

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday, November 29, 2020

First Sunday of Advent



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." - Mk 13:33

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

It is that time of the year to have an opportunity to share our great blessings with people less fortunate. Our parish Giving Tree will be set up in the Gathering Area on Saturday, November 28th and will be filled with colored "ornaments". Parishioners are invited to take one of the ornaments and donate to The Pontiac Community Outreach, Haven, or Jail Outreach. Please remember that the ornament serves as the gift tag.

Due to COVID we have been asked to simply donate gift cards in place of actual gifts. You can purchase the gift cards at Meijers, Walmart or even online. All gift cards, along with the ornament attached to the gift card, must be returned by Sunday, December 13th. Please mark your calendars! This deadline is very important as the groups we help have arranged pick-ups and have their own distribution schedules, which we have agreed to respect.

God's Christmas blessings to all,
Christian Service Commission



THE KNIGHT'S 5TH SUNDAY ROSARY

TODAY!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH
AT 2:00 P.M.

Join the Knights of Columbus
at Sacred Heart church for our
tradition of the 5th Sunday Rosary.

Join us for

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday, December 4th
Mass: 9:00am
Benediction: 10:00am

Reflect

First Reading

We hear today the prophet Isaiah's internal spiritual struggle as he questions God's ways and decries our human tendency to sin.

What spiritual struggles do you need to confront as we enter into the season of Advent?

Second Reading

In his opening words to the Corinthian Christians, Paul reminds the faithful of God's fidelity to those who believe in his Son. He then cites examples of the blessings they have received since coming to the faith.

What are some blessings you have received in your faith journey?

Gospel

Jesus instructs his disciples to be vigilant for the end times.

How can you make this spiritual discipline a focus of your Advent season this year?



HEARTS ON FIRE at Sacred Heart

Where Faith is Known,
Lived, & Shared

I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing. (Luke 12:49)

LISTEN to the Archbishop: CONCLUSION: This letter ends where it began, in chapter 2 of the Acts of the Apostles. Here we see the Church living an authentically Christian communal life: following the teaching of the apostles, practicing fellowship and care for one another, partaking in the sacraments, and praying together. And we see how God blesses them by adding to their numbers. We see a mystery, a reality at once human and divine, the created manifestation of the work of the Creator Spirit. The church is the sacrament of the risen Christ in our midst. She is alive because he is alive. She grows with the vigor and power of his divine life. And her living is not for her own sake but for the sake of her mission. Her Lord sends her to proclaim the good news that “the crucified one has been raised,” just as he was sent by the Father.

UNLEASH THE GOSPEL, pg 62

PRAY: Tear or cut off this prayer and keep it where you'll remember to pray it throughout the week

Come, Holy Spirit, to Sacred Heart, empower us to lead an “Acts 2” life. Open our hearts and minds to the apostles” and “care for one another.” Lead us to “partake in the sacraments” and “pray together.” May God bless us, as He blessed the early church, by adding to our numbers. Make Sacred Heart a “sacrament of the risen Christ and reveal in us the “manifestation of the work of the Creator Spirit.” Make us “alive because You are alive.” Make us “grow with the vigor and power of Your divine life.” Make our living not for our sake, but “for the sake of our mission,” and send us to proclaim the good news that “the crucified one has been raised.” Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Amen!

ACT: What is this letter saying to **you**? Are you living an “Acts 2” life? Is our parish? Honestly assess how you are living now and commit to improvement in one area where you could be more conformed to it. Then ask how **you** could use your gifts to make our parish into an “Acts 2” parish.

To read the entire letter, “Unleash the Gospel” go to unleashthegospel.org



Saint OF THE WEEK

DECEMBER 5 | SAINT SABBAS

On December 5, it is the feast day of St. Sabbas. Saint Sabbas the Sanctified was born in the fifth century in Cappadocia, in the pious Christian family of John and Sophia. His father was a military commander. Journeying to Alexandria on military matters, his wife went with him, but they left their five-year-old son in the care of an uncle. When the boy reached eight years of age, he entered the monastery of St. Flavian, located nearby. The gifted child quickly learned to read and became an expert on the Holy Scriptures. In vain did his parents urge St. Sabbas to return to the world and enter into marriage. At seventeen years of age he received monastic tonsure and attained such perfection in fasting and prayer that he was given the gift of wonderworking. After spending ten years at the monastery of St. Flavian, he went to other monasteries. St. Sabbas lived in obedience at this monastery until the age of thirty.

