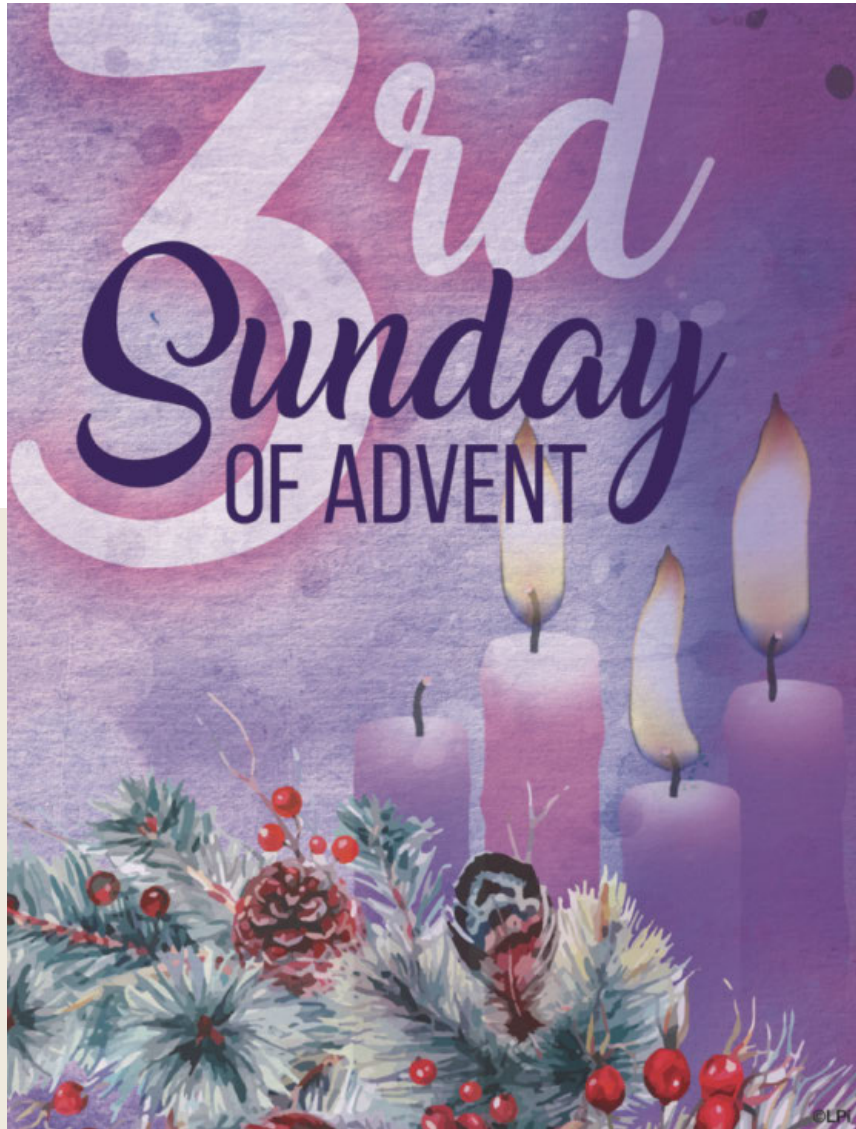




# St. Isidore the farmer

## FAMILY OF PARISHES

DECEMBER 17, 2023 | THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



HOLY ROSARY



IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION



ST. PATRICK



OUR LADY OF  
GUADALUPE



ST. TERESA

# Second Sunday of Advent ~ December 17, 2023

## ST. ISIDORE THE FARMER MASS & RECONCILIATION TIMES

### Saturday Masses

Holy Rosary (HR)	4:30pm
Immaculate Conception (IC)	5:00pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe (OLG)	7:00pm

### Sunday Masses

Holy Rosary	8:00am & 11:00am
Immaculate Conception	8:00am & 11:00am
Our Lady of Guadalupe	9:00am
St. Patrick (SP)	9:30am
St. Teresa (ST)	10:00am

### Weekday Masses

<u>Monday</u>	IC	8:00am
<u>Tuesday</u>	IC	8:00am
	HR	School Mass 8:15am
<u>Wednesday</u>	HR	12:05pm
	OLG	7:00pm
	ST	7:00pm
<u>Thursday</u>	IC	8:00am
	SP	8:00am
<u>Friday</u>	HR	8:00am
	IC	School Mass 9:00am
<u>Saturday</u>	HR	8:00am

## RECONCILIATION

### Holy Rosary

Wednesday	11:30 - 11:50am
Saturday	3:30 - 4:15am

### Immaculate Conception

Saturday	4:00 - 4:30pm
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### Our Lady of Guadalupe

Wed. before 1st Friday	6:30 - 6:45pm
Saturday	6:15 - 6:45pm

Anytime by calling the parish offices for an appointment.

