



December 17, 2017 3rd Sunday of Advent

As I had mentioned at Mass on the First Sunday of Advent, this year's liturgical season of Advent is the shortest possible. As soon as we celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent next week, Christmas Eve will be here. That raises a very interesting question regarding our Mass attendance next weekend, since Sunday is actually Christmas Eve.

According to the laws of the Church, a person's Sunday obligation to attend Mass can be satisfied either on Saturday evening or Sunday at any time during the day. The same goes for Holy Days of Obligation, where the person can attend the night before or the day of. Realizing this, some shrewd people may be thinking – "Does that mean if I go to Mass on Christmas Eve, which is a Sunday, that satisfies both my Sunday obligation AND the Holy Day obligation?" In other words, do we just have to go to Mass once? Here is what the Committee for Divine Worship of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops had to say on this question:

"The prevailing view of many canon lawyers is that each obligation must be fulfilled with a separate Mass. Thus, when consecutive obligations occur on Saturday-Sunday or Sunday-Monday, the faithful must attend Mass twice to fulfill two separate obligations... Aside from canonical requirements, it would be hoped, of course, that Catholics foster a love for the Sacred Liturgy and hold a desire to celebrate the holy days as fully as is reasonably possible."

I appreciate the clarity of their statement, but especially the final line about how this should not be seen merely as a set of obligations, but rather as an opportunity to celebrate two very important days that are distinct and important to our worship as Catholics concerning the Incarnation.


As we are coming out of our diocesan Synod, and with our being invited to embrace discipleship as a way of life, I think how we respond to this question about attending Mass two days in a row offers a pretty good gauge on where we stand. If we feel it to be a burden, then we've got some room to grow. If we feel it a joy and an opportunity for us to deepen our relationship with Him, even if we still have room to grow, we're certainly heading in the right direction!

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
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
John Vercautern, cousin of Laurie White
Fr. Barry Harmon, Diocesan Priest

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Dec. 17-Dec. 24

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

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!!

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

Saturday, December 16th

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

Sunday, December 17th

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†)

Monday, December 18th

9:00 a **Counting Team #3**
5:00 p **Confessions**
5:30 p **Mass** (Int: Isaac Weitekamp†)
6:00 p **Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions**
6:00 p *The Bible Timeline*

Tuesday, December 19th

7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a **Mass** (Int: Limper/Engeling families)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
7:00 p K of C meeting

Wednesday, December 20th

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

Thursday, December 21st

7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a **Mass** (Int: Lorraine Blasko†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
7:00 p **Choir Rehearsal**
7:00 p **RCIA**

Friday, December 22nd

7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a **Mass** (Int: Della Klimm†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary

Saturday, December 23rd

10-11:30 a **Confessions**
2:00 p **Bivens Baptism**
3:30 p **Confessions**
4:30 p **Mass** (Int: John Blasko†)

Sunday, December 24th

7:30 a **Confessions**
8:00 a **Mass** (Int: Mercedes Fleck†)
9:10 a **NO PSR**
9:30 a Wyndcrest: Wrincik
9:45 a **Confessions**
9:45 a **Choir Rehearsal**
10:00 a **Rosary**
10:30 a **Mass** (Int: Brian Heissing†)
4:30 p **Mass** (Int: For the Parish)
10:00 p **Mass** (Int: All Souls†)

Monday, December 25th

9:00 a **Mass** (Int: For the Parish)

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

| | Last Week | Year to Date |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Collection (87) | \$ 4,851.00 | \$119,986.83 |
| Electronic funds (25) | \$ 2,803.10 | \$ 29,055.60 |
| Bldg. Dev. Fund (9) | \$ 371.00 | \$ 6,836.00 |
| EFT – Dev. Fund (12) | \$ 423.00 | \$ 3,628.00 |
| Poor Fund | \$ 77.40 | \$ 1,351.32 |
| Children's Stewardship(0) | 0.00 | \$ 14.00 |
| Retired Religious (59) | \$ 2,076.00 | \$ 2,086.00 |
| Immac. Conception (40) | \$1,031.00 | \$ 1,036.00 |
| Cath. Childrens Home(9) | \$ 132.00 | \$ 137.00 |
| Number of collection envelopes used: | 188 | |
| Number of electronic contributions: | 53 | |

