



December 6, 2020 Second Sunday of Advent

In Peace, We Take our Sister to Her Final Place of Rest

As we come to worship this weekend, we are invited to reflect upon the Advent theme of "Peace", seen on our second Advent banner. We start all our masses with the greeting and offer to one another this gift of "Peace"; and then the last thing we pray is "Go in Peace".

This week I had the privilege to concelebrate the "Mass of Christian Burial" for a lovely lady from Kankakee, Dolores Capriotti, mother of Jay (Kelly) and grandmother to Jasper, Nicholas, Jillian & Gianna, all from our parish. It was at the historic Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Bourbonnais, in Kankakee County, which has been staffed by the Viatorian Fathers since 1865, the same order who served us for many years.

The Mass was beautiful, and truly a celebration of a life well lived. A true "Italian Matriarch," she was well loved and admired. At 87 years old she was the life of the family gatherings/parties. She was an excellent pianist who played by ear. Jay and I talked about how our mothers had the same first name, born in the same year, and both were talented piano players....same style, same type of songs. She could cook Italian and many other foods with perfection and was truly a woman of hospitality. You were always welcomed to her table.

Like many Italian families, family ties and bonds were so close. All three were grieving their loss for they loved their mom dearly. Fred gave a heartfelt eulogy on behalf of the three children (Fred, Julie, and Jay) There were at least 50 family members present, all filled with many emotions. Their love and unity were so warm and profoundly noticeable. Julie was a super caretaker, doing all she could for her mom. All three loved Dolores well.

Dolores was a devout Catholic, and along with her husband their lived well their promise of raising their children in the faith. As our first Advent theme of HOPE was shared, I could easily see that Dolores lived with a faith based HOPE. As she grew older, and her husband passed.... HOPING one day to be with him in heaven was in her prayers, though loving and enjoying her family was a priority too.

Her children gave their very best in caring for her in the later years as she experienced some health issues. As Ecclesiastes remind us, "there is a time for all seasons", a time to be born, and a time to die".....this was Dolores' time to return to her loving God who gave her 87 wonderful years filled with so many blessings, and a lifetime of joy filled celebrations. As I have visited Jay's home, I am always drawn to a family collage of photos on their dining room wall of "family photos". Dolores is in some of them. All 12 photos were of Catholic "Sacramental" celebrations of Jay & Kelly and their family. It all began with how Jay & Kelly were raised, and now they are raising their four wonderful children.

Well this weekend, the second Sunday of Advent has a theme of "Peace" which is a gift we HOPE for. Now Dolores has been given what she hoped for. True peace, seeing God face to face. She probably presented him with some of her famous pasta, and some salami, and prosciutto, which she always had an abundance of. She probably is the new Chairperson for heaven's "Hospitality Committee". She passed from here to heaven as we celebrated Thanksgiving, and as we have great faith, we know she has received her early Christmasthis was her time, her time to SHINE....

Rest in PEACE, good and faithful servant.....

Fr. Chuck

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, December 12th – 4:30 p.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Chuck, Deacon Tom

Lectors: Auxier, Day

Hospitality: Egizio, J & D Kratz, V Walker

Sunday, December 13th – 8:00 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Chuck, Dowding

Lectors: Blumhorst, Deimel

Hospitality: Dahlkamp, McWard, Roland, Vogt

Sunday, December 13th – 8:00 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Chuck, Deacon Ray

