

DECEMBER 15, 2024 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We continue the work of Jesus Christ, to Unleash the Gospel and help everyone seek and experience the love and mercy of God.

Father Bogdan's Corner

As I mentioned in the previous bulletins, Advent is a time for the preparation for the Nativity—the birth of Jesus. There are still a few days. The Advent of each year is not only a time to prepare us for Christmas but it is preparing us for the final coming of Jesus at the end of time. Each one of us will have his/her own and so we have to be vigilant and ready for that moment. Meanwhile, we continue to enjoy life and earth. I want you to enjoy this Season of Advent followed by Christmas.

The Holy Year or 2025 Jubilee Year is giving us the opportunities to reflect on the gift of time and on God's Providence. Every 25 years we observe a Jubilee Year. The last one was in 2000 and in 2025 we will be thinking about **HOPE**. Taking into consideration the political, economical and humanity conditions, we must have hope for a better future. The world exists and we are alive because of <u>God's Providence</u> and <u>Purposefulness</u>, which means direction in life. For us direction in life is Jesus Christ. He is the center of the Universe. "Through Him, and with Him, and in Him" everything has origin. He was at the beginning and will be at the end. So HE, JESUS is our HOPE. Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each of us, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring. Often we come across people who are discouraged, pessimistic and cynical about the future, as if nothing could possibly bring them happiness. For all of us, may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope. With Christmas coming and God's word it will help us find reason for that hope.



May God Bless You, Fr. Bogdan



Wednesday, December 18th 9:00 a.m.

⊕Jessie Bruley req by Mr. & Mrs. G. Zilli
⊕Dennis Ackley req by Beverly

Friday, December 20th 9:00 a.m.

⊕Colette Patterson reg by Mr. & Mrs. G. Zilli





Sunday after the Masses



Monday, December 16th

12:00 p.m. - Parish Office Closes 6:00 p.m. - No Religious Education

Tuesday, December 17th

Wednesday, December 18th

9:00 a.m. - Mass

Thursday, December 19th

5:30 p.m. - Rosary & Devotion

Friday, December 20th

9:00 a.m. - Mass

Saturday, December 21st

3:00 p.m. - Confession

4:00 p.m. - Mass

5:00 p.m. - Confession

Sunday, December 22nd

8:30 a.m. - Mass

9:30 a.m. - Confession

11:00 a.m. - Mass



During the week of December 15, 2024

the candle next to the Tabernacle will burn in memory of

Deceased members of
Szafran & Konwerski
Families
req by
Rosemary Konwerski



Readings Week

of December 15, 2024

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 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: Jgs 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 / Presider	Intentions
Saturday, December 21st 4:00 p.m. Rev. Bogdan Milosz	⊕Virginia T. Sawyer req by Maria Lucia ⊕Thomas Badyna req by Wife Gail ⊕Gerald Labiak req by Wife Geri ⊕Loraine Dyrval req by Sister Geri Living & Deceased Members of the Tworek Family ⊕Margaret Liegghio (2nd Anniv) req by Husband & Family
Sunday, December 22 nd 8:30 a.m. Rev. Bogdan Milosz	⊕Arnel Rebogio req by Family⊕Alfred Lipinski (Birthday Rem) req by DaughtersBarb & Sue⊕Diane Kruk (Birthday Rem) req by Family⊕Stanley Kudla req by Family⊕Agnes & John Dziwik req by Grandson⊕Stella & Al Bieganowski req by Son⊕Al, Dave & Dan Schilkey req by Family
11:00 a.m. Rev. Bogdan Milosz	⊕Krystyna Klim (5th Anniv) req by Family ⊕Lucy Hein (40th Anniv) req by Family

ADVENT 2024 - CARENDAR Baily At-Home Advent Activities for Families DECEMBER

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

Gaudete Sunday. This candle is a point of Advent, all light reminds symbol of joy we are at the mid-Light the pink Advent candle, us of the light of Christ.



MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

Volunteer together as a family at a local service organization, like a food pantry or nursing home.



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER

life where you need the gift of wis-O Wisdom of our God Most High! Pray to God about areas of your Today begins the O Antiphons. dom to grow.

Pray for help to follow Jesus' leadership. Demonstrate good leader-

ship to younger classmates and

O Leader of the House of Israel!



NICE THINGS

HERS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

O Radiant Dawn! Jesus is our light! Shut off the house lights and all electronics after dinner and tree together as a family.

O Key of David! Jesus opens doors

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

O Root of Jesse's Stem! Jesse and King David were Jesus' ancestors.

