



ST. FAUSTINA

CATHOLIC PARISH

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DECEMBER 8, 2019 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Father Bogdan's Corner

It is already the Second Sunday of Advent. People are decorating their homes to show that they are ready to welcome Jesus. Maybe it would be appropriate to recall a Centurion from Capernaum, who even hearing about Jesus had asked himself "Am I worthy to have you under my roof?" John the Baptist, who I consider the second after the Blessed Virgin Mary as the figure of Advent, teaches us: "Prepare the way of the Lord make straight his paths". Make your lives straight by controlling your bad habits and your worries. Awake and break them through the healing power of the Sacrament of Mercy such as Reconciliation, that will be at St. Martin de Porres on December 13th at 7:00 p.m. To me, the Blessed Virgin Mary is the first person of Advent because after saying "I am your handmade" she waited for this moment in history to begin a new era, by giving birth to the Son of God, Emanuel. Such a great blessing to the world. We have to be thankful for the Immaculate Conception, as it means that she was free from original sin by virtue of the merits of her Son Jesus. She was free and we have to pay for the consequences of the original sin. Jesus is helping us to overcome our inclination toward sins.

Welcome the statues of the BVM from Guadeloupe, that is also known as Our Lady of Guadeloupe. Tomorrow, in addition to the regular Monday Morning Mass at 9 a.m., we are also having a 6:00 p.m. Mass for the students. All are invited.

Since July we are waiting for a new sanctuary area of our church and the contractor hired through Fuchs did not fulfill his promise. Many deadlines have passed and now we are waiting for the next promise. Their negligence has jeopardized our plans for Christmas decorations this year. Check the schedule below for upcoming events.



Christmas Season Schedule



December 6 - 12:30 p.m. Advent Tea with
St. Nicholas Presentation

December 13 - 7:00 p.m. Vicariate
Reconciliation Service at
St. Martin de Porres

December 15 - 3:00 p.m. Advent Service
of Lessons & Carols

December 22 - 6:00 p.m. "Get the Spirit of
Christmas with St. Faustina" Mass &
Christmas Concert

December 24 - 4:00 p.m. - Mass
10:00 p.m. - Mass

December 25 - 10:00 a.m. - Mass

December 31 - 4:00 p.m. - Mass

January 1, 2020 - 11:00 a.m. - Mass



MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, December 9TH 9:00 A.M.

✠ Theodore Olejarczyk (37th Anniv) req
Josephine, Gene & Jeffrey

WEDNESDAY, December 11TH 9:00 A.M.

✠ Clotilde Gigante (31st Anniv) req by
June DiGirolamo
✠ Wojciech & Jozefina Michalik req by
Josephine, Gene & Jeffrey

THURSDAY, December 12TH 9:00 A.M.

✠ The Albright Family
✠ Dolores Endres (Birthday Rem) req
by Karen

FRIDAY, December 13TH 9:00 A.M.

✠ Pat and Dick Albright
✠ Anna Suong Ho req by Family



During the week of

December 8, 2019

the candle next to
the Tabernacle
will burn in memory of

Mary Ann Moga Zard
(77th Birthday Remembrance)
req by

Rosemary Konwerski



Father Bogdan and the parish of
St. Faustina offer sincere
sympathy to the families of

Patricia Srigley
Joanne Mulawa
and
Etta Schultz

We commend them to the Lord.
May they rest in peace.

Amen.

This Week:

Monday, December 9th

9:00 a.m. - Mass
6:00 p.m. - Mass
6:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. - Religious
Education

Tuesday, December 10th

9:00 a.m. - No Mass

Wednesday, December 11th

9:00 a.m. - Mass

Thursday, December 12th

9:00 a.m. - Mass

Friday, December 13th

9:00 a.m. - Mass

Saturday, December 14th

3:00 p.m. - Confessions
4:00 p.m. - Mass

Sunday, December 15th

8:30 a.m. - Mass
11:00 a.m. - Mass
3:00 p.m. - Advent Service of
Lessons & Carols



