

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 4, 2022—Second Sunday of Advent



ALL ARE WELCOMED TO OUR PARISH!

We are so pleased that you chose to celebrate with us this weekend. We warmly invite you to active participation in our liturgical celebration. Please feel free to approach one of our Ministers of Hospitality if you are in need of any assistance. No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, your current family or marital situation, your past or present religious affiliation; no matter what your personal history, age, background, sexual orientation, gender, race, or color; no matter what your self-image or self-esteem: YOU are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved, and respected at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Ithaca, New York.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

JOURNEY WITH THE MAGI



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*The mission of St. Catherine of Siena Parish
is to inspire, engage, and nurture our community
through worship, witness, and service.*

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St. Catherine of Siena Parish

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Office Hours: Monday 1–4 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday 9 a.m.–4 p.m.; and Friday 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

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NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to our parish community! Registration forms are available on our website or through the Parish Office.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Clothing for the Needy

Clean used clothing in good condition accepted 24/7 at the shed adjacent to the parking lot.

Blue Mutual Aid Food Cabinet

We host a blue food cabinet in front of the church, which functions as a small food pantry that is available for all community members. Anyone is invited to donate or take food from the cabinet.

Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard

St. Catherine's, as a member of Area Churches Together (ACT), supports the Ithaca Kitchen Cupboard Food Pantry with food donated by parishioners and volunteer hours.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 9 and 11:30 a.m.

All Masses available to attend in person or via livestream; also archived and available anytime at www.tinyurl.com/StCatLivestream.

Accommodations: Gluten-reduced hosts are available. Personal listening receivers are available in the Atrium.

Daily Mass Schedule

We offer daily Mass on Mondays at 5:30 p.m. and on Wednesdays and Fridays at 9 a.m. These Masses are available to attend in person or via livestream (www.tinyurl.com/StCatLivestream).

Church Hours

The church is open for prayer when the Parish Office is open: Monday 1–4 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday 9 a.m.–4 p.m.; and Friday 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is held in the church on Wednesday evenings from 7–8 p.m. Please enter through the east door.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation is available on Saturdays from 4–4:50 p.m. and by appointment.

Infant Baptisms

We're so happy about the new addition to your family. Parents participate in a preparation program prior to baptism. Please contact the office three months prior to the baptism.

Marriage

Congratulations on your engagement! As with the other sacraments, prior preparation is necessary. Please contact the office at **least six months** before the wedding. If you do not live in New York State, you must do your preparation in your home state.

Anointing of the Sick/Visitation

Please contact the office for arrangements for individual anointing or for a visitation to someone who is sick or homebound. For emergencies, please contact Fr. Joe directly at 585-747-3649. Families should alert the Parish Office when family members are in the hospital. If you would like to have someone prayed for at Mass and/or added to the Prayer Corner in the bulletin, we invite you to call the Parish Office.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.):

For information on becoming Catholic, or questions about the Catholic faith, contact Fr. Joe.

Holy Orders:

For information about vocations, contact the Diocesan Office of Vocation Awareness at 585-461-2890 or vocations@dor.org.

The collection numbers for November 27 were not available at the time of printing. We will print them next week.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Offertory Income—November 20, 2022

	<u>10/20/22</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Sunday Mass Envelope Collection:	\$4,046	\$83,904
Loose Collection:	\$505	\$17,844
Electronic Giving (Sunday Collection):	\$8,530	\$106,243
Holy Days:	\$40	\$2,168
Christmas:		
Easter:		\$100
Collection to Support Schools:		\$1,082
Collection for Buildings and Grounds:	\$619	\$4,350
Flowers:		
Votive Candles:		\$630
Memorials:		\$350
Total Collection for This Week:	\$13,081	\$216,669
Average Weekly Budgeted Operating Expenses:	\$14,071	
Surplus (Shortfall) for This Week and Year-to-Date:	(\$990)	

We anticipate an operating loss for this fiscal year.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

So far, 84 donors have contributed \$35,461 toward our goal of \$60,000. That's 59 percent of our goal! Please prayerfully consider donating to the CMA. Thank you for your generosity.

