

BULLETIN: DECEMBER 12, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Please pray for the ill & those in need of our continued prayer: Bob Yoder, Christopher Endicott, Luke Barden, Joe Kranz, Doug Jones, Trang & Ann Treber, Eddy Messer, Scott Weaver, Foster Sauter, Steve Wilmes, Erin Palmer, Keagan Sanders, Rylan Losh, Tara Young, & Tara Clawson

DAILY EVENTS & MASS INTENTIONS

Friday, December 10th
 7:15 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 8:30 a.m. Mass: + Mary Lukassen
 7:00 p.m. Spanish Youth Choir Practice

Saturday, December 11th
 7:00 a.m. That Man is You
 2:00 p.m. Spanish Baptism Class
 4:15 p.m. Confessions
 5:00 p.m. Mass: Fallen Away Catholics (SI)
 7:30 p.m. Mass: Neocatechumenal Way: OPEN

Sunday, December 12th
 8:15 a.m. Confessions
 9:00 a.m. Mass: Mark & Michelle Linnebur
 10:10 a.m. Religious Ed. K-8
 11:30 a.m. Mass: People of Our Lady of the Plains

Monday, December 13th
 8:30 a.m. Mass: + Suffering Souls in Purgatory
 9:30 a.m. Lectio Divina
 7:00 p.m. In Ipso (Prayer: Going Deeper)

Tuesday, December 14th
 8:30 a.m. Mass: Fallen Away Catholics (SI)
 7:00 p.m. Parish (Bilingual) Penance Service

Wednesday, December 15th
 NO Mass: (Office Closed)

Thursday, December 16th
 8:30 a.m. Mass: + Tim Lukassen
 6:00 p.m. Mass: People of OLP (3rd Thursday)
 6:30 p.m. Holy Hour (Adoration)
 7:00 p.m. RCIA

Friday, December 17th
 7:15 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 8:30 a.m. Mass: + Deborah Messer
 7:00 p.m. You Spanish Choir Practice

Saturday, December 18th
 7:00 a.m. That Man is You
 4:15 p.m. Confessions
 5:00 p.m. Mass: + William Linnebur
 7:30 p.m. Mass: Neocatechumenal Way: OPEN

Sunday, December 19th
 8:15 a.m. Confessions
 9:00 a.m. Mass: Mark & Michelle Linnebur

REFLECTION

Readings:
[Zephaniah 3:14-18](#)
[Isaiah 12:2-6](#)
[Philippians 4:4-7](#)
[Luke 3:10-18](#)

The people in today's Gospel are "filled with expectation." They believe John the Baptist might be the messiah they've been waiting for. Three times we hear their question: "What then should we do?" The messiah's coming requires every man and woman to choose, to "repent" or not. That's John's message and it will be Jesus' too. **"Repentance" translates a Greek word, metanoia (literally, "change of mind").** In the Scriptures, repentance is presented as a twofold "turning" away from sin and toward God. This "turning" is more than attitude adjustment. It means a radical life change. It requires "good fruits as evidence of your repentance" That's why John tells the crowds, soldiers, and tax collectors they must prove their faith through works of charity, honesty, and social justice. In today's Liturgy, each of us is being called to stand in that crowd and hear the "good news" of John's call to repentance. We should examine our lives, asking from our hearts as they did: "What should we do?" Our repentance should spring not from our fear of coming wrath but from a joyful sense of the nearness of our saving God. This theme resounds through today's readings:

"Rejoice! . . . The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all," we hear in today's Epistle. In today's Responsorial, we hear again the call to be joyful, unafraid at the Lord's coming among us. In today's First Reading, we hear echoes of the angel's Annunciation to Mary. The prophet's words are very close to the angel's greeting. Mary is the Daughter Zion, the favored one of God, told not to fear but to rejoice that the Lord is with her, "a mighty Savior." She is the cause of our joy. For in her draws near the Messiah, as John had promised: "One mightier than I is coming."