Mass / Presider	Intentions	Sacristans	Lector	Servers	Ushers
Saturday, December 14 th 4:00 p.m. Fr. Bogdan Milosz	✠ Leo Aretha (2nd Anniv) req by Wife Julia ✠ Laurie Loiacano req by Husband Sam ✠ Repose of the Soul of Antonio Cianfarani ✠ Mr. & Mrs. Gustaf DeTurck req by Daughter ✠ Gerald Labiak req by Wife & Family	L. Haggerty C. Funke	G. Webster	C. Brock C. Ndana Z. Ndana	1
Sunday, December 15 th 8:30 a.m. Fr. Bogdan Milosz	✠ Alfred Lipinski (Birthday Rem) req by Daughters ✠ Anna & Jerry DiGirolamo req by Daughter June ✠ Agnes & John Dziwik req by Grandson	S. Korotko R. Urbin	R. Rosati	B. Lipinski S. Klucha R. Fiebelkorn	2
11:00 a.m. Fr. Bogdan Milosz	✠ Victor Bartkowiak req by Family ♦ In Thanksgiving for Roberto & Lucy Rossi req by Minchella Family	L. Kraft L. Walny	C. Peterson	G. Bagtas G. Bagtas G. Bagtas Z. Chivers A. Chivers	4



An Attitude of Gratitude

The best antidote to discouragement is to praise God continually for who He is and to thank Him for what He has done.

Reflect on your prayer life over the past month. Were there moments of gratitude as well as intercession, surrender, and adoration? Giving thanks to God puts us in a right posture before Him and opens us to His work in our lives.

There is so much to be grateful for – personal growth, family and friends, successes (big or small), quiet moments, and so on. Even in times of sadness, despair, or disappointment, we can turn our minds to focus on the good to lift our spirits.

This month's Eyes on Jesus podcast with Archbishop Vigneron centers on the importance of having an "attitude of gratitude" for God's many blessings in our lives. We invite you to listen. You can find the podcast on the Archdiocese of Detroit website (aod.org). May Blessed Solanus Casey intercede for us as we strive to give thanks at all times.

What blessings are you thankful for this year?

ADVENT CHALLENGE

Reach out to someone today that might be having a more difficult time than usual during Advent due to the loss of a loved one or personal issues. Just spend time listening to them with a caring ear. Show compassion and kindness, and let them know you're praying for them.

Invite someone to come with you to a seasonal event at our parish, particularly someone who has little family or friends in the area.



Daily Mass Readings

Readings for the week of December 8, 2019:

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 19 [cf. 7]/
Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph
1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/
Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt
11:28-30
Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17
[cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-
19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/ Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 [Is 35:4]/
Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

Observances for the week of December 8, 2019:

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent
Monday: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin
Mary (holy day of obligation)
Wednesday: St. Damasus I, Pope
Thursday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
Friday: St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr
Saturday: St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the
Church
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent



Spending Time with God

During Advent set aside time each day to talk to God. Open your heart and listen carefully to what He says to you.

God, I come to You in this quiet place. I have withdrawn from the world and all its busyness in order to hear You speak. I seek You here in private. Just the two of us. I speak words of praise and thanksgiving. I present requests to You for my own needs and the needs of others. I ask Your forgiveness for my sins - not just in general, but for specific sins that come to mind as I pray. Help me to always find such peaceful, quiet times to withdraw from all the responsibilities of the day and simply meet with my Father.

*But when you pray, go to your inner room,
close the door, and pray to your Father in secret.
And your Father who sees in secret will repay you...
Your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.
Matthew 6:6-8*

God Bless,
Sandy Acord

Growing Faith...Engaging Hearts



On December 9th instead of class all the students (grades 1-9) will go to a special Mass to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception at 6:00 p.m. Each student must bring a parent or another adult with them to stay for the Mass. All family members are welcome.

Please enter the church through the main doors and check in so the catechists can take attendance. The Religious Education doors will be locked so you must enter through the main church doors. After you check in, you don't have to sit with your class.



Ladies of St. Faustina we need your help...

