

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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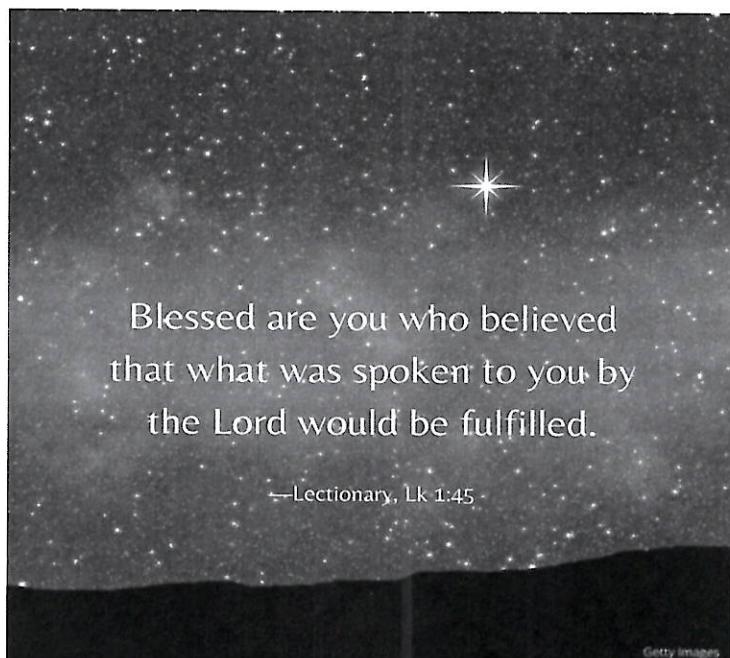
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 19, 2021



Faith - Tradition - Family

Good News!

It's not only children who are impatient with the lo-o-o-o-ng ride that takes them to a party or an amusement park. Adults can hardly contain themselves as they await the announcement of a winner, the return of an absent loved one, or the birth of a baby. This is the kind of excitement found in today's readings. Micah describes the long-awaited leader promised by God. He will be even more than the people could have imaged: firm, strong, and dependable. They must have asked, "When is he coming?"

By the time the Gospel was written, Jesus' followers knew a lot about him, so they were able to embellish stories a bit, the way we often do to emphasize the greatness of someone. They believed he was so extraordinary that his greatness was recognized even before he was born. His pregnant mother was told, "Blessed is the fruit of your womb" (Luke 1:42). She must have been frequently asked, "When are you due? When is he coming?"

The reading from Hebrews does not provide specific details of Jesus' coming. Rather, it tells us why he came: "I come to do your will, O God" (10:7). That is what the people of Micah's era were really longing for—not simply a leader, but one who did God's will and who would lead them to do it too. We're now on the threshold of the fulfillment of that promise. Are you excited? Are we there yet?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

SJB=St. John the Baptist
OLM=Our Lady of Mercy

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	OLM	12/18 4:00	P.M. +Bob Peters (Marilyn and Heather Peters)	
	SJB	12/18 6:00	P.M. +Irene Abele (Edith Brooker and Family)	
Sunday	SJB	12/19 7:30	A.M. +Eunice Walter (Birthday) (Charlotte Lang and Family)	
	OLM	12/19 9:30	A.M. Special Intentions Health of the Sick (John Walter)	
	SJB	12/19 11:00	A.M. +Susan Brooker (Anniv.) (Howard Brooker)	
Monday	SJB	12/20 8:20	A.M. +Dale Schwendeman (Anniv.) (Family)	School Mass
Tuesday	SJB	12/21 8:00	A.M. +Patty Huck (Leo and Joan Huck) (Confessions after Mass)	
	OLM	12/21 5:00	P.M. +Bernard "Buzzard" Brooker (Connie Legrean) (Confessions after Mass)	
Wednesday	SJB	12/22 8:00	A.M. +Donna Klinger (Steve Klinger Family) (Confessions after Mass)	
	OLM	12/22 5:00	P.M. +Denna Lang (Neil Tornos) (Confessions after Mass)	
Thursday	SJB	12/23 8:00	A.M. +Judy Britton (Chris and Jenny Semon) (Confessions after Mass)	
	OLM	12/23 5:00	P.M. Jocelyn, Michael, & Aaron Gale (Jason and Jennifer Morris) (Confessions after Mass)	
Friday	SJB	12/24 4:00	P.M. +Fr. Virgil Reischman (Parish)	Christmas Eve
	OLM	12/24 4:00	P.M. +John and Marie Schilling (Ed Schilling)	
	SJB	12/24 6:00	P.M. +Norbert Kern (Marilyn Kern and Family)	
	OLM	12/24 6:00	P.M. +Robert and Lucy Long (Ken and Jan Long)	
Saturday	SJB	12/25 9:00	A.M. +Vincent and +Allene Huck (Family)	Nativity of the Lord
	OLM	12/25 9:00	A.M. +Bob Peters (Marilyn and Heather Peters)	
Sunday	SJB	12/26 7:30	A.M. +Virginia Arnold (Family)	
	OLM	12/26 9:30	A.M. John Karol Morris (Jason and Jennifer Morris)	
	SJB	12/26 11:00	A.M. +Carl Schilling (Norbert and Shelia Schilling)	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

<u>MASS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCH. MINISTER</u>
SUNDAY 7:30 A.M.	Jacob and Sophia Huffman	Hugh Arnold	Arnold Huck
SUNDAY 11:00 A.M.	Caden Henniger, Reese Lang	Angie Henniger	Marilyn Zoller

COLLECTION

Total Collection \$3,300
Needed to meet parish needs \$4,750

DPSC

Parish Goal \$27,651
2021 Collected \$58,916

BINGO

Dec. 5-Group 5 \$2,167

Thank you for your generosity!