Lectors: Kerley, L Warren

Hospitality: NEEDED

**Parish Sacrificial Giving
Fiscal Year 7/1/2020-6/30/2021**

	Last Week	Year-To-Date
Collections (66)	\$ 5,392.00	\$ 105,296.00
Electronic Funds (24)	\$ 2,290.00	\$ 26,360.00
Dev. Fund (5)	\$ 185.00	\$ 5,538.00
EFT-Dev. Fund (4)	\$ 215.00	\$ 3,150.00
Poor Fund	\$ 59.26	\$ 1,218.63
Children's Offerings(0)	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Calvary Cemetery(1)	\$ 25.00	\$ 646.00
Children's Home (2)	\$ 55.00	\$ 155.00
Christmas offering(2)	\$ 105.00	\$ 130.00
Christmas Flowers (3)	\$ 60.00	\$ 721.00
EFT-Christmas Flowers (12)	\$ 185.00	\$ 185.00
Immaculate Conception(2)	\$ 10.00	\$ 35.00
Justice & Hope (1)	\$ 50.00	\$ 621.00
EFT-Justice & Hope(1)	\$ 20.00	\$ 92.00
Breadline Sunday	\$ 117.00	\$ 556.00
Religious retirement(2)	\$ 40.00	\$ 65.00
Solemnity of Mary(2)	\$ 10.00	\$ 35.00
Total this week:	\$ 8803.26	
Total given FY2021	\$153,301.63	

PLEASE NOTE: For 2020 Financial Contributions to the parish, envelopes must be turned in by **12:00 noon on Wednesday, December 30, 2020.**

SCRIPTURE READING: DEC 6TH – DEC. 13TH :

Sunday:	IS 40:1-5, 9-11	2PT 3:8-14
		MK 1:1-8
Monday:	IS 35:1-10	LK 5:17-26
Tuesday:	GN 3:9-15, 20	EPH 1:3-6, 11-12
		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:	ZEC 2:14-17	JDT 12:18BCDE, 19
		LK 1:26-38
Sunday:	IS 61:1-2A, 10-11	1THES 5:16-24
		JN 1:6-8, 19-28

St. Jude Parish Weekly Reconciliation Times

Tuesday-Friday 6:45-7:15 a.m.

Saturday 3:15-4:00 p.m.

(Reconciliation also by appointment)

Volunteers for the week of December 7th:

Church Duster: Laurie McWard

Dec. recycling volunteer: Jeannette Waters

December Food Volunteers: Waters Family

Happenings This Week!!!

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

Saturday, December 5th:

8:30 a Mass (Int: Harold Sheppard†)

9:00a-4:00p Eucharistic Adoration

3:15-4:00 p Reconciliation

4:30 p Mass (Int: Frances Crouser†)

Sunday, December 6th:

Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 a Mass (Int: Catholic War Veterans)

10:30 a Mass (Int: For the Parish)

Monday, December 7th :

Feast of St. Ambrose

7:30 a No Communion Service

9:00 a Counting Team #1

6:00 p Vigil Mass (Int: Isaac Weitekamp†)

Tuesday, December 8th :

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 a Mass (Int: Limper/Engeling Families)

6:00 p Mass (Int: James Felts†)

Wednesday, December 9th :

6:45-7:15 a Reconciliation

7:30 a Mass (Int: All Souls†)

6:30 p PSR Reconciliation

Thursday, December 10th :

6:45-7:15 a Reconciliation

7:30 a Mass (Int: John Blasko†)

Friday, December 11th:

6:45-7:15 a Reconciliation

7:30 a Mass (Int: Lorraine Blasko†)

Saturday, December 12th:

Our Lady of Guadalupe

12:00 p Sew-n-sews

3:15-4:00 p Reconciliation

4:30 p Mass (Int: Joe Arbise†)

Sunday, December 13th:

Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 a Mass (Int: Allan Dahlkamp†)

10:30 a Mass (Int: For the Parish)

Advertiser of the Week:

Lincolnland Concrete

Matt Anderson, Plant Manager

217-697-8566

Redimix910@aol.com

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:

Parishioners

Megan Lee, Gary Dumonceaux, Shirley Crawford, Rene Runions, Ray Roland, Lynn F. Leach, JoAnn Camille, Betty Rowden, JoAnn Barber, Glen Butcher, Mary Rodgers, Ann Carel, Evelyn Conboy, Carolyn Carmichael, Bill White