Send Christmas cards to family

that seem difficult to open. Pray

about ways to overcome things that may be difficult for you.



enjoy the light of the Christmas



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you

First Reading:

Zep 3:14-18a

Shout for joy, O daughter Zion! Sing joyfully, O Israel! Be glad and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has removed the judgment against

he has turned away your enemies; the King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst, you have no further misfortune to fear. On that day, it shall be said to Jerusalem: Fear not, O Zion, be not discouraged! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior; he will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love. he will sing joyfully because of you,

Responsorial

Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6.

R. (6) Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

God indeed is my savior; I am confident and unafraid. My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior. With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation.

as one sings at festivals.

R. Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Give thanks to the LORD, acclaim his name; among the nations make known his deeds, proclaim how exalted is his name.

R. Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Sing praise to the LORD for his glorious achievement; let this be known throughout all the earth. Shout with exultation, O city of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel!

R. Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Second Reading: Phil 4:4-7

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near.

Second Reading (Cont'd)

Have no anxiety at all, but 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.

Alleluia Is 61:1 (cited in Lk 4:18)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Lk 3:10-18

The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?" He said to them in reply, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him.

"Teacher, what should we do?"

He answered them,

"Stop collecting more than what is prescribed."

Soldiers also asked him,

"And what is it that we should do?"

He told them.

"Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages."

Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saving, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals.

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor

and to gather the wheat into his barn,

but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people.

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I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of

who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Communion Antiphon

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.



GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTAND-ING OF SCRIPTURE

3rd Sunday of Advent

On a bright Spring morning, a passerby once saw St. Francis of Assisi hoeing a row of beans and asked him, "What would you be doing right now if you knew this was the last day of your earthly life?" The Saint responded, "I'd keep hoeing this row of beans." Preparing for this world to end — whether by our death or by Jesus' glorious coming — invites us to live not in the past or the present, but deeply in the present moment. This same point is on display in the simple advice given by the wild and eccentric John the Baptist. He speaks of the one who is to come who will baptize "with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Luke 3:16). Despite the bizarre awesomeness of this announcement, he tells his listeners to engage in the present moment with simple acts of justice and love as their preparation for Jesus' coming, sharing their clothes and food, eliminating greedy and underhanded practices, being content with their wages. It's so undramatic. But how many actually did it? We don't know. How many of us will commit ourselves to these types of humble and demanding practices in our lives? That's what we should be doing now in our present moment, not worrying about the future.

Advent challenge: Name one way you are doing the bare minimum towards others in your daily life. Or name something you are doing because you are not content with your financial situation. Pray: "Jesus, if it is your will, help me to stop doing these things this week. Help me prepare for your coming." Then make the appropriate changes.

— Father John Muir

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I would like to share some photos from the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service that was held on November 20th at the 1st UMC of Warren Church. There was representation from First UMC Methodist Church, Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, Presbyterian and Buddhism. Thank you to the delegation from St. Faustina that joined me for this event.

Fr. Bogdan















Please join us for a special Christmas Concert presented by our former Music Director, Matthew Zinser, and the Missio ad Gentes of Detroit.

Sunday, December 22, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Faustina Parish

Hand-crafted religious items and food will be available for sale after the Concert in the Parish Hall to help raise money for a pilgrimage to Rome to celebrate the Jubilee Year in August 2025.



Are you looking for some Christmas cheer? Look no further than your director of music's other music activities!

Looking for something different? I'm playing my euphonium (baritone horn) in a TubaChristmas performance in the Varner Recital Hall on the Campus of Oakland University at 1:00 PM on Saturday, December 21st. Unlike a concert band consisting of woodwind, brass and percussion instruments, TubaChristmas is performed solely by euphoniums and tubas!

The event is free to attend! If you want a map or more information, see me after mass.

George Mazich, Director of Music

PRAYER REQUESTS

John Chandonaes Kendall Coe Julia Eng Noranda Gelardi Denise Gordon Susan Klucha Raymond Langrill Maggie Leahy Jim Lewis Djella Lulgjuraj Laura Mazich Senta McCurry Anne Moore Kathy Shevenock Sharon Stawski F. Terman Berenice Wright Jeannine Whitlock Matthew Zinser III



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.

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Wednesday & Friday 9:00 a.m.

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Saturday: 4:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday - 3:00 p.m. Or by appointment

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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. 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 the Parish Office or send an email to stfaustina@comcast.net

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 Fr. Bogdan to inquire about Confirmation.



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