



**December 13, 2020
Third Sunday of Advent**

Re "JOY" ce He is Near

We light the pink candle this week on what is traditionally called "Gaudete Sunday", Gaudete meaning "Rejoice". The pink candle symbolizes we are more than half way thru our Advent preparation, as we patiently wait with great "Hope", and hearts filled with a holy "Peace" await the Savior's coming once again to the manger of your heart and mine.....

It's a good night for a Wine and cheese party. In the seminary we would have an Advent concert and a "Gaud" meaning a celebration of Joy..... social..... Should we not be in a joyful spirit by now as we come to the 13th of December, only 12 days left, a countdown to His coming with His grace, abundant and overflowing?

What brings you joy in your life? Living and pastoring in this wonderful parish brings me great joy. Watching your extreme and heartfelt attitude of giving and caring for the needy brings me great JOY. All of the "Friends" were chosen and adopted by December 1st.....WOW! Our food collections have been ever so generous. The past two weekends a collection has been taken for the St. John's Breadline ministry to feed the poor.

The "Sew & Sews" have knitted, quilted, and sewn so many special hand-made gifts to reach out to share with those we love and support. All of this stewardship of treasure "helping the needy" brings me JOY for sure..... Our four Christmas masses are to be attended by 100 members and loved ones..... seeking the true gift of Jesus. The brings me JOY....

Our youth in our PSR are sending cards and reaching out to those in our nursing homes. This will touch our elderly friends and bring them great JOY.

Rejoice, Rejoice, Emmanuel, shall come to thee Oh Israel.....words of the famous Advent hymn, but instead of Israel we could say Rochester, your home, your heart..... We're halfway there and it's time to celebrate. I wish you Joy!

Peace,

Fr. Chuck

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

| | Last Week | Year-To-Date |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Collections (65) | \$ 4,401.00 | \$ 109,697.00 |
| Electronic Funds (6) | \$ 215.00 | \$ 26,575.00 |
| Dev. Fund (20) | \$ 619.00 | \$ 6,157.00 |
| EFT-Dev. Fund (0) | \$ 0.00 | \$ 3,150.00 |
| Poor Fund | \$ 59.56 | \$ 1,278.19 |
| Children's Offerings(0)\$ | 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Children's Home (2) | \$ 20.00 | \$ 175.00 |
| Christmas Offering(6) | \$ 205.00 | \$ 335.00 |
| Christmas Flowers (1)\$ | 5.00 | \$ 726.00 |
| EFT-Christmas Flowers (0)\$ | .00 | \$ 185.00 |
| Immaculate Conception(5)\$ | 160.00 | \$ 160.00 |
| Justice & Hope (2) | \$ 35.00 | \$ 621.00 |
| EFT-Justice & Hope(1)\$ | 20.00 | \$ 92.00 |
| Breadline Sunday | \$ 133.00 | \$ 689.00 |
| Religious retirement(1)\$ | 10.00 | \$ 75.00 |
| Solemnity of Mary(1) | \$ 20.00 | \$ 55.00 |
| Total this week: | \$ 5,902.56 | |
| Total given FY2021 | \$159,624.19 | |

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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, December 19th – 4:30 p.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Chuck, Deacon Ray

Lectors: Day, Guerrettaz

Hospitality: Egizio, Auxier, T&K Riedle

Sunday, December 20th – 8:00 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Chuck, Deacon Ray

Lectors: Deen, Helling

Hospitality: Dahlkamp, Dowding, McClintock

Sunday, December 20th – 10:30 a.m.

Euch. Min.: Fr. Chuck, Deacon Ray

Lectors: M & E Schudel

Hospitality: Brewer family

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)

SCRIPTURE READING: DEC 13th – DEC. 20th :

Sunday: IS 61:1-2A, 10-11 1THES 5:16-24
JN 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday: NM 24:2-7, 15-17A MT 21:23-27

Tuesday: ZEP 3:1-2, 9-13 MT 21:28-32

Wednesday: IS 45:6B-8,18, 21C-25
LK 7:18B-23

Thursday: GN 49:2, 8-10 MT 1:1-17

Friday: JER 23:5-8 MT 1:18-25

Saturday: JGS 13:2-7, 24-25A LK 1:5-25

Sunday: 2SM 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16
ROM 16:25-27 LK 1:26-38

Happenings This Week!!!

