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3rd Sun. of Advent 12/12/21 Joyful Gaudete Sunday to you!

- An Advent Wreath from 11/30
Decorated at Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- Cartons for Christmas
Incredible charity shared on 12/4

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Sunday Mass
 5p Saturday
 7:45a Sunday
 9:30a Sunday
 11:15a Sunday

Daily Mass
 8:00a M, Tu, Th
 6:30p Weds
 9:00a Holiday, 1st Sat

Mass Some Fridays
 See page 3.

Confession
 5:30p-6p Mon
 5:30p-6p Weds
 3:45p-4:30p Sat

Adoration
 1p-6p Thursday
 1:30p-4:15p Sun

Evening Prayer
 4p each Sunday





From Fr. Miller

Gaudete Sunday is always a joy for me. I'm not a huge fan of rose-colored vestments (they're not pink!) in general, but perhaps you will appreciate the one I wear this weekend. It was a gift from a friend and future priest and his family one on the occasion of my ordination to the priesthood. Authentic joy may be so rare in our society, that our senses need this visual reminder of it's uncommon presence among us. Our second reading from Philippians 4:4-7 reminds us to "rejoice in the Lord always, I shall say it again: rejoice." For many of us, rejoicing is hard this time of year. The virus and other worldly concerns dampen our spirits. We may recall family members or loved ones we have lost and the holidays are tough without them. But joy is not a product of circumstance, but of the presence of God's grace. May we receive the gift of authentic joy, something far more than an emotion, an Advent gift that will bless us year-round.

Canalside XMass

Each year there are many wonderful events here in our village. Our parish is grateful to have been able to participate in Christmas on the Canal on 12/5. We rang our church bells at 5p for five minutes, after the Christmas Tree was lit at Fireman's Field. As carolers were coming by Amity St., we opened up the doors to the Church, had all the inside lights on, and even some impromptu signs with our Christmas Mass schedule

and welcoming messages for the carolers. Not sure if anyone noticed, but our Advent Wreath was outside as a decoration, too. Please contact the parish offices if you would like to be a part of future initiatives in simple cultural outreach in our village, timed with local events. One thought would be a German Saints table at the Oktoberfest, staffed by volunteers from our parish who could also be living witnesses to the Catholic faith and answer any questions people may have about joining our parish. We don't want to come across as pushy, but our Catholic faith is so beautiful it is worth bringing to our culture. And with our prime location, we are fools not to explore ways to interact with these future village events. Pictured [below] are members of the Byers family who live in the neighborhood and volunteered to ring our bells on 12/5.

OCIA/RCIA



If you're not Catholic and would like to explore the Catholic faith, perhaps even be Baptized, Confirmed, and receive 1st Holy Eucharist, please contact us. The process formerly known as RCIA was recently re-named by the US Bishops to OICA, the Order of Christian Initiation of

Adults. Technically, OCIA/RCIA is for non-baptized or non-Catholic persons seeking Sacraments of Initiation. But practically speaking, many adult Catholics who never were Confirmed join us in the process of instruction, prayer, and fellowship. Our group meets every Sunday at 9a in the parish offices. Contact the parish office for more info.

Giving Tree

Thank you to all who have donated gifts for this year's initiative. It was a great joy to see many tags taken the past two Sundays, and many gifts return soon thereafter. May God bless the families who are recipients of this generosity, and bless you who have given!

Children's Choir

The hope is that we will launch our children's choir for the start of the 4p Christmas Eve Mass. If your child would like to be a part of this and haven't already received any information about it, contact our Music Director Ivan Bosnar at ivan.bosnar@dor.org asap



[Above: Cartons for Christmas]

Masses and Confessions

Monday, December 13, 2021 St. Lucy

8:00am Irene Maslanka by Dee Przybyzien & Family
5:30pm Confession (Until 6:00pm)

Tuesday, December 14, 2021 St. John of the Cross

8:00am Intentions of Fr. Mottola by David & Pam Cooper

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

5:30pm Confession (Until 6:00pm)
6:30pm Liz Grieco by Ethel Blanchard

Thursday, December 16, 2021

8:00am Chester & Isabelle Kurnik by Aldo & Marge Mannoni
1:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 6:00pm. Benediction begins at 5:55pm

Friday, December 17, 2021

8:00am No Mass today.

