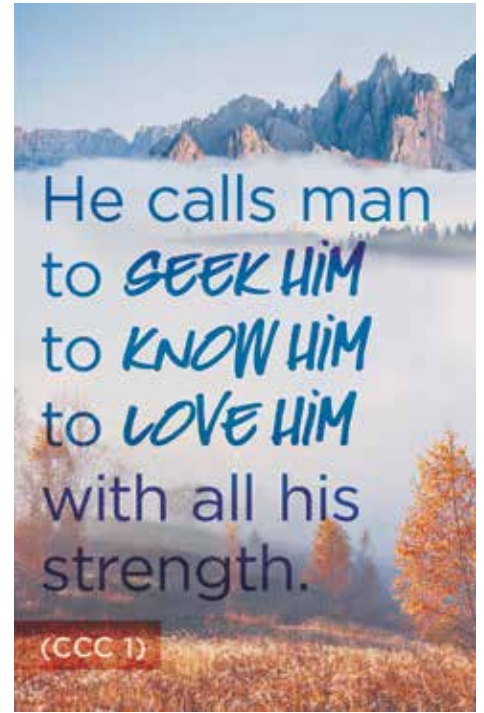
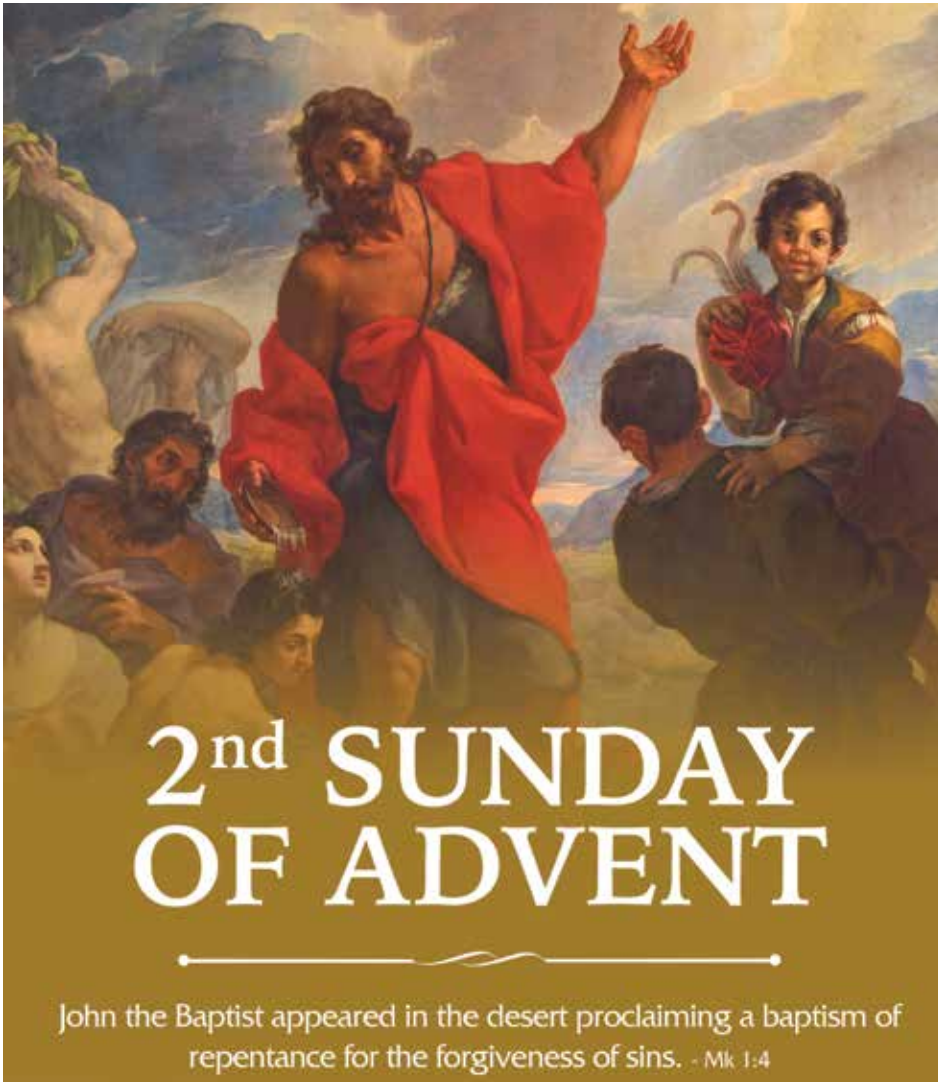


SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday, December 6, 2020

Second Sunday of Advent



Reflect

First Reading

Five hundred years before the birth of Christ, Isaiah prophesied these words of comfort and hope to the Israelites captive in Babylon.

What would bring comfort and hope to you in this season of Advent?

Second Reading

Today we hear how Peter challenged those in his day who denied that Christ would return. Peter argued that our human timeline is not God's timeline.