He was later blessed to seclude himself in a cave. On Saturdays, however, he left his hermitage and came to the monastery, where he participated in divine services and ate with the brethren. After a certain time, St. Sabbas received permission not to leave his hermitage at all, and he struggled in the cave for five years. After several years, disciples began to gather around St. Sabbas, seeking the monastic life. As the number of monks increased, a lavra sprang up. When a pillar of fire appeared before St. Sabbas as he was walking, he found a spacious cave in the form of a church.

St. Sabbas founded several more monasteries. Many miracles took place through the prayers of St. Sabbas: at the Lavra a spring of water welled up, during a time of drought there was abundant rain, and there were also healings of the sick and the demoniacs. The saint surrendered his soul to God in the year 532.

LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Be watchful! Be alert! The core message of Advent cannot be more direct or simple. As those who are postured in a spirit of readiness and anticipation, we must always be attentive and vigilant. We have to be ready not

only for the anticipated arrival of our Lord, but watchful and attentive to the unexpected visit as well. While we know that the Christ is coming, we also do not know the exact time. Cultivating this expectant attitude is the purpose of this season. It is easy to grow slack, inattentive, and too self-assured. We can easily deaden ourselves to the wonder and surprise of God's presence. We get so absorbed in so many other distractions that it can seem like Christ's second coming, and even Christ's coming in time are of lesser importance. When it finally dawns on us that we have wandered far away from where we need to be, and lost our attentiveness and focus, we will wonder how this all happened. We may even try to put the onus on God and blame God for a lack of involvement or presence. We are the ones, who through our own choice, put the distance in our relationship and lost touch. Now it's time to come back and perk ourselves up a bit!





We invite **YOU** to join with the Intercessory Prayer Team at Sacred Heart which has been lifting up our parish to the love and mercy of Jesus for over two years. Those who enter into intercessory prayer ministry make a decision to pray specifically on behalf of our parish, our community and the world. **The fruitfulness of evangelization depends upon the graces called down through intercession.** Join us as we pray this week:

Lord, we pray In the Name of the Father, the Son & the Holy Spirit:

- ~ For the Archdiocese of Detroit and the new Families of Parishes initiative, that the Holy Spirit will guide the decision-makers to truly develop a culture of mission in each new FoP, and that each parish will be open to the opportunity to share the mission with the other parishes in their Family.
- ~ For our pastors, parishes, and families to embrace and share the message of Christ's love for us.
- ~ In Thanksgiving for the many blessings we have received from our Lord as individuals, families, and a parish.
- ~ For those who are searching for God, may His light lead them to His Truth.
- ~ For parishioners to ask Fr. Cavellier to name ways they can pray for him.

We ask all this in the Name of the Father, the Son & the Holy Spirit. Amen.



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Last Sunday was the great feast of Christ the King. Our Lord must be smiling at the many gifts of food you gave on his feast day to share with the least of our brothers, and thus with Him. The Sacred Heart Community once again has been abundantly generous and provided 65 families with not only a Thanksgiving day meal but enough food for many of these families for about one week. This will allow them to pay other bills and get by during the new shutdowns caused by Covid. A special thanks to all who helped financially to pay for the turkeys and pies. Also a special thanks to the Knights of Columbus and Meijer's for their donations. Please continue to keep the Sacred Heart Vincentians and our clients in your prayers that with your assistance we can continue to help those whom the Lord has asked us to assist.

God Bless and know that your Advent preparation will be blessed based on your generosity.