## BAPTISMS

Presenting a child for Baptism is a serious obligation and requires a faith commitment on the part of the parents and godparents. This commitment is exemplified by being a practicing, active Catholic. Parents are obligated to attend a preparation session before a child's baptism if they have not attended one in the last five years. Please call your parish office to register.

## WEDDINGS

Please phone your parish office to set-up an appointment with a priest, in order to begin the sacramental preparation. Only after this initial meeting and assessment can a date be set for the wedding. The process requires at least 6 months.

## ST. ISIDORE THE FARMER PARISHES

Holy Rosary Church  
511 E. Spring St.  
St. Marys OH  
(419) 394-5050

Office Hours: 7:30am - 2:30pm

Immaculate Conception Church  
229 S. Anthony St.  
Celina OH  
(419) 586-6648

Office Hours: Mon. - Thurs. 8am - 6:30pm, Fri. 8am - 4:30pm

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church  
6701 St. Rt. 219  
Celina, OH  
(419) 268-2312

Office Hours: Friday 8:00am - 12:00pm

St. Patrick Church  
6959 Glynnwood Rd.  
St. Marys, OH  
(419) 394-5050

Office Hours: 7:30am - 2:30pm (Holy Rosary Office)

St. Teresa Church  
4227 OH 707  
Rockford, OH  
(419) 363-2633

Office Hours: Mon. & Wed 9am - 4pm, Fri. 9am - 1pm

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# MASS SCHEDULE

## MASS INTENTION

## CELEBRANT

### Monday, December 18

8:00am IC Tom J. Rable

Fr. Rob

### Tuesday, December 19

8:00am IC Mort Heckler  
8:15am HR Jersey Poff

Fr. Rob  
Fr. John

### Wednesday, December 20

12:05pm HR Don & Mary Kantner Fam. L/D  
7:00pm OLG The Rammel Family L/D  
7:00pm ST PJ & Virginia Keeley

Fr. John  
Fr. Rob  
Fr. Prashanth

### Thursday, December 21

8:00am IC Martha & Kelly Kittle  
8:00am SP Burke Family L/D

Fr. John  
Fr. Prashanth

### Friday, December 22

8:00am HR Leo & Mary Tebbe Family L/D  
8:00am OLG Wallace & Klosterman Fam. L/D  
9:00am IC Marita Uhlenhake

Fr. Prashanth  
Fr. John  
Fr. Rob

### Saturday, December 23

8:00am HR Connie Barhorst  
4:30pm HR David & Isibelle Burke Fam. L/D  
5:00pm IC Parishioners of St. Isidore Fam.  
7:00pm OLG Scott & Michelle Barhorst

Fr. Rob  
Fr. Prashanth  
Fr. Rob  
Fr. John

### Sunday, December 24 - Sunday Obligation

9:00am HR Parishioners of St. Isidore Fam.  
9:00am IC Parishioners of St. Isidore Fam.  
9:00am OLG The Faithfully Departed

Fr. Prashanth  
Fr. Rob  
Fr. John

### Sunday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

4:00pm HR Parishioners of St. Isidore Fam.  
4:00pm IC Parishioners of St. Isidore Fam.  
4:00pm ST Nick & Mary Provc  
7:00pm OLG Parishioners of St. Isidore Fam.  
10:00pm HR Parishioners of St. Isidore Fam.  
10:00pm IC Parishioners of St. Isidore Fam.

Fr. John  
Fr. Prashanth  
Fr. Rob  
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Fr. John

### Monday, December 25 - Christmas Day

9:00am OLG Parishioners of St. Isidore Fam.  
9:30am IC Parishioners of St. Isidore Fam.  
9:30am SP Parishioners of St. Isidore Fam.  
11:00am HR Parishioners of St. Isidore Fam.

