

HOLY ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. Patrick Hirtz

DECEMBER
Month of the Divine Infancy

*"Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord."
—Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9*



December 1, 2019 — 1st Sunday in Advent (A)

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Office Hours >>>

NEW OFFICE HOURS as of 8/1/19

M – F 9:00am – 4:00pm
(Closed 12 noon – 1:00pm for lunch)

Parish Staff >>>

Pastor

Rev. Patrick Hirtz
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Office Manager

Administrative Assistant

Cathi Cychol Shea
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Music Director

Sarah Jean

Nursery

Therese Cohen

Maintenance

Richard Spence

Parish Religious Education (PRE)

Carrie Beld, Director (cell: 731-882-9151)
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Office Hours: Sunday 8:45am - 10:45am

Youth Group Minister

Deborah McCallen (cell: 731-297-6197)
Tanya Larraga, Assistant
Wednesday Evenings 6:00-8:00pm

Mission Statement

Holy Angels is a Catholic community of faith joining past, present, and future members on a journey with Christ to the Father. Through worship, stewardship, evangelization, and works of charity, we strive to more perfectly image God, who is love.

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am; 10:45am & Spanish Mass at 1:00pm

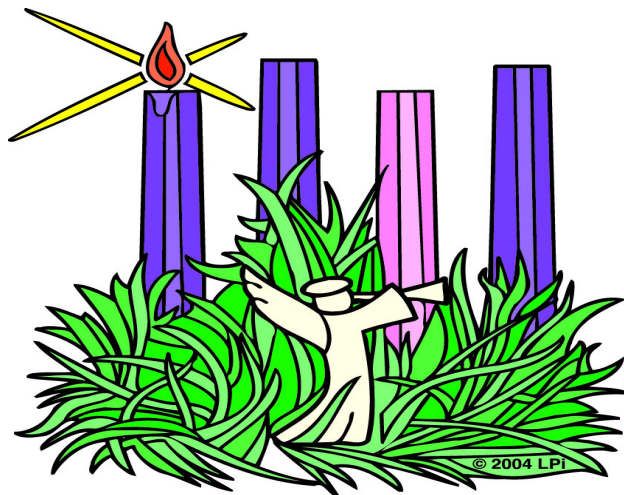
Daily Mass: M, W, F at 12 noon; Th at 9:00am

First Saturday ONLY is at 8:00am

(Holydays: See special announcement in bulletin)

CONFESSION - Saturday: 4:00-4:30pm;

Sunday: between Masses or by appointment



We welcome any visitors, including those who may not be of our Catholic faith. We pray that our celebration of the sacred liturgy today was a meaningful one for you. If you are a new member in the parish, complete a census form and return it to the church office. Census forms can be found in the foyer. To date we have 251 families and 721 parishioners.

MASS INTENTIONS: Week of Dec 1st – 7th (1st Week of Advent)

Sanctuary Candle

Bread & Wine

Flowers

12/1	Su	8:00am 10:45am 1:00pm	1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT Repose of the soul of Bernard Carner For all struggling with cardiac issues by Ron Szewczyk Spanish Mass People of Holy Angels, living and deceased
12/2	M	12 Noon	In thanksgiving by Barbara Johnson
12/4	W	12 Noon	Repose of the soul of Richard Johnson by Barbara Johnson
12/5	Th	9:00am	Health Intentions of Melanie Dewan by Dot Alley
12/6	F	12 Noon	First Friday Repose of the soul of Theresa Fisher by Joan Fisher
12/7	Sa	8:00am 5:00pm	First Saturday Repose of the soul of Kathie Stellini by Dot Alley Repose of the soul of Mary Harrell by Joan Fisher

MEETINGS & SCHEDULED EVENTS:

12/2	M	6:30-8:00pm	Move RCIA to Tuesday night due to Dyersburg Christmas Parade using the Holy Angels parking lot for staging parade
12/3	Tu	6:30-8:00pm	RCIA in the Conference Room
12/4	W	6:00pm	Youth Group Advent Program and Spaghetti Dinner
12/6	F	12 Noon	First Friday Mass/Devotion
12/7	Sa	8:00am 6:00pm	First Saturday Mass/Devotion Holiday Wine & Cheese in the Parish Hall
12/9	M	6:30-8:30pm	NO RCIA
12/11	W	6:00pm 6:00-7:30pm 7:30-8:30pm	NO Bible Study Youth Group in the Parish Hall NO Exposition ending w/ OLPH Novena & Benediction
12/12	Th	6:30pm	Spanish Mass celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe with a Mexican Dinner immediately following in the Parish Hall.
12/15	Su	Between Masses 6:00pm	Breakfast with Santa / all Angel Tree gift tags and gifts need to be returned today! Knights of Columbus Christmas Party at El Patio



