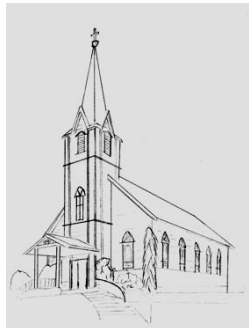


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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Mon – Thursday, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm. **Office is closed on Fridays.**

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4:00 – 4:15 pm

Masses: Thursday and Friday 11:00 am; Saturday, 4:30 pm; Sunday 10:00 am

December 9th, 2018

Padre's Portion: Advent has arrived and it is full of opportunities to do a little extra. Last Saturday evening we had our Wine/Cheese evening. What a huge success. (Thank you, Jan and Bob and all your elves!) Three baskets full of goodies and wine were raffled off plus many went home with a bottle. Then Sunday we had our Advent Faire and made many of the symbols to use during this month. (Thank you Priscilla and your crew!)

Now, we have our reverse Advent "count up". Add to a basket or box in your house each day one food item. By the time Christmas Eve is here you will have 24 items (canned food, pasta, chips) to present to Jesus (SVPD) when you come to Mass. Also, book recommendations were in the bulletin last week. Always a good activity for this special Season during the coming weeks. Finally, schedule an afternoon and come and learn more about "A Man of His Word" Pope Francis. I'm going to show it three times during Advent (December 11th at 2:00 p.m.; December 13th after the 11:00 a.m. Mass -- bring a sack lunch; And Wednesday December 19th at 2:00p.m.) It will be shown in the living room of the Rectory so seating is limited to 15 adults. So I ask that you phone the office and "reserve" your spot. I will schedule more if the response requires more dates into the New Year. It will enrich your Advent journey.

Most Importantly Advent is a Season full of invitations, not only from Jesus, but in our social world. Please, I invite you to our Communal Reconciliation Service this next Saturday, December 15th at 10:00 a.m.. Each Season this prayer service is attended by more and more of you who realize that God's love is communicated in such a specific and special way. If you have come before, we will see you there. If you haven't, please come and share this time with your Sacred Heart and let the Spirit of Jesus' forgiveness envelop you.

"What are you waiting for?" This theme for Advent is echoed in this weekend's Gospel that centers on announcing the ministry of John the Baptist. He sure didn't wait to get out the Good News. He speaks directly to us, saying, "Repent." Or in modern vernacular: "Get your act together. Jesus is coming!" The challenge he gives still today is to change our lives; believe in the risen Christ. We must look at our actions, our attitudes and values. Which ones need attention? Which part of ourselves need conversion? How can that happen? Only one way. The difference lies in turning to God. How about next Saturday at the Reconciliation Service.

John the Baptist proclaimed the forgiveness of sins (another reason to be here next Saturday morning.) God forgives us when we fail. (Saturday morning you are given the opportunity to let God forgive you.) However each of us must be willing to seek and ask. The forgiveness of God will enable us to be free from the bonds of sin and to grow in love of God and others. "What are you waiting for?"

You are more than welcome to donate a poinsettia to decorate our Church for Christmas in honor of a loved one. They are part of our memories and Community. Just bring to the Office or Church any time after December 20th. God Bless.

Youth Choir Practice Schedule for the Christmas Eve 4:30 Family Mass at Sacred Heart

We would like to welcome all young people to participate in the Youth Choir for the Christmas Eve 4:30 Family Mass at Sacred Heart. Any young person who likes to sing Christmas songs is welcome but we ask that everyone please participate in the four practices listed below if at all possible. Also, if anyone plays an instrument well and can play along with the songs feel free to bring that and we will see where we might fit it in with some of the songs.

