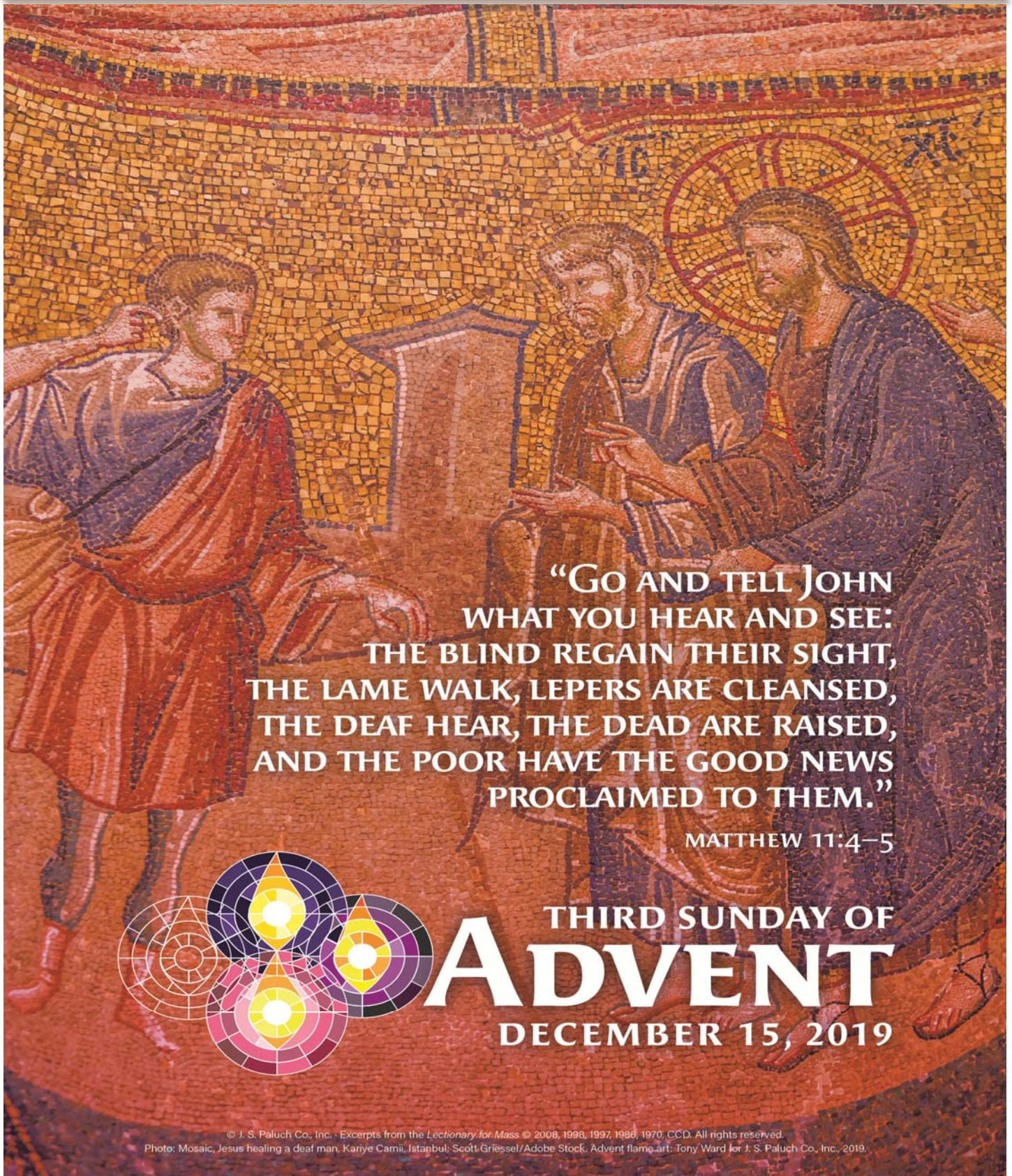


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**“GO AND TELL JOHN
WHAT YOU HEAR AND SEE:
THE BLIND REGAIN THEIR SIGHT,
THE LAME WALK, LEPERS ARE CLEANSED,
THE DEAF HEAR, THE DEAD ARE RAISED,
AND THE POOR HAVE THE GOOD NEWS
PROCLAIMED TO THEM.”**

MATTHEW 11:4-5



**THIRD SUNDAY OF
ADVENT
DECEMBER 15, 2019**

Ascension of Our Lord Parish

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday:
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
(2nd Sunday of the month)

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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00 PM.