Fr. Tom  
Fr. Prashanth  
Fr. John  
Fr. Rob

# READINGS FOR THE WEEK

## SUNDAY READINGS

### First Reading

I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul. (Is 61:10)

### Psalm

My soul rejoices in my God. (Is 61:10-b)

### Second Reading

May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thes 5:23))

### Gospel

"I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie. (Jn 1:23)

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 17

### Sunday, 3rd Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

### Monday

Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25

### Tuesday

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

### Wednesday

Is 7:10-14; Lk 1: 26-38

### Thursday

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

### Friday

1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

### Saturday

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

### Sunday, 4th Sunday of Advent

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Rm 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

### Sunday, Christmas Vigil

Is 62:1-5; Acts 13: 16-17, 27, 29; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

### Sunday, Christmas During the Night

Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

### Sunday, Christmas Mass at Dawn

Is 62:11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2 15-20

### Sunday, Christmas During the Day

Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

## Family Bulletin

Welcome to the new St. Isidore the Farmer Family Bulletin. The Family Bulletin will now be ONE bulletin to replace the 5 separate bulletins. As of now, any events/announcements/articles should be sent to [hrsecretary@bright.net](mailto:hrsecretary@bright.net) at least 2 weeks prior to publishing. Examples: items for the December 24th issue need to in by Monday, December 11th, by 9:00am. To continue, notices for December 31st issue are due by Monday, December 18th, at 9:00am and notices for the January 7th issue should be in by Wednesday, December 27th, at 9:00am. Keep watching the bulletin for further updates.

## Pastoral Council

Craig Bruns	Melissa Knapke	Ron Schulze
Robbie Burke	Terry Mathewson	Karen Smith
Adam Cron	Dan Moeller	Deb Tangeman
Dave Dwenger	Doug Moran	Linda Tebbe
Mary Eichler	Kevin Ott	Gerald Vian

## THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISHES

### Monday, December 18

Patriotic Rosary	7pm	HR
Holy Rosary School Program	1pm & 7pm	HR School

### Tuesday, December 19

Presence, The Real Eucharist Rm.	9:00am	HR Upper
HR Altar Society Meeting	11:30am	Eagle's
HR Youth Choir Practice	2:15pm	HR Church
Advent Penance Service	6:30pm	IC
RCIA	6:30pm	HR - UR
Advent Penance Service	6:30pm	IC

### Wednesday, December 20

Reconciliation	11:30 - 11:50am	HR
ST Choir Practice	6:00pm	ST Church
OLG Sunday Kindergarten Class	6:00 - 7:45pm	OLG
SP CCD	6:30pm	SP
SP Christmas Program	6:30pm	SP
Reconciliation	6:30pm	ST
OLG Nativity Play	6:45pm	OLG
HR CCD	7:00pm	HR School
HR Youth Group	8:00pm	Youth Rm.

### Thursday, December 21

Boys' Club	6:30pm	HR School
Advent Penance Service	6:30pm	HR

### Friday, December 22

### Saturday, December 23

Reconciliation	3:30 - 3:50pm	HR
Reconciliation	4:00 - 5:50pm	IC
Reconciliation	6:15 - 6:50pm	OLG

### Sunday, December 24

## Save the Dates

December 18	HR Christmas Program
December 19	IC Advent Penance Service 6:30pm
December 20	SP CCD Christmas Program
December 21	HR Advent Penance Service 6:30pm
January 7	OLG Christmas/New Year Dinner
January 20	HR German Dinners at K of C Hall, St. Marys
February 10	HR Dueling Pianos at Union Hall, St. Marys
March 2	ST Family Fun Night at Rockford Com. Bldg.
March 17	IC Confirmation Mass
April 5	HR Spa for the Soul at Union Hall, St. Marys
April 7	OLG First Communion
April 14	HT First Communion
April 21	ST First Communion
April 24	OLG May Crowning
April 24	SP May Crowning
May 1	HR May Crowning

## Advent Series - FORMED

For this Christmas Season, Formed has released two new Advent series: *Rooted - Rediscover the Jesse Tree This Advent* and *Drawing Closer to God* to help you and your family prepare for the Messiah's coming. To find these two great series, go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) and search for the titles.

FORMED is a FREE Catholic resources for all families in our community, anywhere, anytime on computers, tablets, phones, or your web-connected TV.

1. Go to [www.formed.org/signup](http://www.formed.org/signup)
2. Enter our parish zip or name
3. Enter your name and email
4. Enjoy and share with others

After you sign up, download the free FORMED app!



## Advent Lessons & Carols

Join us in celebrating the Scriptures & Music of the Advent Season

December 17  
Holy Rosary Church

## Advent Study

*Presence, The Mystery of the Eucharist*

Formed Video Series

Come and explore the True Presence of Christ in the Eucharist

Tuesdays, 9:00am in the Upper Room  
At Holy Rosary

No need to register - Just Join Us!