As the new year approaches, we are looking for a few ladies to help out with the washing and ironing of the Altar Purificators that are used at each Mass. We have a schedule that covers an entire year. You will be responsible for a 2 week period at least 3 or 4 times per year depending on how many ladies commit. If you feel that this is something you can do to help, please give me a call and I will get you started. The new schedule for 2020 will be set up by the end of this year.

Thank you in advance.
Renee Warrick
(586) 939-4746

Monsignor Robert McClory Named to Lead Diocese of Gary, Indiana

Pope Francis has appointed Monsignor Robert McClory, 56, to be the fifth bishop of the Diocese of Gary, Indiana. The Diocese of Gary is in northwest Indiana, on the southern shore of Lake Michigan, and has a Catholic population of 168,500 and a total population of 786,000. Bishop-elect McClory, currently serving as pastor and rector of the National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica in Royal Oak, Michigan, will be ordained as bishop and installed on February 11, 2020. He will succeed Bishop Donald Hying, who was appointed Bishop of Madison, Wisconsin in April of this year.

Bishop-elect McClory was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Detroit on May 22, 1999. Prior to his assignment as pastor of the National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, Bishop-elect McClory served as Moderator of the Curia and Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Detroit from 2009–2018, Chancellor from 2003–2009 and Administrative Secretary to Cardinal Adam Maida from 2002–2003. He also served as Pastor of Presentation/Our Lady of Victory Parish, Detroit, from 2011–2017; parochial vicar of St. Isidore Parish, Macomb Township, from 2001–2002 and St. Therese of Lisieux Parish, Shelby Township, from 2000–2001; Weekend Associate at Our Lady of the Lakes Parish, Waterford, from 2002–2004 and St. Blase Parish, Sterling Heights from 2004–2011.

“Here in Monsignor McClory’s home diocese, he is recognized as a zealous priest who generously devotes all the talents God has blessed him with to the ministry of spreading the Gospel,” said Detroit Archbishop Allen Vigneron.

THE GIVING TREE

Just a reminder! **Gifts for the Giving Tree must be returned by Sunday, December 8.**

The gifts will be packed up after the 11:00 a.m. Mass and delivered the following day. The reason we deliver these gifts so early is because the organizations we deliver the gifts to need enough time to unpack, organize and distribute them before Christmas. Be sure to place the ornament **SECURELY** on the wrapped package. If the gift is personal care items, for Image of God of Nativity of Our Lord, the package does not need to be wrapped. Just place it in a sturdy box or bag. Please place all cash gifts and gift cards in an envelope, so it will not be lost. They can be dropped off at the office or put in the collection basket.

Thank you,
Christian Service Commission

Also, you need not be member of the Commission to join in the Christmas spirit. Anyone interested in helping us pack up gifts is more than welcome to come after the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 8 to help.

Oplatik

Oplatik is available in the parish office. Suggested donation is \$5.00.

I would like to explain to those who don’t know what it is and why it is used. Sharing Oplatik or Christmas Wafer is a Polish Christmas tradition. Before partaking of the Christmas Eve meal – “Vigilia” the family gathers around the table, and the father or mother or even the eldest member of the Family breaks the “Oplatik” into small pieces and gives to each member of the family a piece. Holding it in their hand, they approach each other and take from each other a little piece and express Christmas wishes and wishes for the coming New Year too. The sharing of the Christmas wafer symbolizes the unity of the family which many consider to be the main pillar of society. According to beliefs, the bond of unity should exist between family members. The father is seen as the link in the unbroken chain of One body, One Bread, One Christ, and One Church, while other family members join him in this eternal procession. Sharing the wafer also symbolizes forgiveness, reconciliation and love. When everyone has exchanged the wafer, the family members return to their seats and eat their Christmas meal. It is a good ceremony to be included into Christmas observance and tradition.

Fr. Bogdan

RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM (RSVP)

Want to share your experience and skills, meet new people and give back to your community? Then the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is for you!

A nationally recognized program, RSVP matches adults 55 and older with local volunteer opportunities. RSVP members assist at schools, hospitals, community centers, social service organizations and in community programs such as Meal on Wheels. In southeast Michigan, RSVP programs are available in Oakland and Macomb counties.