SUNDAY: 8:00 A.M. & 10:00 A.M.

MONDAY - FRIDAY

12:00 NOON

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY: 3:15 - 3:45 PM.

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

8:00AM ~12NOON ~6:00PM

BAPTISMS

Parents must be registered parishioners. Please call the parish office for information about our baptism schedule and preparation requirements.

WEDDINGS

Bride, groom or parents must reside in parish area and be registered parishioners. Please contact the parish office to prepare for your wedding at least six months in advance of your proposed wedding date and before making any preparations for a hall.

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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 15, 2019 - Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Intention of our Parish Family

10:00 AM †Julia Kubacka – Bill and Barb Cizek
†Carole Bartizal - Family
†Jason Bartizal - Family
†Cara Parillo-Hicks - Sue Burgess
†Maria C. Ignacio - Daughter
†Dr. Jose and Ofelia Lasala - Steve & Christie Agins

Monday, December 16, 2019

12:00 PM †Eli & Cindi Felper - Felper Family

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

12:00 PM †Robert A. Cynowa - Loving Wife

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

12:00 PM †Rocco Christofano - Dr. Barbara Santucci

Thursday, December 19, 2019 -

12:00 PM Valeria Licuanan - - Loving daughter, Caridad

Friday, December 20, 2019

12:00 PM Marie Cordero - Nilda and Bessie

Saturday, December 21, 2019

4:00 PM †Diane Klazura– Loving Husband
†John Herron – Beloved Mother and Shelly
†Francine Murr– Lynda Morris Klazura
†Tory Lezza– Sue Burgess
†Steven Sicher - Your mom, Gail
Living and Deceased Members of the Tumino and Demma Families - K & M Demma

Sunday, December 22, 2019 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Intention of our Parish Family

10:00 AM †Aurora Mangahas – Ortiz Family
†Bill Cizek, Sr. - Bojan Family
†Francis Discipio - Family
†Alessandro Mattiuz - Irene Mattiuz
†Marie Cordero - Lito and Zeny Dungca
†David SanJuan, Jr. - Sister

† Denotes Deceased



Dear Padre,

The Church is steeped in symbolism, tradition, and “living metaphors,” but it sometimes forgets common sense. Why smell up the church with incense? Why gussy up the Mass with horns, flutes, and guitars, at times turning holy Mass into a pseudohootenanny?

The Mass is our high point of worship. All other sacred actions and activities of the Christian life “are bound up with it, flow from it, and are ordered to it” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 16). The dignity and importance of worshiping the Father in and through Christ at Mass is expressed in communion with fellow believers, and ideally through a full sensory experience with all our heart, mind, and soul. In short, if something is worth doing, it’s worth doing well—especially if “doing” opens us to the mystery of God’s presence through what we see, hear, smell, touch, and taste. “In the liturgy the sanctification of women and men is given expression in symbols perceptible by the senses and is carried out in ways appropriate to each of them” (*Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy [Sacrosanctum Concilium]*, 7).

Not all Mass occasions call for “smells, bells, toots, and flutes,” but the visual beauty of the sacred surroundings, the sounds of sacred music, and the sacred words and actions that connect us to our traditions and to Christ’s memorial institution, are intended to elevate us in our collective prayer to God. At times, such a sublime experience of the transcendent may be inhibited by sheer practicality, efficiency, and mundanity!