WHAT'S HAPPENING: DECEMBER 5–11

All liturgies are available both in person and via livestream. You can reach our livestream feed via the Boxcast link on St. Catherine's website (stcathofsiena.org) or at tinyurl.com/StCatLivestream.

Monday, December 5

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

5:30 p.m. MASS: Rebecca Catherine Ryan by the Ryan Family

Tuesday, December 6

5:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry

Wednesday, December 7

Memorial of St. Ambrose

9:00 a.m. MASS: Living & Deceased Members of the Doyle & Leclerc Families by Jeff & Jane Doyle

1:00 p.m. Ithaca Garden Club

7:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, December 8—Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary

9:30 a.m. Meeting Christ in Prayer

12:10 p.m. MASS: Frieda Alexander by Don Cleveland & Family

5:45 p.m. MASS: Dennis Seyer by Beverly Baker

6:30 p.m. R.C.I.A.

7:15 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 9

9:00 a.m. MASS: Sr. Grace Noel SSJ by Don & Caryl Funke

9:30 a.m. Pietra Fitness

Saturday, December 10

10:00 a.m. First Reconciliation

4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00 p.m. MASS: The Souls in Purgatory

6:00 p.m. Rosary

6:00 p.m. Revitalization Dinner

Sunday, December 11

9:00 a.m. MASS: Mary & Jim Gilligan and Deceased Family Members by the Gilligan Family

10:00 a.m. Middle School Youth Group

10:00 a.m. Social Hour

11:30 a.m. MASS: Ignatius (Tae-Gap) Chun by Hae Eun (Helen) Chun

12:30 p.m. Social Hour

4:00 p.m. Cayuga Vocal Ensemble Concert

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Parish Information

WREATH PICKUP

If you ordered a wreath during our Youth Ministry Christmas wreath fundraiser, you can pick it up after Masses this weekend, **December 3 and 4**. Wreath pickup will happen as a drive-through this year; please enter through the large (west) parking lot, drive to the back of the Parish Center to pick up your wreath, and exit through the small (east) parking lot.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is **this Thursday, December 8**. We will celebrate Mass at **12:10 and 5:45 p.m.** All are welcome for this holy day of obligation.

GIVING TREE

Our annual Giving Tree is still happening online. To sign up, go to signup.com/go/fhhddYe and choose the gift(s) you'd like to give. Gifts should be returned to the Parish Center. Place your gifts in the labeled bins in the atrium before or after Mass next weekend, **December 10/11**, or bring them to the Parish Office during business hours. Volunteers will also be available to accept your gifts **Tuesday, December 6, from 6-7 p.m.**; and **Sunday, December 11, from 12-4 p.m.** Thank you for your continued generosity!

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Our Christmas flowers are supplied through generous donations given by parishioners in memory of deceased loved ones or in honor of the living. There are Christmas flower envelopes in the Parish Center. Please return the envelopes to the Parish Office **by this Wednesday, December 7**. You can drop off or mail the envelopes to the office or put them in the collection basket. The names of those memorialized will be printed in the bulletin on December 18 and 25.



POINSETTIA PROJECT

There is still time to volunteer to help us deliver poinsettias to people in nursing homes, homebound parishioners, and those who are grieving the loss of loved ones. Please contact Karen Webb at karen.webb@dor.org or 607-257-2493 **by this Sunday, December 4**.

END-OF-YEAR GIFTS

Just a reminder that if you would like to make an end-of-year gift to the parish, please make sure it is postmarked **before December 31** to be counted for this year. We are so grateful for your generosity!

GIFTS THAT DO GOOD

The Catholic Relief Services chapter in our diocese has teamed up with SERRV, a not-for-profit organization that sells handmade, fair trade goods. Use this specific site to access their fundraiser: serrv.org?a=CRSRChap. Twenty percent of your purchase price will be donated to CRS!

Faith Formation News

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Congratulations to all who received God's grace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this weekend: *Ada Cerasaro, Roman Cerasaro, Eleanor Cook, Frances Fox, Pia Guerra, Olive Haynes, Ogenna Ibiam, Ola Ibiam, Evelyn Lushenko, Madison Lushenko, Ella O'Neill, Annie Reiter, Leah Savino, Estella Stoos, and Gemma Sweeney*. We also want to extend a thank you to the parents of these children and to Kate Mackenzie for giving her time to lead our children in preparation for this sacrament.

