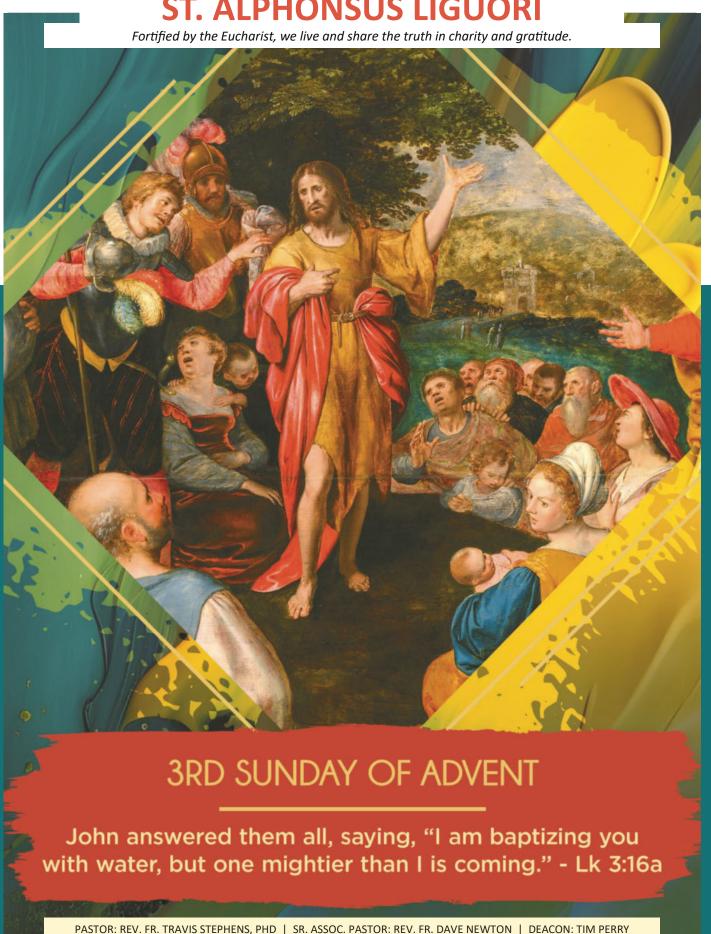
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JOIN OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DEC.15, 2024

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/ls 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17 Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25 **Thursday:** Igs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Friday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45 **Next Sunday**: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 15, 2024				
Sun.	12/15	8:00 AM	Parish	
Sun.	12/15	10:30 AM (incense)	+ James Ramsay Hofmeister	Perry
Sun.	12/15	5:00 PM	Theresa L. Hanson	Stump
Mon.	12/16	9:00 AM	+ Angela Reed Lowe	Reed
Tue.	12/17	9:00 AM	+ Arthur Bottorff	Nguyen
Wed.	12/18	6:00 PM	+ John & Frances Grabarek	Gregg
Thur.	12/19	9:00 AM	+ James Ramsay Hofmeister	Enright
Fri.	12/20	9:00 AM	Deceased members of Degroote Family	Marchino
Sat.	12/21	9:00 AM	+ Paul Shuman	Herbison
Sat.	12/21	4:30 PM	+ Donald Persing	Perry
Sun.	12/22	8:00 AM	Parish	
Sun.	12/22	10:30 AM	SP Mason & Gabriella Doyle	Perry
Sun.	12/22	5:00 PM (incense)	+ Ernesto Tangassi Lucio	Parish Staff

SP: Special Intentions | + Deceased

CONFESSION TIMES

Wednesday @ 6:30 pm | Saturday @ 9:30 am & 3:15 pm | By Appointment

ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS

Saturday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Monday - Thursday: 6:00 am - 10:00 pm

Reg. Friday Hours: 6:00 am - 8:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am - 10:30 am, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Please contact Christina Steele with any questions!

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1904-1955

Blessed Alexandrina Maria de Costa was born in Balasar, Portugal, After her father's early death, she and her sister Deolinda attended school in Póvoa de Varzim, where they learned literacy and catechism, but they staved only 18 months.

Alexandrina worked as a farmhand until age 12, when a bout of typhoid left her weakened. After recovering, she began sewing like her sister. At 14, when several men broke into their home intending harm, Alexandrina leapt from a window to escape, falling 13 feet and severely injuring her spine.