2019 Holy Angels Angel Tree Program

Christmas gifts of toys, books, games, clothing and much more will be provided by our Angel Tree program for disadvantaged children and low-income families in our community. We want to ensure that our Angel Tree families have some type of holiday joy this year. Children in particular dream and fantasize about the wonderful things they hope to find under the tree on Christmas morning.

The Angel Tree program allows us to become more involved so we can give back to our local community. It allows us the ability to give holiday joy and gifts to children in need who would otherwise be left out on Christmas.

Please pick some tags off the tree in the foyer and purchase the items. Return the gift and the tag to the church by December 15th so Santa's elves can get everything organized and wrapped for our Angel Tree families.

Collection Report for 11/24/19		
Reg Collection		\$1413.00
Online donations	11/28/19	-0-
Children's Envelopes		\$33.00
Total Reg Collection		\$1446.00
Budget	\$3,516.00	-\$2066.00
Reg Disbursements	11/28/19	-0-
Votive Candles		\$163.00
Thanksgiving		\$1130.00
Cmpgn Hum Dev		\$361.00
YG Bake Sale		\$611.00
B/M Collection		-0-
B/M Disbursements	11/28/19	-0-

2nd Collections for DECEMBER

12/1 Building Maintenance
12/8 Retirement Fund for Religious
12/25 Villa Vianney

Special Collections for DECEMBER

12/9 Immaculate Conception Envelope
12/15 Christmas Flowers
12/25 Christmas Envelope

Attendance

(251 families /721 parishioners)

11/24 51-58-94-49 252

PRE Attendance

NO PRE Classes on Sunday, November 24th

**REMEMBER -- you must call or email
your excuse into**

CARRIE BELD, DRE

cell: 731-882-9151

Email: nanacbeld@yahoo.com

Alb Care Volunteers

Nov – Jamie McGowan

Dec – Kathy Yarbrow

Altar Linen Care Volunteers

Nov – Debbie McAndrew

Dec – Carri Stegeman

Men of Holy Angels...

Want to learn more about the Knights? Visit our web page www.holyangelscc.com and learn more. You can even join online!

Why wait... Do it today!!!



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

MEETING

**Sunday, December 15th at 6:00pm
at El Patio Mexican Restaurant**

FORMED – To sign up FREE of charge as a parishioner of Holy Angels Church, go to [www.holyangelscc.com](#) account. After doing so, you'll have access to a wealth of material to grow in your

Nov 30/Dec 1 — 1st Sunday of Advent Fully live the experience that begins this day, which is one of waiting in joyful hope—knowing with absolute certainty that something miraculous is upon us. May this Advent find us giving a real priority to preparing the way of the Lord first of all in our own hearts, then in the lives of our families and friends. May we allow this Advent to be a time when we come into touch with our deepest longings and desires—those that no material gift can fill, but only God. May this Advent be a time when we give a little more thought to what it means when we say “we proclaim your death...until you come again.” May this Advent be a time when we commit ourselves to be people faithful to God’s commands and obedient to his Word, people through whom the Lord’s plan of salvation is accomplished on our world today as we wait and pray, “Come, Lord Jesus.”

Nov 30/Dec 1 — Catholic Charities Please support the work of **Catholic Charities of West Tennessee** during their annual campaign, “On the Front Lines of Poverty”. Their program, **Camp Love and Learn** provides low-income children an academically enriched, and affordable, summer camp. Please support the work being done by donating to the annual campaign at ccwn.org, or by returning the envelope found in the Catholic Charities brochure.

Dec 2nd — Dyersburg Christmas Parade Our Youth Group will be walking in the downtown Dyersburg Christmas Parade with their Holy Angel candy bags. They will be tossing candy to all the boys and girls gathered to see the Christmas floats and of course Santa Claus too!!