- **Sunday, December 9** – after 10:00 Mass has ended for about ½ hour - typically from 11:00 - 11:30 a.m.
- **Sunday, December 16** – after 10:00 Mass has ended for about ½ hour - typically from 11:00 - 11:30 a.m.
- **Sunday, December 23** – after 10:00 Mass has ended for about ½ hour - typically from 11:00 - 11:30 a.m.
- **Monday, December 24** - 3:15 p.m. prior to 4:30 Mass for about ¾ hour

If you have any questions about the Christmas Youth choir please contact Denny Stucke at (503)-544-3075 or e-mail: denny.stucke@gmail.com.



Tuesday
Thursday

2:00 pm rectory, Documentary, Pope Francis: A Man of His Word
Mass at 11:00 am. Rosary precedes Mass at 10:40 am
Choir practice at 7:00 pm in church

Friday
Saturday
Sunday

Mass at 11:00 am. Rosary precedes Mass at 10:40 am
Communal reconciliation at 10:00 am; Mass at 4:30 pm
Mass at 10:00 am, RCIA after Mass



THIS weekend is our Retirement for Religious Collection:

I recognize this is but one of numerous worthy causes in need of assistance and that this is a time of year when the holidays make demands on your resources. I ask simply that you give what you can in recognition of those who have so generously offered their lives.

In thanksgiving for their faithful service, please join me in supporting the Retirement Fund for Religious and in praying for God's blessing on our nation's elderly religious. Sincerely yours in Christ, Sister Veronica Schueler, F.S.E., Chancellor and Episcopal Delegate for Religious.



If you would like to bring in a poinsettia in memory of a loved one who has passed for our Christmas Masses for church you may start bringing them in on the 20th of December. The church always looks so beautiful with all the flowers and it is such a special way to honor your loved one at this time of year.



Our Christmas Tree will be up and ready for decorating the weekend of December 22nd and 23rd. The decorating will be after one of our weekend Masses. We would like parishioners to take part in the decorating.



A special **THANK YOU** to every single person that helped to make our Advent Celebration a success. It was great fun for the children and their families! The cookies, fruit, juice, and crafts were a hit. Also, our clean-up was a snap with all of your generous help. What a great team! Thank you, the Community Building Team

"The Wine & Cheese Ministry would like to extend a Huge THANK YOU to all who donated to and participated in last weekend's Christmas Raffle to raise money for an Audio/Visual system for the New Hall. Between ticket sales and generous donations, we raised \$1955.00. !!!!!!! There were 4 Winners since one of the winners generously donated their winnings back!

MASS INTENTIONS

For the week of Dec 8th – Dec 16th, 2018

Sat, Dec 8	11:00 am	Women of our Parish
Sat, Dec 8	4:30 pm	Women of our Parish
Sun, Dec 9	10:00 am	Parishioners
Sun, Dec 9	1:00 pm	Homebound and Ill of our Parish
Thur, Dec 13	11:00 am	+Rena Oakden – Julie Spencer
Fri, Dec 14	11:00 am	+Sandy DeMoy
Sat, Dec 15	4:30 pm	Parishioners
Sun, Dec 16	10:00 am	+Angelina & Lou Luchini

Third Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3:14-18a (9C)
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:10-18

Ministry Schedule for the weekend of Dec 15th and 16th

Greeters	Florence Dezeix & Madonna Graff	Maxine Lanctot & Lynne Wehrman
Lectors	Janet Alley	David Ewing
Altar Server	Abby Provost	Mark Pavlakovich
Host Minister	Mary Ann Kappa	Joan Gauthier
Cup Ministers	Alicia Ruckwardt & Helen Unfred	Ruth Ann Kessler
Ushers	John McNulty & Blaine Moore	George Morin & Eric Wieland
Children's Liturgy	Priscilla Holman	Amy Delegato
Coffee & Donuts		Shalee Stacey
Sacristan	Alicia Ruckwardt	Margaret Barilko

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS 2018-2019 ACTUAL

Dec 2 \$7,112

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS YEAR TO DATE

FOUR MONTHS ENDED OCT, 2018

ACTUAL	BUDGETED	VARIANCE
\$78,611	\$87,016	-\$8,405

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