



December 16, 2018 3rd Sunday of Advent

THIRD SUNDAY
Advent

A few weeks ago, I spoke about the coming of the Kingdom of God as being an “already but not yet” reality. The Kingdom is among us, as Jesus reminds us in the Gospels, yet we await its fulfillment at the end of time with His Second Coming. I think this image applies very well to our Advent journey, because we know that Christ has already come nearly 2000 years ago, but He has not yet come again to bring all things to completion. So, we rejoice in the fact that He has come, and we wait with hope for His coming again.

Okay, I admit that may sound a little abstract and theological, so let me try to make its application a little more relevant to our lived experience. When it comes to Advent, it’s easy for us to put a lot of focus on the “already”, but not enough on the “not yet.” What I mean by this is that we can focus so much on Christmas things during Advent (Christmas parties, exchanging gifts, watching Christmas movies, listening to Christmas music) to the point that when Christmas actually comes, we are ready to move on the very next day! We deprive ourselves of celebrating the joy of Christmas when the Church invites us to do so (for the couple of weeks following Christmas), preferring to celebrate it *before* Christmas as our culture tends to do.

Now, I do not want you to think I am complaining here – I enjoy watching Christmas movies and listening to Christmas music...and eating Christmas cookies...before Christmas. But I also want to try to embrace this time of waiting for the celebration of Christmas, trusting that the Church knows what she is talking about in recommending this to us.

So, in this final stretch of Advent, let’s all try to make an effort to not jump too quickly to the “already”, but to rest and wait in the “not yet” of Christ’s coming. Go to the Internet and find some Advent-specific music – it is out there! For example, *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* is an Advent hymn that is derived specifically from the Church’s liturgy in these final days of Advent.

And if you happen to be doing some cookie decorating before Christmas, maybe make a few with violet or rose (aka purple and pink), and if people ask, just tell them they help to remind us that even though Christ has come once in history, He will come again in glory, and we want to make sure we are always waiting for Him.

- Father Alford

Anointing of the Sick

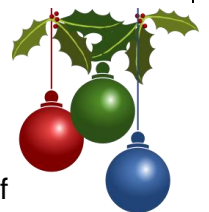
If you are going to the hospital for surgery or have a serious illness, receive the Sacrament of the Sick. Please call the parish office to receive the Sacrament, administered privately or during daily Mass. Call Barb Scoggins at 217-498-9197 to have a family member placed on the prayer list.

Prayer List:

Rene Runions, parishioner
Ray Roland, parishioner
Lynn F. Leach, parishioner
Kathy Smith, parishioner
Evelyn Conboy, parishioner
Mary Kates, parishioner
JoAnn Camille, parishioner
Betty & Ray Rowden, parishioners
Trish Leach, parishioner
JoAnn Barber, parishioner
Donna Meyers, mother of Kellie Brewer
Julie Sinkus, daughter of Barb Sinkus
Tom Helling, brother of Gary Helling
Jim Felts, husband of Dianne Felts
Tim Dunbar, nephew of Ginger Rentschler
Jerry McCormick, brother of Tom Walker
Jean Seward, sister of Mary Jo Duesterhaus
Tommy Martin, nephew of Debbie Decker
Margie Lammert, mother of Sarah Clare
Steven Butts, brother of Michelle Bullock
Reba Cloyd, mother of Anita Schwab
Jennifer Harbeck, cousin of Brad Zack
Joanna Laabs, wife of Deacon Al Laabs
John Vercautern, cousin of Laurie White
Logan Flotkoetter, friend of Mary Bruno
Cherie Peterson, niece of Peggy Parnell



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.**



St. Jude Parish Weekly Confession 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.

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!

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

Saturday, December 15th
 9-10:30 a Confessions
 12:00 p Sew-n-Sews Potluck
 3:30 p Confessions
 4:30 p Mass(Int: Barbara Reid†)

Sunday, December 16th
 7:30 a Confessions
 8:00 a Mass (Int: for the Parish)
 9:30 a Wyndcrest: Krug
 9:45 a Confessions
 10:00 a Rosary
 10:00 a Choir Rehearsal
 10:30 a Mass (Int: Isaac Weitekamp†)
 12:00 p RCIA
 4-5:30 p Confessions

Monday, December 17th
 9:00 a Counting Team #3
 5:00 p Confessions
 5:30 p Mass (Int: Mary Ann Midden†)

Tuesday, December 18th
 7:00 a Morning Prayer
 7:30 a Mass (Int: Limper/Engeling Families)
 8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
 6:45 p Women's Bible Study
 7:00 p Knights of Columbus meeting