Dec 4th — Youth Group Advent Program with Spaghetti Dinner On Wed, Dec 6th beginning at 6:00pm, Youth Group will serve a Spaghetti Dinner followed by an Advent Holiday Play and ending with a Candlelight Service.

Dec 7th — Holiday Wine & Cheese Partake in some festive fun and holiday cheer after the 5:00pm Mass on Sat, Dec 7th in the Parish Hall

HO HO HO Pour the Merlot !!

Dec 9th — The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is normally December 8th. However, since the 8th is the 2nd Sunday in Advent, the celebration of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to the next day, Monday, December 9th and **IS a Holyday of Obligation** for the Diocese of Memphis. Masses will be celebrated at 8:00am, 12 noon and a bilingual Mass at 6:30pm.

Dec 12th — The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Masses will be celebrated at 9:00am and a Spanish Mass at 6:30pm. There will be a Mexican Dinner in the Parish Hall immediately following the 6:30pm Spanish Mass. Everyone is invited to attend.

Dec 15th — Pancake Breakfast with Santa Last PRE class prior to the Christmas Holiday. Come eat pancakes and sit with Santa to let him know your Christmas wishes! Remember to bring your Angel Tree gift tag and gift with you!!!

Dec 23rd — Decorate Church and Lunch Buffet The Christmas poinsettias will be delivered the morning of the 23rd. At 10:00am we will begin decorating the Church and end with a festive lunch buffet. Everyone is invited to come and help.

Holy Angels Service Scholarship **THE COMPLETED APPLICATION AND ESSAY ARE DUE IN THE PARISH OFFICE by 3:00pm ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2020**

SACRAMENTS

Baptism - A preparation class is required of the parents requesting Baptism for their first child. Parents and godparents are encouraged to attend the class before the baby’s birth.

Confirmation - is celebrated with students who are at least in the 8th grade and have completed the requirements for the preparation process in our PRE program.

Matrimony - Couples planning to marry should contact the Pastor at least 6 months prior to the proposed date so all parish and diocesan requirements may be completed.

Holy Orders - If you feel called to a vocation in the priesthood or religious life, please contact the pastor.

Anointing of the Sick - If you wish to receive this sacrament, contact the pastor. If there is an emergency situation, an immediate family member should contact the pastor.

Nursery

The nursery is located in the classroom next to the kitchen in the parish hall. The nursery is open to children birth to 4 years.

Notify the Parish of Seriously Ill Family Member

If a family member has been admitted to the hospital or is ill at home, please let us know by contacting Cathi Shea in the parish office.

Bulletin Announcement Deadline

Items must be received by Monday at 12 noon. Please submit all items to ccshea@cableone.net

The Catholic Diocese of Memphis in Tennessee encourages all victims, or parents of minors who are victims of sexual abuse by a bishop, priest, deacon or diocesan employee or agent, to report such abuse by phoning any of the following numbers:

Tennessee Child Abuse Hotline

1-877-237-0004

Victim Assistance Coordinator

901-652-4066

Dir. of Child and Youth Protection

901-359-2027

All reports will be treated in a confidential manner. The Diocese of Memphis offers a program of psychological and spiritual assistance to abused victims in need.

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www.holyangelscc.formed.org, click on the “REGISTER NOW” button and establish an faith. Please take advantage of this opportunity to benefit yourselves and others.

DECEMBER / Month of the Divine Infancy

Advent is a season of waiting, of stillness, of reflection and of expectation. Dwindling daylight sets the stage for these actions and the liturgical year wisely makes use of them. We have just celebrated the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, which brought the annual cycle to its eschatological end. Advent continues the eschatological hope of this solemnity, but awaits the dual coming of Christ: as the infant of Bethlehem and in his promised return. This is why the Lectionary focuses on both John the Baptist's proclamation of Jesus and Jesus's parables of the coming Bridegroom. As we wait in the colder and darker days of the year, we look for the light of the coming Messiah and the fullness of the kingdom of God.

Advent has a twofold character: "a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time." The second character is dominant in the first half of Advent, while the first character is dominant in the second half of Advent.

