



## December 10, 2017 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

This year, the Second Sunday of Advent falls right in the middle of two important feast days dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. This past Friday, on December 8, we celebrated the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. This coming Tuesday, on December 12, we will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

In celebrating the Immaculate Conception, we see the very beginning of the life of Mary who plays an essential role in salvation history. God chose her to be the instrument through whom the Savior of the world would be born, and thus gave her the singular grace of being preserved from original sin. After giving birth to Jesus, the Scriptures don't speak much about her, except for a few occasions in the life of her Son, most notably as she was at the foot of the Cross when He died for our sins.

In celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we are reminded that Mary's role in salvation history was not a "one and done" thing. While the Immaculate Conception highlights Mary's role as the Mother of God, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe highlights that she is also Mother of the Church. She is continually working for the salvation of all of her children, often in miraculous ways as was the case when she appeared in Mexico City in 1531, an appearance which would ultimately spark a massive number of conversions to the Catholic faith in the Americas.

In her appearance to St. Juan Diego, Our Lady had some very consoling words for him, words which can be heard as being spoken to all of us, since she has the same concern for all of us. I'd like to invite you to take some time to prayerfully reflect on these words and to be renewed in your awareness of how wonderful a Mother we have in the Blessed Virgin Mary. May she always teach us the way to her Son, especially as we prepare to celebrate His birth at Christmas in a couple of weeks. Here are those beautiful words:

*"Listen, put it into your heart, my youngest and dearest son, do not let anything afflict you and be not afraid of illness or pain. Am I not here who am your Mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? Are you not in the crossing of my arms? Is there anything else you need? Let nothing else worry you, disturb you."*

Father Alford

### Anointing of the Sick:

If you are going into the hospital for surgery or have a serious illness, receive the Sacrament of the Sick. Please call the parish office to receive the Sacrament, administered privately or during daily Mass. Call Barb Scoggins at 217-498-9197 to have a family member placed on the prayer list.

#### Prayer List:

**Lynn F. Leach**, parishioner  
**Kathy Smith**, parishioner  
**Randy Brusio**, parishioner  
**Evelyn Conboy**, parishioner  
**Jim & Mary Kates**, parishioners  
**JoAnn Camille**, parishioner  
**Harold Sheppard**, parishioner  
**David Laub**, parishioner  
**Betty & Ray Rowden**, parishioners  
**John & Co Fox**, son & daughter-in-law of John & Mary Fox  
**Bob Goin**, father of Vicki Walker  
**John Rentschler**, son of Ginger Rentschler  
**Diane Bartlett**, sister of Jeannette Waters  
**Adam Garrett**, brother of Carrie Zucco  
**Margie Lammert**, mother of Sarah Clare  
**Nick Riordan**, cousin of Amy Zack  
**Steven Butts**, brother of Michelle Bullock  
**Mary Ann Midden**, mother of Kathleen Quinn  
**Reba Cloyd**, mother of Anita Schwab  
**Ray Roth Sr.**, father of Deacon Ray Roth  
**Jim Reiser**, father of Kevin Reiser  
**Joanne O'Connor**, sister of Ginger Rentschler  
**Jennifer Harbeck**, cousin of Brad Zack  
**Joanna Laabs**, wife of Deacon Al Laabs  
**Mary Alice Tuxhorn**, friend of JoAnn Camille  
**Louise Cardoni**, aunt of Frances Tomashavich  
**Paul Huber**, brother-in-law of Marie Ginter  
**Victor Vercautern**, cousin of Laurie White  
**Fr. Barry Harmon**, Diocesan Priest



#### In Memory:

**Joyce Hogan**, wife of John Hogan  
**Evelyn James**, cousin of Barbara Hattes

**Retirement Fund for Religious** Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sister, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Your generosity is much appreciated.

## HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!!

The † symbolizes the Mass is for someone who is deceased.

### Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

- 10-11:30 a **Confessions**  
3:30 p **Confessions**  
4:30 p **Mass** (Int: Tim Kincaid†)  
Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>  
7:30 a **Confessions**  
8:00 a **Mass** (Int: John Brandist†)  
9:10 a **PSR**  
9:30 a Wyndcrest: Fr. Alford  
9:45 a **Confessions**  
9:45 a **Choir Rehearsal**  
10:00 a **Rosary**  
10:30 a **Mass** (Int: John Blasko†)

### Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

- 9:00 a **Counting Team #2**  
5:00 p **Confessions**  
5:30 p **Mass** (Int: For the Parish)  
6:00 p ***The Bible Timeline***

### Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

- 7:00 a Morning Prayer  
7:30 a **Mass** (Int: Limper/Engeling families)  
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary  
6:30 p Pre-Jordan

### Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

- 7:00 a Morning Prayer  
7:30 a **Mass** (Int: All Souls†)  
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary  
Noon Ladies Tea/Bunco  
6:00-8:00 p **Confessions**  
6:30 p **PSR**

### Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

- 7:00 a Morning Prayer  
7:30 a **Mass** (Int: John Blasko†)  
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary  
6:30 p Mission Trip Meeting  
7:00 p **Choir Rehearsal**  
7:00 p **RCIA**

### Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

- 7:00 a Morning Prayer  
7:30 a **Mass** (Int: Rich Wolff†)  
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary

### Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

- 10-11:30 a **Confessions**  
3:30 p **Confessions**  
4:30 p **Mass** (Int: Jim Reiser†)

### Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>

- 7:30 a **Confessions**  
8:00 a **Mass** (Int: For the Parish)  
9:10 a **PSR**  
9:30 a Wyndcrest: Deacon Ray Roth  
9:45 a **Confessions**  
9:45 a **Choir Rehearsal**  
10:00 a **Rosary**  
10:30 a **Mass** (Int: Fred Bartlett†)

### **Parish Sacrificial Giving** **Fiscal Year 7/1/17-6/30/18**

	<b>Last Week</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
Collection (105)	\$ 6,279.50	\$115,135.83
Electronic funds (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 26,252.50
Bldg. Dev. Fund (22)	\$ 618.00	\$ 6,465.00
EFT – Dev. Fund (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,205.00
Poor Fund	\$ 14.25	\$ 1,273.92
Children’s Stewardship(1)	1.00	\$ 14.00
Justice & Hope (1)	\$ 1.00	\$ 1,212.41
Number of collection envelopes used:	129	
Number of electronic contributions:	0	

#### LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

#### Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> – 4:30 p.m.

**Euch. Min.:** Fr. Alford, Egizio, Tomashavich, White  
**Lectors:** Dwyer, Krug  
**Servers:** Callahan, Torres, Zack  
**Hospitality:** H & M Bruno, J & S Thull

#### Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 a.m.

**Euch. Min.:** Fr. Alford, D & B Connolly,  
Deacon Ray

**Lectors:** C & D Merriman

**Servers:** Delgado, Zeidler

**Hospitality:** McWard, G & K Park, Parnell

#### Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 a.m.

**Euch. Min.:** Fr. Alford, Fjelstul, Warren  
Deacon Tom

**Lectors:** Schudel, Warren

**Servers:** Martyn, E & T Schudel

**Minister of Care:** Fr. Adam

**Hospitality:** Brewer Family

**CLOW:** Martyn Family

#### **Volunteer for this week – Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Church Dusters:** Michelle Bertrand

**Recycling Vol. Dec.:** Jeanette Waters

**Dec. Food Volunteer:** David Waters Family

**Coffee & Donuts: Sun., Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>:**

Jan Pietras & Diana Rowden

**SCRIPTURE READINGS: Dec. 10-Dec. 17**

<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>IS</b> 40:1-5, 9-11	<b>2PT</b> 3:8-14
		<b>MK</b> 1:1-8
<b>Monday:</b>	<b>IS</b> 35:1-10	<b>LK</b> 5:17-26
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>ZEC</b> 2:14-17	<b>LK</b> 1:26-38
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>IS</b> 40:25-31	<b>MT</b> 11:28-30
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>IS</b> 41:13-20	<b>MT</b> 11:11-15
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>IS</b> 48:17-19	<b>MT</b> 11:16-19
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>SIR</b> 48:1-4, 9-11	<b>MT</b> 17:9A, 10-13
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>IS</b> 61:1-2A, 10-11	<b>1THES</b> 5:16-24
		<b>JN</b> 1:6-8, 19-28

**Confession Times During Advent**

**Normal Times:**

Monday – 5:00-5:20 p.m.  
 Saturday – 3:30 – 4:15 p.m.  
 Sunday – 7:30 a.m.- 7:50 a.m.  
 Sunday – 9:45 a.m.- 10:15 a.m.