How do you reason with people today who deny the fundamentals of our faith?

Gospel

Mark opens his Gospel by presenting the words and activities of John the Baptist in the context of fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy heard in our first reading.

Why do you think connecting Isaiah to John the Baptist was important to Mark and his community?

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





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: *"They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles and every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved"* (Acts 2:42-47). In this text, St. Luke paints a beautiful portrait of the Church in her first days in Jerusalem. Since then, like a flourishing vine, her branches have extended over the face of the whole earth. The Church in the Archdiocese of Detroit is a living branch of this living vine. What St. Luke said of the Church in Jerusalem can be said truly of us. It is as the Church of Christ in southeast Michigan, founded by Christ and alive in Christ, that we take up in earnest the new evangelization.

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 become "the living branch of this flourishing vine," the Church. Lead us into living Acts 2 lives, "devoting ourselves to the teaching of the apostles," and to "the breaking of the bread," and to prayer. Teach us and lead us into living a communal life with Christ at its center and with all "alive in Christ." As such, we will "take up in earnest the new evangelization." Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love in this living branch of the vine of Christ. Amen!

ACT: What is this letter saying to **you**? Are you living the Acts 2 life described by Luke—devoted to the apostle's teaching (Scripture), breaking the bread (Eucharist), communal life (engaged in the parish) and prayer? How might the new structures of Families of Parishes help us to do this better? Then ask how you could use your gifts to make our Family (announced in a few weeks) an "Acts 2" parish.

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



Saint OF THE WEEK

DECEMBER 10 | SAINT MILTIADES

On December 10, it is the feast day of St. Miltiades. Two popes had been exiled by Emperor Maxentius, and for nearly two more years the Church in Rome was steeped in turmoil, making it impossible to choose a pope. Finally, Miltiades, an African, was elected. He had served as a priest under Marcellinus during the terrible Diocletian persecution. Now, however, he witnessed the effects of a kinder, more generous Roman government. Indeed, the Church would be favored with splendid gifts. By 311, the Church began to enjoy a peace resulting from a decree of toleration issued in both the East and the West. Emperor Maxentius ordered the properties of the Church restored. These included the land and buildings that had been confiscated during the reign of Emperor Diocletian. In 312, for the first time since the outbreak of persecution, a pope was able to preside over the celebration of Easter in full possession of the Church's holy assets.

Pope Miltiades worked diligently in a difficult time of transition. His edicts included forbidding the Christians to fast on Thursday and Sunday and directing that the Eucharist plate blessed by the bishop be carried to the various churches.

Constantine, having been proclaimed emperor in Gaul, now marched on Rome. The sign of the cross had been revealed to him in a vision where he was told that "by this sign shalt thou conquer." Constantine ordered his standards changed, and for the first time in history, the sign of peace was borne by an army. Constantine's legions defeated Maxentius, and the year 312 ushered in a new era, an era of peace; the Christians were truly set free. During the emperor's stay in Rome, the famous Lateran palace was given to Pope Miltiades by Fausta, Constantine's wife. The Lateran served as the papal residence for some four hundred years.

Less than a year later, a schism broke out in North Africa. Headed by a rigorist named Donatus, the faction objected to the policies of the bishop of Carthage, Caecilian. Bypassing the pope, they appealed directly to Constantine to intervene. The emperor, annoyed that he should be called on to settle disputes among the clergy, commissioned Miltiades and three other Gallic bishops to rectify the matter. The pope gathered fifteen additional bishops and held a synod in the great Lateran palace. The decision of this synod was to condemn Donatus and his party and to support the true bishop, Caecilian.

St. Miltiades was an excellent pontiff who guided the Church wisely during a difficult time of changeover. Pope Miltiades was the last pope to be buried in a catacomb in the cemetery of Calixtus.

Sacred Heart Religious Education students participated in making Thanksgiving cards for seniors at Pomeroy Living.





We invite **YOU** to join with the Intercessory Prayer Team at Sacred Heart 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 Archbishop Vigneron, and AoD leadership as they continue to serve under the influence of the Holy Spirit, leading the flock to Christ.
- ~ For the intercession of Jesus through Mary to remove any lukewarmness, indifference, fear or anxiety felt within our parish families, that they may be transformed to eagerly get involved in Unleashing the Gospel.
- ~ For those who are trying to discern the Lords will, may they be open to the nudging of the Holy Spirit.
- ~ For the sick and dying, and their families, especially if they are separated, that they may feel the presence of Jesus, and know that He is with them always.
- ~ For Fr. Cavellier, and all priests in the Archdiocese of Detroit that they receive the invitation into the Families of Parishes structure with hope-filled anticipation to serve the lay faithful with renewed zeal and joy!

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

ADVENT: THE SEASON OF AFFIRMATIONS

When Mary said "Yes" to God, Christmas became possible. She agreed to bear Jesus in her womb. During Advent, each one of us needs to be able to say our own "Yes" to God as we prepare to celebrate Christmas – and bear Jesus in our hearts.