FIRST READING (Isaiah 2:1-5) Mountains are sacred, mysterious places, where God is often found. "The mountains of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest mountain." And "all nations shall stream toward it." Here, we see the initial move toward Jerusalem, a frequent theme in the Gospel accounts as well. We must climb to grow in our faith. For the people of Isaiah's time, living in the wake of the destruction of the city of Jerusalem and their beloved Temple, this future time would be a time of restoration—and more. All nations will come to hear the Lord's teaching. The Lord will judge all nations and inaugurate a time of peace. Hear the invitation that is given to us as well" Come...listen to the voice of the Lord. Come, walk in his light.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9) Psalm 122 follows the theme of climbing from the First Reading. It is the one of several Psalms of Ascent (see Ps 120-134), used by Jewish pilgrims on their journey to Jerusalem. "Jerusalem, built as a city with compact unity. / To it the tribes go up." It sets our entire attitude for Advent as we sing "Let us go rejoicing to the house of God."

SECOND READING (Romans 13:11-14) In his holy *Rule*, Benedict tells his monks to "Keep death daily, before your eyes" (*Rule of St. Benedict*, 4:47). That is what Paul is telling us. Sometimes, it is easy to fall asleep, to become complacent in our faith. The Romans were returning to some of their earlier ways, and Paul tried to shake them awake with this reminder to leave earthly things behind. Yet, we cannot engage in battles without the right equipment. We are encouraged to "put on our armor of light."

Paul urges the Romans: "It is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. Let us put on the armor of light. Put on the Lord Jesus Christ." Note the urgency in Paul's words: time is running out! And indeed, the Christians of his day expected the Second Coming of the Lord to be within their lifetime. Paul calls the Romans to a spirit of watchfulness, to be clothed in light rather than darkness, to live as those who bear the name of Jesus and in whom he dwells.

GOSPEL (Matthew 24:37-44) The Gospel is rather brusque today, but Matthew takes up right where Paul left off, telling us to "Stay awake!" It is not a question, or a suggestion, it is an order. We must do this. It also means we must be in it for the long haul. Our faith is not an hour on Sunday—a switch we turn on and off. Our lives must reflect the Gospel. The best way to be ready for God's coming is to live in every moment.

Matthew's Jesus said that the Son of Man will come at an hour no one can expect. Therefore, all people must stay awake, keep a watchful eye and be prepared. A similar urgency is heart in today's Gospel, only here, within the context of an unknown time of the coming of the Son of Man (a title used throughout the Gospel accounts with reference to Jesus. Jesus calls his followers to watchfulness and readiness. They must be prepared to welcome the Son of Man.

Readings: 1st Week in Advent

Su	12/1	Is 21-5 • Ps 122:1-9 • Rom 13:11-14 • Matt 24:37-44
M	12/2	Is 42:1-6 • Ps 122:1-9 • Matt 8:5-11
Tu	12/3	Is 11:1-10 • Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 • Luke 10:21-24
W	12/4	Is 25:6-10 • Ps 23:1-6 • Matt 15:29-37
Th	12/5	Is 26:1-6 • Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27 • Matt 7:21, 24-27
F	12/6	Is 29:17-24 • Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 • Matt 9:27-31
Sa	12/7	Is 30:19-21, 23-26 • Ps 147:1-6 • Matt 9:35—10:1, 5-8

**Anniversaries Dec 1st – 7th**

12/7 Tony & Nancy Berardi

Birthdays Dec 1st – 7th

11/30 Filemon Barcenas, Claire Young

12/1 Fr. Patrick

12/2 David Arellanes, Tucker Davis Green

12/3 Tim Capps

12/6 David Sierra

FOOD DRIVE for Matthew 25:40

Help fill Matthew's Food Pantry!!!

Place donations in the grocery buggy located in the foyer.

SHARE WHAT YOU CAN**Pope Francis' Monthly Prayer Intention**

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month. Only one intention is offered per month, whether universal or related to evangelization.

December**Universal – The Very Young**

That every country resolutely commits to taking the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

Funerals

When planning a funeral for a loved one, please call the pastor before making any arrangements with the funeral home regarding the date and time of visitation, the funeral Mass or service at the funeral home.

Hospitality Committee

Holy Angels will provide a funeral luncheon if the family of the deceased requests one. The Hospitality Committee consists of several women from the parish who volunteer to host the luncheons. Someone from the committee will be calling on you for food and help when the need arises.