

HOLY ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. Patrick Hirtz

DECEMBER
Month of the Divine Infancy

*"Lord let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation."
Psalm 85:9-11, 11-12, 13-14*



December 6, 2020 — 2nd Sunday of Advent (B)

Holy Angels Catholic Church
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Parish Office Hours >>>

Monday – Friday 9:00am – 4:00pm
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Parish Staff >>>

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Youth Group Minister

Deborah McCallen (cell: 731-297-6197)
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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 and 11:00am

Spanish Mass: Sunday at 1:00pm

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

First Saturday ONLY is at 8:00am

(Holydays & Holidays: 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 139 families and 353 parishioners.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK: Week of Dec 6th

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Sanctuary Candle - Anniversary of Jonathan Alley's 1st Communion (9/28/77)

12/5	Sa	5:00pm	Rest of the soul of Donald H. Orr by Sally Orr
12/6	Su	8:00am 11:00am 1:00pm	Rest of the soul of Jim Berry by Connie Van Vickle & Jim Pickard Health Intentions of Sarah Alley by Dot Alley Spanish Mass People of Holy Angels, living and deceased
12/7	M	12 Noon 6:00pm	Special Intention of Sally Orr VIGIL – Rest of the soul of Jane McHugh by The Luckenbaugh Family
12/8	Tu	8:00am 12 Noon 6:00pm	Holyday of Obligation – Immaculate Conception Rest of the soul of Eufemia Betonio by Judy Betonio & Family Rest of the souls of Mary Harrell and Joan Fisher Bilingual Mass Health Intentions of Paula Van't Hof by The Alley's
12/9	W	12 Noon	Rest of the soul of Donald H. Orr by Sally Orr
12/10	Th	9:00am	Rest of the soul of Richard H. Leighton by Dot Alley
12/11	F	12 Noon	Rest of the soul of Russell Case by Dot Alley
12/12	Sa		Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

MINISTERS SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK:

Immaculate Conception December 7/8	Mon Vigil 6:00pm	Tues 8:00am	Tues 12:00 Noon
Lector	Marilyn Luckenbaugh	Volunteer	Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers	Judy Boehmler	Volunteer	Volunteer
	Christi Boone		
Ushers	Bill Boehmler	Volunteer	Volunteer
	Volunteer		
Greeter	Ushers	Ushers	Ushers
Honor Family	Ushers	Ushers	Ushers
Sacristan	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Minister of the Sick	Suspended due to COVID	Suspended due to COVID	Suspended due to COVID
December 12/13	5:00	8:00	11:00
Lector	Barbara Pugh	Jamie/Madison McGowan	Katie Pugh
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Hurst	J C Rivera	Enrique Rodriguez
		Phyllis Kraus	Kathy Yarbro
Ushers	Volunteer	Bryan Frank	Kyle Cozort
		Moe Sims	Tucker Cozort
Greeter	Ushers	Ushers	Ushers
Honor Family	Ushers	Ushers	Ushers
Sacristan	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
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Collection Report 11/28-29/2020		
Reg Collection		\$1454.00
Online donations	12/3/20	\$510.00
Total Reg Collection		\$1964.00
Budget	\$3516.00	-\$1552.00
Reg Disbursements	12/3/20	\$5002.95
Votive Candles		\$15.00
Christmas Flowers		\$605.00
All Souls		\$20.00
Camp Human Develop		\$40.00
Thanksgiving		\$308.00
B/M Collection		\$260.00
Memorials		\$2000.00
B/M Disbursements	12/3/20	-0-

2nd Collections for December

- 12/6 Building Maintenance
- 12/13 Retired Fund for Religious
- 12/25 Villa Vianney

Special Collections for December

- 12/8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

If you do not contribute online, you can drop-off or mail your weekly collection checks to the Parish Office. To drop-off your check, use the outside black secure mailbox located at the office door on Tucker Street. Thank You

Attendance

(139 families /353 parishioners)

- 11/26 Thanksgiving Day 40
- 11/28-29 31-41-48-27 147

Alb Care Volunteers*

December – Kathy Yarbro

*Following COVID sanitation guidelines, altar servers will not be wearing albs for Masses because it is impossible to launder them in between Masses.