YES, to what has been... We affirm that Jesus was truly the Son of God, our Emmanuel, God-With-Us. We also believe that through his life, death and resurrection, he saved us from sin and death. Advent is a time for us to acknowledge that Christ came to save us, and he did just that by his dying and rising.

YES, to what is... God is with us in all the joys and the sorrows of our lives. More than just a random collection of atoms, our lives are blessings given to us by God according to the divine plan. Advent prepares us to celebrate the presence of God in our lives and in the lives of other people, especially the poor.

YES, to whatever will be... Lord of time itself, God presides over the future, each tomorrow as well as every millennium. As we yearn for the full coming of the kingdom of God, our desire for the coming of Christ gets renewed in Advent.



SVDP THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE SUCCESS

THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the SVDP Thanksgiving Food Baskets!!

Because of your food and monetary donations, we were able to provide two boxes of food, a bag of paper goods, and a Meijer gift card for 68 families. All the families were so thankful and felt incredibly blessed by your generosity. We would also like to thank our 6th, 7th, and 8th graders as well as the parishioners who helped set up the boxes on Saturday night, pack them up on Sunday morning, and hand them out Monday night. We could not have done this without all of you!



Thanks be to God!

FORMED

Daily Reflections and Enrichment for Advent



Sign up at FORMED.org/advent

This Advent join us for a journey on The Road to Bethlehem, an opt-in digital discipleship program designed to guide you through this important season of preparation.

The Road to Bethlehem includes:

- daily Advent reflections by Dr. Tim Gray;
- weekly videos, audio talks, and book excerpts on FORMED related to the weekly theme;
- email reminders every morning;
- Brother Francis Advent reflections for kids; and
- a weekly action item to help you put the Advent message into practice.

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FORMED.org/Advent

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1. Visit <http://signup.formed.org/>.
2. Enter our parish's zip code or name.
3. Enter your name and email.



St. Paul of the Cross
Passionist Retreat Center



ADVENT DAY OF REFLECTION

Wednesday, December 16
9:30am – 3:00pm
\$50 per person

- REFLECTIVE TALKS
- RECONCILIATION
- CONVERSATION
- MASS
- HOT LUNCH

Register online at stpaulretreat.org



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of MARY

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY AREA MASS TIMES

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

SACRED HEART

3400 S. Adams Rd., Auburn Hills
9:00am

ST. IRENAEUS

771 Old Perch Rd., Rochester Hills
9:00am | 7:00pm

ST. HUGO OF THE HILLS

2215 Opdyke Rd., Bloomfield Hills
9:00am | 12:00 Noon | 7:00pm

ST. THOMAS MORE

4580 Adams Rd., Troy
9:00am | 7:00pm

MANRESA JESUIT RETREAT HOUSE

A Day to Call Your Own
8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Monday, Dec. 7
www.manresa-sj.org/120720-day

OR
Thursday, Jan. 7
www.manresa-sj.org/010721-day

We provide you with a private room and a simple soup lunch; you decide how to enjoy the quiet.

No director is required or available. COVID-19 precautions (mask, social distancing) are in effect.

Pre-registration is required with \$40 payment. Call 248.644.4933 Ext. 0 or visit links above to register.



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ADVENT



HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

Mass Intentions

Rosary said one-half hour
before daily 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

Monday, December 7, 2020

9:00 a.m.

- † Donna Bochenck

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
9:00 a.m.

- † John Dzienisowicz by Wife
- † Marie Monti

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

9:00 a.m.

- † Margaret Warczak

Thursday, December 10, 2020

NO MASS

Friday, December 11, 2020

9:00 a.m.

- † Donna Bochenek

Saturday, December 12, 2020

4:00 p.m.

- † Lou Mahoney
by Elizabet Mahoney

Sunday, December 13, 2020

10:00 a.m.

- † Richard Martus
- † Fred Samrah by Family

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

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, 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

Monday, December 7:

Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12,
13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday, December 8:

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
[1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday, December 9:

Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8
and 10 [1]/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday, December 10:

Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11,
12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15

Friday, December 11:

Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and
6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday, December 12:

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a,
10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/

Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Sunday, December 13:

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50,
51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

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

*Keep putting
out good.*


It will come back to
you tenfold in
unexpected ways.

Liturgy Schedule		
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
December 12–13, Third Sunday of Advent		
	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday, 4:00 pm Mass	Kitty Vigneau	Mary Lynn Foster
Sunday, 10:00 am Mass	Sean Sylvester	Sean Sylvester

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>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>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.</p>
<p>Follow us on facebook, instagram and twitter @sacredheart7009</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>RCIA RCIA program for adult entrance into the Church begins each fall. Please call the Parish Office for information. EUCHARISTIC CHAPEL Come and pray anytime. NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION Please stop by or call the Parish Office</p>
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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!
Make sure to like and follow us to stay up to date on all events!



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