About 450 volunteers are currently enrolled. New volunteers are welcome!

Volunteer opportunities range from 4 hours a month to 20 hours a week. Those involved can choose how and where they want to volunteer and receive training, placement, and orientation assistance. RSVP is funded by the Corporation for National and Community Service, the Michigan Aging and Adult Services Agency and financial support from the community.

For more information call at 248-537-3300 ext. 3941 or email RSVP@ccsem.org.



GET THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS with ST. FAUSTINA PARISH

DECEMBER 22, 2019 6:00 P.M.

A special Holy Mass in English & Polish with the Filarets Choir. They have sung for Presidents of USA and for Pope John Paul II. Following the Mass there will be an ADVENT-CHRISTMAS Concert in English, Latin and Polish. Refreshments to follow.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Schedule for the weekend of December 15th If your name is not on any of the lists, please contact Robert Rossi at (586) 558-7167

Saturday, December 14th
4:00 p.m. Mass

Diane Apfel
Margaret Bloom
Mary Lou Krzyminski
Joannie Matiyow
Sandy Powers
Linda Reiterman
Renee Warrick

Sunday, December 15th
8:30 a.m. Mass

June DiGirolamo
Susan Klucha
Sylvia Korotko
Barbara Lipinski
Larry Mallett
Sharon Nawrocki
Marilyn Sollars

Sunday, December 15th
11:00 a.m. Mass

Maria Bagtas
Debbie Carlisi
Kari Colzin
George Eichorn
Joan Flynn
Ronnie Gietzen
Jardean Goga

ST. FAUSTINA

*Pray for
the Sick*

**Please pray for those in
our parish family in**

Laurine Connelly
Daniel Dedaj
Dorothy Dekutoski
Joseph Deluca
Ray Dominick
Wendel Hermogenes (Krzyszinski)
Geneva Ignasiak
Tim Insley
Elizabeth Klein
Dolores Kudla
Ken Lane
Marian Lane
Nancy Lappin
Jim Lewis
Randy Lewis
Robert Lewis
Christopher Liebetreu
Francine Lorentz
Alfred Nawrocki
Ellen Nawrocki
Kerry Nawrocki
Ray Nawrocki
Luciana Purtill
Barry Renze
Mary Ryntz
Salvator Rubello
Mary Schmidt
Doris Somoski
Frank Sorrentino
Mary Stefko
Christopher Surma
Fred Walny
Magdalen Webster
Robert Wehner
Patrice Zeimis (Borkowski)
Baby Eduard Zielinski

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MASSES

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday,
Friday: 9:00 a.m.
Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Holy Days: 9:00 a.m., 12 p.m. &
7:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturdays @ 3:00 p.m.
or by appointment

Parish Pastoral Council

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Report Abuse

The Archdiocese of Detroit encourages individuals to report clergy sexual abuse of minors and others - no matter when the abuse occurred. Individuals may contact local law enforcement authorities and/or they may report to the Archdiocese of Detroit by calling the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (866) 343-8055 or by emailing vac@aod.org. In addition, the Michigan Attorney General's Office can be contacted at its toll-free reporting hotline at (844) 324-3374 or by email at aginvestigations@michigan.gov.

More information about the Archdiocese's efforts to address abuse may be found at protect.aod.org.

Registration

Parishioners may register in person, by phone, or online.

Baptism

At least one parent needs to be registered, active and a practicing Catholic for at least six months. Baptisms are the second Sunday of the month. A Baptismal Preparation Class is required for both parents and godparents. The church requires that at least one of the godparents be an active and practicing Catholic. For more information call the Parish Office.

Marriages

Arrange at least six months in advance.

Communion Calls

Pastoral Staff members visit the sick in the hospital when possible and take Communion to the sick and homebound regularly. Names of the sick should be reported to the Parish Office.



If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Sandy Acord at (586) 773-9220 or send an email to sandyjacord@gmail.com.

St. Faustina is extending a personal invitation to you so that we can help with your spiritual needs.

If you have been baptized and have made your First Holy Communion, please contact Sandy to inquire about Confirmation.