PRAYER CORNER

Please hold in prayer those who are sick:

Jack Colangelo, Kathy Boice, Allegra LaFalce, Julian Kuczma, Bonnie Beccue, James Bilinski, Elizabeth Colangelo, Zackery Dawson, Ron Ross, Mike Herzog, Fran and Heidi Kallfelz, Elijah Touchton, Dee Lored, Cara Wynn, Madeline LaRocca, David Sirois, David Touchton, Bud Eckert, Lonnie Slape, Andrea Caraccilo, Mary Mulvanerton, Bruce Bland, and Roy Dexheimer.

Please hold in prayer those who have died in the peace of Christ:

Barbara Colbert, mother of Kristy Colbert, and Charlotte Bonassar, mother of Larry Bonassar.

Mass attendance for November 27 will be included next week.

MASS ATTENDANCE, NOVEMBER 19/20

	In person	Virtual
November 19, 5 p.m.:	—	—
November 20, 9 a.m.:	179	156
November 20, 11:30 a.m.	110	110
Total:	289	266
Church capacity:	1,200	



FROM THE BOOK OF JOE

Dear Parish Family,

So, even though June and Fr. Joe do their due diligence in finding substitutes for when Fr. Joe is away doing army training, still, errors happen. Two weeks ago on Saturday the priest scheduled to cover for me forgot. Consequently, there was no Sacrament of Reconciliation or Saturday 5

p.m. Mass.

Substitute priests have forgotten to show up twice during my thirteen years as serving as your pastor. While this is not a regular occurrence, it's still not great.

While missing a Mass here is inconvenient, we fortunately live in a county with an abundance of Masses. We have included the Mass schedule for Tompkins County on our website; it is also posted at every entrance of our church. We also implemented a new process whereby the substitute priest's phone number will be in the sacristy, and he will be called and reminded.

Someone asked why we could not just have a Communion Service, now known as the Sunday Celebration in Anticipation of the Eucharist. That's a great question. While Communion Services were more common in our diocese in the past, our present bishop is very clear that he does not like that as an option. The preference is to cancel a Mass and encourage the faithful to enter into full participation in the Eucharist at a different church rather than have a Communion Service (which is not the fullest expression of the Eucharist).

Let's face the facts: we do not have an abundance of young men seeking ordination in the United States. Correspondingly, we do not have a lot of practicing Catholics either. Today there are 66 million Catholics in the United States; 12 million of them are actually practicing their faith. There are 35,000 ordained priests. That means there is one priest for every 339 practicing Roman Catholics in the United States. In comparison, there are 145 million Catholics in Brazil with 17,000 ordained priests. Even if a third of the Catholic population is practicing, that makes almost 3,000 people per priest in Brazil.

Now, I am not saying that there isn't a shortage of ordained ministers. However, we may be seeing a paradigmatic shift in *how* we live out our Catholic experience. This is a wakeup call. The diocesan priesthood is aging. There are fewer and fewer substitutes available. The days of Masses of convenience are ending. We simply do not have the person power that we had in the past to maintain what we did in the past. Even though St. Catherine's has produced several priests, none of them serves in our diocese.

We have been changing how we do things here at St. Catherine's, and we will continue to change. The way I see it, we can wallow in self-pity that things are changing, or we can be the resilient community that I know we are and start being more forward thinking. Instead of fearing change as loss, we can reframe change as opportunity.

Peace,

CAN YOU HELP?

We are still in dire need of collection counters, as well as liturgical ministers, especially for the Sunday 11:30 a.m. Mass. Please prayerfully consider whether you might be called to join one of these ministries.

If you can help, or if you would like more information, please contact June in the Parish Office at 607-257-2493 or june.haynor@dor.org. Thank you so much!

MUSIC, READINGS, AND PRAYERS FOR SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Our cantors are Sarah Ridenour (5 p.m.); Grace Demerath (9 a.m.); and Tammy Johnson (11:30 a.m.).