## "Make a Date"

**Seven Sensational Dates for Married Couples**

**January 5, 12, 19, 26 & February 2, 9, 16**

**6:00 - 9:00pm at St. Marys K of C Hall**

Each night includes a catered dinner at a private candlelit table for two.

Cost ~ \$120 (approximately \$17 per night)

Couples watch a DVD and discuss important issues often ignored in the rush of daily life.

There is no group discussion or group sharing.

Call the parish office at 419-394-5050 to RSVP.  
Seating is limited - Call Today!



## Follow the Star: Christmas at St. Charles

Join your family and friends for the "Follow the Star: Christmas at St. Charles," a celebration for the feast of Christmas. The residents of St. Charles Living Center are opening their doors to the community December 17 with events for all ages.

Cookies & milk with St. Nicholas at 1:30pm.

Hayrides 1:30 - 4:00pm and 5:30 - 7:00pm.

Mass at 4:00pm in the Assumption Chapel followed by a glowing procession to the live Nativity.

Stations of the Nativity display depicting 14 moments surrounding the birth of Jesus.

Polar Express electric train display with our magical conductor Brother Tim Cahill.

Festival of Trees presented by local parish groups and religious education programs. Visitors can vote on their favorite tree by dropping \$1, \$5, \$20 or \$100 in the donation box. The winning group will receive the prize money to be used for their ministry.

This day will be a day of reflection and prayer from 11:00am to 5:00pm with Stations of the Nativity at 1:00pm and 2:00pm and a Festival of Lessons and Carols at 4:00pm in the Assumption Chapel.

## Christmas Nativities at Maria Stein Shrine

Now through January 10th, the Shrine will once again be hosting a Nativity Exhibit. More than 60 nativity sets will be showcased and you can see how the simple scene of Christ in the manger with Mary and Joseph has been interpreted in many cultures over the years.

Bring the whole family for this wonderful reminder of the reason for the season with this free exhibit. It is open to the public during the normal Shrine hours: Monday through Thursday 9:30am—6:00pm, Friday and Saturday 9:30am - 4:00pm and noon to 4:00pm on Sundays. They will be closed December 24, 25, 31 and January 1.



## Evening Adoration at the Maria Stein Shrine

The Maria Stein Shrine will be offering evening Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the first Thursday of each month. Adoration begins at 1:00pm and will conclude with Benediction starting at 7:30pm, ending at 8:00pm. This is a great opportunity for those who work during the day to spend time with our Lord in the evening!

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

### *The Christmas Chronicles*

Please join us at Holy Rosary School, Monday, December 18th, at 1:00pm and 7:00pm for our performance of *The Christmas Chronicles* in the school gym

### *Our Lady of Guadalupe Children's Nativity*

Wednesday, December 20

6:45pm

Please plan to stay for the 7:00pm Mass

### St Patrick CCD Christmas Program

#### A Christmas to Believe In

Wednesday, December 20

6:45pm - in Church

Cookies and refreshments to follow



## Holy Rosary School's

### Dueling Pianos



Saturday, February 10

@ Union Hall

Dinner - Drinks - Raffle - Silent/Live Auction

Reserved Tables - 8 Seats for \$450

Individual Tickets ~ \$60 per ticket

Doors Open - 5:30pm Dinner - 6:00pm

Dueling Pianos - 7:00pm

## FAMILY FUN NIGHT!

March, 2, 2024

The OLG Family Fun Night 2024 will be held on Saturday, March 2, at the Rockford Community Building. Please email Janel Hamrick [janel\\_evers07@hotmail.com](mailto:janel_evers07@hotmail.com) before January if you are able to help sell tickets or collect donations so your name can be added to google docs. Ticket sales and the collection of donations will begin the first week of January. Last date for ticket sales and donations will be February 18. Please watch the bulletin for more information.

## Giving Tree ~ OLG

OLG is collecting socks, hats, gloves, under garments and scarfs again this year for children. Collection boxes will be in the entrances of the Church. Donations for the food baskets can be placed in the regular collection marked "Angel Tree".

## Poinsettias ~ OLG

In Honor of Poinsettias are available by placing \$8.00 in an envelope with the person's name on it for whom it is being remembered. Please place these in the collection basket or bring them to the parish office. Deadline is December 17 for all orders.

## Family Parishes Church Decorating

Christmas decorating is preferred after Sunday, Dec. 24th 9:00am Masses, but Fr. John is allowing trees, garland, and empty cribs to be in place on Friday, Dec. 22nd after morning Mass. No Christmas lights should be turned on until Christmas Eve Mass. All statues and poinsettias can be in place after the 9:00am Mass on Sunday, Dec. 24th. If no Mass at your church, then you can decorate after the last Mass of the week.