By 1924, Alexandrina was fully paralyzed. Though she prayed for a cure, she instead embraced her suffering with love and experienced frequent ecstasies, speaking with Mary and Jesus. Despite her pain, she radiated joy. Beginning in October 1938, she relived the three-hour passion of Jesus every Friday, with witnesses recording 182 instances where her paralysis was miraculously overcome as she moved in the steps of lesus.

After the passion ecstasies ended in 1942, Alexandrina was confined to bed. For the last 13 years of her life, daily Holy Communion was her only nourishment. In 1944, she joined the "Union of Salesian Cooperators," offering her suffering for souls and the sanctification of youth. St. John Paul II beatified her on April 25, 2004.

Blessed Alexandrina Maria de Costa, pray for us! @LPI

Sign up for a holy hour:

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THE SICK

Ron Knowles, John Hatton, Terry Spartz, Thomas Gawlik, Jeanne Hammernik, Mark Baltz, Kristin Famolaro, John Thieme, Cori Geving, Al Burkacki, Judy Neff, Carol Zuccaro, Kyle Stephens, Van Kirby, Beth May, Janeen & Sidney, Ione Lynn, John Schwier, and all the ill of our parish and community.

OUR DECEASED

Please pray for all the repose of the souls of parishioner **Theresa Mushalla**, mother of Joe (Suzy) Mushalla; **Terrance Donahue**, uncle to parishioner Christina Steele.

OUR HOMEBOUND
PARISHIONERS & THOSE IN
NURSING HOMES

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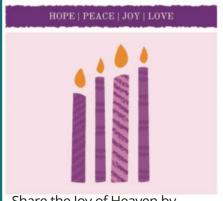
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Gibson, USMC; LT David Hamlin, US
Navy; Chaplain Janko, Indiana Air
National Guard; Captain Brent
Lasher, USAF; Major Matthew
Read, USAF; PO1 Blake Reel, US
Navy; WO3 Zachary J. Stillions, US
Army, Sam Ferguson, US Navy,
Captain Paul Gahwiler, US Army,
Josh Moody, US National
Guard...and the families of all
soldiers who are deployed.

Names of the sick remain in the bulletin for 8 weeks. At that time, you may call the office to resubmit a request.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP



Share the Joy of Heaven by spending at least 10 minutes in adoration reflecting on Luke 15:3-7. Go to confession if you haven't done so.

Advent Challenge

Begins Sunday, December 1, 2024

Week 3: Joy

Advent prepares our hearts for the coming of the Christ child and the second coming of our Lord Jesus. Take time to slow down and grow closer to Jesus by visiting him in the Adoration Chapel.

Name your Prayer Intention for this Challenge.



Christmas & New Year's MASS TIMES

December 24th at 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM (Children's choir sings at 3:30 PM)

December 25th at 12:00 AM and 10:30 AM (Adult choir and music starts at 11:30 AM)

December 31st at 5:30 PM

January 1st at 9:00 AM and 12:00 PM



Ignite Retreat Follow Up

On Nov. 24, thirty teens and their chaperones attended the Ignite conference in Indianapolis, learning about God's love and how to share it. Many received reconciliation, and the day concluded with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Thompson. We are excited to see how the Holy Spirit will "ignite" our youth ministry moving forward!

STEWARDSHIP & ENGAGEMENT

"How does a sheep say Merry Christmas?"



"Fleece Navidad!"



There are many ways to say "Merry Christmas," but each one is a conderful blessing of the good news of Jesus come to earth as our savior.

@LF

THE 99 EXPERIENCE



Day of Renewal

Saturday Jan. 11, 2025 9:45 am - 5:30 pm Parish Hall

At this powerful day long event, we will reflect on:

- · The brokenness we experience in our lives
- How to acknowledge and desire God's great love
- · How to live life in community led by the Holy Spirit



REGISTER

On Christmas Day, we will hold a special second collection to support the restoration of our church's bell tower. Your generosity on this joyous occasion will help preserve this beloved landmark for future generations. Thank you for your continued support and blessings this Christmas season!