LIDIA MARKAN/ALAMY/SHUTTERSTOCK

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Calendar

Monday
 DECEMBER 16
Advent Weekday
 Nm 24:2–7, 15–17a
 Mt 21:23–27

Tuesday
 DECEMBER 17
Advent Weekday
 Gn 49:2, 8–10
 Mt 1:1–17

Wednesday
 DECEMBER 18
Advent Weekday
 Jer 23:5–8
 Mt 1:18–25

Thursday
 DECEMBER 19
Advent Weekday
 Jgs 13:2–7, 24–25a
 Lk 1:5–25

Friday
 DECEMBER 20
Advent Weekday
 Is 7:10–14
 Lk 1:26–38

Saturday
 DECEMBER 21
Advent Weekday
 Sg 2:8–14 or
 Zep 3:14–18a
 Lk 1:39–45

Sunday
 DECEMBER 22
Fourth Sunday of Advent
 Is 7:10–14
 Rom 1:1–7
 Mt 1:18–24



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Your music and your song are a true instrument of evangelization insofar as you witness to the profoundness of the Word of God that touches the hearts of people, and allows a celebration of the sacraments, especially of the Holy Eucharist, which makes one sense the beauty of paradise.

—INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF CHOIRS, NOVEMBER 24, 2018

Parish News



*** ATTENTION ***

FOR YOUR SAFETY AND FOR THE SAFETY OF OTHERS, PLEASE ENTER AND EXIT THE CHURCH PARKING LOT AS DESIGNATED BY THE POSTED SIGNS. THIS IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT BEFORE AND AFTER MASS TO AVOID COLLISIONS AND KEEP THE TRAFFIC MOVING.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.



CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL

Tuesday, December 24 4:00pm ~ 10:00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

Wednesday, December 25
8:00am ~ 10:00am ~ 12noon

SOLEMNITY OF MARY - MASS (Holy Day of Obligation)

Wednesday, January 1, 2020 - 10:00am



Parish Office Holiday Hours

December 23 9am-3pm
December 24 & 25 Office Closed
December 26 Office Closed
December 27 9am-1:30pm
December 30 9am-3pm
December 31 9am-1pm

Telephone 630-629-5810



Are you aware that our Pastoral Care Ministers will come to your home to visit and bring Communion to the elderly, sick and homebound?

Call the parish office at **630-629-5810** to schedule an appointment OR to advise us of a prolonged hospital or rehab stay.
Father Jose is also available to visit.
Pauline Mitchell is our Minister of Care contact

Minister Schedule

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21 4:00 PM

Presider: Father Jose
Euch. Min.: R. Hariman, E. Lugo, P. McGreevy
Lector: S. Lugo

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22- 8:00 AM

Presider: Father Jose and Deacon Peter
Euch. Min.: D. Horist, D. Morrissey
Lector: M. Bojan

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22- 10:00 AM

Presiders: Father Bob
Euch. Min.: J. Butkovich, J. Ciaccio, N. Cinco
Lector: G. Palisoc

This Week's Calendar

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16: REJOICE ADVENT 10:00AM,
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17: RE 6:00PM, REJOICE ADVENT
MEDITATIONS 7:30PM
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18: REJOICE ADVENT
MEDITATIONS 1PM, CHOIR REHEARSALS 7:00PM,
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19: LEGION OF MARY FOUNDERS
FOYER 10:30AM
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20: GOOD SHEPHERD PRAYER
GROUP - TEEN ZONE - 7:00PM
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21: CONFESSION 3:15PM

STEWARDSHIP

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Women's Advent Tea

Last Saturday, we hosted our third annual Women's Advent Tea! All 48 seats were sold out! Paula Rooney did a wonderful job leading us on our Advent journey of "Miracles of Faith"! Please see the back inside cover for some wonderful pictures of our time together!

Liturgical Minister Reminder

Those who serve as liturgical ministers at our weekend Masses are asked to sign up using the MSP program to assist at the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. If you are not able to long into MSP, please contact Vince or Tina at the parish office.

Continued Prayers

This past Tuesday, those prepared for the Sacrament of Reconciliation were able to participate for the very first time! Our 3rd-8th graders also participated in the Sacrament. Please continue to keep those who went for the first time in your prayers.

Our 8th graders are on their Confirmation Retreat on Saturday, December 14th at Christ the King Parish. Our Confirmation date is set for Wednesday, February 5th, 2020. Please keep our 8th graders in your prayers as well!