Altar Linen Care Volunteers

December – Carri Stegeman

Men of Holy Angels...

In honor of the recent Beatification of Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, the KofC are offering **free online membership** (\$30 value) to all eligible Catholic men. To qualify, you must be at least eighteen years old, baptized and a practicing Catholic. Join at www.kofc.org/joinus and use the discount code: **MCGIVNEY2020**. Offer ends 12/31/20. Direct any questions to Membership@kofc-tn.org.



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

MEETING

Sunday, December 27, 2020
6:00pm in the Conference Room



CATHOLIC DIOCESE of MEMPHIS

Feasibility Study/Survey from Bishop Talley The Bishop has consulted with several diocesan advisory groups on how to strategically plan for the short and long term needs that exist in our parishes and the diocese, as a whole. As we prepare to celebrate our 50th anniversary, how do we best strengthen our parishes and enhance the existing programs, ministries and services found throughout the diocese? The discussions led to a consensus on the need to look at a diocesan-wide capital campaign at the appropriate time. Upon the recommendation of the Presbyteral Council, Bishop Talley has decided to move forward with a **feasibility study** to help discern the path forward.

Your participation and comments in this study are most important in making this process a success and it will help the diocese understand the thoughts and opinions of those who call the Diocese of Memphis home. Bishop Talley has invited *Guidance In Giving, Inc.* to help us conduct this study and provide us with direction. They work exclusively with Catholic dioceses, parishes and schools throughout the country assisting with a variety of development efforts. Your responses will be held in strict confidence and will only be viewed by *Guidance in Giving, Inc.*

Thank you for your counsel, your faith and your commitment to your parish and the Diocese of Memphis. This process will have tremendous value in determining the best course of action as we seek to best serve our people.

To complete the Feasibility Study/Survey, go to the diocesan webpage, www.cdom.org and click on the link

FORMED – To sign up FREE of charge as a parishioner of Holy Angels Church, go to www.angels.org account. After doing so, you'll have access to a wealth of material to grow in your

Catholic Diocese Of Memphis 50th Anniversary As we begin the new liturgical year, our diocese embarks upon a yearlong celebration of its Golden Jubilee (Nov 29, 2020 thru Nov 21, 2021) — the 50th Anniversary as the Diocese of Memphis in West Tennessee. Please stay tuned for much more information from our 50th Anniversary Committee, led by Vicar General Fr. Keith Stewart, on many exciting and wonderful 50th events taking place across our Diocese in the coming weeks and in 2021.

Dec 8th The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Today is the Patronal Feast day of the United States of America and a Holyday of Obligation. Although our Gospel reading narrates the story of Jesus' conception, today's solemnity celebrates the Immaculate Conception of Mary, as she was conceived in her mother's womb. Prepared by God from the very first moment of her life to receive Jesus Christ, God's grace preserved Mary from sin from the womb to the end of her life, because of her role in the mystery of salvation as the mother of God. Today's solemnity praises God for the hope and possibility that Mary embodies, as we turn to our Blessed Mother to learn from the first and most important relationship Jesus Christ experienced among us. We celebrate Mary's Immaculate Conception, that is, her total freedom from original sin from the moment of her conception. This freedom from the sin of Adam and Eve is shown in today's Gospel. In Mary's response to the angel, she shows her willingness to place herself fully in God's hands, even when it promises to be difficult and requires great faith and trust.

Holyday of Obligation

Vigil Mass will be celebrated on Mon, Dec 7th at 6:00pm

Holyday Masses will be celebrated Tue, Dec 8th at 8:00am, 12 noon and 6:00pm (Bilingual)

Dec 9th Scriptural Rosary and Bible Study

The Scriptural Rosary will be recited on Wednesday, December 9th, at 5:45pm in the Church. This is an opportunity for you to enhance your experience of praying the Rosary and it offers a way for you to deeply meditate as you pray. Following the life of Christ, we will be reciting the Luminous Mysteries this week.