Next Friday Mass, from the 1962 Roman Missal ("Latin Mass"), is likely to be on January 4, 2022. Info to follow.

Saturday, December 18, 2021

3:45pm Confession (Until 4:45pm)
5:00pm Audrey & Gerry Darby by Joan & Robert Mark

Sunday, December 19, 2021 Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:45am Pat Regna by Sue & Marty Davis
9:30am Rosemarie Blake by JoAnne Riley
11:15am People of St. John's
1:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Sung Vespers (evening prayer) begins at 4:00pm
Benediction at 4:15pm

This Week Our Sanctuary Lamp Will Burn For:

Kim Kehringer Singer by Dad & Mom Singer

In Sympathy

Pray for Rhoda May and all the beloved dead.

Our prayers and sympathy to Marion & Gary Wille on the death of her mother, respectively.

Baby's Baptism Class

We have switched to a once-a-month class for baptisms, with the next one to be determined in January. Please contact the parish office if you wish to have a child baptized or have questions.

Ministry Schedule

December 18/19

	5:00 p.m.	7:45 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:15 a.m.
Sacristans	E. Magin	P. Weitz	S. Edwards	F. Morganti
Lectors	T. Eichas	J. DeRuyter	M. Mannoni	AM Clayton
EMHC	E. Magin	J. Weitz	K. Reger	T. Frasca



G.I.F.T. Faith Formation Christmas Carnival

Join us for festivities and fun at our annual Christmas Carnival on Sunday, December 19th from 10:30am-1pm in the school building. Free activities for children in grades PreK – 7th.

Christmas Breakfast

Come for a pancake breakfast from 8:00am-1:00pm sponsored by the Men's Club and stay for the Christmas Carnival celebration.



Cartons for Christmas

On Friday 12/3 and Saturday 12/4, many volunteers gathered to receive donations, check expiration dates on food, sort the food into categories and count it. Then they ran through a spreadsheet and create shopping lists to pack for the families. Shopping carts borrowed (with permission!) from Tops facilitated packing each family and match the toys to the food. Then a crew of delivery volunteers got everything out on time, in coordination. It was a gift to see this great operation occur, one of many good charitable outreaches in our parish.

Event Calendar

Monday, December 13

5:00pm CYO Practice School Gym
7:00pm Buildings & Grounds.....PC Dining Rm

Tuesday, December 14

9:30am CGS Atrium Level 1 & 2
9:30am Sunshine Club.....PC Dining Rm
5:00pm CYO Practice School Gym

Wednesday, December 15

9:30am Quilters.....PC Dining Rm
5:00pm CYO School Gym
7:00pm Peace Renew Gr. #16PC Dining Rm
7:00pm Parish Council.....PC Upstairs

Thursday, December 16

1:00pm Eucharistic AdorationChurch
Benediction begins at 5:55pm, concludes at 6:00p
5:00pm CYO Practice School Gym
6:30pm Cub Scouts..... School Rm A
7:00pm Genesis Bible Study PC Chapel
7:00pm Knights of ColumbusRectory Basement

Friday, December 17

10:00am Cursillo Women.....PC Dining Rm
5:00pm CYO Practice School Gym

Saturday, December 18

9:30am Décor Team Christmas Set-up.....Church

Sunday, December 19

8:00am Christmas Breakfast School Gym
10:30am Christmas Carnival..... School
10:30pm Social Ministry PC Chapel
1:30pm Eucharistic Adoration.Church
Sung Vespers (Evening Prayer) begins at 4:00pm
Benediction Concludes at 4:15pmpm

Social Ministry News

Whatever you did for the least of my brothers, you did for Me.

Poor Box Collections for December will go to **St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center**. Rooted in the caring traditions of the Sisters of St. Joseph, they provide comprehensive physical, dental and mental health services to uninsured people in Rochester.

Ecumenical Food Shelf needs hamburger helper, puddings, baked beans, and pork & beans. Do you need food assistance, call 397-0290

Thank You to all who donated gifts from the Giving Trees to brighten someone's Christmas!