## Decorating ~ HR

Decorating will begin following the 8:00am Mass on Friday, Dec. 22nd. Statues and poinsettias will be set up on Sunday, Dec. 24th following the 9:00am Mass

## Decorating ~ IC

We are in need of men & women to help with decorating. Please contact Cindy Van Santvoord at 419-586-3455 or cindylouwho417@gmail.com to be added to the list of volunteers.

## Decorating ~ OLG

We will start decorating the Church for Christmas after the 8:00am Mass on Friday, Dec. 22nd. Then we will finish the decorating after the 9:00am Mass on Sunday, Dec. 24th. Please plan to help as we have a short time frame this year.

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21 Century, Joe Schlueter  
ADT-Monitored Home Security  
Vehorn Lawn Care  
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## Sunday Kindergarten Class ~ OLG

This Sunday is the last class for this session. The Sunday Kindergarten students are invited to attend class on Sunday, December 20th, at 6:00pm. They will then attend the Nativity play at 6:45pm and Mass at 7:00pm. The students will be ready for pick-up at approximately 7:45pm.

## CCD & RCIA Christmas Break

HR CCD ~ No class December 27 or January 3

HR RCIA ~ No class December 26

OLG CCD ~ No class December 27 or January 3

SP ~ No class December 27 or January 3

IC ~

## 2nd Grade CCD Students & Parents ~ OLG

### First Communion Retreat

January 7, 2024

1:00pm

Montezuma Spiritual Center



## GRIEF SHARE

January 2 - March 26

Precious Blood Rectory Youth Room  
35 S. Maple St., Chickasaw

This program consists of 13 weekly DVD sessions for people grieving the loss of someone close. It's a place where you can be around people who understand how you are feeling and are able to offer you encouragement. The DVD seminars are combined with support group discussions of material presented during the DVD. All materials are donated by Hogenkamp Funeral Home.

Please feel free to contact Herb Wilker at 419-953-5398 or email hiwilker@mercy.com if you have any questions or would more information about these sessions.

# Liturgical Roles

## Holy Rosary

### **Saturday, December 23 ~ 4:30pm**

Lectors: Bill & Sally Angel  
Servers: Rawlin Buck, Rodney Buck, Reid Buck  
Eucharistic Ministers: Cathy Buck, Deacon Marty,  
Dianne Engel, Peg Larkin, Chris Borger

### **Sunday, December 24 ~ 9:00am**

Lectors: Bruce Miller  
Servers: Calvin Brown, Will Lininger, Jack Lininger  
Eucharistic Ministers: Matt Brown, Nan Mielke,  
Stephanie Brown, Linda Tebbe, Ben Brown

### **Sunday, December 24 ~ 4:00pm**

Lectors: Diane Wright, Amanda Martin  
Servers: Rodney Buck, Reid Buck, Nickolas Dietz,  
Koal Dicus  
Eucharistic Ministers: Cathy Buck, Deacon Marty,  
Dianne Engel, Peg Larkin, Stacy Glass

### **Sunday, December 24 ~ 10:00pm**

Lectors: Linda Lunz, Annette Bayham  
Servers: Nora Fischbach, Maddie Brown, Christopher  
Brown, Brody Klosterman  
Eucharistic Ministers: Ben Brown, Deacon Marty,  
Stephanie Brown, Tracy Klosterman, Deb Wilker

### **Monday, December 25 ~ 11:00am**

Lectors: Lil Heitkamp, Olivia Albright  
Servers: Quintin Brown, Calvin Brown, Volunteer  
Eucharistic Ministers: Joe Bills, Janice Yahl,  
Linda Tebbe, Greg Eaglowski, Kathy Frankenberg

## Immaculate Conception

### **Saturday, December 23 ~ 5:00pm**

Lectors: Toni Shema, Charlie Mescher  
Sacristan: Janet Smith  
Servers: Cole Bruns, Joy Bruns  
Eucharistic Ministers: Janet Smith, Jane Mescher, Karen Albers,  
Becky Lipp, Joyce Johnson  
Gift Bearer: Bob Kovar

### **Sunday, December 24 ~ 9:00am**

Lectors: Karen Stahl, Charlie Mescher  
Sacristan: Gary Locke  
Servers: Clayton Schmidt, Christian Fent  
Eucharistic Ministers: Freda Lochtefeld, Lori Vian,  
Liz Pottkotter, Kathy Maas, Dr. Ken Schmiesing  
Gift Bearer: Liz Pottkotter