Bible Study will follow the Rosary

Dec 11th Optional Memorial of St. Damasus I, Pope

As pope, St. Damasus I (†384) commissioned his secretary, St. Jerome, to revise the Latin Bible in use at that time by translating the Old Testament from the Hebrew rather than the Greek version. The Vulgate remained the standard Latin translation until 1979. Damasus presided over the Council of Rome, at which the canon of Scripture, or recognized books in the Bible, was set. He fought to counteract Apollinarianism, an overcorrection to Arianism that de-emphasized Christ's humanity. He is also known for the verses he composed to adorn the tombs of the martyrs in Rome.

Dec 12th Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of America

At various times and places, the ever-blessed Virgin Mary has come in visions and apparitions to encourage her fellow Christians to follow her son, Jesus, the Christ, ever more faithfully. On December 9, 1531, St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatzintin (1474-1548), a native Mexican farmer and laborer, was on his way to attend Mass. He heard a woman call out from Tepeyac Hill. She was the Virgin Mary and she asked Juan Diego to tell the bishop to build a chapel on the site. Juan Diego went to the bishop with the request, but the bishop scoffed at him. He returned with his cloak, or tilma, filled with roses, and when he unfurled it before the bishop, the woman's image was imprinted on the inside. The bishop believed and the church was built. The image on Juan Diego's tilma is venerated as that of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Whenever and wherever she enters into our lives, she points us toward the continuing work of Jesus for our salvation.

Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, December 12th at 9:00am

Dec 20th Youth Mass and Simbang Gabi with Fr. Dexter

Noblefranco Simbang Gabi is a Filipino Christmas tradition. It is a series of 9 dawn Masses (a novena) that start as early as 4:00am. It begins on Dec 16 and ends at midnight on the 24th, the midnight Mass of Christmas. Introduced by Spanish friars, it was celebrated for the fisherman at the break of day (when the rooster crows and wakes them to go fishing) and to allow the farmers to hear Mass before going to the fields early in the morning. The last Mass of this novena is truly the "Mass of the Rooster" (Misa de Gallo), and a star-shaped lantern reminds the assembly of the star that led the Magi to the Blessed Infant. A processional with a lantern and feasting are part of Simbang Gabi devotional celebrations. Simbang Gabi is not just a tradition that is celebrated because we need to do so, it is also the spiritual preparation for Christmas, in commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ. The celebration is also seen as a way of requesting blessings from the Lord, as most people believe that if one completes the whole series of nine dawn Masses, wishes will be granted.

Youth Mass will be celebrated at 5:00pm

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.

(2/14/2019)

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

DECEMBER -- Month of the Divine Infancy

Three of today’s Scripture readings center on the coming of Christ as the long-awaited Messiah. In the Gospel, we find John the Baptist preaching in the desert as the herald of the Lord. John’s baptism that leads to “the forgiveness of sins” ties in to the promise in the first reading that God will one day comfort his people and expiate their guilt. The Gospel writer Mark sees John as the fulfillment of the prophet’s vision of the herald crying out in the desert and preparing the Messiah’s way, since he begins his text by quoting from Isaiah. John, like Isaiah’s herald, fears “not to cry out to the cities of Judah: ‘Here is your God!’” John’s preaching theme of “one more powerful than I” links to the Old Testament promise, “Here comes with power the Lord God.” The theme of the herald is echoed in the responsorial psalm in the verse “Justice shall walk before him,” as well as John’s proclamation of salvation to “those who fear” God. The second reading sounds another Advent keynote that we are looking forward to Christ’s final coming. Peter exhorts us to prepare for this sudden “day of the Lord” by living a dedicated Christian life.

FIRST READING (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11) Early in the 6th century before Jesus, the kingdom of Judah was overrun and its people carried into exile in Babylon. The Temple was destroyed and Jerusalem was leveled. Into this mournful situation came an anonymous disciple of the prophetic school of Isaiah preaching a scintillating message of hope. The poet-prophet recalled God’s first “Coming” to the people at the time of the Exodus. Then, God had come to the people Israel through one of their own, Moses. But this time, the prophet proclaimed, God would come through a pagan, Cyrus, the Persian king and conqueror of the Babylonians. This second “coming” (“Here is your God!” [40:9]) confronted the doubt of the exiles with a trumpet call of good news, “Comfort, give comfort to my people: (40:1).