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Saturday, December 23rd – 4:30 p.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, White, Williams,
Deacon Ray

Lectors: Blumhorst, Day

Servers: J, J, A Western

Hospitality: H & M Bruno, Egizio

Sunday, December 24th – 8:00 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Adam, Eifert, Rayhill
Deacon Ray

Lectors: H & J Hendrickson

Servers: Delgado, Lauwerens, Newman

Hospitality: A & Z Dahlkamp, R & B Yong

Sunday, December 24th – 10:30 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, Kohlrus, Warren
Deacon Tom

Lectors: Petty, Warren

Servers: E & E Carlson, Farris

Minister of Care: Wrincik

Hospitality: Fjelstul Family

CLOW: Kohlrus



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

Volunteer for this week – Dec. 18th – Dec. 24th
Church Dusters: Dianne Felts
Recycling Vol. Dec.: Jeanette Waters
Dec. Food Volunteer: David Waters Family
Coffee & Donuts: Sun., Dec. 24th:
 Roger & Mary Beth McClintock

Razzo's "Pack the House Event"
On Sunday, December 17th, **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!

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. 23)
 Wednesdays from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
 (Dec. 20)
 Monday, Dec. 18 – 6:00-7:00 p.m.
 (during Adoration)


SHG Placement Makeup Test for 8th gr. Students

All area 8th graders are invited to SHG on Saturday, January 6, 2018 from 8:30 until 11:00 a.m. for the Placement Test makeup for incoming freshmen. Doors open at 8:00 a.m. Students should enter through the circle drive entrance at 1200 W. Washington St., and bring two #2 pencils and a \$10.00 testing fee. Calculators are allowed. **Pre-registration for the makeup test is required.** Please call Stephanie Phillips at 787-1595, ext. 126, or email phillips@shg.org to register.

Upcoming Parish Meetings/Events:

Mon., Dec. 18th - 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

THANKS to **Kellie Brewer** and **Deacon Tom Walker** for facilitating the Christmas Friends Program again this year, and to **YOU** who provided the gifts for the many children, youth and adults who will be the recipients of your generosity. **THANK YOU.**



Worldwide Marriage Encounter – “The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me:...” Let your spirits be augmented by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend with your spouse. The next Weekend in Springfield, IL is on March 23-25, 2018. The next Weekend in the St. Louis area is on February 2-4, 2018. To register or for more information call 314-649-7317 or go online to www.stl-wwme.org.

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.

Bentley's Hair & Nails Co.
 126 John Street, Rochester, IL
 217-498-1081

Retirement Fund for Religious A religious sister writes, “When we see the generous response of so many thousands of persons in order to help us, religious men and women, we are left speechless.” Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests across the country send heartfelt thanks and prayers for your donation to last week’s Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

2018 CALENDARS

Wilson Park Funeral Home has graciously provided the 2018 Calendars for your use. Please take one. THANKS to **Greg & Kathy Park** for their generosity. These calendars will be available in the foyer of the Church and at the parish office.

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 8th. 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

Family Name

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.



**Church of St. Jude
Rochester, Illinois
Statement of Financial Position
June 30, 2017**

Assets:

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|--------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Operating Acct. | \$71,832.81 | |
| Petty Cash | \$ 109.47 | |
| Mass Stipend Acct. | \$ 4,223.61 | |
| Youth Mission Trip | \$ 8,994.38 | |
| Poor Account | \$ 2,519.34 | |
| Total Cash | | \$ 87,679.61 |
| Diocesan Savings | | \$728,762.91 |
| Current Assets | | <u>\$816,442.52</u> |

Liabilities:

| | | |
|---------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Payroll | \$11,719.31 | |
| Pavilion Construction | \$ 0.00 | |
| Mission Trip | \$ 8,926.54 | |
| Catholic Times | \$ 1,800.00 | |
| Other | \$ 100.00 | |
| Mass Stipend Liability | \$ 4,901.00 | |
| Total Current Liabilities | | \$ 27,446.85 |

