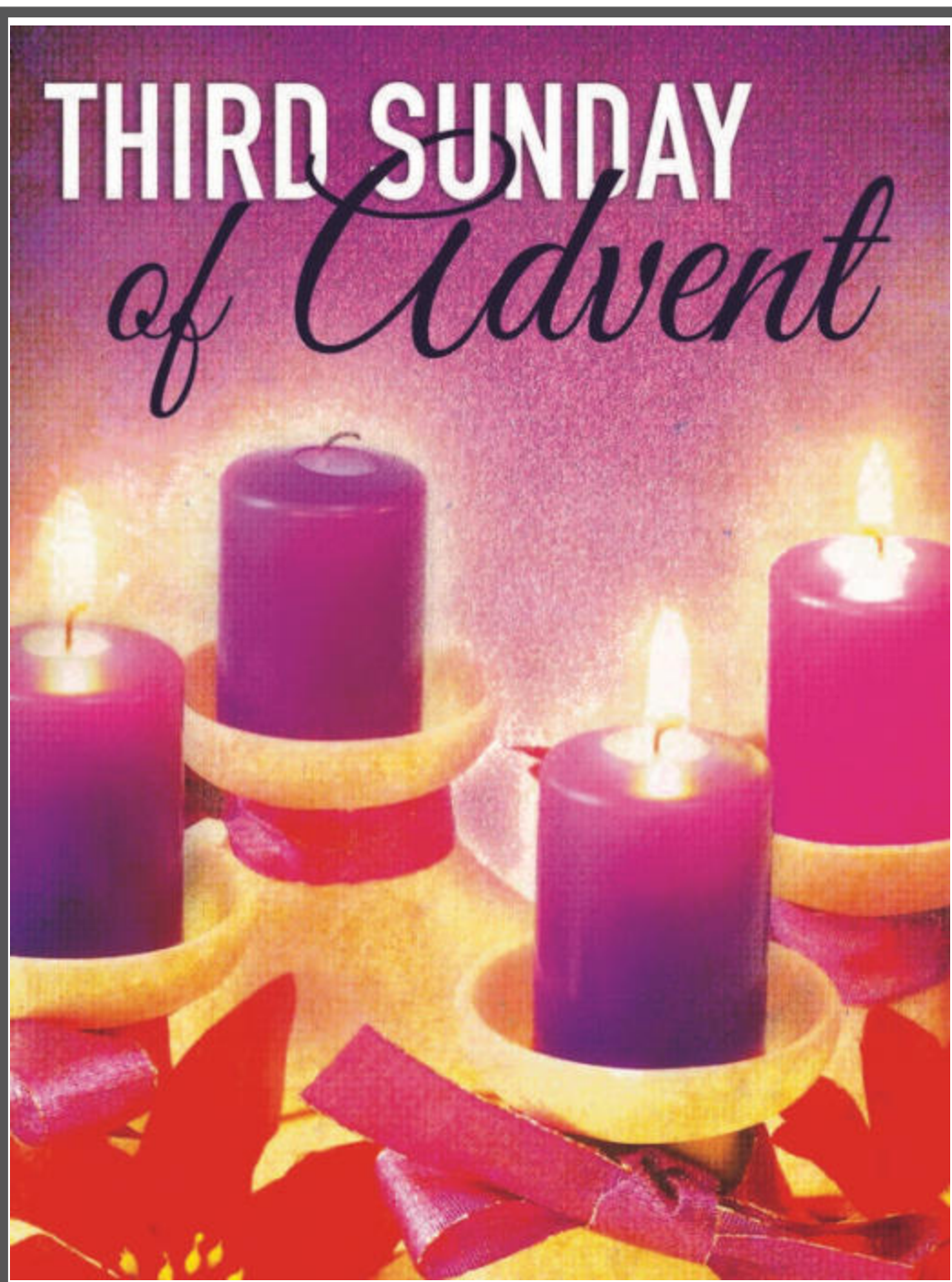


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Parish Mass Schedules

Saturday, 4:00 PM

Holy Family, Willard

Saturday, 6:30 PM

St. Anthony, Loyal

Sunday, 8:30 AM

St. Mary, Greenwood

Sunday, 10:30 AM

St. Anthony, Loyal

Third Sunday of Advent · December 13, 2020

My dear people of Loyal, Greenwood and Willard

As our children receive the sacrament of Confirmation, I ask you to pray for them so that they have the good spirit in their life. Let the Holy Spirit lead their life to the right path. Kindly keep them in your prayers.

As we prepare ourselves to celebrate the Birthday of Jesus I hope the Bible challenge question help us all to have good preparation of Heart. This time I shared the questions with other parishes too. I hope about 10 parishes are participating in this Bible challenge. Let God be praised by this wonderful activity of Bible challenge. At this time, I wish to bring you the meaning of Advent candles.

Four candles in Advent: HOPE –FAITH – JOY- PEACE

The 1st Sunday of Advent symbolizes Hope with the “Prophet’s Candle” reminding us that Jesus is coming. (We remember and pray for our elderly people)

The 2nd Sunday of Advent symbolizes Faith with the “Bethlehem Candle” reminding us of Mary and Joseph’s journey to Bethlehem. (We remember and pray for our Parents)

The 3rd Sunday of Advent symbolizes Joy with the “Shepherd’s Candle” reminding us of the Joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus. (We remember and pray for our Teachers)

The 4th Sunday of Advent symbolizes Peace with the “Angel’s Candle” reminding us of the message of the angels: “Peace on Earth, Good Will toward Men.” (We remember and pray for our Children)

The Christmas Day: White Candle symbolizes Jesus as the True Light of the World. Let us prepare to have the LIGHT in our daily life by our good activities.

