

The Third Sunday Of Advent

December 12, 2021

Mass Intentions

December	13	8:00 AM	NO MASS
December	14	8:00 AM	Ruth Herman requested by The Morrison Family
December	15	8:00 AM	Intentions Of Father Donald Raila, O.S.B. req. by Teresa Warlow
December	16	8:00 AM	Intentions of Andrew Robinson
December	17	8:00 AM	Crystal Groff requested by Mark & Ginny Ticehurst
December	18	5:00 PM	Joan Mathews requested by Jerry & Karen Kupris
December	19	8:00 AM	Bernadine Sigado requested by The Harshberger Family
		10:30 AM	People Of The Parish

Liturgical Ministries December 18-19

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Sue Guarducci	Karen Kupris	The Hoffman Family
8:00 AM	Lillian Otstott	Scott Sheaffer	Dominic Failor
10:30 AM	Nancy Stanton	Mark Ticehurst	Andrew Aldrich

Schmidt Center Cleaning

December 19

Gwen Pray

December 26

The Raugh Family

Next Sunday's Readings

Please prepare for Mass and the Homily by reflecting on these texts from the Sacred Scriptures

Micah 5:1-4a

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-45

Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$5,553.08

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$6,735.00

November Parish Contingency amounted to: \$1,145.00

May God Bless you for your generous and responsible stewardship!!!

Church Calendar

Sunday, December 12th

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Monday, December 13th

No Mass

Tuesday, December 14th

Mass, 8:00AM

RCIA, 6:30 – 8:00PM

Wednesday, December 15th

Mass, 8:00AM

Confession, 6:00-7:30PM

Thursday, December 16th

Mass, 8:00AM

Friday, December 17th

Mass, 8:00AM

Saturday, December 18th

Confession, 4:00PM

Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, December 19th

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15 AM

“Rejoice in the Lord always.

I say it again rejoice!

**Your kindness should be known
to all...”**

From the Pastor's Desk

Although spontaneous outbursts of joy are not part of our liturgy, today's readings alert us that we have much reason to rejoice. Even in



times of anxiety, we can rely on the words of St. Paul, who writes that we can rest assured that “the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard [our] hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.” As we

prepare for his coming during this Advent season, we don't need to leap out of our pews and make a show of our praise. However, in our hearts and in

our prayer, we can follow the psalmist's lead and “cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.” We can praise God in many ways, through fervent prayer, simple acts of kindness and, as John the Baptist did so well, sharing the Good News.

“What should we do?” The crowds asked John the Baptist a deceptively simple question many of us wrestle with today. How do we prepare for Christ's coming? How should we spend the next hour, the day, the next year, the next five? John the Baptist answers without reservation: Share what you have. Don't be greedy. Do not falsely accuse others. In other words, get it together! The Lord is coming. Advent is a wonderful time to do just that, and St. Paul reminds us that we don't have to know all the answers. “The Lord is near,” he writes, “Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.” Last week, the readings encouraged us to discern what is truly valuable in our lives as Christians. Today's readings encourage us to ask the Lord: “What should we do?” Just as John the Baptist showed the people how to prepare for Christ's coming, the Lord shows us how to live out and share our faith through the Scriptures and in the silence of prayer.

Remember the last time you felt unadulterated joy? As when your child smacks in a game-winning goal at a hockey game. As we move through Advent, we can reawaken a sense of childlike joy as we prepare to celebrate Christ among us. As you light the Advent candle, take time to share with one another something that gave you joy within the past week.

Remember the Sick of our Parish in your charity and prayers: Beth Kingsborough, John Kapp, Jane and Dennis Haag, Bill Sharman, Kay Dorundo, Joni Lawrence, Cathy Steiner, John and Sue Cover, Bill Selle, Diana Prowell, Sharon Ford, Marietta McQuaid, Tom Mellis, Marie Dishman, Cathy Dishman, Suzanne Matunis, Judy Rich, Jeff Martzal, Jeanette Fasick, and all the long-suffering in our community and at Perry Village.

Deacon Robinson's Contact Information: You may contact Deacon Robinson at his cell phone (717-602-6298) or through his email: dcnrobin@ptd.net.

Online Bulletin: www.stbernardsnbpa.org

March for Life January 2022: The St. Bernard Knights of Columbus are again sponsoring and subsidizing a bus down to Washington DC for the annual March for Life. This year's march will be on Friday, January 21st. As in prior years, we will have Mass at 7:15 AM and then board the bus to depart St. Bernard by 8 AM. Please feel free to invite all pro-life people you know to join us on the large 59 passenger bus. Let's fill the bus! Those not attending Mass should plan to arrive by 7:45 AM. The cost this year is again \$20 per adult, and \$10 per youth 16 and under. Youth must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

The Mitten Tree: Each year at Christmas, our parish reaches out to our own parish family and the community and provides approximately 125 gifts for those less fortunate. Again, this year, everyone is invited to select an ornament from our Mitten Tree and fulfill a



Christmas wish for the needy. For many people, these are the only gifts they will receive. The Mitten Tree is located at the main doors of the Church. Only one gift per tag, please!! Your gifts should be returned by Sunday, December 19th.

Pro-Life: “The Word became flesh and dwelled among us,” St. John’s Gospel tells us. Perhaps if we could look at each unborn child as a word from God, we would be less likely to destroy those children who each have a unique message to share with the world. Let us continue to pray that as we prepare to celebrate the birth of God’s Son, we may also reach out to welcome each of His unborn sons and daughters!



Christmas Decorating for Church is scheduled for Thursday, December 23rd beginning at 6:00PM. Your help is needed, welcomed, and appreciated. This is a fun time for all who come each year.

Please sign up at the bulletin board if you can help us this year.

Christmas Week Masses

Friday, December 24th
Christmas Eve Masses begin
4:00PM and 6:00PM

(Seating available in church and hall)

Saturday, December 25th
Mass on Christmas Day
9:00 AM

(Please note no 5PM Mass on Saturday)

Sunday, December 26th
Masses at 8:00 and 10:30AM

New Year’s Eve, December 31st
5:00PM

New Year’s Day, Saturday, January 1st
9:00AM

(Please note no 5PM Mass on Saturday)

Sunday, January 2nd
Masses at 8:00 and 10:30AM

Advent Penance: As we spiritually prepare during the Advent season to celebrate Christ’s birth, please make the Sacrament of Penance part of your family’s spiritual preparation. Since we will not have our traditional penance service for Advent this year, Father Sharman will be available for confession on the following evenings:

Wednesday, December 15th (6:00-7:30PM)

Wednesday, December 22nd (6:00-7:30PM)

“You cannot visit the child without visiting the mother; you cannot in common life approach the child except through the mother. We must leave Christ out of Christmas, or Christmas out of Christ, or we must admit, if only as we admit it in an old picture, that those holy heads are too near together for the haloes not to mingle and cross.”
(G.K. Chesterton)

**The spirit of Advent is
prayer, penance, patience, and preparation!!**