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MASSES

Saturday, December 16, Vigil, Third Sunday of Advent

5:00 p.m. † Jason Devall

Sunday, December 17, Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. For Our Parish Community

9:00 a.m. † Dick Eddy 11:00 a.m. † Aby Deputy † Teresita Zarate 5:00 p.m.

Monday, December 18, Advent Weekday

† Richard Shoemaker 6:15 a.m. 7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions

8:15 a.m. † Jason Devall 6:30 p.m. Deceased Parents of James & Colleen **Phillips**

Tuesday, December 19, Advent Weekday

6:15 a.m. † Lambert & Mary Ann Mickelini

7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions 8:15 a.m. † Leroy H. Art

† James Slater & Helen & Richard Meehan 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 20, Advent Weekday

† Jerry & Rosemary Minnich 6:15 a.m. 7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions

8:15 a.m. † Taylor Patterson † Robert & Mark Murphy 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 21, St. Peter Canisius, Priest and **Doctor of the Church**

6:15 a.m. † Deceased Members of the Parmeter Family

7:30-8:00 a.m. Confessions

Living & Deceased Members of the 8:15 a.m.

Virginia Marcenzo Family

6:30 p.m. † Teddy Wagner Friday, December 22, Advent Weekday

† Living & Deceased Members of the Wm. 6:15 a.m.

F. Martin Family 7:30-8:00 a.m.

Confessions 8:15 a.m. † Mike & Phil Offerle 6:30 p.m. † J. Richard Horner

7:00 p.m. Adoration and Benediction

Saturday, December 23, Advent Weekday, St. John of Kanty, Priest

† Vivian Welch 8:15 a.m. 2:30-4:30 p.m. Confessions

Saturday, December 23, Vigil, Fourth Sunday of Advent

† Elaine Baumgartner 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 24, Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. For Our Parish Community † Msgr. Edward Hession 9:00 a.m. † Fr. Philip DeVolder

11:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. † NO MASS

Sunday, December 24—Christmas Eve Masses

4:00 p.m. † Margaret Lynch-Fortier

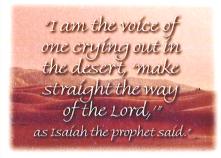
6:30 p.m. For Our Parish Community

Midnight † Ed Dobosz † Ed Morris

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 17

Sun., December 17:Is 61.1-2a,10-11/1 Thes 5.16-24/ Jn 1.6-8,19-28

Mon., December 18:Jer 23.5-8/Mt 1.18-25 Tues., December 19:Jgs 13.2-7,24-25a/Lk 1.5-25 Wed., December 20:Is 7.10-14/Lk 1.26-38 Thurs., December 21:Sg 2.8-14/Lk 1.39-45 Fri., December 22:1 Sm 1.24-28/Lk 1.46-56 Sat., December 23:Mal 3.1-4,23-24/Lk 1.57-66



Third Sunday Of Advent

Bringing Joy through Justice

Reading I Isaiah 61.1-2,10-11 (The mission to the afflicted)

Reading II

1 Thessalonians 5.16-24 (Christian conduct; blessing)

Gospel

John 1.6-8,19-28

(John as witness to the light)

Key Passage: I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul, for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation.

Adult: What work of justice could you do this week to bring someone joy?

Child: What could you do for someone this week to make them happy?

Saturday, December 23

5:00 p.m.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Edward Koors, Linda Schneider, Chuck Smith, Cindy O'Shaughnessey, Emily Walden Altar Servers: Bela Antunovic, Gianna Lytle,

Colin Lytle

Lectors: Donna Kaiser, Robert Vandell

Sacristan: Liz Jones

Sunday, December 24

7:30 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Marijo Sliger, Mona Sproat, C.J. Steigmeyer, Sr. Genevieve (C Susie Hague)

Altar Servers: Luka Bacak, Matthew Bulanda,

Junior Segura

Lectors: Lillian Lothamer, Ron Russell, Jr.

