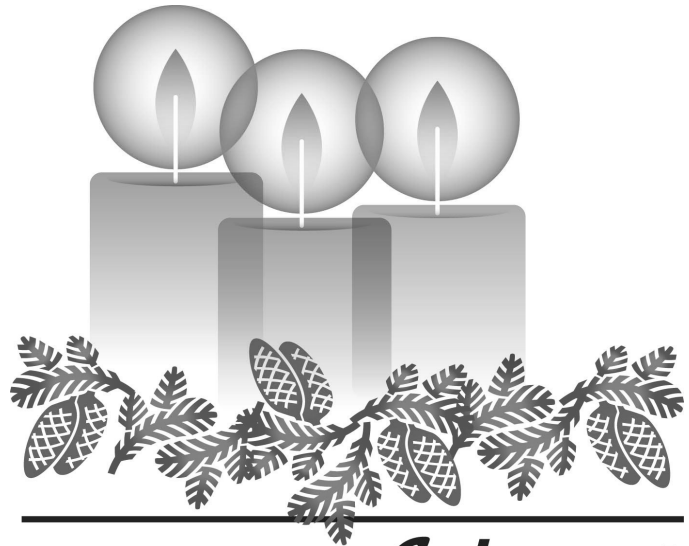


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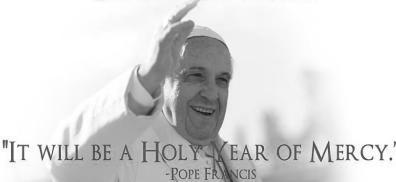
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-POPE FRANCIS

CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

**Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty,
clothe the naked, welcome the stranger,
heal the sick, visit the imprisoned, and
bury the dead.**

SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

**Counsel the doubtful, instruct the
ignorant, admonish sinners,
comfort the afflicted, forgive offences,
bear patiently those who do us ill, and
pray for the living and the dead.**

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Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 9:30 am
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Holidays: 9:00 am
Weekdays: 8:30 am in rectory – M, T, Thurs.
 5:30 pm Mon. when Council Meets
 12:05 pm in church — Wed.

Reconciliation: the Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered 15 minutes before the weekend Masses and by appointment.

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ENCOUNTER GOD IN THE SACRED SCRIPTURE
 If you promise to spend five (5) minutes a day reading the bible, take a bible free. Bibles can be found in the vestibule of church at the bible display.

We welcome all of our parishioners, neighbors and visitors. If this is your first time visiting our parish and you like what you see and hear and it fills your need, please consider making this your home parish. Our Mission is **“Opening Hearts to Christ through Prayer, Service and Fellowship.** We invite you to join our parish as a **full-time member or you may make this your associate parish by attending at least once a month and supporting our parish through your contribution envelopes.** To do so, please ask one of the ushers for a Membership Profile Questionnaire to complete and return to the rectory office or place it in the collection basket or on the piano after Mass. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the parish office at 314-231-9923. We are grateful for all of our members and visitors.

Mass for the Intentions Week

Sunday	Dec 11	Parishioners
Monday	Dec 12	Mary Jane Landhauser
Tuesday	Dec 13	Lorraine Baker
Wednesday	Dec 14	Richard Perkowski, Sr.
Thursday	Dec 15	No 8:30 Mass today – Father is at St. Frances Cabrini presiding.

PREACHING SCHEDULE

Dec	10 & 11	Fr. Bruce Forman
Dec	17 & 18	Deacon Tom Gorski
Dec	24	Fr. Bruce Forman
Dec	25	Deacon Tom Gorski

CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS SCHEDULE

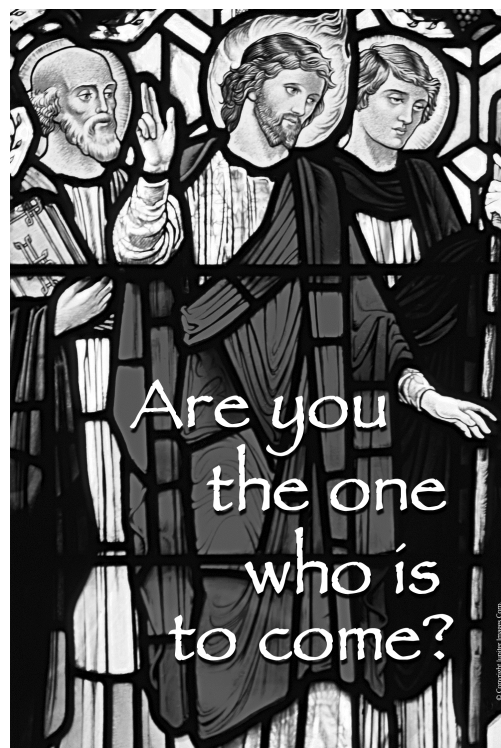
Dec	24	Christmas Eve – 10:00 PM
Dec	25	Christmas Day – 9:30 AM
Dec	31	New Year’s Eve – 5:00 PM
Jan	01	New Year’s Day – 9:30 AM

Christmas Day and New Year’s Day are Holy Days of Obligation.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

December 05 - 11, 2016

Monday:	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Tuesday:	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday:	Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday:	Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30
Friday:	Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36
Saturday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Sunday:	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24



LITURGICAL ASSISTANTS

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Dec	11	Dianna Antonacci, Larry & Sally Backer, Laura Bone, Beth Durban and Kathleen Wayman
Dec	18	Kate Gerber, Suzanne Kern, Frank Koishor, Tom Korte, Leanne McCrate and Phil Willman

LECTORS

Dec	10	Steve Sukanek
Dec	11	Kathy McKinnon (1) Brett Delaria (2)
Dec	17	Michelle Heitmann
Dec	18	Gary Meyer (1) Phil Willman (2)

USHERS/GREETERS

Dec	11	Don & Sharon Link, Patrick Bone and Tom Korte
Dec	18	Mary Gebhart, Anna Moser, Gary Meyer & John Meyer

DONUT HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE

Dec	11	James Mitchell & Michael Garland
Dec	18	Jeanne Marie & Kevin Kelly
Dec	25	Christmas – No Donuts

PARISH FAMILY NEWS
Happy Birthday!

Dec 13 Al Niehoff
Dec 14 Sue Hackmann
Dec 14 Kathy McKinnon
Dec 15 Mary Hejkal



Happy Anniversary!

Dec 15 Al & Cheryl Niehoff
Dec 16 Deacon Tom Gorski (Ordination)



HAPPY 37TH ANNIVERSARY
DEACON TOM GORSKI

Deacon Tom was ordained a Deacon on December 16, 1979. Deacon Tom, we appreciate and thank you for your dedicated service to God, His church and to your parish family. You have a good and generous heart and we see it in your willingness to serve the poor, your gift in delivering God's message to us through the Gospel, in putting others' needs ahead of your own, in your preparation of couples for Holy Matrimony, able to be sensitive to others and to bring God's love to all and to meet people where they are on their faith journey.

We also acknowledge and appreciate **Elsie Gorski** for her acceptance and support of Tom in his journey in becoming a Deacon. She, too needed to be willing to take an active part in those parts of the program required by wives, she must be active and in good standing with the Church and her parish, have prayer as an integral part of her life, have a relationship with Jesus, and accept and support the Church in her teachings. So becoming a Deacon requires a strong and support family too. Again, thank you and we love having you here with us!

Your parish family

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Chuck Hejkal, Steve Ippolito, Al Niehoff, Andy Alaska, David Hackmann, Sister Rose Marie, George Darner, Mike and Gail McDonough, Dawn Butler, Dennis Chitwood, Margaret Rallo, Cierra Rogers, Willa Ottersbach, Suzanne Kern, Jessica Grib and Mary Smith. **Also include in your prayers all their caregivers.**

Please pray for strength, courage, patience and healing for **all** those mentioned above and also for all the people in the world who need physical and emotional healing.