THANK YOU ONE AND ALL

Dear Members of Sacred Heart Parish,

I would like to thank you for your outpouring of love for me and my family expressed in your cards, gift cards and donations due to my heart surgery a few weeks ago. Your prayers and goodness have brought the Lord's presence and his healing grace to me.

It was so uplifting to us that even though we moved from Sacred Heart Parish three years ago, you have still remembered me and my family in such an amazing way. Sacred Heart Parish was home for our family for 25 years and it is now and always be in our hearts.

On my part, I promise to pray daily for all of you. May the Lord keep you in his blessings and repay you a hundredfold for your goodness in this earthly life and in eternity.

With love and appreciation,
Deacon Michael & Kasia Stach, Gloria, Gabe and Maryann



SAYING "YES" TO GOD

The will of God is to make each of us "full of grace," just like Mary. A wonderfully appropriate Scripture passage for Advent, the Annunciation (Luke 1:26-38) is a main part of the Christmas story.

Christ became human because Mary was willing to yield to "the power of the Most High." Without Mary's assent at the Annunciation, God's plan for the Incarnation would have had to unfold another way. Mary's cooperation was essential, for God does not force his creatures to bend to his will. Rather, we are invited to cooperate with grace.

Mary serves as a model for each of us who have also been invited to cooperate with God's transforming presence. Christ can only be born in us if we, like Mary, are willing to say "Yes" to God's invitation

and open our self to the life-giving power of the Holy Spirit. Like Mary, we are all called to nurture and give birth to Jesus so that he may be born anew in our hearts and in our world.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

November 29, 2020



THE STORY OF THE NATIVITY: THE TRUTH OF CHRISTMAS

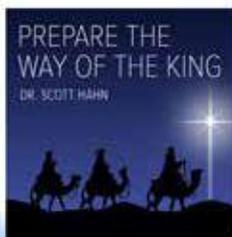
Enjoy this fast-paced, thought-provoking look at the true story of the Nativity as we enter into the joyful season of Advent.

WATCH

LEARN

ADVENT

This Advent prepare your heart through this exploration of the mystery of the Incarnation, the Virgin Birth, and the events surrounding the arrival of Jesus Christ.

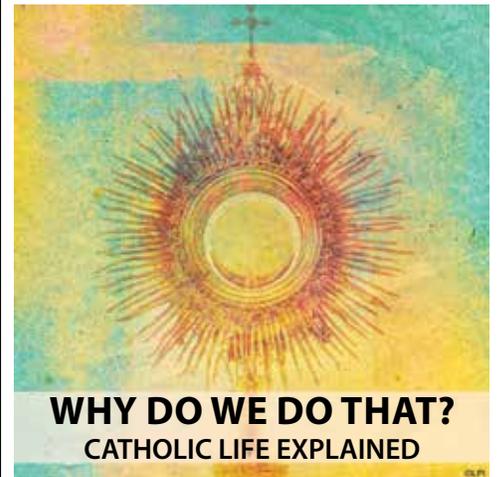


PREPARE THE WAY OF THE KING BY DR. SCOTT HAHN

Your Advent journey will take on new meaning with Dr. Scott Hahn's illuminating presentation on the greatest gift ever given to mankind—Jesus Christ.

LISTEN

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question:
What is Eucharistic Adoration?

Answer:
The practice of Eucharistic Adoration is a centuries old ritual and falls within a broader category of devotions and rituals that are associated with the Sacrament of the Eucharist. In a particular way, Eucharistic Adoration is an extension of the worship and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament that occurs in every Mass.

In a long-standing practice, a period of Eucharistic Adoration often ends with "benediction," the blessing of the faith with the Blessed Sacrament.

Several parishes throughout the United States have introduced the practice of perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, while other communities have the custom of shorter periods of Eucharistic Adoration. Care should always be taken that these periods of adoration respect the instructions outlined in Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside of Mass, the liturgical book that gives the instructions for the proper celebration of Eucharistic Adoration.

