Tuesday	December 17
7:50 a.m.	+Bill Brislin
Wednesday	December 18
7:50 a.m.	Patricia Ezie
Thursday	December 19
7:50 a.m.	+All Souls in Purgatory
Friday	December 20
7:50 a.m.	+Frank Ratliff
Saturday	December 21
4:00 p.m.	+Dennis Hodges
Sunday	December 22
7:30 a.m.	St. Lawrence- People of the Parish
9:00 a.m.	+Paul & Betty Dingess
11:15 a.m.	+Mildred Gillespie



CHRISTMAS DONATIONS AND MEMORIALS

We need your help to make our church look beautiful for the Christmas season. Won't you consider making a donation or memorial contribution to assist in providing the advent wreath, candles, flowers, and plants for the entire Christmas season? And especially this year, we hope to purchase a new ciborium for the tabernacle. If you would like to make your contribution in honor or in memory of your loved ones, living or deceased, please complete and return this form in the collection basket or to the parish office by **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17th.**

Suggested donation: \$13.00.

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		\$50			Elder Beerman	8%	\$25		
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		\$100			GAP	14%	\$25		
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		\$25			GNC	8%	\$25		
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		\$100			Hallmark	4%	\$25		
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Best Buy	3%	\$25				4%	\$100		
		\$100				4%	\$500		
		\$250				4%	\$1,000		
Bob Evans	10%	\$10			IHOP	8%	\$25		
BP	1.50%	\$50			Itunes	5%	\$15		
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		\$250			Jcrew	13%	\$25		
Buffalo Wild Wings	8%	\$10			JCPenney	5%	\$25		
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		\$25			Lowe's	4%	\$20		
Crazy 8	13%	\$25					\$25		
CVS	6%	\$25					\$100		
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Macy's	10%	\$25			Sam's Club	2.5%	\$25		
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Marathon	3%	\$25					\$250		
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Moes		40%	\$5							
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Office Max		5%	\$25					\$25		
			\$100		Subway		3%	\$10		
Old Navy		14%	\$25					\$50		
			\$100		TJ Maxx		7%	\$25		
Olive Garden		9%	\$25					\$100		
Omaha Steaks		11%	\$25		Taco Bell		5%	\$10		
Orange Leaf		15%	\$5							
Oriental Trading		9%	\$25		Target		2%	\$25		
Outback Steakhouse		8%	\$25					\$100		
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