PLEASE NOTIFY THE OFFICE TO REMOVE OR ADD SOMEONE TO THE PRAYER LIST.

INTERCESSIONS FOR LIFE

For parents who receive a difficult prenatal diagnosis:
May they be comforted by the assurance of God's loving plan for their child's life;
We pray to the Lord:

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ATTENTION: SHELTER NEEDS

We will not be collecting anything for the shelter during the month of December. We concentrate our efforts to the Giving Tree. We will resume Collections for the shelter clients in January. Thank you for your generosity throughout the year to assist those in our community. May you be blessed for your thoughtfulness & kindness.

Services & Social Justice Ministry

The
Christmas



Our giving tree this year will benefit families and seniors from St. Agatha Parish to our south and St. Nicholas Parish to our north (Fr. Art Cavitt's).

Tags are still tags available on the table. Please wrap all gifts and attach the tag to the gift securely. All gifts need to be returned by Sunday, December 18. As always, gift cards should be placed in the purple box by the piano and will be removed after Mass.

Thank you for your generosity! Any questions, please contact Jan Meyer or Gerry Berviller.

STEWARDSHIP

"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand." JAMES 5:8

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer we better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

That through daily prayer we gain patience and align ourselves with God and His plan for us.

DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS can be made through the envelope in your packet all during the Christmas season. Don't forget to write on the back of the envelope who you want remembered or honored. Once the Christmas season is over (after the Feast of the Epiphany) you are welcome to take a flower home.



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Mabel Triplett
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The Garvey Family
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Caroline Vassallo
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Agnes Russell
The Calvin Family
The Wayman Family
The Frey Family
Jenifer Berviller

JUSTICE AND OBEDIENCE

Justice is the insurance we have on our lives, and obedience is the premium we pay for it.
--William Penn

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR

Mass Intentions of remembrance are \$5.00 each. Just a reminder to send in your Mass Intentions for 2017 especially if you want a specific date. You can drop your envelope in the collection basket. Write the person to be remembered on the envelope.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When the ties of affection and authority that bound Europe's Catholics unraveled in the sixteenth century, many cultures lost time-honored customs of faith. Some customs proved to be especially difficult for the reformers to wrest away from the people, especially those celebrated in the home. This week in Sweden, a country where the Catholic Church was disestablished four hundred years ago, a Catholic martyr from Sicily is the most beloved figure. St. Lucia, Lucy, is celebrated on December 13. The long-story-short is that Lucy was a Christian whose father wanted to marry her off to a pagan fellow, and she rejected her father's authority. To make an example of her, her father had her killed. In the course of the brutal martyrdom, Lucy lost her beautiful eyes, but her vision was miraculously restored. The candles worn today by the eldest daughter of the family are tokens of the fire that refused to harm the saint. So this patroness of light and clear vision is revered on the shortest, darkest days of the Nordic winter. Before the reform of the Gregorian calendar in the sixteenth century, December 13 was the winter solstice.

Today, young girls appear in the morning wearing lighted candles on their crowned heads (battery-operated now after many mishaps), and serve sweet rolls and coffee to everyone in the house. For the Swedes, who are not churchgoers, the "Lucias" are the official heralds of the holiday season and a sign of everyone's yearning for more light in this world. Europe once abounded with customs like this; the survival of this custom in Scandinavia is a sign of God's grace, and how fertile the soil is to receive the true message of Advent. Rev. James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

A SEASON OF HOPE

Today we can bask in the imagery that the Mass readings offer us. In particular, Isaiah's vision of a parched land that blooms with abundant flowers holds a message for each of us. Too often we are just like that parched land. We can allow ourselves to become absorbed in the waves of consumerism that grip so many. We look for fulfillment in the things that money can buy. Unfortunately, this leaves us like parched land, thirsting for something that money can't buy. This holy season has much to offer to quench our thirsts. In a word, this season offers hope. We are told that those who are ransomed by God will know joy and gladness. For them, sorrow and mourning will be no more. Let us place our hope in these promises.
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3RD WEEK OF ADVENT GAUDETE WEEK

Our week begins with "Gaudete Sunday." *Gaudete* means "rejoice" in Latin. It comes from the first word of the Entrance antiphon on Sunday. The spirit of joy that begins this week comes from the words of Paul, "The Lord is near." This joyful spirit is marked by the third candle of our Advent wreath, which is rose colored, and the rose colored vestments often used at the Eucharist.

