



December 8, 2019 2nd Sunday of Advent

With our Advent journey underway, I pray that you have heeded the invitation I mentioned in my homily last

Sunday – *nunc coepi* – to begin again in your efforts to make Christ the center of your hearts and your lives, especially during this season of joyful waiting for the Lord.

As I mentioned last Sunday, these bulletin articles for Advent will look at the Entrance Antiphons for the four Sundays of Advent. For this Second Sunday of Advent, we have the following words from the Prophet Isaiah:

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart. (Cf. Is 30:19, 30)

Over the past couple of weeks, I have been reading a book titled *The Power of Silence: Against the Dictatorship of Noise* by Cardinal Robert Sarah. He writes beautifully about how necessary silence is for us truly to encounter God. In our world, there are many, many things to distract us, including the many images and sounds that are constantly trying to grab our attention on TV, the radio, and (especially) our smartphones. Add to that the busyness we can fall into in our lives with so many things going on, especially as we prepare for Christmas. The results are feelings of exhaustion and discontent. Deep down, our hearts long for some peace, for something that will bring us a joy which is more than a momentary feeling of pleasure. That joy that our hearts long for is to be found in the Lord alone who desires to share it with us. But it will only be in silence, when we set aside those many distractions, where “the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.”

Let me invite all of us to be intentional in taking some time for silence during this Advent season. Bring your Bible with you and let the Word of God speak to you in the silence. When you do this, the Lord will indeed come to us. Even if we do not *feel* anything, we believe that He is with us, reminding us of His love for us. And in that encounter, our hearts will find that joy and peace for which they long!

As a reminder, if you would like to receive some regular, short Advent reflections via e-mail or text and at not already signed up to do so, just text the word **STJUDEADVENT** to **84576** to be included.

- Fr. 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:

Barb Sinkus, parishioner
Steven Long, parishioner
Gary Dumonceaux, parishioner
Jillian Kohlrus, parishioner
Shirley Crawford, parishioner
Rene Runions, parishioner
Ray Roland, parishioner
Lynn F. Leach, parishioner
JoAnn Camille, parishioner
Betty Rowden, parishioner
JoAnn Barber, parishioner
Glen Butcher, parishioner
Yvonne Butcher, mother of Barrie Blough
Katherine Torricelli, mother of Jeff Torricelli
Aloysious Staff, brother of Sylvia Thull
Ken Cardoni, cousin of Frances Tomashavich
Mark Rentschler, son of Ginger Rentschler
John Rentschler, son of Ginger Rentschler
Glen Limper, son of Al & Betty Limper
Hope Power, daughter of Yvonne Brandis
Donna Meyers, mother of Kellie Brewer
Jim Felts, husband of Dianne Felts
Jerry McCormick, brother of Tom Walker
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
Bob Etherton, friend of Mary Bruno
Cherie Peterson, niece of Peggy Parnell
David Brogdon, friend of Don & Roberta Vanover
Judy Conway, friend of Maggie Patterson
Carolyn Carmichael, mother of Leanne Collings
Stephanie Zimmerman, friend of Sarah Clare
Button Pemberton, friend of Guerrettaz family
Teresa Cieciora, friend of Guerrettaz family
Ziggie Cieciora, friend of Guerrettaz family
Aliana Marecki, friend of Guerrettaz family



In Memory:

Michael Fagg, son-in-law of Sue & Leroy Bozarth
Michael Geist, brother-in-law of Ray & Sue Roth

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK!!!

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

Saturday, December 7th

- 8:30 a Confessions
9:00 a Mass (Int: Button Pemberton)
9:30 a-4:15 p Eucharistic Adoration
12:00 p Sew-n-sews
3:30 p Confessions
4:30 p Mass (Int: Kathy Smith†)

Sunday, December 8th

- 7:30 a Confessions
8:00 a Mass (Int: For the Parish)
9:30 a Wyndcrest: J & N Calvert
9:45 a Confessions
9:45 a Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a Rosary
10:30 a Mass (Int: Muriel Gatschenberger†)

Monday, December 9th

Office Closed-Immaculate Conception

- 5:00 p Confessions
5:30 p Mass (Int: Limper/Engeling families)

Tuesday, December 10th

- 7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a Mass (Int: John Blasko†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
9:00 a Counting Team #2
6-7:30 p Confessions
7:00 p RCIA

Wednesday, December 11th

- 7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a Mass (Int: Harold Sheppard†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
1:00 p Ladies Tea/Bunco
6:30 p PSR

Thursday, December 12th

- 7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a Mass (Int: Nola LeFever†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
6-7:00 p Confessions
7:00 p Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p Men's Prayer Group

Friday, December 13th

- 7:00 a Morning Prayer
7:30 a Mass (Int: Joyce Hogan†)
8:00 a Scriptural Rosary
5:30 p Brown baptisms