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

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)

Monday, December 14th :**St. John of the Cross**

7:30 a Communion Service
9:00 a Counting Team #2

Tuesday, December 15th :

*6:00 p Mass (Int: Limper/Engeling Families)
7:00 p KofC meeting

Wednesday, December 16th :

6:45-7:15 a Reconciliation
7:30 a Mass (Int: Don Crusen†)
6:30 p PSR

Thursday, December 17th :

6:45-7:15 a Reconciliation
7:30 a Mass (Int: Ruthie Liken†)

Friday, December 18th:

6:45-7:15 a Reconciliation
7:30 a Mass (Int: Edward Kalvin†)

Saturday, December 19th:

3:15-4:00 p Reconciliation
4:30 p Mass (Int: Frank & Celia
Tomashavich†)

Sunday, December 20th:**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8:00 a Mass (Int: For the Parish)
10:30 a Mass (Int: Noah Guerrettaz†)

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
Aloysius 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
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
Sabrina & Baby Rice, niece of Les & Beth Auxier
Special Intentions of Sue Bozarth

In Memory

Raymond “Bud” Probst, father of Fr. Dean Probst
Former Priest of St. Jude
Please keep Fr. Dean and his family
in your prayers
If you would like to send a card his address is:
501 W. Jordan St.
Newton, IL. 62448

Upcoming Parish Meeting/Events:

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

Volunteers for the week of December 14th:

Church Duster: John and Mary Fox
Dec. recycling volunteer: Jeannette Waters
December Food Volunteers: Waters Family

PSR News!

We want to extend a huge congratulations to our newly confirmed youth of St. Jude! They were confirmed by Fr. Chuck on Saturday, December 5th during the 4:30p Mass!

We are proud to introduce (alphabetically):

Raeanna “St. Anne” Jones
Adam “St. Maximillian Kolbe” Szamreta-Madej
Adrian “St. Stanislaw Kostka” Szamreta-Madej
Marlee “Joan of Arc” Trame



Thank you to their wonderful sponsors for saying yes to help guide these candidates on their continued faith journey and thank you especially to our candidates as they have chosen to say “Yes” and to share their gifts with the world as they continue this faith journey!



The Fourth grade along with their teacher Ms. Tomashavich asked if they could design a bulletin board for Christmas! After some discussion they settled on the Nativity! So, Mrs. Frericks found them figures to color and set up the Stable! They did a wonderful job in tying it all together!

PSR Advent Reconciliation Service!

This past Wednesday the 3rd Graders through 8th Graders of our PSR classes participated in their Advent Reconciliation Service! We are also proud to announce we had a student receive their First Reconciliation during this service as well! A special thank you to the priests that joined Fr. Chuck in our service as well. They were Fr. Manny, Fr. Chiola, and Fr. Freddy!

Congratulations to Tinley Bialas on your “new” heart!





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.



Make a difference. “Every dollar makes a difference in covering our expenses,” says a Trappist abbot. Hundreds of US religious communities struggle to provide for aging members because most senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little pay. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps these communities bridge the gap, offering support for 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. 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.

Advertiser of the Week:

Furman & Son’s Paving
Dirksen Parkway, Springfield
217-528-9407
ronfurmanspaving@hotmail.com

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Catholic Children's Home has served as a 'beacon of hope' for thousands of children for the past 141 years. Since 1879, through the Spanish Flu in 1918 to the Coronavirus in 2020, the Catholic Children's Home has been there to give the love and compassion these children desperately need.

Today, the Catholic Children's Home continues this mission by meeting the emotional, social, academic and basic needs of all the children sent for residential care or special education services, including our newest program designed to serve the needs of children faced with the tremendous challenges of Autism.

The children of Catholic Children's Home have been chronically abused, designated "unmanageable" by their schools, or simply have had no place to call home. They are some of the most vulnerable in our society. The holidays are a particularly difficult time of year for these youth.

In the spirit of Christ's special affection for all children, I ask that you continue to support the work of the Catholic Children's Home and generously contribute to the special collection held at Christmas.

May God touch your hearts with his grace and mercy during these Advent and Christmas days.

Psalm 127:3 "Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him."

With every best wish and gratitude, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