Prelude: *Enter the Journey, verse 2* (Breaking Bread #648)

Refrain



En - ter the jour - ney. Come to the song. By God
you are cho-sen, by name you are called to fol - low the vi -
sion, car - ry the cross. En - ter the jour - ney of
faith as the fam - 'ly of God.

All Cantor

1. En - ter the jour - ney, the way may be long.
2. En - ter the jour - ney, though lost and un - sure.
3. En - ter the jour - ney, though dark is the way.
4. En - ter the jour - ney, the old and the young.

All Cantor

1. En - ter the jour - ney, yet we are made strong.
2. En - ter the jour - ney, God's peace will be yours.
3. En - ter the jour - ney, do not be a - fraid,
4. En - ter the jour - ney, the king - dom is won.

All

1. God's spir - it will guide us, God's gifts will un -
2. And all who are thirst - ing be filled with God's
3. for God's great com - pas - sion will give you new
4. By faith now u - nit - ed, as ser - vants we

All to Refrain

1. fold. En - ter the jour - ney of hope!
2. grace. En - ter the jour - ney of faith!
3. sight. En - ter the jour - ney of light!
4. come. En - ter the jour - ney of love!

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Processional Hymn: *On Jordan's Bank* (Breaking Bread #41)



1. On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An -
2. Then cleansed be ev - 'ry soul from sin; Make
3. For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, Our
4. All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee Whose

1. nounc - es that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and heark - en,
2. straight the way of God with - in, Pre - pare we in our
3. ref - uge and our sure re - ward; Shine forth, and let thy
4. ad - vent set thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther

1. for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
2. hearts a home, Where such a might - y guest may come.
3. light re - store Our souls to heav'n - ly grace once more.
4. we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

Greeting

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Penitential Act



Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son; Lord have mer - cy. Chri - ste e - le - i - son; Christ have mer - cy.
Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son; Lord have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy.

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Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Is 11:1-10

On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD. Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide, but he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted. He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. Justice shall be the band around his waist, and faithfulness a belt upon his hips. Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them. The cow and the bear shall be neighbors, together their young shall rest; the lion shall eat hay like the ox. The baby shall play by the cobra's den, and the child lay his hand on the adder's lair. There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea. On that day, the root of Jesse, set up as a signal for the nations, the Gentiles shall seek out, for his dwelling shall be glorious.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



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Responsorial Psalm



Verses

1. Lord, make me know your ways, teach me your paths
and keep me in the way of your truth, for you are God, my Savior.
2. For the Lord is good and righteous, revealing the way to those who wander,
gently leading the poor and the humble.
3. To the ones who seek the Lord, who look to God's word, who live God's love,
God will always be near, and will show them mercy.

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Second Reading: Rom 15:4-9

Brothers and sisters: Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I say that Christ became a minister of the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, to confirm the promises to the patriarchs, but so that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written: *Therefore, I will praise you among the Gentiles and sing praises to your name.*

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation — Mass of Quiet Waiting



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Gospel Dialogue

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Mt 3:1-12

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: *A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.* John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Profession of Faith (Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the Faithful

People's Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts

Offertory Hymn – *Comfort, Comfort, O My People* (Gather #413)

1. Com - fort, com - fort, O my peo - ple,
2. Hark, the voice of one who's cry - ing
3. O make straight what long was crook - ed,

Speak of peace, now says our God,
In the desert far and near,
Make the rough - er plac - es plain.

Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness,
Bid - ding all to full re - pent - ance,
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble,

Mourn - ing un - der sor - rows' load,
Since the king - dom now is here,
As he - fits his ho - ly reign.

Speak un - to Je - ru - sa - lem
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey!
For the glo - ry of the Lord

Of the peace that waits for them.
Now pre - pare earth for a way!
Now o'er earth for is shed a - broad.

Tell of all the sins I cov - er,
Let the val - leys rise to meet him,
And all flesh shall see the to - ken

And that war - fare now is o - ver,
And the hills bow down to greet him.
That his word is nev - er bro - ken.