This year our Giving Trees benefit local families and the women and children at Coldwater House and men at Open Door Mission. Please return your gifts unwrapped with its tag to the tote bins at the entrances by Dec.12th. Thank you for your generosity!



Other Gift Ideas:

Here are a few other gift ideas that don't require buying more things.

Write a letter—Letter writing is a lost art and sending a letter to a friend or loved one sharing what you appreciate about them can be a gift that they will appreciate long after most gifts would be forgotten.

Gift of your Presence—one of the best gifts you can give someone is the gift of just being there with them. Our lives often get so busy but making a pledge to spend time with a loved one to just reconnect can be very meaningful. My wife's best friend gave her a gift of one afternoon a month last year. It has allowed them to connect on a level that had been lost when kids and jobs have made most friendships move to the back burner. Truly show someone you care about them!
From the Dec.13 issue of *Salt & Light* by Marcus Ebenhoe

Christmas Mass Schedule

Friday, December 24, 2021

4:00 PM & 6:00 PM

Saturday, December 25, 2021

12:00 AM (Midnight), 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Please note: There will be **No Saving Seats** for our Christmas Eve Masses. We would also ask that consideration be given to the elderly and handicapped once we reach a full church. There is no need to pre-register for Masses; unlike last year, at this point we do not anticipate needing a ticket to attend.

Invite a friend to Christmas Mass!! We will orient non-Catholics and those not receiving Communion how to act.



Sonshine Ministry

Any visitor or member of the parish is invited to gather to sign and address Christmas cards to be sent to the homebound and sick. If you would like to join us for light refreshments, coffee, friendship, and to help bring Christmas joy to others your time will be well spent. Meet at the Parish Center

Tuesday, December 14 at 9:30am. We are meeting a week early this month due to Christmas!



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2021-2022 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Forward in Faith



- Go to www.dor.org
• View the video • See how
the funds are distributed
• Make your gift



CMA Update as of 12/6/21

Goal.....	\$84,654.00
Pledged	\$66,462.57
Number of Donors	250
Percent of goal achieved	78.04%
Rank among parishes	21

We thank those who have donated to the CMA! We ask all who have not yet given to prayerfully consider doing so. The CMA helps our Church and our parish in so many ways. Please consider all the ways that God has blessed you and your family and think how the Church has brought goodness into your lives. Join our appeal and give back what you can so that we remain strong and able to do God's great work!

More info at www.dor.org or give to the CMA
or by scanning this QR code here: →



God's Plan for Giving

We do not take up a collection. Please place charitable gifts and weekly envelopes in the brass tubes at either church entrance.

Collection 11/28/21	\$6,290.89
Weekly Amount Needed for Budget.....	\$9,254.00
Year To Date Collection	\$188,198.62
Year To Date Needed for Budget	\$203,940.00

Online Giving Made Easy!

Make a secure, easy one-time or recurring gift to St. John's by going to our parish website www.stjohnschurchspencerport.org and click "Online Giving." Or scan our QR code here: →



Thank you for your many recent donations!
If God should so inspire you, keep them coming!

St. John the Evangelist Info

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Office Hours

Monday—Thursday..... 9:00am—5:00pm

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Maintenance Coordinator..... Mike Burke

Baptisms

We look forward to the Baptism of your child! Please call the Parish office to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples are to meet at least six months in advance with the parish priest. Pre-Cana attendance is required. Please call the parish office to begin.

Hospital Visits

Please state you are a parishioner from St. John's Spencerport during your intake if you want to be visited or call the parish office. At Unity, be sure to call us and ask for a visit; they will not alert us you are there.

Prayer Chain (585) 352-5481, ext.213

Food Cupboard (585) 397-0290

Divine Mercy Religious Shop..... (585) 352-5485

NOW OPEN! Tues & Fri 11a-7p and Sat 10a-5p

Parish Cemetery (10 Glenn Cairn Ct.) and other

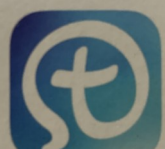
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