Wednesday, December 19th
 7:00 a Morning Prayer
 7:30 a Mass (Int: All Souls†)
 8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
 6:30 p PSR
 7:00 p Choir Rehearsal
 7:45-8:45 p Confessions

Thursday, December 20th
 7:00 a Morning Prayer
 7:30 a Mass (Int: Len Surina†)
 8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
 7:00 p High School Youth Christmas Party

Friday, December 21st
 7:00 a Morning Prayer
 7:30 a Mass (Int: Lorraine Blasko†)
 8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
 6:00-7:30 p Confessions

Saturday, December 22nd
 9-10:30 a Confessions
 3:30 p Confessions
 4:30 p Mass(Int: Christopher Weier†)

Sunday, December 23rd

7:30 a Confessions
 8:00 a Mass (Int: for the Parish)
 9:30 a Wyndcrest: Nelson
 9:45 a Confessions
 10:00 a Rosary
 10:00 a Choir Rehearsal
 10:30 a Mass (Int: John Blasko†)
 12:00 p RCIA
 4:00-5:30 p Confessions

Parish Sacrificial Giving Fiscal Year 7/1/18-6/30/19

	Last Week	Year-to-date
Collection (82)	\$ 3,985.00	\$129,109.22
Electronic Funds (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 23,000.30
Bldg. Dev. Fund (5)	\$ 148.00	\$ 5,441.00
EFT – Dev. Fund (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,115.00
Poor Fund	\$ 38.00	\$ 1,154.49
Children's Stewardship (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 5.00
Christmas Flowers (2)	\$ 35.00	\$ 999.00
Childrens Home (1)	\$ 10.00	\$ 35.00
Christmas Offering (3)	\$ 250.00	\$ 310.00
Retired Religious (51)	\$ 1,687.00	\$ 1,717.00
Immac. Conception (51)	\$ 1,391.00	\$ 1,406.00
Solemnity of Mary (1)	\$ 10.00	\$ 25.00
Number of collection envelopes used:	196	
Number of electronic contributions:	0	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

Saturday, December 22nd – 4:30 p.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, Egizio, Riedle,
Deacon Ray
Lectors: Auxier, Blumhorst
Servers: Heiple, Rollins, Zack
Hospitality: H & M Bruno, Foster

Sunday, December 23rd – 8:00 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, Nelson, Rayhill
Deacon Ray
Lectors: Deimel, Dowding
Servers: Delgado
Hospitality: Z & A Dahlkamp, G & K Park

Sunday, December 23rd – 10:30 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Alford, Guerrettaz, Kohlrus
Deacon Ray
Lectors: D & S Kuntzman
Servers: T & E Schudel
Minister of Care: Nelson
Hospitality: Zucco Family
CLOW:

Volunteer for this week – Dec. 17-Dec. 23

Church Duster: Michelle Bertrand
Dec. Recycling Volunteer: Jeannette Waters
Dec. Food Volunteer: David Waters Family
Coffee & Donuts – Sun., Dec. 23rd:
Roger & Mary Beth McClintock

SCRIPTURE READINGS DEC. 16th – DEC. 23rd

Sunday: ZEP 3:14-18A PHIL 4:4-7
LK 3:10-18
Monday: GN 49:2, 8-10 MT 1:1-17
Tuesday: JER 23:5-8 MT 1:18-25
Wednesday: JGS 13:2-7, 24-25A LK 1:5-25
Thursday: IS 7:10-14 LK 1:26-38
Friday: SG 2:8-14 LK 1:39-45
Saturday: 1SM 1:24-28 LK 1:46-56
Sunday: MI 5:1-4A HEB 10:5-10
LK 1:39-45

Upcoming Parish Meetings/Events

Dec. 16 – Noon – RCIA
Dec. 18 – 6:45 p.m. – Women’s Bible Study
Dec. 18 – 7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus meeting
Dec. 19 – 6:30 p.m. PSR
Dec. 19 – 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Dec. 20 – 7:00 p.m. High School Youth Christmas Party

The Parish Office will be closed Dec. 24 – Jan. 1.



Prepare the manger of your hearts to welcome Christ this Christmas by making a good confession. Jesus wants us to give our sins to Him so that we can be free to experience His coming in the most

fruitful way possible. Here are the additional times confessions will be heard:

Sunday, Dec. 16 – 4:00-5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 19 – 7:45-8:45 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 21 – 6:00 -7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 22 – 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Sunday, Dec. 23 – 4:00-5:30 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 24 – 9:00 10:30 a.m.

Would you like to help decorate St. Jude Church for Christmas?

The decorating committee will be gathering in the Church at 1:00 p.m. on December 23rd to prepare for Christmas. Please come and join in, all are welcome.