**Additional Times for Advent:**

Saturday mornings from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.  
 (Dec. 16, 23)  
 Wednesdays from 6:00-8:00 p.m.  
 (Dec.13, 20)  
 Thursday, Dec. 14 6:30 p.m. – combined Parish  
 Penance Service at Little Flower, Spfld  
 Monday, Dec. 18 – 6:00-7:00 p.m.  
 (during Adoration)



**CHRISTMAS FRIENDS**

This weekend is the time to drop off your Christmas Friends gifts at the parish center. You can drop them off after mass, or during the week during office hours. If you are interested in helping to deliver them, please contact Deacon Tom at [twalker@stjude.dio.org](mailto:twalker@stjude.dio.org) with your name, phone number and email address. **Your help is needed** to make this program a success. Remember, you must be in compliance with the Protecting God's Children program to volunteer for the Christmas Friends Program.

Dec. 9/10 – Gift drop-off week #2

Dec. 15 - 7:30 a.m. Volunteers meet at St. Jude Parish Center to pack trailers and vehicles.  
 8:00 a.m. St. Patrick's School to deliver gifts  
 9:30 a.m. Aperia Care Center to deliver gifts.

**Razzo's "Pack the House Event"**  
 On Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, Razzo's Restaurant in Rochester will give a percentage of all dine-in, carry-out, delivery and gift card sales to our Mission Trip Youth. Please mark your calendars to enjoy some delicious pizza on that date!



**PSR NEWS** – December is when we collect cans of Chili to donate to the Food Pantry. Remember to bring in your donation to PSR!

**Upcoming Parish Meetings/Events:**

Wed., Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> - noon Ladies Tea/Bunco potluck  
 Thurs., Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 pm Mission Trip meeting  
 Mon., Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration  
 Tues., Dec. 19 - 7:00 pm K of C meeting  
 Thurs., Dec. 21 - 7:00 pm RCIA  
 Tues., Dec. 26 – Parish Office closed

**March for Life 2018**

The Diocesan March for Life pilgrimage to Washington, DC is January 17-21, 2018. With the early deadline for registration now past, space may be limited for the trip. Contact Kyle Holtgrave in the Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry for availability and rates. Kyle can be reached at (217) 698-8500 ext. 154 or by email [kholtgrave@dio.org](mailto:kholtgrave@dio.org).

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**Greatest worth**

He came a babe of lowly birth.  
 He was God's Son of greatest worth.  
 We, like the angels, sing with mirth  
 because God sent his Son to earth  
 to ransom us and claim our worth.  
 Praise God this babe of lowly birth!

—MaryAnn Sundby

## PASTORAL COUNCIL POSITIONS

Each year three to four persons are selected to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council for a three-year term. The qualifications are: an actively participating and registered member of St. Jude Church and a willingness to commit to monthly meetings generally on the first Monday of each month. The Pastoral Council offers counsel and/or recommendations to the Pastor regarding the pastoral activity of the parish.

If you are interested in serving or wish to nominate someone to serve on the Pastoral Council, please use the form below, contact Mark Schudel, chairman, or the parish office by Friday, January 5, 2018. The names of those willing to serve on the Council will be placed in a bowl and four names will be drawn during the 5:30 Mass, Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. The First meeting of the new Council will be February 5, 2018.

### Recommendation for Pastoral Council

I would like to be considered to serve a three year term on the St. Jude Pastoral Council.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to nominate the following person to serve on the St. Jude Pastoral Council:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_



The Pastoral Council warmly extends an invitation to join a liturgical ministry

- Hospitality** Greeting parishioners, distributing and collecting missals, collecting and presenting gifts, distributing bulletins
- Altar Server** Assist the priest during the celebration of the mass
- Lector** Proclaiming the Word of God (usually one reading)
- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion** Distributing the Eucharist to fellow Catholics at the Mass
- Minister of Care** Bringing the Eucharist to Catholics who are unable to attend Mass
- Children's Liturgy of the Word (10:30)**  
Sharing the Word of God at a level understandable by young parishioners

Mark all ministries in which a member of your family is interested in learning more

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Family Name

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Interested Family Members

\_\_\_\_\_  
Best Phone Number

You may leave this card at this event, the parish office, or at the back of church after any Mass. You will receive a call about any ministries you have expressed interest.