Saturday, December 14th

- 10-11:30 a Confessions
3:30 p Confessions
4:30 p Mass (Int: Mark Zucco†)

Sunday, December 15th

- 7:30 a Confessions
8:00 a Mass (Int: Allan Dahlkamp†)
9:30 a Wyndcrest: Nelson
9:45 a Confessions
9:45 a Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a Rosary
10:30 a Mass (Int: For the Parish)
6-7:30 p Advent Evening of Prayer

Parish Sacrificial Giving Fiscal Year 7/1/2019-6/30/2020

	Last Week	Year-To-Date
Collections (87)	\$ 10,853.31	\$ 123,927.94
Electronic Funds (16)	\$ 1,860.00	\$ 22,890.50
Bldg. Dev. Fund (25)	\$ 847.00	\$ 6,763.00
EFT-Dev. Fund (3)	\$ 195.00	\$ 3,350.00
Poor Fund	\$ 33.26	\$ 1,129.18
Children's Offering (0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 10.60
Justice & Hope (2)	\$ 35.00	\$ 1,364.00
EFT-Justice & Hope (1)	\$ 20.00	\$ 122.00
Christmas Flowers (3)	\$ 70.00	\$ 793.00
EFT-Christmas Flowers(13)	\$ 195.00	\$ 195.00
Calvary Cemetery (1)	\$ 20.00	\$ 666.00
All Souls (1)	\$ 10.00	\$ 534.00
Christmas Offering (2)	\$ 285.00	\$ 310.00
Immac. Conception (1)	\$ 100.00	\$ 105.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, Dec. 14th – 4:30 p.m.

- Euch. Min.:** Fr. Alford, DeGroot, Egizio
Deacon Walker
Lectors: Bertrand, V Walker
Servers: C & D Sommer, Zucco
Hospitality: H & M Bruno, T & K Reidle

Sunday, Dec. 15th – 8:00 a.m.

- Euch. Min.:** Fr. Alford, Dowding, Vogt,
Deacon Roth
Lectors: A Deen, Deimel
Servers: Brown, R Deen, Delgado
Hospitality: McClintock Family, B Yong

Sunday, Dec. 15th – 10:30 a.m.

- Euch. Min.:** Fr. Alford, Clare, Kuntzman, Warren
Lectors: Kerley, Warren
Servers: Kerley, H & E Toliver
Minister of Care: Nelson
Hospitality: Brewer Family
CLOW: A & B Toliver

Volunteers for this week: Dec. 9-Dec. 16:

Church Duster: Laurie McWard
Dec. Recycling Volunteer: Jeannette Waters
Dec. Food Volunteer: David Waters Family
Coffee & Donuts – Sunday, Dec. 15th:
Jan Pietras & Diana Rowden

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Dec. 8th – Dec. 15th:

Sunday:	IS 11:1-10	ROM 15:4-9
		MT 3:1-12
Monday:	GN 3:9-15, 20	EPH 1:3-6, 11-12
		LK 1:26-38
Tuesday:	IS 40:1-11	MT 18:12-14
Wednesday:	IS 40:25-31	MT 11:28-30
Thursday:	ZEC 2:14-17	LK 1:26-38
Friday:	IS 48:17-19	MT 11:16-19
Saturday:	SIR 48:1-4, 9-11	MT 17:9A, 10-13
Sunday:	IS 35:1-6A, 10	JAS 5:7-10
		MT 11:2-11

Additional Confession Opportunities during Advent:

Tuesday, December 10 – 6:00 – 7:30 pm
 Thursday, December 12 – 6:00 – 7:00 pm
 Saturday, December 14 – 10:00 – 11:30 am
 Tuesday, December 17 – 6:30 pm – Combined
 Parish Penance Service at St. Joseph
 The Worker, Chatham
 Thursday, December 19 – 6:00 – 7:00 pm
 Saturday, December 21 – 10:00 – 11:30 am
 Sunday, December 22 – 4:00 – 6:00 pm
 Monday, December 23 – 6:00 – 7:30 pm
 Tuesday, December 24 – 9:00 – 10:30 am

Upcoming Parish Meetings/Events

Dec. 10, 17 – 7:00 p.m. – RCIA
 Dec. 11, 18 – 6:30 p.m. – PSR
 Dec. 11 – 1:00 p.m. – Bunco Christmas Potluck
 Dec. 12, 19 – 7:00 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal
 Dec. 12, 19 – 7:00 p.m. – Men's Prayer Group
 Dec. 15 – 6-7:30 p.m. – Advent Reflections
 Dec. 18 – 7:00 p.m. – Youth Group



St. Jude Ladies Bunco/Tea Christmas Potluck

The St. Jude Ladies bunco/Tea Group will have its annual Christmas Potluck on **Wednesday, December 11 at 1:00 p.m.** All are welcome to bring a dish to share and join the fun.