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OFFERTORY

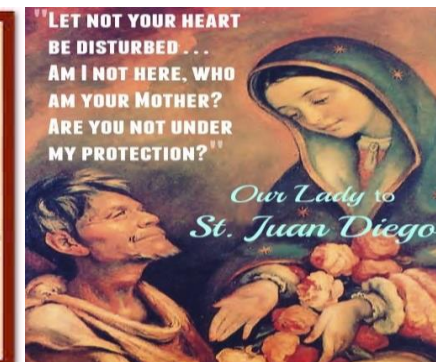
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PARISH UPDATES

- ❖ *****NEW*** ENDOW WOMEN'S GROUP:** A new women's group is starting SOON! REGISTRATION OPENS 12/12. Endow will run Jan 12th-April 6th EVERY WEDNESDAY evening from 6:30-8:30 pm. This study introduces women to one of the twentieth century saints John Paul II canonized during his pontificate. A young Jewish woman (Edith Stein) who converted to Catholicism, suffered through the Holocaust, and found her vocation by joining the beautiful Carmelite sisters. Registration forms can be found inside both entrances of the church. For more information online, click the link: <https://www.endowgroups.org/study-guide-st-edith-stein-seeker-of-truth/> If you have any questions, please contact Mona Chase at 303.918.9060 or Jeanna Doubrava at 720.281.5144
 - ❖ ****REMINDER** VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR A COMMITTEE:** THIS YEAR 2022, OUR PARISH IS CELEBRATING 50 YEARS! We are looking for a few people to help organize and share ideas for this celebration. Please speak to Fr. John after mass or email/call the office if you are interested.
 - ❖ ****REMINDER** OLP & DEANERY PENANCE SERVICES:** It is important to purify our hearts for the coming of our Savior! The following list is to help you if you cannot make our Parish Penance Services. **OUR PARISH PENANCE SERVICE is: Tuesday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m. PLEASE NOTE: There will NOT be any times for confession offered before masses on the weekend of December 25th and 26th, so please take advantage of these dates or schedule an appointment.**
- OTHER DEANERY PENANCE SERVICES:**
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| St. Therese | - Sat. Dec. 11 th at 10:00 am |
| Queen of Peace | - Mon. Dec. 13 th at 7:30 pm |
| Our Lady of Loreto | - Wed. Dec. 15 th at 7:00 pm |
| St. Michael | - Sat. Dec. 18 th at 10:00 am |
- ❖ ****REMINDER** SOCK BOX:** We filled the sock donation box & they are on their way to University Hospital with Michelle Earl. **The emergency room needs SOCK DONATIONS AND SWEATPANTS SIZES (M-XXL).** When the box fills up, it goes to its destination. Thank you for your generosity!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- ❖ *****NEW*** RELIGIOUS ED CANCELLATION:** Due to Winter on the Plains (12/19/21) there will be **NO Religious Education (K-8) on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021.**
- ❖ ****REMINDER** CONFIRMATION DATE:** For all those receiving Sacraments, Confirmation will be **June 3, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. (SI)**
- ❖ ****REMINDER** FORMED.ORG:** Our parish code is **CBTNM**. You will need to register with an email, very easy process. <https://formed.org/>
- ❖ *****NEW*** FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK:** Guadalupe, "The Miracle and the Message" <https://watch.formed.org/guadalupe-the-miracle-and-the-message>

ALTAR & ROSARY

- ❖ *****NEW*** WINTER ON THE PLAINS SCHEUDLE:** Please join us **December 19th after the 9:00 am Mass.** Breakfast is served around 10:00 am. Auction to follow, come help support the ladies of Altar & Rosary. There will be MANY delicious baked goods & crafts for just about anyone on your list!
- ❖ *****NEW*** A & R Meeting:** The next meeting will be **January 9, 2022, at 10:10 a.m. in a NEW LOCATION** (old preschool classroom w/ small freezer). If you are looking to the west, classroom to the far right (by K o C glass cases).

Thank you very much to all who helped make the Christmas Toy Shop a special event for 62 families (202 children) from surrounding communities.
God Bless!

Rejoice!



"Rejoice in the Lord always.
 Again I will say, rejoice!"

Philippians 4:4