### **Sunday, December 24 ~ 4:00pm**

Lectors: Cissy Muntizinger, Allison Bruns  
Sacristan: Doug & Toni Shema  
Servers: Ellee Homan, Clayton Schmidt  
Eucharistic Ministers: Toni Shema, Tara Homan, Nancie Hoyng,  
Joan Carr, Bob Hoyng  
Gift Bearer: Craig Bruns

### **Sunday, December 24 ~ 10:00pm**

Lectors: Tom Muhlenkamp, Carol Wenning  
Sacristan: Janet Smith  
Servers: Brice Heckler, Jacob Heckler  
Eucharistic Ministers: Janet Smith, Lori Vian, Dr. Schmiesing,  
Kathy Schmiesing, Anita Muhlenkamp  
Gift Bearer: Dr. Ken Schmiesing

### **Monday, December 25 ~ 9:00am**

Lectors: Trish Baucher, Lynn Locke  
Sacristan: Gary Locke  
Servers: Katelynn Heckler; Elden Heckler  
Eucharistic Ministers: Jane Homan, Liz Pottkotter, Ron Hoyng,  
Freda Lochtefeld, Christy Fuerst  
Gift Bearer: Liz Pottkotter

## Our Lady of Guadalupe

### **Wednesday, December 20 ~ 7:00pm**

Lectors: Avery Niekamp, Logan Kraner  
Servers: CJ Schwieterman, Molly Klosterman, Lily Moeller  
Eucharistic Ministers: Austin Niekamp, Adam Cron

### **Friday, December 22 ~ 8:00am**

Servers: Paul Dwenger, Andy Schwieterman  
Eucharistic Minister: Melissa Fent

### **Saturday, December 23 ~ 7:00pm**

Lectors: Janelle Tumbusch, Andy Schwieterman  
Servers: Michael Russell, July Wynk, John Wynk  
Eucharistic Ministers: Jill Howe, Tom Kueterman, Ben Russell,  
Amanda Schwieterman, David Kremer  
Ushers: John Dorsten, Joe Karafit, Tim Schoen, Ben Wynk  
Vocation Cross: Ron & Linda Schulze Family  
Gift Bearers: Tom Wynk Family

### **Sunday, December 24 ~ 9:00am**

Lectors: Pam Dorsten, Sara Schwieterman  
Servers: Emma Everman, Haley Everman, Austin Niekamp  
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Verhoff, Carolyn Wynk,  
Kylie Niekamp, Caden Homan, Emma Smith  
Ushers: Darrell Kramer, Doug Klosterman,  
Chuck Schwieterman, Charles T. Schwieterman  
Gift Bearers: Nick Wenning Family

### **Sunday, December 24 ~ 7:00pm**

Lectors: Betty Ranly, Janelle Tumbusch  
Servers: Brenna Stachler, Anna Klosterman, Ann Klenke  
Eucharistic Ministers: Ben Russell, Cindy Koester, Linda Wynk,  
Ben Wynk, David Kremer  
Ushers: Tom Wynk, Mike Tobe, Richard Hess, John Dorsten  
Gift Bearers: Adam Cron Family

### **Monday, December 25 ~ 9:00am**

Lectors: Donna Sieftring, Ashley Stachler  
Servers: Jacob Smith, Emma Smith, Anna Knapschaefer  
Eucharistic Ministers: Adam Smith, Karen Smith,  
Jacob Smith, Shelby Dorsten, Ron Schulze  
Ushers: Paul Dwenger, Gerard Dorsten, John Klosterman,  
Doug Everman  
Gift Bearers: Doug & Jenny Everman Family

## St. Patrick

### **Monday, December 25 ~ 9:30am**

Lectors: Mike Chalk, Virgil Brown  
Sacristan: Ellen Brown  
Eucharistic Ministers: Jane Dwenger, Dustin Knapke,  
Kent Schlegel  
Servers: Nick Dwenger, Henry Dwenger  
Ushers: Nick Brackman, Dave Dwenger, Tom Naseman