Sacristan: Christy Jacob

9:00 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

Tom Ade, Arianne Davis, Kate Jones, Gail Montgomery, Colleen O'Leary, Theresa Thissen (C Jan Hoy)

Altar Servers: Lilah Hilger, Lily Hilger, Tyler

Rodenbeck

Lectors: Bev Peters, Dennis Redding Sacristan: Audrey Clauser

11:00 a.m. **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

Maria Ellinger, Carole Fuller, Ann Gabet, Beth Miller, Elaine Moser, Kelly Tippmann (C Thomas Auer)

Altar Servers: Alexander Tellman

(2 Subs Requested)

Lectors: Tara Christen, Ken Nelson

Sacristan: Betty Dobosz

5:00 p.m. **NO MASS**

Area Penance Services:

St. Jude, 12/18, 6:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 12/19, 6:30 p.m.

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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Christmas is nearly here! Please invite friends and relatives to join us for a Christmas Mass. We would especially welcome those who have no church and those who haven't been active in a church. This is the time of year when people are thinking about faith and probably the easiest

time of year to make an invitation. Catholic and non-Catholic alike, our guests and visitors will be welcomed.

Our Christmas Mass schedule is a bit confusing because Christmas falls on a Monday this year. The Sunday Mass schedule for December 24 is the same as always, minus the Sunday evening Mass. Sunday Masses will be offered on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and on Sunday morning at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. Then, four hours later, we begin our Christmas Masses. Christmas Masses will be offered on Sunday at 4:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and midnight, and Monday morning at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

We expect a big overflow crowd at the Christmas Eve 4:00 p.m. Mass, with lot of little ones, a lot of noise and a lot of motion. It is a beautiful gathering of the People of God, but you will need to come early to get a seat. For those who would like a Mass that is a little quieter and less crowded, the Christmas Eve 6:30 p.m. Mass is a great option. It will feature our children's choir, incense, and a beautiful liturgy without so much crowd. The Midnight Mass is our most formal Mass. There will be a half-hour of prelude music, with the Mass beginning at midnight. The Mass will be concelebrated, beginning in a dark church with a chanted Christmas proclamation and the lighting of candles as we sing *Silent Night*. The Masses on Christmas morning are also beautiful liturgies with beloved carols and no crowd.

A note about Mass obligations: With Christmas falling on a Monday, we will have a Sunday Mass obligation and also a Christmas Mass obligation. That means that we all need to choose both a Sunday Mass and a Christmas Mass. (I will add to the confusion: Because of the timing, the 4:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Masses on Christmas Eve would count for either the Sunday obligation or the Christmas obligation, but not both). Bottom line: Two Masses next weekend.

There are still many opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Christmas. There is a Penance Service at St. Jude at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, 12/18, and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 12/19. We have our daily 7:30 a.m.-8:00 a.m. confessions, Thursday evening 7:00 p.m. confessions, and Saturday 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. confessions.

As you may expect, I am hearing a lot of ideas these days for spending money in the parish. Feel free to pass on your ideas. It is going to take some time to zero in on plans and decide on the wisest course of action with our recent inheritance.

Fo. Tom

Parishioner Address Changes: Please let us know if you are changing parishes, have moved, or if the address on your envelope packet is not correct. Every month we have several packets returned with the notation "forwarding order expired". Each returned packet costs the parish triple postage.

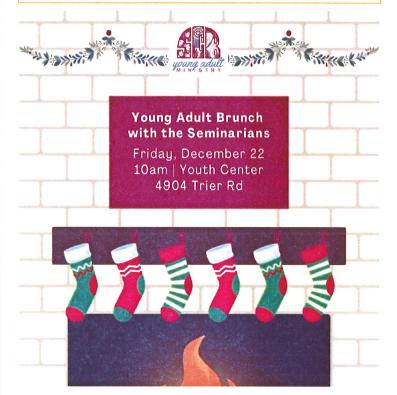
OPLATEK

The Polish Christmas Wafer, is available again this year. Please stop by the Parish Office to pick up the wafers. (\$2.00 per package, three to a pack). Parish Office is open Monday thru Friday, 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Please pray for the following members of our parish community who will soon marry.

Shea Odle—Drew Steenport





Create a Legacy of Hope

The **Saint Vincent de Paul Society** invites you to join them in building a **Legacy of Hope** by praying for the success of their capital campaign. Funds will help to serve more families, promote self-sufficiency, and create



equity for those in need by making improvements to the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store downtown. Learn more and donate at svdpsfw.org. Thank you for sharing the love of Christ by helping those most vulnerable in your community.



ADORATION & BENEDICTION December 15

Rosary—6:00 p.m.

Mass-6:30 p.m.

Adoration and Benediction 7:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m.
When Our Lord sees pure souls

coming to visit Him in the Blessed Sacrament, He smiles on them. They come with the simplicity that pleases Him so much.