Isaiah, speaking to Israel during her exile, announces in beautifully poetic language that God has forgiven her. He also gives instructions. God’s people are to build a highway for God, leveling all the bumps, ruts and hills that are in the way. They are to walk along the road, proclaiming the Good News of God’s salvation, announcing it to all, crying out in a loud voice. We can rejoice because God has forgiven Israel for her sins! Those who were exiled can return home. But in return, they must do their part to fulfill their covenant with God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13:14) The images in the verses are signs of hope for the restoration of the covenant relationship with God. God’s presence can be seen when faithful virtues like justice, kindness and peace (shalom) are practiced. Those who practice this love give abundant expression to the way of God and prepare the way so the entire world can see God.

SECOND READING (2 Peter 3:8-14) Peter’s second letter refers to a future coming of Christ. By the time the letter was written by an anonymous representative of Peter in the 2nd century, Christ’s final coming was long delayed. But the writer rekindles anticipation by speaking like John the Baptist and the Old Testament prophets. He warns that Christ delayed his Second Coming only to give people time to prepare and calls for urgent and active obedience. Such obedience not only prepares for but even “hastens” God’s final coming.

The epistle reminds listeners that God does not perceive time in the same way that human beings do. Written with the Second Coming of the Messiah in mind, it gives appropriate instructions for us as we prepare ourselves during our Advent journey. We do not know God’s ways, but we can hold fast to the belief that this time is a gift from God for us to repent and learn to live holy lives, be ready and prepare for the day of the Lord’s coming.

GOSPEL (Mark 1:1-8) Mark used this picture of God’s “second” Old Testament coming to speak of God’s New Testament “coming” in the Gospel. John the Baptist’s appearance and thunderous preaching prepared the people for “one mightier than I” (1:7). John seems to have expected the Day of Judgment that had been announced by the old prophets. But in the rest of his account of the Gospel Mark unfolded the unlikely story of God’s anointed who came to teach, heal, suffer, and finally give his life as a ransom for others.

Many people were coming to John and acknowledging their sins as they were baptized. This is the mission that disciples are invited to follow. Many of the men and women need to be reminded that they are called to follow Jesus Christ and to preach the Gospel to the entire world. Mark reminds us about one who was not afraid, who did not abandon his role as herald; instead, by his words and actions, he invited other believers to do the same. John the Baptist calls out to us as we continue on our Advent journey, inviting our faithful response to prepare the way of God.

Readings: 2nd Week of Advent (B)

Su	12/6	Is 40:1-5, 9-11 • Ps 85:9-14 • 2 Peter 3:8-14 • Mark 1:1-8
M	12/7	Is 35:1-10 • Ps 85:9-14 • Luke 5:17-26
Tu	12/8	Gen 3:9-15, 20 • Ps 98:1-4 • Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 • Luke 1:26-38
W	12/9	Is 40:25-31 • Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10 • Matt 11:28-31
Th	12/10	Is 41:13-20 • Ps 145:1, 9-13 • Matt 11:11-15
F	12/11	Is 48:17-19 • Ps 17:1-4, 6 • Matt 11:16-19
Sa	12/12	Zech 2:14-17 or Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab • Judith 13:18-19 • Luke 1:26-38 or 1:39-47



Anniversaries: Dec 6 – 12th

- 12/11 Dot & Wayne Alley, Ricardo & Elizabeth Blanco
- 12/12 Oscar & Kerrie Leon, Jordan & Caleb Riley

Birthdays: Dec 6th – 12th

- 12/6 David Sierra
- 12/9 Esteban Gonzalez, Maria Martinez, Peggy Smithback
- 12/11 Victor G. Antunez, Angel Ibañez Ramirez
- 12/12 David Cohen, Sr.

FOOD DRIVE for Matthew 25:40

Help us 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

For a Life of Prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be

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.