## St. Theresa

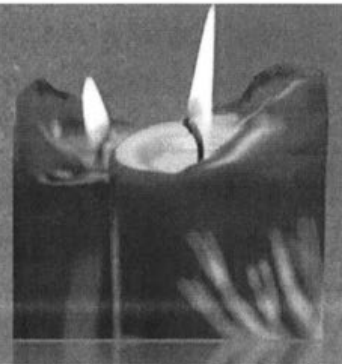
### **Wednesday, December 20 ~ 7:00pm**

Servers: Gary Fullenkamp, Avery Baucher  
Sacristan: Diane Fullenkamp

### **Sunday, December 24 ~ 4:00pm**

Lectors: Trisha Berry, Melissa Fent  
Sacristan: Julie Peel  
Eucharistic Ministers: Cheryl Nichols, Maggie Roehm,  
Mike Roth  
Servers: Megan Nichols, Lindsey Nichols  
Usher & Honor Family: Doug Hughes Grant Minnich  
Vocation Cross: Mike Langenkamp Family  
Church Cleaning: Bob Eichler Family

# Impact



Bring faith to life. Find life in faith.

## We wait

"I just can't wait!" How many times have you already heard a child exclaim that he or she just can't wait for Christmas? Perhaps you're thinking about this, too. Some of us truly love Christmas and the anticipation of the season is part of the fun -- shopping, preparing, trees, cards, parties, and all. Others of us are not as fond of this time of the year. It seems to be blown out of proportion and for some, the hoopla takes away from what Christmas really means.

Advent is a season of waiting, not only for the celebration of Christmas, but also for Christ's return in glory. We linger in anticipation, preparing our minds and hearts for such great mysteries. By doing so, we appreciate more fully that for which we wait. We are called to be stewards of all of this, because in the seasons of Advent and Christmas, we focus on the message of God's love for humanity.

In the incarnation, Jesus shows us the love of God. Christ witnesses this love in the meager dwelling of our humanity, and in the dwelling of a manger. Throughout Advent, especially from December 17 until Christmas, we sing "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." Emmanuel, which means "God is with us," is a particularly powerful title for Christ. When we call Jesus "Emmanuel" we are making a statement of deep faith and enduring hope. If God is with us, there is nothing to fear in life or death. If God is with us, we can trust that all will be well, regardless of the difficulties of the present moment. If God is with us, we can mirror God's lavish giving by giving of ourselves and our resources, and know that in doing so, we help others to see that God is with them.

**In Advent and Christmas, we are assured that God is with us!** Our annual immersion into this truth provides comfort and calls us to shape our living as good stewards of God's varied grace, especially the knowledge that Jesus is our Emmanuel.

## We watch for Christ

**They watch for Christ who are sensitive, eager, apprehensive in mind, who are awake, alive, quick-sighted, zealous in honoring him, who look for him in all that happens, and who would not be surprised, who would not be over-agitated or overwhelmed, if they found that he was coming at once...**

**This, then, is to watch: to be detached from what is present, and to live in what is unseen; to live in the thought of Christ as he came once, and as he will come again; to desire his second coming, from our affectionate and grateful remembrance of his first. --**

**John Henry Newman**

## Impact this Advent

**Look for Christ where there is love.** In the care of family members for one another; among friends; when you are compelled to greet a stranger or care for someone in need; in word and sacrament in the Mass; in the healing of Reconciliation.

**Look for Christ in quiet.** When your heart is filled with peace, especially when nothing can explain the calm you feel. When you find resolution in conflict; healing of body, mind, and spirit.

**Look for Christ during difficulty.** When simple things are hard; when life seems insurmountable; when your heart aches.

**Look for Christ in others.** Those who need care and those who give it. In the eyes of a friend who is in pain. In the lonely neighbor; the homeless person on the street; the sick and dying.

**Look for Christ in unexpected places.** When you least expect to experience God, remember, God is there!





## Impact this Christmas

### Reflect

As you celebrate Christmas this year, reflect on the gift of Jesus' birth. How does Christmas reveal God's love to you?

### Pray

Prayerfully read the gospel for Christmas Mass at night, Luke 2:1-14. Put yourself in the place of Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds. What does each teach you about God's love for us in Jesus Christ?

### Live

Christmas is more than a day. It is a season, and a way of life! This Christmas, make a commitment to take Christ's love to heart, and to share Christ's love at home, work or school, in your parish, and your local community.

Words fail us. We do not have the words to describe the incredible news of Jesus' birth. Awesome. Astounding. Incredible. Powerful. And so much more!

At Christmas, we try to put into words the mystery of God's love, which is beyond our understanding. God so desires to be near to us that God became one of us. The good news of Jesus' birth is timeless and at the same time, is for us in our time and place.

Jesus, the Word of God, is God's love incarnate, in flesh and time. Jesus proves once and for all that God is not distant or absent from the real stuff of our lives, our vulnerability, joys and sorrows. Jesus speaks a sacred word to all who are weary – now, as ever, that means all of us – shining a light for all who are discouraged by the darkness of illness, conflict, violence, natural disaster, and human weakness.