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RECONCILATION

This Week
Monday thru Friday
7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

Thursday, December 21, 7:00 p.m. Saturday, 2:30 p.m. -4:30 p.m.



Sunday, December 24
4:00 p.m. Mass
Prelude begins at 3:30 p.m.
Music by St. Charles Chamber Singers and the
Jaenicke Woodwind Quintet

6:30 p.m. Mass (Incense Will Be Used)
Prelude begins at 6:15 p.m.
Music by The St. Charles Children's Choir

Midnight Mass (Incense Will Be Used)
Prelude begins at 11:30 p.m.
Music by the St. Charles Adult Choir
Strings and Brass

CHRISTMAS DAY

No 7:30 a.m. Mass 9:00 a.m. Mass Music by Cantor and Organ will begin at 8:45 a.m.

11:00 a.m. Mass
Prelude Music will begin at 10:45 a.m.
Contemporary Choir
No 5:00 p.m. Mass

Due to the Christmas holiday, the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 25 & Tuesday, December 26

Hope you enjoy the time with your family!

Life Defenders Trip to The National March for Life

College-Aged and high school students are invited to join *Right to Life of Northeast Indiana* on a bus trip to the National March for Life in Washington, D.C. We leave the evening of January 17, and return home early morning on

Saturday, January 20. We want YOU on the bus with us for this life-changing experience!

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Open Positions at BDHS

Bishop Dwenger currently has open positions for employment. If interested, get more details on the school's website at: https://www.bishopdwenger.com/employment. Consider joining the Dwenger Family!

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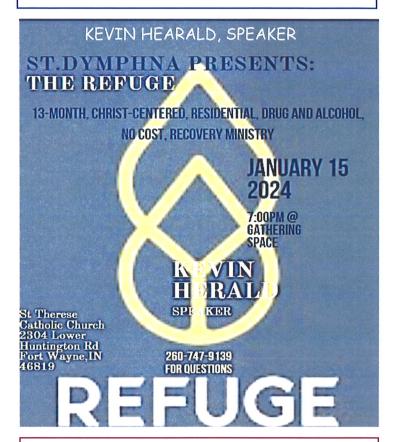
Sign-up book is located in the Gathering Space.

Each Sunday a family, couple, or individual will come forward during the Parish Vocation Prayer to receive the "Vocation Cross and A Special Book of Vocation Prayers" written for each day of the week. In taking the cross, they commit themselves to pray during the week to encourage



more vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. The Vocation Cross would need to be returned to the Sacristy before the following weekends Masses.

Rejoice, never cease praying. Let us never cease praying for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.



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Catholic Charities' 2023 Christmas Program is still in need of sponsors to adopt families this Christmas! If you would like more information on how you can help a child in need, visit www.ccfwsb.org/christmas.



The Anthony Wayne Lion's Club has placed a collection box for used eye glasses and hearing aids in the entrance to the Gathering Space from the Parking Area. The Lions, after collection, clean glasses, determine their prescription and send them and repaired aids to Medical Missions in South

America. In 2022, this Club collected and gave over 1,800 eye glasses to Medical Missions.

UNIVERSITY OF ST. FRANCIS NATIVITY EXHIBITION Now thru December 20

USF Main Campus, 1014 Leesburg Rd., Fort Wayne The exhibition will display works by over 30 regional artists that focus on interpretations of the Nativity as a spiritual and artistic theme. On December 24, 1223, St. Francis of Assisi stages the first Living Nativity. Complete with live animals and human participants, he created this scene to cultivate the worship of Christ.

Gallery Hours: Monday—Friday 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.



"It is a good and holy thought to pray for the dead." (2 Maccabees 12)

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the families and friends of **Earl Wittkamper**.

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Your insights and opinions will be vital in making informed decisions regarding St. Joseph the Worker Career Technical Academy. We want to ensure that any educational endeavors align closely with the needs and aspirations of our church community and its families.

Scan this QR code and take a few minutes to complete our survey! Your responses are completely confidential!

Please share this and encourage your friends, family, neighbors and fellow parish families to participate. Together, we can help shape the future of Catholic education!



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Come hear Eucharistic Revival President, Jason Shanks, give his conversion story and see how you can get involved in the Revival



Thurs, Jan 18, 2024 in the Church 7:30pm-8:30pm





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