**Knights of Columbus
St. Jude Council 9640
Monthly Meetings – 3rd Tues**

PLEASE NOTE: For 2019 Financial Contributions to the parish, envelopes must be turned in by **12:00 noon on Monday, December 30, 2019.**



CHRISTMAS FRIENDS

Kellie Brewer and I would like to extend a HUGE "Thank You" to all who have helped in any way in years past with the Christmas Friends Program. This program has been a success due to the dedicated volunteers who step forward to help. The gifts that you purchase for your adopted individual can be dropped off in the Parish Center after the Masses or during office hours. If you are interested in helping with the sorting and delivery process, please contact Deacon Tom at twalker@stjude.dio.org with your name, phone number and email address. **Remember you must be in compliance with the Protecting God's Children Program to volunteer with the Christmas Friends Program.**

The schedule for the Christmas Program is:
 Dec 13 – 7:30 a.m. – Volunteers meet at St. Jude Parish Center to pack trailer and vehicles.
 8:00 a.m. – St. Patrick's School gift delivery
 9:30 – Aperion Care Center gift delivery
 - Deacon Tom Walker

Advent Evening of Prayer – Please mark your calendars to join us on **Sunday, December 15 at 6:00 pm** in the church here at St. Jude for an evening of prayer as we prepare our hearts for Christmas. We will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, readings from the Scriptures, a brief meditation, hymns, and silence. We will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Babysitting will be available, and we will have a cookie reception in the Parish Center following the prayer service.

You can still order Scrip gift cards! Orders for gift cards will be placed on December 9th and 16th, and the cards will be available for pick up on the Thursday of the week ordered. Please use the order forms available at the back of the Church. Your continued support of the St. Jude Mission Trip Youth is appreciated. The scrip card program is available all year long!

→PSR NEWS←

The PSR classes will continue their Annual Monthly Food Drive to benefit the Food Pantry. The December food item is Chili. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

St. Jude Parish Weekly Confession Times

Monday – 5:00-5:20 p.m.

Saturday – 3:30-4:15 p.m.

Sunday – 7:30-7:50 a.m. & 9:45-10:15 a.m.

Support aging religious - Our second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, Religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please give generously.



**Worldwide Marriage Encounter
Great Marriages Don't Just Happen, Couples Make Them!**

"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut own and thrown into the fire." Make sure your marriage bears good fruit! Sign up today to participate in the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend in the St. Louis area. The next weekends are Feb. 7-9 or Apr. 24-26, 2020 at the Courtyard Marriot in St. Peters, MO. <https://stl-wme.org/schedule.php> or call or text 314.649.7317.

SHG PLACEMENT TEST- The SHG Placement Test will be offered on Saturday, January 11, 2020 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, and a calculator. Pre-registration online is required by Friday, January 10, 2020. www.shg.org



Marriage on Tap STL invites you to enjoy an evening of marriage enrichment:

**Finding Joy in Our Sacraments in Today's World
Featuring Fr. John Vogler**

Tuesday, January 21, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.
The Pasta House Company – Party Room
8213 Delmar Blvd., University City, MO

\$25.00 per person/\$50.00 per couple includes buffet dinner featuring Pasta House Salad, baby Loaves of bread, Chicken Parmesan, Sicilian Grilled Pesce (fish), Pasta Primavera and broccoli. Price also includes tax and tip. Cash bar is available. This evening is open to all married couples. Visit us on Facebook: Marriage on Tap STL. RSVP required, please respond by 1/17/20 at marriageontapstl@gmail.com

Cathedral Cookie Walk



The Cathedral Council of Catholic Women will be hosting a Cookie Walk Saturday, December 14th

from 9 AM to 1 PM at the Cathedral (524 E Lawrence, Springfield). A wide variety of delicious cookies and candies will be available. Cookies will be \$6.50/lb. and candies will be \$8.00/lb. All are welcome to attend and enjoy a festive treat!



The St. John Vianney Women's Society will hold their 20th Annual Christmas Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 14 at 8:30 a.m. in the activity center

at 902 St. John Drive in Sherman. Shoppers will be able to select their favorites from dozens of varieties of fancy Christmas cookies, candies, and breads.

Cookies are sold for \$6.50 per lb. and we also offer pre-packaged trays for the hurried shopper. These make great gifts.

Our cookie walk is one of the largest in the area and has the reputation of "the best cookie walk around !" Everything is homemade by the ladies of our parish. The event also includes a dozen direct sale vendors at our CHRISTMAS GIFT GALA ! and a Santa visit with photos.