The second part of Advent begins on December 17th each year - this year, in 2015; it is Thursday of the Third Week of Advent. For the last eight days before Christmas, the plan of the readings changes. The first readings are still from the Prophecies, while the Gospels are from the infancy narratives of Matthew and Luke. We read the stories of faithful women and men who prepared the way for our salvation. We enter into the story of how Jesus' life began. These stories are filled with hints of what his life will mean for us. Faith and generosity overcome impossibility. Poverty and persecution reveal glory.

Preparing our Hearts and asking for Grace

We prepare this week by feeling the joy. We move through this week feeling a part of the waiting world that rejoices because our longing has prepared us to believe the reign of God is close at hand. And so we consciously ask:

*Prepare our hearts
and remove the sadness
that hinders us from feeling
the joy and hope
which his presence
will bestow.*

Each morning this week, in that brief moment we are becoming accustomed to, we want to light a *third* inner candle. Three candles take us to going from expectation, to longing, to joy. They represent our inner preparation, or inner *perspective*. In this world of "conflict and division," "greed and lust for power," we begin each day this week with a sense of liberating joy. Perhaps we can pause, breathe deeply and say,

*"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my savior."*

Each day this week, we will continue to go through our everyday life, but we will experience the difference our faith can bring to it. We are confident that the grace we ask for will be given us. We will encounter sin - in our own hearts and in our experience of the sin of the world. We can pause in those moments, and feel the joy of the words,

"You are to name him Jesus,
because he will save his people
from their sins." *Matthew 1:21*

We may experience the Light shining into dark places of our lives and showing us patterns of sinfulness, and inviting us to experience God's mercy and healing. Perhaps we wish to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation this week. We may want to make gestures of reconciliation with a loved one, relative, friend or associate. With more light and joy, it is easier to say, "I'm sorry; let's begin again."

Each night this week we want to pause in gratitude. Whatever the day has brought, no matter how busy it has been, we can stop, before we fall asleep, to give thanks for a little more light, a little more freedom to walk by that light, in joy.

Our celebration of the coming of our Savior in history, is opening us up to experience his coming to us this year, and preparing us to await his coming in Glory.

*Come, Lord Jesus. Come and visit your people.
We await your coming. Come, O Lord.*

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FIAT WOMEN'S GROUP

Give yourself a gift this Advent and join us for Thursday, December 15 at Kenrick Glennon Seminary (5200 Glennon Dr 63119). Our speaker will be Father Mark Kramer, SJ. We will pray the rosary at 8am and the talk will run from 8:15 to 9am. Coffee and social time follow. All are welcome! See www.kenrick.edu/fiat for more information and for recordings of previous talks.

RETRouvaille OF ST. LOUIS ... A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Retrouvaille is an International community of disciples committed to the continued healing of their marriages and, empowered by the Holy Spirit, sharing their stories, talents and gifts to promote and spread the healing ministry of Retrouvaille.

The Retrouvaille program starts with a Friday – night – thru- Sunday "Weekend" and includes six follow up sessions over the next three months. YOU Can Help Your Marriage – 25% of surveyed couples say they are "Happily Married". For everyone else there is Retrouvaille. Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with each other? Are you constantly fighting? Or so you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking only make it worse? For information on the Retrouvaille Program, visit the website www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230. **The next Program begins the weekend of FEBRUARY 3, 2017.**

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT THE PROPHET'S PROFIT

If you read the books of the prophets in the Old Testament, you might notice that prophets were not very popular. Most were killed or exiled because they challenged people (especially the rulers of the people) to follow the commands of God. John the Baptist, who could be called the last Old Testament prophet and the first prophet of the New Testament, suffered in the same way. So what kept the prophets going?