Equity:

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|---------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| Opening Balance Equity | \$636,527.96 | |
| Retained Earnings | \$136,674.07 | |
| Net Income | \$ 15,773.64 | |
| Total Equity | | <u>\$788,975.67</u> |
| Total Liabilities & Equity | | <u>\$816,422.52</u> |

Church of St. Jude: Budget 2016-2017

Parish Receipts:

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|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Contributions | \$342,453.00 |
| Stole Fees | \$ 1,180.00 |
| Hall Utilities Fees | \$ 2,625.00 |
| Farm Income | \$ 28,250.00 |
| Christian Formation Fees | \$ 6,575.00 |
| Interest | \$ 9,148.00 |
| Development Fund | <u>\$ 22,517.00</u> |

Diocesan Receipts:

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|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Catholic Times | \$ 1,800.00 |
| Collections | <u>\$13,959.77</u> |
| Total Receipts | <u>\$428,507.77</u> |

Parish Disbursements:

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|-----------------|---------------------|
| Salaries | \$104,460.00 |
| Fringe Benefits | \$ 59,040.00 |
| Pro. Fees | \$ 25,575.00 |
| Contrac. Serv. | \$ 17,988.00 |
| Pro-Life Activ. | \$ 6,675.00 |
| Utilities | \$ 29,011.00 |
| Insurance | \$ 11,776.00 |
| Repairs | \$ 56,144.00 |
| Supplies | \$ 10,678.00 |
| Admin/Publicity | \$ 964.00 |
| Christian Form. | \$ 4,980.00 |
| Property Taxes | \$ 1,153.00 |
| Charitable Exp. | \$ (103.00) |
| ACSA | \$ 25,073.00 |
| Construc. Exp. | \$ 0.00 |
| | <u>\$316,287.00</u> |

Diocesan Disbursements:

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|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Catholic Times | \$ 6,646.00 |
| Collections | <u>\$ 13,959.77</u> |
| Total Expenses | <u>\$336,892.77</u> |

**Church of St. Jude
Rochester, Illinois
Statement of Income & Expenses
July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017**

Income:

| | | |
|---------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| Reg. Church Support | \$329,624.00 | |
| Building Fund | \$ 22,517.00 | |
| Cemetery Support | \$ 427.00 | <u>\$352,568.00</u> |
| Other sources of Revenue: | | |
| Stole Fees | \$ 1,180.00 | |
| Facilities Usage | \$ 2,625.00 | |
| Farm Income | \$ 28,250.00 | |
| Other donations/contrib. | \$ 417.00 | |
| Restricted Donations | \$ (896.00) | |
| Misc. | \$ 0.00 | \$ 31,576.00 |
| Investment Income | | \$ 9,148.00 |
| Registration fees | | \$ 6,575.00 |
| Parish Org. Income | | <u>\$ 780.00</u> |
| Total Income | | <u>\$400,647.00</u> |

Expenses:

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|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Payroll: Salaries | \$104,460.00 | |
| Fringe Benefits | \$ 59,040.00 | |
| Contractual Services | \$ 22,550.00 | |
| Utilities | \$ 29,011.00 | |
| Ins.-Property & Liability | \$ 11,776.00 | |
| Repairs/Maintenance | \$ 56,144.00 | |
| Equip. & Furniture | \$ 0.00 | |
| Supplies | \$ 10,678.00 | |
| Professional Fees | \$ 1,008.00 | |
| Charity | \$ (103.00) | |
| Hospitality | \$ 6,675.00 | |
| Religious Education | \$ 4,980.00 | |
| Realty Expenses | \$ 1,553.00 | |
| Other (advertising, etc.) | \$ 964.00 | |
| Parish Org. Expenses | \$ 764.00 | |
| Construction | \$ 0.00 | |
| ACSA Net Expense | \$ 25,073.00 | |
| Catholic Times | <u>\$ 6,646.00</u> | |
| Total Expense | | <u>\$341,201.00</u> |
| Net Changes | | <u>\$ 59,446.00</u> |

Christmas to-do list

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among brothers,
to make music in the heart.

—Howard Thurman