Although adoration of the Blessed Sacrament can never take the place of Eucharistic Communion, many Catholics find great comfort and consolation in their prayers before the Eucharist enshrined in the tabernacle or when it is exposed in the monstrance (both are equally valid, as the Christ is not more present in one than in the other). But when we consider our eucharistic devotions, it is always important to remember the fundamental connection these acts of devotion have the celebration of the Eucharist in the Mass and reception of Christ in Communion. ©LPI



BEHOLD THY MOTHER:

Getting to Know the
Blessed Virgin Mary

A free online Advent retreat experience for the lay faithful guided by Sacred Heart Major Seminary faculty and open to all. Learn at your own pace and from the comfort of your home.

"Then Jesus said to the disciple, 'Behold, your mother!'"

JOHN 19:27

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Mass Intentions

Rosary said one-half hour
before daily Mass

Saturday, November 28, 2020

4:00 p.m.

† Suzanne Augustyn by
Irene Herman

Sunday, November 29, 2020

10:00 a.m.

† Allen Farrelly
† Patricia Johnson
† Marilyn Johnson
† Fred Samrah by Family

Monday, November 30, 2020

9:00 a.m.

† Dee Parent

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

NO MASS

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

9:00 a.m.

† Roger & Florence Schmidt

Thursday, December 3, 2020

NO MASS

Friday, December 4, 2020

9:00 a.m.

† Joann Beckman
† Sue Augustyn
by Marguerite Rouleau

Eucharistic Adoration following Mass

Saturday, December 5, 2020

4:00 p.m.

† Ed Lesperance
† Thomas Reckling
† Ruth Caspary

Sunday, December 6, 2020

10:00 a.m.

† Jean Sylvester
† Fred Samrah
† Encarnacion Artesano
† Arnulfo Artesano

PRAY FOR . . .

Names will be published for 3 weeks.
If a name has been removed that you wish
to have re-established, please call the
Parish Office at 248-852-4170

Kathleen Stachurski
John Latella
Elizabeth Jeri
David Sargent
Tommie Miller
Margaret O'Donnell
Gabrielle Roth-Haver
Don Boudreaux
Orleta Cairo
Jackson Hensley
Deacon Jack Parent
Marguerite Fishbaugh

Joe Kroetsch
Joan Martus
Laurie Graves
JoAnn Eaton
Dora Murray
Diane Hurd
Richard Booms
Doreen Valente
Andy Serocki
Mary Bourbeau
Lori Crowl
Bill Reilly

Dennis Spensley
Rolf Maier
Stella Lentz
Tom Guibord
Deac. Michael Stach
Nancy Delosh
Michael Delosh
Frank C. DeFelice
Nick Rennels
Tom Coburn, Sr.
Rita Pedersen
Jim Clem

Scripture Readings for the Week



Sunday, November 29:

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3,
15-16, 18-19 [4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk
13:33-37

Monday, November 30:

Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10,
11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday, December 1:

Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13,
17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 2:

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5,
6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, December 3:

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21,
25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 4:

Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/
Mt 9:27-31

Saturday, December 5:

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4,
5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35—10:1,
5a, 6-8

Sunday, December 6:

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12,
13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN THE SERVICE

2nd Lt Carrigan Berard, Army NG
CPL Christopher Berard, US Marine Corp
Sergeant Joel Bock, National Guard
Lt Christopher Burns, Navy
Lt Molly Hamilton Burns, Navy
Lt Jamel Chokr, Coast Guard
Sra Jake Coll, Air Force
Ssgt Joshua Coll, Air Force
AMS3 Christion Compton, Navy
Joseph Destefano, serving in Iraq
Capt Brent Drabek, Air Force
Lt Linda Erickson, Army
Petty Officer Anthony Giacobelli, Navy
Lt Stephanie Herderich, Air Force
Lt Nicholas Hughes, Army
LCPT Dawson Innis, Marines
Capt Benjamin Lloyd, Marines
Capt Kaitlyn Tullock Lloyd, Marines
Lance Corporal Adam Mather, Marines
Capt Sean McQuade, Army
Capt Sarah Burns Mobilio, Marines
Sergeant Daniel Pendell
Lt Ronnie Robinson, Army
1Lt Billy Romine, Army
Gunnery Sgt Michael Schuhler, Marines
Capt Todd Sullivan, Army
Senior Airman Scott Socia, Air Force
Tom Yombor, Army Ranger 1175
Ian Zdral, Army

THE SEASON OF ADVENT
MEANS THERE IS SOMETHING
ON THE HORIZON
THE LIKES OF WHICH WE HAVE
NEVER SEEN BEFORE.

