

BULLETIN: DECEMBER 5, 2021

SECOND 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, Shirlev Schaffer & Tara Clawson

DAILY EVENTS & MASS INTENTIONS

Friday, December 3rd	
7:15 a.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
8:30 a.m.	Mass: Rob Chase
Saturday, December 4th	
9:00 a.m.	Christmas Toy Shop
4:15 p.m.	Confessions
5:00 p.m.	Mass: + Robyn Behrens
Sunday, December 5th	
8:15 a.m.	Confessions
9:00 a.m.	Mass: People of Our Lady of the Plains
10:10 a.m.	Religious Education (K-8)
10:15 a.m.	Altar & Rosary Meeting (new house)
11:30 a.m.	Mass: + Celida De Perez
Monday, December 6th	
8:30 a.m.	Mass: + Robyn Behrens
9:30 a.m.	Lectio Divina
7:00 p.m.	In Ipso (Prayer: Going Deeper)
Tuesday, December 7th	
8:30 a.m.	Mass: Suffering Souls in Purgatory
7:00 p.m.	Mass (Vigil): + Robyn Behrens
Wednesday, December 8th	
8:30 a.m.	Mass: Peter Waymel
7:00 p.m.	Mass (espanol): + Maria Dolores Galindo
Thursday, December 9th	
8:30 a.m.	Mass: + Deborah Messer
6:00 p.m.	Holy Hour (Adoration)
7:00 p.m.	RCIA
Friday, December 10th	
7:15 a.m.	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
8:30 a.m.	Mass: + Mary Lukassen
7:00 p.m.	Our Lady of Guadalupe Ceremony
Saturday, December 11th	
7:00 a.m.	That Man is You
4:15 p.m.	Confessions
5:00 p.m.	Mass: Fallen Away Catholics (S)
7:30 p.m.	Mass: Neocatechumenal Way: OPEN
Sunday, December 12th	
8:15 a.m.	Confessions
9:00 a.m.	Mass: Mark & Michelle Linnebur
11:30 a.m.	Mass: People of Our Lady of the Plains

REFLECTION

Readings:

Baruch 5:1-9

Psalms 126:1-6

Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Luke 3:1-6

Today's Psalm paints a dream like scene, road filled with liberated captives heading home to Zion (Jerusalem), mouths filled with laughter, tongues rejoicing. It's a glorious picture from Israel's past, a "new exodus," the deliverance from exile in Babylon. It's being recalled in a moment of obvious uncertainty and anxiety. But the psalmist isn't waxing nostalgic. Remembering "the Lord has done great things" in the past, he is making an act of faith and hope, that God will come to Israel in its present need, that He'll do even greater things in the future.

This is what the Advent readings are all about: We recall God's saving deeds, in the history of Israel and in the coming of Jesus. Our remembrance is meant to stir our faith, to fill us with confidence that, as today's Epistle puts it, "the one who began a good work in [us] will continue to complete it" until He comes again in glory. Each of us, the Liturgy teaches, is like Israel in her exile, led into captivity by our sinfulness, in need of restoration and conversion by the Word of the Holy One. The lessons of salvation history should teach us that, as God again and again delivered Israel, in His mercy He will free us from our attachments to sin if we turn to Him in repentance.

That's the message of John, introduced in today's Gospel as the last of the great prophets. But John is greater than the prophets. He's preparing the way not only for a new redemption of Israel but for the salvation of "all flesh. John quotes Isaiah (40:3) to tell us he's come to build a road home for us, a way out of the wilderness of sin and alienation from God. It's a road we'll follow Jesus down, a journey we'll make, as today's First Reading puts it, "rejoicing that we are remembered by God." [\(ONLINE SOURCE, ST. PAUL CENTER\)](#)

OFFERTORY

November 28, 2021

\$3,924.00

Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH UPDATES

- ❖ *****NEW*** SOLEMNITY OF BLESSED MOTHER MARY:** December 8th, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. Masses will be offered at the following times:
Tuesday, December 7th: 7:00pm (Vigil Mass, English)
Wednesday, December 8th: 8:30 am (English) & 7:00pm (Spanish)
- ❖ *****NEW*** 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.
- ❖ *****NEW*** 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 that 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:
St. Gianna Molla - Mon. Dec. 6th at 6:30 pm
St. Therese - Sat. Dec. 11th at 10:00 am
Queen of Peace - Mon. Dec. 13th at 7:30 pm
Our Lady of Loreto - Wed. Dec. 15th at 7:00 pm
St. Michael - Sat. Dec. 18th at 10:00 am
- ❖ *****REMINDER*** Winter on the Plains:** There is still time to make/donate crafts for our annual sale. All sales go to Altar & Rosary Society who provide many services within our parish and for all people. Winter on the Plains will take place December 19, 2021, right after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Thank you in advance for your donations & generosity!
- ❖ *****NEW*** DUCTS CLEANED:** ALL the ducts in the parish and hall were cleaned in November.
- ❖ *****NEW*** BLUE PAPER:** We apologize for any inconvenience with using the 8"x11" blue paper. It has been in the rectory for at least 7 years, we are trying to use it. If there is no white paper and you need some, please contact Fr. John.
- ❖ *****REMINDER*** FORMED.ORG:** There are thousands of resources for FREE using our parish code. Please consider downloading the app, we do a formed pick of the week every week & usually they help teach & support what the readings are weekly. Please follow the link below, the parish code is **CBTNCM**. You will need to register with an email, very easy process. <https://formed.org/>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- ❖ *****REMINDER*** NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** There will be **NO Religious Education (K-8) on December 26th & January 2nd.**
- ❖ *****REMINDER*** CONFIRMATION DATE:** For all those receiving Sacraments, Confirmation will be June 3, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. This celebration will be bilingual.
- ❖ *****NEW*** FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK:** Inviting all parishioners & RCIC students to watch episode 6 of, "The Search." Hosted by Chris Stefanick. Episode 6, "Am I Saved?" Please click the link to follow an online source: <http://watch.formed.org/the-search/videos/theseearch-ep6>



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ANNUAL WREATH SALE
THIS WEEKEND!



Please see the men of K of C who will be set up all weekend selling beautiful wreaths for only \$25.00 (12/4) & (12/5)

ALTAR & ROSARY

- ❖ *****NEW*** A & R Meeting:** Please join us in the new house (west classroom) on December 5, 2021, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Usually around 10:15 a.m. All women are welcome!
- ❖ *****REMINDER*** WINTER ON THE PLAINS:** December 19th, 2021

YOUTH GROUP

*****NEW*** We are asking ALL Middle School & High School to help decorate the outside of the Church at 10:00 am, this next Saturday, December 11th. We will have pizza and soda after. Also, parents are welcome to come and help as well!**