Today's Readings on this Third Sunday of Advent

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called *Gaudete Sunday*. *Gaudete* is the Latin word meaning "rejoice." This Sunday is so named because "Rejoice" is the first word in the entrance antiphon for today's Mass taken from Philippians 4:4,5: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near." Some people mark this Sunday on their Advent wreath with a pink candle instead of a purple candle. This Sunday is a joyful reminder that our salvation is near.

This week's Gospel Reading continues our Advent reflection on the person and message of John the Baptist. Last week we heard John speak about his relationship to the coming Messiah, Jesus. This week, we hear Jesus' message to John the Baptist, now in prison, about the signs of the kingdom found in Jesus' ministry and Jesus' assessment of John's role in the Kingdom of God.

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of John's arrest in chapter 14:3-12. In today's Gospel, John sends word to Jesus from prison, asking if Jesus is the Messiah for whom he has been waiting. Jesus responds by pointing to the miracles that he has worked and invites John and the other hearers to make their own determination. In his next breath, however, Jesus praises John for his role in preparing the way for Jesus. Then Jesus says that all of those who work for the Kingdom of God will be as great as John and even greater.

Jesus' message to John about the signs of the kingdom being performed recalls the salvation described by the prophet Isaiah. This passage is a reminder that the beginning of salvation is already mysteriously present to us, but also yet to be fulfilled. Salvation is already in our midst as manifest in the miraculous deeds of Jesus and in the Church. But salvation is also to be fulfilled in the coming reign of God. Even as we observe our world today, we can find glimpses of God's work among us. Even more, we help to prepare the way for God's kingdom by our words and our deeds. This message is indeed a cause for rejoicing.

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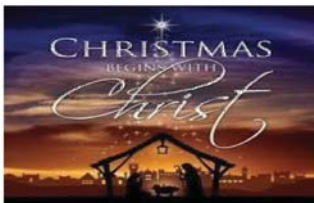
Around the Diocese and Parish Neighborhood

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY *NEEDS AND BEING SATISFIED*

We all have needs both long range and in our daily lives. In this Advent to Christmas season we hear the narrative that Joseph and Mary sought shelter when it was time for Christ to be born. They ultimately found a shepherd that offered his guests not a room or house but a cave where the animals were stabled and in which Christ was ultimately born. In today's world there are many people that are found living under highways and bridges or in squalor housing that is barely livable. Still others are forced to flee their native homes because of civil conflicts and who must take refuge in strange lands where they may not be welcomed nor receive basic help. This is much like the Holy Family who had to go to Egypt for protection and survival. Today we have immigrant and refugee families facing similar treks and voyages to new and unfamiliar lands. And still in this world we have families that break up for many reasons leaving individual members to fend for themselves alone and without much purpose or direction.

The work of our Vincentian Ministry and this parish SVDP Conference continues to receive calls from individuals or other concerned acquaintances asking for help to maintain if not improve their lives. We know we will never eliminate poverty or its causes but work we must to relieve it in the individuals and families that come to us for help. Just as the kind, nameless shepherd gave shelter to the First Family, so we also have an opportunity to help those in need today in our community and in our world. We can eliminate poverty at least in one person and family at a time.

With the Christmas season of blessings and good tidings for all each of us can help others as they draw our attention to their needs. Help us help others!



An Invitation From:

Fr. Mark Rosenbaum & Fr. Burke Masters
to ALL Men of Diocese of Joliet



Wednesday, December 18, 2019 @ 6:30pm
A special Mass will be at 5:30pm if you can come early

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Tickets are available:

Online at www.stjohnwinfield.org

After Weekend Masses

At the St. John's parish office, 8a-4p, Monday-Friday

MORE PARISH NEWS

The 3rd Annual Women's Advent Tea was last Saturday. *"A Miracle of Faith"* was enjoyed by all who attended. Speaker Paula Rooney encouraged all to prepare our hearts as we look forward to Christmas. A Big "Thank You" to La Briola for their generous food donation.