If you are unable to attend,
please find a replacement.

ST. JOHN BINGO WORK SCHEDULE

Dec. 19 Group 7 with BJ Davis
Dec. 26 NO BINGO
Jan. 2 Group 8 with Russ Lang and Group 1 with Jeff Brooker
Jan. 9 Group 2 with Jesse Henke

C.W.C. WORK GROUPS

December Group D-Elaine Wells
January Group E-Susan Arnold
February Group F-Lori Hart
Tonia Skinner
March Group A-Anna Schaad
April Group B-Dorothy Schaad
May Group E-Susan Arnold

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Better that only a few Catholics should be left, staunch and sincere in their religion, than that they should, remaining many, desire as it were, to be in collusion with the Church's enemies and in conformity with the open foes of our faith. - St. Peter Canisius (1521-1597), Church Doctor, Feast Day December 21

CHECK US OUT!

Web page: www.stjohnchurchtown.com
Facebook: St. John Catholic Church Churchtown

COVID UPDATE FOR CHURCH

Masks are available in the vestibule

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Please pray for all of the men and women who are serving our country in the military. May God watch over them and keep them safe.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24
Lk 2:41-52

SCHOOL MASS

School Mass this week will be held at 8:20 a.m. on Monday, December 20. Mass on Wednesdays, while school is out for Christmas vacation, will be held at 8:00 a.m. beginning December 22.

DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

The CWC will be decorating the church on Monday, December 20 at 6:00 p.m. Groups C and F are asked to help but everyone is invited to come and help. Men of the church are encouraged to bring your tools and help put up the manger.

BULLETIN

The bulletin for the weekend of December 25-26 and January 1-2 will be a two week bulletin. If you have something to put in the bulletin, please have it to the Rectory no later than December 20.

NEW YEAR'S EVE AND DAY MASS TIMES

Mass will be held on New Year's Eve, December 31, at 6:00 p.m. Mass on New Year's Day will be held at 9:00 a.m. Times for the weekend masses will be held at the normal times.

RIGHT TO LIFE COORDINATOR

We are currently in need of an individual to be the Right to Life Coordinator for our parish. If you are interested, please call the Rectory 740-896-3566.

THANK YOU

St. Vincent DePaul would like to thank all for the generous support to the giving tree. Through your gift, "Light" has been shown, bringing real, lasting and deep joy to the hearts of the poor. YOU have touched the lives of many. May you and your family receive God's blessing.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank Cawley Peoples Funeral Home for supplying our parishioners with the beautiful yearly calendars. Please pick one up in the church vestibule. Their generosity is greatly appreciated.



K OF C POSTER CONTEST

The Knights of Columbus 4617 would like to recognize our Keep Christ In Christmas poster contest winners:

Ages 11-14: Maycee Lang from St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Churchtown

Ages 8-10: Declan Schaad from Our Lady of Mercy Church, Lowell

Ages 5-7: Lexi Coleman from St. Bernard Catholic Church, Beverly

Congrats to these winners, they will advance to district competition. Thank you to all the children who completed a poster. Additional thanks to the CCD teachers and St. John Central School teachers for assisting with this contest. They are all on display in our main hall and can be seen throughout the Christmas season.



Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Luke 1:42

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR CHRISTMAS

The following is a list of Liturgical Ministers for our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. If you are unable to attend, please try to find a replacement. Thank you.

Dec. 24 -4:00 P.M.:

Altar Servers: Coletyn and Jase Dyar

Lector: Kelly Miller

Eucharistic Minister: Virginia Dyar

Dec. 24-6:00 P.M.:

Altar Servers: Morgan, Parker, and Taryn Kern

Lector: Eugene Huck

Eucharistic Minister: Marilyn Kern

Dec. 25-9:00 A.M.

Volunteers are needed to serve on the Altar, Lector and Eucharistic Minister.

Mass will not be held at 6:00 p.m. on Christmas day.

An Examination of Conscience for Children

Responsibilities to God:

Have I prayed every day?

Have I prayed my morning prayers and night prayers?

Have I prayed with my parents and family?

Have I been moody and rebellious about praying and going to church on Sunday?

Have I asked the Holy Spirit to help me whenever I have been tempted to sin?

Have I asked the Holy Spirit to help me do what is right?

Responsibilities to others:

Have I been obedient and respectful to my parents?

Have I lied or been deceitful to them or to others?

Have I been arrogant, stubborn or rebellious?

Have I talked back to parents, teachers or other adults?

Have I pouted and been moody?

Have I been selfish toward my parents, brothers, and sisters, teachers, or my friends and schoolmates?

Have I gotten angry at them? Have I hit anyone?

Have I held grudges or not forgiven others?

Have I treated other children with respect or have I made fun of them and called them names?

Have I used bad language?

Have I stolen anything? Have I returned it?

Have I performed my responsibilities, such as homework and household chores?

Have I been helpful and affectionate toward my family?

Have I been kind and generous with my friends?