Kelsie Riedle, niece of David & Tess Riedle
Robert Goin, father of Vicki Walker
Harry Buck, brother of Teri Dambacher
Troy Sweeney, nephew of Maggie Patterson
Yvonne Butcher, mother of Barrie Blough
Aloysious Staff, brother of Sylvia Thull
Glen Limper, son of Al & Betty Limper
Hope Power, daughter of Yvonne Brandis
Donna Meyers, mother of Kellie Brewer
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
Carolyn Carmichael, mother of Leanne Collings
Button Pemberton, friend of Guerrettaz family
Teresa Cieciora, friend of Guerrettaz family
Aliana Marecki, friend of Guerrettaz family
Josie Gill, mother of Jonah & Sophia Guerrettaz
Rick Perez, friend of Mary Jo & Jerry Jasinski
Brigham Lanweir, friend of the Zucco family
Megan Mahoney, friend of the Zucco family
Rachel Copp, sister of Mary Beth McClintock
Kelly Gatton, friend of Steven Sandvoss
John Naffziger, nephew of Michele Naffziger
Special Intentions of Andy Mihelich
Sarah Thatcher, granddaughter of Elaine Hundley
Lary Garrett, father of Carrie Zucco
Jennie Harling, sister of Leanne Collings
Mary Hadden, friend of Mary Bruno
Bella Hadden, friend of Mary Bruno
Lee Cook, brother of Sue Bozarth
Nikki Guerrettaz, Drew Schimmele, & Monica McGrath, relatives of Vince Guerrettaz
Sabrina & Baby Rice, niece of Les & Beth Auxier
In Memory
Dolores Capriotti, mother of Jasper Capriotti

Upcoming Parish Meeting/Events:

Dec. 7 – 6:00 p.m. – Vigil Mass, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Dec. 8 – 7:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. – Mass, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Dec. 9 – 6:30 p.m. – PSR Reconciliation
Dec. 10 – 7:00 p.m. – Building & Grounds meeting
Dec. 15 – 7:00 p.m. – Knights of Columbus meeting
Dec. 21 – 7:00 p.m. – Parish Reconciliation
Dec. 24 – 4:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. & 10:00 p.m. -Mass
Dec. 25 – 9:00 a.m. – Mass
Dec. 31 – 5:30 p.m. – Mass
Jan. 1, 2021 – 9:00 a.m. - Mass

PSR News!

This past Wednesday we hosted the 2nd Graders and their parents! They are preparing for their First Reconciliation. This week Mrs. Zucco and Mrs. Kerley asked each second grader to write a sin down on a slip of paper, crumple it up, and throw it into a toy RV. The trash filled RV was used to represent our sins. They talked about how Reconciliation will clean our souls as we continue on our journey to heaven, just as the RV is cleaned up for a road trip!



Advent has begun! Here are some ideas of things you can do with your family to prepare for the birth of our Christ:

- Make your own family advent wreath! My family lights our Advent Candle each night before dinner!
- Create a Jesse Tree! There are many online resources for ornaments, readings, and ideas on how to create the actual tree! These daily readings are not long and are very engaging!
- Make or purchase and Advent Calendar!



The Parish Center is all decked out for Advent and Christmas! Be sure to come see our Jesse Tree and Beautiful Advent Wreath along with the colorful bulletin boards!



3rd Grade made ornaments to put on their Christmas Trees at home! These ornaments are candles and were made to represent Jesus being the Light of the World!



In December, we will continue the contest by collecting chili and soup! Let's see if another class steps up to take the crown!



Lector Books – The Lector books for 2021 are now available. If you are a lector, please pick up your book from the table at the back of the Church.



Help our elders. In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving with little to no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Next week's second collection is for **the Retirement Fund for Religious**. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care and other necessities. Please be generous.



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 in years past due to the dedicated volunteers who step forward to help. Parishioners will be able to adopt an individual to provide gifts/food within the next few weeks. If you are interested in helping with this program, please contact Deacon Tom at twalker@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. 5/6 – Gift Drop-off Week #1

Dec. 12/13 – Gift Drop-off Week #2

Dec. 16 – 6:30 p.m. Sorting

Dec. 18 – 7:30 a.m. Volunteers meet at St. Jude Parish Center to pack trailer & vehicles.
8:00 a.m. St. Patrick's School to deliver gifts.
9:30 a.m. Aperion Care Center to deliver gifts.

The St Jude Sew-n-sews will meet for their annual Christmas potluck on Saturday, December 12 from noon-3:00 p.m.