— JAN RICHARDSON

Liturgy Schedule		
November 28-29, First Sunday of Advent		
	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday, 4:00 pm Mass	Linda Botson	Linda Caspary
Sunday, 10:00 am Mass	Nancy Piotrowski	Nancy Piotrowski
December 5-6, Second Sunday of Advent		
	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday, 4:00 pm Mass	Kristen Koltvedt	Dottie Weir
Sunday, 10:00 am Mass	Gene Jagnecki	Gena Galicia

Parish Mission Statement

Sacred Heart parish is a loving and giving Roman Catholic community. We welcome people from all walks of life as we celebrate God's presence in the Eucharist and we proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ by serving all, teaching boldly and rejoicing always.

Sacred Heart Parish		
<p>SACRED HEART OFFICE 3400 S. Adams, Auburn Hills, MI 48326 248-852-4170 FAX: 248-852-5745 sacredheartauburnhills@gmail.com www.esacredheart.org</p> <p>Follow us on facebook, instagram and twitter @sacredheart7009</p>  <p>OFFICE HOURS: Mon. & Tues.: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Thurs & Fri.: By Appointment Wed, Sat & Sun: Closed</p> <p>LEADERSHIP AND STAFF Pastor: Rev. Fr. Richard Cavellierx22 Pastoral Associate & Director of Religious Education: Michael Merlo ...x12 Deacon: Rev. Mr. Jack Parent Office Assistant: Carol Bissax10 Music Minister: John Welch</p>	<p>MASS SCHEDULE Mon., Wed., Fri.: Mass 9:00a.m. Tues., Thur.: NO MASS Saturday: 4:00 p.m. Sunday: 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>PARISH COUNCIL COMMISSIONS Christian Service Member Colleen Sylvester 248-853-5717 Education Member JoAnn Eaton 248-361-2854 Finance Member Ron Iwaszkiewicz 248-852-1303 Worship Member JoAnn Eaton 248-361-2854 Member at Large Mary Alice Merlo 248-375-5378</p> <p>KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Sacred Heart Council 8659 kofc8659.com Dan Heath (GK) 248-343-9622 Sam Crowl (MD) 248-980-4636 samcrowl@comcast.net</p>	<p>SACRAMENTS & INFORMATION RECONCILIATION Saturday, 3:00 p.m. BAPTISMS Please call the Parish Office for arrangements, Call 3 to 6 months before birth of child. MARRIAGES Arrangements to be made with priest. Call at least 6 months to a year prior to wedding. RCIA RCIA program for adult entrance into the Church begins each fall. Please call the Parish Office for information. EUCCHARISTIC CHAPEL Come and pray anytime. NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION Please stop by or call the Parish Office BULLETIN Deadline: Articles are due by Friday (10 days before) at 5:00 p.m. Bulletin Editor Email: bulletin@esacredheart.org</p>

3 EASY STEPS

TO KEEPING YOURSELF & OTHERS HEALTHY!

We are cautioned to be especially careful during the Coronavirus outbreak. Here are some simple ways to keep sickness away.



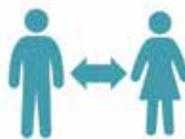
WASH YOUR HANDS

Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you can't wash your hands, use hand sanitizer frequently.



DON'T TOUCH YOUR FACE

Especially around the eyes, nose and mouth. If you must sneeze, use a tissue or your arm.



KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

Practice social distancing during this epidemic and stay away from large groups. Instead, call, email or check up on family and friends using social media.

SACRED HEART CHURCH ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Sacred Heart has joined social media!

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