→PSR NEWS←

During December, the PSR classes will be collecting Chili to benefit the Food Pantry. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Last weekend our second collection was for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**. Thru your generosity we will be sending **\$1,717.00** to help provide the retirement needs of our elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Thank you.

Should we have a youth group?

We are a “both/and” church which means we need BOTH opportunities to minister to teenagers on their own AND parents taking an active role in their Catholic formation. **I’d like to invite all high school age individuals to join me on Thursday, December 20th for an indoor snowball fight (marshmallow dodgeball), cookie decorating, and Christmas fun at 7pm in the Parish Center. Feel free to invite friends! It’ll be a great study break!** I’d like to hear from the teenagers as to what they would want out of a youth group. But before that happens, I’d like to hear from parents as well—why we should or shouldn’t have a youth group, how you’re willing to pitch in, what you’d like for your own formation, etc.

Please visit me in my office weekdays from 10-3 or email me at tgwardys@stjude.dio.org

Mission Trip 2019 Meeting

The next mission trip meeting will be **Monday, January 7, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.** in the St. Jude Parish Center. Please plan to be there as we will be completing forms for CHWC camp registration, distributing order forms and sign-up schedules for the upcoming take & bake lasagna sales. This is a great fundraiser for the trip!

**United Community Bank
301 N. Main, Chatham, IL
217-483-2491
Jim Lauwerens, VP Lending**



Many thanks to those who have generously given their time to help with the Recycling Program and the St. Martin DePorres Food Collection. Many are returning to help next year. We do need volunteers **for February and**

September in the Food Program. If you are able to help, please contact the Parish Office (217-498-9197). Thank you!

Adult Formation at the Cathedral

The Gospel According to St. Luke

The beginning of a new liturgical year brings a new cycle of readings with this year's focus on the Gospel of St. Luke. Join Fr. Friedel in exploring this Gospel's teachings, Structure and themes.

Thursdays – January 10th, 17th, 24th, & 31st

Lessons and Carols

Celebrate the Advent season with Scripture and carols led by the Cathedral priests and the Cathedral choir.

Cathedral, Sunday, December 16, 7:00pm

Want to give your spouse a gift that says you truly love them and want to make the most of your marriage? Give your spouse a gift certificate for a Marriage Encounter weekend as a Christmas present! **You will BOTH appreciate this special gift to one another.** If that sounds good to you, just pick up the phone to find out more about a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on Jan. 19-20, 2019 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Lawrenceville, IL (no hotel provided); or Feb. 8-10, 2019 at the Courtyard Marriott in St. Peters, MO. If you would like to apply or get more information, go to <https://stl-wwme.org/schedule.php> or call 1-314-649-7317.

SHG PLACEMENT TEST- The SHG Placement Test will be offered on Saturday, January 12, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. Doors open at 8:00 a.m. Becky Jones, Tuition Manager, and Sr. Katherine O'Connor, President, will be available to answer parents' questions at 8:30 a.m. in the Choral Room. Please contact our Registrar at 217-787-1595 ext. 126 if you are unable to take the test. Students will need to bring #2 Pencils and \$10 testing fee. No calculators will be allowed. Pre-registration online is required by Friday January 11. Use the following link to register:

<http://bit.ly/SHGPlacementTest2019>

Christ the King Parish, Springfield, is pleased to announce an exciting new ministry that will bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage.

Surviving Divorce features twelve video presentations that cover topics such as shock and grief, anger and forgiveness, money issues, dealing with children and a former spouse, and annulment and remarriage. This program is for the newly separated and divorced, and those still struggling with issues many years later. It also includes personal testimonies of Catholic men and women who have experienced the breakdown of their families. They courageously share their stories with heart, humor, and wisdom. The cost of the program is \$15.00, which includes all program materials. Find comfort and counsel consistent with Catholic Church teachings.

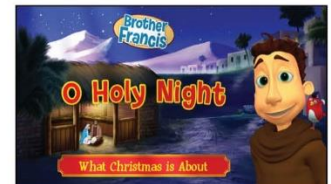
The program begins on Thursday, January 24, 2019 at 7 PM, at Christ The King Parish Library. Please call the Parish Office, at 217-546-3527 to register. For additional information, contact John Marruffo, (217) 494-3366.

FORMED PICK

Brother Francis: O Holy Night

Celebrate the Birth of Jesus

Recall the wonder and joy of Christmas with Brother Francis in this heartwarming presentation that will remind you Who we celebrate during the Christmas season!



"Awesome for the kids big and small."

—Toby J., Toledo, OH

Watch on formed.org

<https://stjuderochester.formed.org>