COLLECTIONS REPORT	DEC. 1	DEC. 8	
Weekly Collections	\$27,881.92		
Budget per Week - 2024	\$31,579.63	Numbers for this collection will be made available in the next bulletin.	
Weekly Surplus/(Shortfall)	(\$3,697.71)		
Pew Count	N/A		
2nd Collection	NONE		

Stewardship Reflection -

We have arrived at Gaudete Sunday (Gaudete is the Latin word for "rejoice") this Third Week of Advent, and the Scriptures take on a joyful tone as we continue our preparations for the feast of our Savior's birth.

Our Second Reading gives us cause for joy as St Paul reminds us, "The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all...." Then he gives us a prescription for maintaining this peace: "In everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." Paul's instructions for obtaining peace come as an early Christmas gift. They remind us that we can and should go to God with all our needs and present them to Him along with our thanks. This guidance calls to mind a vital aspect of a stewardship way of life: gratitude to God in response to His great love and countless gifts to us.

The Gospel passage, from Luke, shows us how to live out this sense of thankfulness, making our lives a "Christmas gift" to Christ in joyful response to His love for us. When the crowds hear John the Baptist's message that their Savior is coming, they ask him what they should do to prepare. He responds, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do the same." He tells tax collectors to stop collecting more than is prescribed and soldiers, to be satisfied with their wages. In other words, he tells them to be good and generous stewards of all God's gifts to them!

As the great feast of Christmas draws near, let us rejoice in Christ's extravagant love. Let's avail ourselves of the peace He longs to give us. And let's look carefully at our lives to make sure we are indeed making of them a gift fitting for Him.

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UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS

What is the Hispanic Advent custom of "Las Posadas"?

"Las Posadas" is a traditional Advent celebration reenacting Mary and Joseph's search for shelter in Bethlehem. Starting on December 16, children dressed as Mary, Joseph, and others go house to house singing and asking for lodging. After being initially turned away, they are welcomed at the final home for a celebration. This tradition highlights the importance of hospitality and reminds us that Mary, Joseph, and Jesus were once immigrants seeking refuge.



What do we call an ornamental canopy above an altar inside a church?

Answer: A Baldacchino or Baldachin



Father Travis, Father Dave, and Deacon Tim will share the inspiring stories of various saints, highlighting their challenges, triumphs, and lasting impact on the Church and the world. Join us to explore their remarkable lives!

PARISH HALL MONTHLY @ 930AM - 1015 AM

January 26 February 23 March 23

May 18 June 29 July 27

September 28 October 26 November 23

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SAL ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Dec. 15: Coffee and Donuts after **AM Mass**

Dec. 19: Widows' Lunch @ 12p

Dec. 19: St. Monica Ministry @ 6:30p

Dec. 24: Parish office closes and reopens on Jan. 2.

Dec. 24: Christmas Vigil Masses @ 4p and 7p

Dec. 25: Christmas Day Masses @ midnight and 10:30a

Jan 1: Holy Day of Obligation Mass @ 9a and 12p

Jan. 11: 99 Experience @ 9a

Ian. 12-13: RE is back in session

Ian. 12: SAL Book Club

Jan. 16: St. Monica's Ministry @ 6:30p

Jan. 15: Dive Into Scripture: What We Believe @ 9a & 6:30p

Jan. 20: High School Girls' Retreat

Jan. 22/23: Rummage Sale Drop off

Jan. 24/25: Rummage Sale

Jan. 26: Sundays with the Saints @ 9:30a

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Starting January I, we'll be listening to daily Bible readings together as a parish community.

Subscribe wherever you get your podcasts, and let's journey through God's Word side by side!



Please join us in welcoming these new families to our parish!

The Hahn Family
The Cairns Family
The Schalk Family
Joshua Nunez
Gwendolyn Kern
The Smith Family
Abigail Horlacher
Dexter Odle
The Armstrong Family
The Weisheit Family
Schaffer Family



The Rite of Entrance into the Catechumenate (unbaptized individuals) and the Rite of Welcome for our Candidates (baptized individuals) is the first public rite for those on the path to Becoming Catholic at the Easter Vigil.

Please keep in your prayers the following individuals who received one of the above rites this weekend:

Guillermo Garcia Morillo

Chandin Lambert

Adam Paugh

Niccolo McElroy

Alessio McElroy

Giovanna McElroy

Alonson Abram-Cooper

Yusleny Morillo-Chinchilla





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