Text: Isaiah 40:1-8; *Tröstet, tröstet, meine Lieben*; Johann Olearius, 1611-1684; tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt. Tune: GENEVA 42, 8 7 8 7 7 7 88; *Genevan Psalter*, 1551; harm. adapt. from Claude Goudimel, 1505-1572. All rights reserved. Used with permission of OneLicense #A-728114.

Invitation to Prayer

Priest: ...that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Father almighty.

People: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy church.

Preface Dialogue

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right and just.

Holy, Holy, Holy – *Mass of Quiet Waiting*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lo - rd, God of Hosts. Hea - ven and earth are
fu - ll of your Glo - ry; Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bles - sed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

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Memorial Acclamation – *Mass of Quiet Waiting*

ALL:
The my - ste - ry of faith: Save us, Sa - vior of the world, for
by your cross and res - sur - re - ction you have set us free.

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Great Amen – *Mass of Quiet Waiting*

A - men, A - men, A - men, A - men.

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The Lord's Prayer

People: Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Priest: ... and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

People: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

Sign of Peace

Priest: ...who live and reign forever and ever.

People: Amen.

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And with your spirit.

Lamb of God – Mass of Quiet Waiting



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Invitation to Communion

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

People: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot physically receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I join myself spiritually to you and your Church.

Communion Hymn – Christ, Circle Round Us (Breaking Bread #57)

Verses

1. Come, O Ra-diant Dawn, splen-dor of the morn-ing light.
2. Come, O Flow'r of Love, ho-ly branch of Jes-se's tree.
3. Come, O Word of Truth, font of know-ledge from on high.
4. Come, O Gate of Hope, ho-ly door of heav-en's throne.
5. Come, O Might-y Lord, mas-ter of the stars of night.
6. Come, Em-man-u-el, cher-ished hope of Is-ra-el.
7. Come, Lord Je-sus Christ, long a-wait-ed Prince of Peace.

Refrain

Christ, cir-cle round us. Christ, may your light sur-round us. Shine in our liv-ing. Fill our hearts with great thanks-giv-ing.

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Concluding Rites

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Priest: Go in peace.

People: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn — Ready the Way (Breaking Bread #53)

Refrain
 Read-y the way, read-y the way, read-y the way
 of the Lord. of the Lord.

Verse 1
 1. Make straight the road, raise the val - leys, and
 1. moun-tains make low. Turn-ing from sin, let the bro-ken be whole,
 1. and read-y the way of the Lord.

Verses 2, 3
 2. As we wait for you, give us the strength to walk
 3. Let us see your face; in our hearts we pre-
 2. in your truth, so we may love more like you
 3. - pare a place. Come bring this world your mer - cy and grace
 2. and read-y the way for you, Lord.
 3. as we

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS: DECEMBER 10/11

5:00 P.M.

Sacristan	Mary Lou Bailey-Smith
Commentator	Jennifer Karius
Lector 1	Sue Hyatt
Lector 2	Jeff Doyle
Ministers of Communion	Judy Howell Sue Hyatt Gregory Menzenski
Ministers of Hospitality	Bob Pochily—Main 1 Thomas Every—Main 2 Robin Tobin—East 3 Mary Kay LaLonde—West 4 Silvia Abbiati—East 5 John Sipple—West 6
Holy Cleaner	Patricia Sipple

9:00 A.M.

Sacristan	Catherine Raghunandan
Commentator	Bill Perkins
Lector 1	Jonathan Lunine (sub req'd)
Lector 2	Amanda Shaw
Ministers of Communion	Debbie Cherney Stephen Jesch Colleen Perkins
Ministers of Hospitality	Maura Fetsko—Main 1 John Sipple—Main 2 Frank Fetsko—East 3 Deborah Drew—West 4 Jennifer McGuire—East 5 Marty Whetzel—West 6
Holy Cleaner	Rosie Fox

11:30 A.M.

Sacristan	***
Commentator	***
Lector 1	Ellen Morris-Knowler
Lector 2	***
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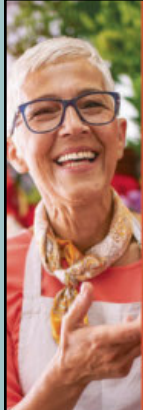
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