

December 16, 2018

Advent

Third Sunday of Advent



What Should We Do?

This question appears three times in today's Gospel. The question reflects the questioner's desire and readiness to do something, to enter into a relationship with the Coming One. To the crowds who asked, as well as to the soldiers and tax collectors, John's answers stood as challenges to conversion such that they would no longer live solely for themselves but for others and for God.

This question should be on the lips of those who are eager to be renewed in the Spirit and mind of the coming Christ.

Today's Bulletin is printed in memory of
Mary & Roman E. Wenske Sr.,
sponsored by their family.

MASS INTENTIONS

Thursday, December 20

10:30 a.m. Shady Oaks – For Residents & Staff

Friday, December 21

8:00 a.m. Edith Beran, Emma & Robert Lukas,
Msgr. Robert Schmidt

Saturday, December 22

6:30 p.m. Agnes Moeller

Sunday, December 23

6:30 a.m. Delia Nieto Brigman

9:30 a.m. Patricia Schultz

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *The Fourth Sunday of Advent*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Micah 5:1-4a

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 80

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Remember the sick in your prayers this week,
especially Leroy Muehlstein and Ben Scott.

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week
in memory of Delia Brigman.

2018 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2018 Assessment	\$17,386.00
Contributions So Far	\$ 15,404.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed	\$ 1,982.00
No. of Families Who Have Contributed	50
No. of Families Yet to Contribute	264

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

Jeanette Targac
Cynthia & Robert Beran
Niki & Chad Chaloupka
Lisa & David Rothbauer
Shannon & L. A. Simper
Lorene & Dennis Fishbeck
Margaret & Larry Berckenhoff

We thank all those who have contributed towards our D.S.A. assessment so far. We are counting on all who have not yet contributed to the fund so far to do their part so we can pay off our debt by year's end.

ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIAL CENTER



We are very grateful to the following for their recent donations to the St. Joseph's Social Center Fund:

In Memory of Ann & John Culak - \$3,000
Mrs. Ben (Dolores) Marcak
(previous donation - \$3,000)

Total amount donated towards the Social Center Fund so far - \$410,549.42. Thank you for your generosity and support. To make a tax deductible contribution contact the Parish Office.

Thank You: We thank Rose Rohlfing for her recent donation of \$200 in memory of Celestine & Rudy Darilek for the care of the roses around the Church.

THE WEEK AHEAD

MON. – Gold Star Club Meeting, 3:30-5:30 p.m., YMC

TUES. – Christmas Pageant/Youth Choir Practice,
3:30-5:30 p.m.

WED. – No Champions Club Meeting
– KC Christmas Party, social 6:30 p.m. See article.

THURS. – Adult Christmas Choir Practice, 6 p.m., Church
– KC Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Moulton Oaks Hall

FRI. – Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any
Pastoral Needs call the Parish Office at any time.

NEXT SUN. – Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal,
6:00-7:30 p.m., Church

Pray for the repose of the soul of
Kenneth Ray Kirkland II
and for the comfort of his loved ones.
May he rest in peace.



REFLECTION

We Proceed In Joy

John the Baptizer came preaching with great enthusiasm; his was good news and his excitement about the coming Christ was so contagious that it evoked in his listeners a willingness to be taught. "What should we do?" asked the crowds. In response, John set forth a program of conversion that would create disciples for Jesus. His responses were aimed at the injustices and inequities that he and Jesus' Gospel were to address.

Despite the element of urgency and the references to the coming separation of good from bad, wheat from chaff, these words of warning are accompanied by promises that repentance will be met with forgiveness. Our conviction of God's presence empowers us to be joyful with the very joy of God. It allows us to stop worrying and being anxious and to look ahead to the day when we will be content to live in God's presence forever.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Dec. 16 – Amy Klimitchek
Dec. 17 – Niki Chaloupka, Jill Moore, Angie Rothbauer
Dec. 19 – Margaret Berckenhoff, Margaret Molnoskey
Dec. 20 – Brenda Manzano
Dec. 22 – Gregory Holub

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Dec. 17 – Deacon Kenneth Fishbeck
(Ordination Anniversary)
Dec. 18 – Jamie & Thomas Dornak

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today – 5th Grade Youth Mass; Breakfast w/ Santa
Dec. 17 – Gold Star Club Meets (K-2nd Grades)
Dec. 18 – Christmas Pageant/Youth Choir Practice
Dec. 19 – No Champions Club / 9th -11th Grade C.C.D.
(Early Dismissal From School)
Dec. 23 – Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal
Dec. 23 & 30 – No C.C.D. (Christmas Holidays)
Dec. 24, 26 & 31 – No YMC (Christmas Holidays)



Christmas Pageant Practice Schedule

Dec. 18 – 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Dec. 23 – Dress Rehearsal 6:00-7:30 p.m. All participants, parent helpers and choir members must attend.
The Christmas Pageant will be part of the Vigil Mass. A Second Collection will be taken up during the Mass for the Poor.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS BULLETIN BOARD

Gaudete! Rejoice!

This Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent is called *Gaudete Sunday* after the Latin word *gaudere*, to rejoice. Rejoicing is the theme of the day. Today's Entrance Antiphon says:



*Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I say, Rejoice.
Indeed the Lord is near.*

– Philippians 4:4-5

It reminds us of the tone of joy that permeates the entire Season of Advent. The basis of our joy is this: "THE LORD IS NEAR". The use of rose vestments and the rose candle on the Advent Wreath underlies this day's special character. It expresses our joy.

Advent / Christmas Schedule

Dec. 16 – Breakfast With Santa
Dec. 18 – Christmas Pageant/Youth Choir Practice
Dec. 19 – KC/CDA Christmas Party
Dec. 20 – Adult Christmas Choir Practice
Dec. 23 – Fourth Sunday of Advent
– Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal
Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve (Vigil Mass/Christmas Pageant)
Dec. 24 & 25 – Second Collection for the Poor
Dec. 25 – Christmas Day (Midnight/Christmas Day Masses)



Christmas Altar Flowers Needed

You are encouraged to make a donation. Extra Christmas Flower envelopes are available in Church.

Communion to The Homebound

All homebound parishioners who want to receive communion on Christmas Day please contact Mary Ann Wenske by December 21.

Christmas Day Songs of Praise

Join others parishioners at the 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass. Contact Sharon Etlinger. Choir practice December 20, 6:00 p.m.

Annual Christmas Collection for The Poor

A Special Collection for The Poor will be taken up at all the Christmas Masses. You may use the Collection for The Poor envelope for this purpose. Drop the envelope in the collection basket, drop slot or mail any time during the month of December.

2019 Religious Calendars have been placed at the church entrances. One calendar per family please.

Knights of Columbus Christmas Party, December 19, 6:30 p.m. social hour. Spouses, guests, children, widows of deceased members and Catholic Daughter members are invited. Desserts are welcome.

St. Joseph's Altar Society Raffle Tickets for sale, at the Parish Office or contact an Altar Society Member.