



Third Sunday Of Advent ~Year A

Diocesan Theme: THE FAMILY: HOME OF LOVE, MERCY AND JOY.”

“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace...”(Galatians 5.22)

Parish Mission Statement: “LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS, MAKE DISCIPLES

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 10th

4:30 pm For the repose of the souls of the deceased members of the Chyzyj family by Myra Chyzyj

Sunday, December 11th ~ Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 am For the birthday intentions of Brianna Urlocker/Lalonde by the Urlocker/Lalonde family

10:45 am For the intentions of the parishioners by the pastor

Tuesday, December 13th ~St. Lucy

7:00 pm For the repose of the soul of Santa Sedlar by John and Lisa Serjak

Wednesday, December 14th ~at STA~ St. John of the Cross

8:30 am

Thursday, December 15th

9:00 am

Friday, December 16th

9:00 am

Saturday, December 17th

4:30 pm For the repose of the soul of Harry Nooyen by Christine and family

Sunday, December 18th Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 am For the intentions of the parishioners by the pastor

10:45 am For the repose of the soul of Peter Kiskis by family members and friends

YOUR OFFERINGS FOR

December 4th, 2016~\$5,915.00

Thank you for your generosity and support

~IN OUR PRAYERS~

For the sick among our families and friends especially:

Margaret Robertson, Eleanor Kelly, Addie Pittman, Marthe Lepine, and Melanie Joannette.

Pastor's Corner

The theme of “rejoice” resonates in today’s liturgy of the third Sunday of Advent, also known as **Gaudete Sunday**. We are called to rejoice, to be joyful for the Lord our God is near; He will come to save us. He will bind our wounds, heal our brokenness, release us from the snares of sin and darkness and wipe away every tear from our eyes. Rejoice in the Lord always! We are joyful when we live in peace and harmony with one another. We are joyful when we allow justice to flourish in the land. We are joyful when we share our bread with the hungry and clothe the naked.

A Question

In what way or ways have you experienced the joy of the Lord in your life? What was the experience like for you?

Advent Penance Service

Advent is a time to “make straight the way of the Lord.” John the Baptist was the one sent by God to prepare His people for the coming of His son. And so the people went to him to be baptized after confessing their sins. The best way of preparing the way of the Lord, therefore, is to rid our hearts, through the sacrament of reconciliation, of those clutters that may impede Christ from coming into our hearts, so as to make room for Him. So please join us next Wednesday, December 14 at 7 pm for our Parish Advent Penance Service. Visiting priests will be available.

Liturgical Workshop

A liturgical workshop was held in our parish hall last Saturday for all our liturgical ministers. The aim of the workshop which was masterly facilitated by Fr. Terry Fournier, Director of the National Liturgy Office, was primarily to bring us up to speed with the recent liturgical changes and adaptations since the introduction of the New Roman Missal. I was very pleased with the turn out and more so the content of the presentation. A special thanks to Fr. Terry for his wonderful presentation. We will be implementing some of the changes as approved by the CCCB in the coming weeks and months. So, stay tuned!

Maranatha, come Lord Jesus!

Fr. Paul

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR DECEMBER:

That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over. That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel, which gives joy, and hope to life.

December 11th, 2016

Are you new to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish?

WELCOME! If you have not yet registered, please complete a registration form found in the foyer or in the office.

You may bring the completed form to the office or drop it in the collection basket.

THIS WEEK AT OUR LADY'S

Mon. Dec. 12~Rosary making group
~7:00 -9:00 pm in the hall
Tues. Dec. 13~Adult choir~7:30~church
Tues. Dec. 13~First reconciliation class~6:00-7:00
pm~hall
Wed. Dec. 14~Edge youth group ~6:30-8:30pm~hall

The Edge program will be breaking for the Christmas season starting December 21st and will resume regular Wednesday night events starting January 11th, 2017.

CHURCH DECORATIONS & FLOWERS: Parishioners can help beautify the church for Christmas by making a donation for church flowers and decorations in the name of a departed loved one. The names of the donors and the names of their departed loved ones will be published in the church bulletin at Christmas. If you have a loved one you would like to honor in this way, please fill out the envelope found in the pews including your donation. Deadline for envelopes to be in is December 18th. Thank you!

Please help us sponsor 3 families in need through Waupoos Family Farm. We are looking for gifts or gift cards for families in need to help them enjoy a special Christmas at Waupoos. There will be a list of suggested gifts and food items for the families in the church foyer as well as a sign up sheet for specific items. We will also post the children's ages and sizes to make shopping easier. We're looking to provide each child with a casual outfit as well as a toy. We also provide gifts to the parents. All gifts can be dropped off at the Waupoos Family Farm boxes in the foyer. Gift cards can be handed in at the parish office with Waupoos Family Farm written on the envelope. For more information please contact Carolyn Cogan at [613-608-9502](tel:613-608-9502) or Karen Urlocker at [613-445-2962](tel:613-445-2962)

During the flu season, it is acceptable to omit the handshake at the "Sign of Peace". Please note that there are hand sanitizers available at both entrances to the Church.

Parish Advent Activities

Jesse Tree-Sunday, Dec. 11th ~7:00 pm
Mark your calendars

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

- **Penitential Service**
- Wednesday, Dec. 14th ~7:00pm
- **Christmas Eve**
- Saturday, Dec. 24th ~4:30pm (STA)
- ~7:00pm (OLMM)
- ~9:00pm (OLMM)
- **Christmas Day**
- Sunday, Dec. 25th ~10:00am (OLMM)
- **New Year's Eve**
- Saturday, Dec. 31st ~4:30pm (OLMM)
- **New Year's Day**
- Sunday, January 1st ~10:00am (OLMM)

GOURMET FRUITCAKES will be available for purchase on the weekends of December 10-11 and 17-18 after all masses. Prices this year: small Christmas cake (600 gm) - \$15 Gift basket (Includes a mini Christmas cake, a jar of Okaramel Spread and 2 boxes of 6 chocolates) - \$25
NOTE: no large cakes this year
The cakes are made by the Cistercian Monks, and are in support of Campaign Life Coalition.

The Rosary group will be taking a break from Monday December 19th to January 8th. We will begin again starting Monday night January 9th. from 7:00 to 8:30pm. As of late our group has completed 154 rosaries, God Bless you all. Any one new wishing to join in January is most welcome. Wishing you all a blessed Christmas.

We still have a few 2017 missals available for sale. Please contact the office if you would like to purchase one.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT & ARCHBISHOP'S RECEPTION AT NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL: A Choral Celebration presented by the choirs of Notre Dame Cathedral on **Sun., Dec. 18, 2:30 p.m.** Archbishop Prendergast will be present at the Reception in the Cathedral Hall following the Concert. Everyone is welcome. Info: (613-241-7496).

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