First of all, they had faith in God. They believed that God spoke through them, and they believed that the people must obey God's commandments faithfully and love the Lord above all things. They had faith that God would protect them and support them, and that God's promises would always be kept.

Second, they had patience. They kept going when people rejected their preaching. They patiently waited for God to keep those promises, sometimes for the rest of their lives. Some prophets had to be patient with their own weaknesses or their failure to change the behavior of the people of Israel.

The third gift of the prophets was hope; hope that by keeping God's commands, God's people would be renewed, along with all of creation. Our first reading is an example of such hope, with its descriptions of deserts becoming gardens and the sick and disabled being healed and strengthened.

So what do we learn from those prophets? First, we need to keep our faith in God strong. If you go to church once a week, the bare minimum, it would be like exercising only once a week and thinking that will keep you in shape. Prayer, for our spiritual health, is an exercise just as important as aerobics for physical health.

Second, we need patience, and not just with our kids. We need to be patient with ourselves and with God. Some people stop going to church because they don't see any spiritual growth in themselves. So be patient; don't expect to become a saint right away. Sometimes even saints could not see their own spiritual growth.

Finally, the gift of hope helps us be patient because we trust that God's promises will be kept and God will give us whatever we need. The reading from Isaiah gives us hope that God will open our eyes of faith, clear our ears to hear God's word (Isaiah 35:5), and "meet him with joy and gladness" (Isaiah 35:10).

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today is Gaudete Sunday, which means "rejoice." For three weeks now we have been preparing for Christmas and, one hopes, enjoying some peace to pray and anticipate the coming of the Lord, not just as a baby two thousand years ago, but also in the end-times, the parousia, when the Lord will come again in glory. This is the Sunday when the rejoicing begins. Advent, unlike Lent, is not a penitential time, but a time of waiting and anticipation for the fulfillment of God's promises. "[We] will see the glory of the LORD, / the splendor of our God" (Isaiah 35:2). So, "Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord . . . Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand" (James 5:7, 8).

THE ONE WHO IS TO COME

John the Baptist, wanting to confirm that Jesus is the Christ, sends his disciples to inquire about him. Jesus responds, echoing the words of the prophet Isaiah, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them" (Matthew 11:4-5). By this reply, Jesus knows that John will recognize that he is the Messiah, the one who is to come, and rejoice.

MORE THAN A PROPHET

Jesus then turns to the crowds, and teaches them, and us, about John the Baptist. John must have been quite a sight, and quite a forceful preacher. He drew great crowds, including Pharisees and Sadducees, who came out to see and hear him, and many were baptized. John has spent years baptizing with a baptism of repentance in preparation for the One who is to come. Jesus in turn pays tribute to his kinsman, and at the same time reveals his own mission as the Anointed, the One who will come to bring salvation to all who believe. He praises John, and reveals that John is the prophet who has come to proclaim the coming of the Reign of God in Christ. Jesus says, "This is the one about whom it is written, / Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; / he will prepare your way before you" (Matthew 11:10). So, as James tells us in the second reading, we must not complain about one another so that we will not be judged in those final days. We can rejoice in the coming of the Reign of God. We must be patient.

We celebrate Christmas not only as the secular holiday with Santa and the reindeer, the Christmas tree, the gifts, the parties, and all the glitz, but as the Incarnation and the joyful coming of the Lord our God.

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PETER & PAUL COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC. TRIVIA NIGHT – JANUARY 7, 2017

Tickets are \$25 per person; tables seat 8. Doors open at 6:45 pm, Trivia begins at 7:30 pm. It will be held at: St. Justin Martyr Catholic Church, 11910 Eddie and Park Rd., Sunset Hills, MO 63126. For more information please call Emily Wanner at 314-588-7111.

There are only two weeks of Advent left. If you've been too busy to prepare for the coming of the Christ child, try to find some quiet time to in these last two weeks to spend with our Lord and just "*listen*". You might be surprised what you hear....

Happy Advent!

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