**And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.**

Who are we, that God loves us so? People throughout the ages have pondered the mystery of God's great love for us in Jesus Christ, which shines through all turmoil, doubt, and discouragement. St. Peter Chrysologus captured our astonishment when he said, "The magi are filled with awe by what they see; heaven on earth and earth in heaven; man in God and God in man; they see enclosed in a tiny body the one whom the entire world cannot contain."

As we celebrate Christmas this year, decorating our homes, pausing to look at the Christ-child in the manger, placing lights and ornaments just so on our trees, and listening to Christmas carols that tell the story of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem, let us be mindful of the deep truth that the season proclaims: Jesus is the perfect image of God whose love took human form and because of this, we have great hope. We also bear responsibility to live as God's image in the world. "Only when Christ is formed in us will the mystery of Christmas be fulfilled in us." (CCC, 526) This season, let us proclaim and live the mystery and message of Christmas: Jesus Christ is born!

# Stewardship Offerings December 3 & 4

## Holy Rosary

Weekly Collection	\$ 6,243.70
Online Giving	\$ 5,287.83
Mailed in Donations	\$ 2,000.00
Total Collections	\$ 13,531.35
Total Offerings	\$ 182,126.45
Budgeted for July - November	\$ 189,312.45
Budget Over/Short	(\$ 7,186.00)

## Immaculate Conception

Sunday Loose	\$1,973.50
Sunday Envelopes (175)	\$ 20,656.00
Total Collections	\$ 22,629.50
Over Budgeted Amount	\$ 6,129.50
Total Offerings	\$ 342,520.18
Budgeted for July - November	\$ 379,500.00
Budget Over/Short	(\$ 36,979.82)

## Our Lady of Guadalupe

Adult Envelopes	\$ 2257.00
Monthly Online	
Children's Envelopes	\$ .67
Loose Collection	\$ 1,157.00
Weekly Collection	\$5,414.67
Weekly Budgeted	\$ 4,150.00
Over/Short	\$ 1,264.67
Total Offerings	\$ 88,514.99
Budgeted July - November	\$ 95,450.00
Budget Over/Short	(\$ 6,935.01)

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**The last day to place an order for cards that we don't have on hand is December 15th.**

## St. Patrick

Weekly Collection	\$ 1,308.00
Online Giving	\$ 300.00
Total Collections	\$ 1,608.00
Total Offerings	\$ 38,170.91
Budgeted for July - November	\$ 30,208.35
Budget Over/Short	\$ 7,962.56

## St. Teresa

Envelopes/Online	\$ 1,950.00
Loose Collection	\$ 520.00
Total Collection	\$ 2,470.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 1,400.00
Over/Short	\$ 1,070.00
Total Offerings	\$ 28,473.76
Budgeted July - November	\$ 32,200.00
Budget Over/Short	\$ 3,726.24

## Endowment Fund ~ IC

The Endowment Fund received the following donations:

\$1000 in memory of Paul E. & Jon P. Jones  
 \$500 in memory of Bonnie "Opal" Stelzer  
 \$165 in memory of Rosetta (Susie) Wagner  
 \$100 in memory of Rosie Amato  
 \$100 in memory of Betty Anderson  
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## SCRIP CARDS @ IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Christmas is fast approaching, but we still have gift cards available for sale to help with your last-minute gifts! We will still be selling cards in the vestibule after weekend Masses December 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, but no sales on Christmas weekend. Cards will be sold at the rectory from 9-12 and 12:30-4:30 M-F until Dec. 22. They will be closed Dec. 25 and Dec. 26.

We will be back selling cards after Mass the weekend of December 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> for those of you planning a New Year's dinner out. And for your information, the rectory will be closed Jan. 1 and Jan. 2.

\*\*If you're looking for stocking stuffers, the IC Scrip Gift Card Program is the place to look! We have some \$5 cards and MANY \$10 cards!

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\*Remember, our Scrip Rewards Program is an ongoing promotion, so you can earn free gift cards all year long! For every \$1000 worth of purchases, you earn a \$10 gift card to the establishment of your choice. We keep track of each of your purchases, and when you get to \$1000, we contact you to see what gift card you would like to choose. By giving you a 1% reward, we are encouraging you to use IC School's gift card program instead of a credit card. Your savings should be the same, and you will be helping IC School at the same time. Thanks for your support and **MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!**

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