I wish you all to have “LIFE IN LIGHT”.

God Bless you all
Fr. Leo Johnson



2020-2021

Diocesan Annual Appeal Targets

St. Anthony Parish: \$31,000.00

St. Mary’s Parish: \$14,670.00

Holy Family Parish: \$7,150.99

Early Bulletin Deadlines

Sunday, December 20th Bulletin.....deadline Monday, December 14

Sunday, December 27th Bulletin....deadline is Thursday, December 17

Please have your information for the bulletin in the office by the deadline OR BEFORE. Thank you!

Requiescat in Pace Please pray for the repose of the soul of Harold Fleischman, whose funeral was Saturday, December 5, 2020, and for his family and friends who mourn his loss.



St. Anthony’s STP Pork Sale is running now through January 8, 2021. Processed by Pinter’s Packing Plant in Dorchester, WI. Pork will be delivered in a refrigerated truck on February 13/14, 2021. You pay when you receive your pork. Please feel free to ask your family, neighbors, etc. if they want to order too! Proceeds will go towards educational & operation funds for the school. Order forms are in the back of SA church, Fourmens & House of Spirits. Drop them in the collection or send back to St. Anthony’s. Gift certificates are available if you would like to purchase for a Christmas gift! Please call the school or rectory office with questions. Thank you!



Christmas Flower and Decoration Memorial contributions have been a great tradition in which donations are given in memory of a loved one. The donations should be placed in an envelope indicating who the donation is in memory of, who the donation is from and for which parish the donation is intended. Envelopes may be placed in collection plates or sent to the rectory.

Loyal Food Pantry Hours are Tuesday and Thursday 9AM to Noon and Wednesday 2:30-5 PM. Phone # 715-503-1071

St. Mary’s Scrip is back at Forward Bank Monday thru Friday. Also, still looking for a coordinator!!

If interested, please contact Holly Pachan at 715-965-1826 or Sue Pakiz at 715-267-7257 or 715-410-2384.

MASS SCHEDULE SA=ST. ANTHONY, SM=ST. MARY, HF=HOLY FAMILY

Monday, December 14

Mass Intention: For All Parishioners

Tuesday, December 15

Mass Intention: Holy Family: † Mary Blatnik Perovsek by Trunkel Charitable Trust

Wednesday, December 16

8:15 am SA Fr. Leo Mass † Andy Becker by Arnie & Avis Becker

Thursday, December 17

8:15 am SM Fr. Leo Mass † Sis, Ken & Jim Herdrich by Janet, Jeanne and Barb

Friday, December 18

Mass Intention: St. Anthony: † Dean Milz by family

Saturday, December 19

4:00 pm HF Fr. Leo Mass † Elaine Hansen by St. Mary's School Staff

6:30 pm SA Fr. Leo Mass † Gary Bukovec by Rich & Gabe Yurkovich

Sunday, December 20

8:30 am SM Fr. Leo Mass † Nick Kitzhaber by Jeannine & family

10:30 am SA Fr. Leo Mass † Bob Gregorich by Sheri Stumpner



Please hold in prayer those enduring serious illness in our parishes: Delbert Langreck, Leroy Lezotte, Mike Hackel, Jack Abel, Ed Selz, Beth Kaiser, Joelle DeVries, Paul Bayuk, Audrey Gregorich, Irene Wilke, Jim Thiel, Kathy Coughlin, Judy Yurkovich, John Bayuk, Mark Lezotte, Brian Ortner, Barb Postl, Jacob Pekol, Jack Trunkel, Geri Syth, Rod Blazvick, and Lewis Lindner.

St. Anthony PCCW is looking for a President and Vice President for the 2021 year. Please contact Millie Larson.

*It is with heavy hearts that the **Palm Sunday** Chorus Board has decided not to begin rehearsals in January 2021 and not hold our concert on Palm Sunday because it would not be safe for the chorus to gather and to sing together this season. We hope to keep the music alive by broadcasting music from past concerts. More will be sent later when arrangements have been made. We know that when we do return as a chorus, our next concert will be a celebration of life and triumph over adversity.*

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Holy Family Parish

For Saturday, December 5, 2020

Adult.....\$ 600.00

Plate.....\$ 261.00

Total.....\$861.00

St. Mary Parish

For Sunday, December 6, 2020

Adults.....\$2,434.00

Christmas env.....\$ 200.00

Plate.....\$ 77.00

Online.....\$ 225.00

Total.....\$ 2,936.00

DAA.....\$ 500.00 Goal \$14,670.00



St. Anthony Parish

For weekend, December 5/6, 2020

Adults.....\$ 2,465.00

Plate.....\$ 92.00

Online.....\$1,092.00

Total.....\$ 3,649.00



Christmas 2020 Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve: 2:00 pm at Holy Family, Willard

4:00 pm at St. Anthony, Loyal

6:30 pm at St. Mary's, Greenwood

Christmas Day: 8:00 am at St. Mary's, Greenwood

10:00 am at St. Anthony's, Loyal

SCHOOL NEWS

St. Anthony School

Wednesday, December 16: 8:15 A.M. Children's Mass

Tuesday, December 22: 12:20 P.M. Early dismissal to begin Christmas vacation

Don't forget to fill out your order form for the pork sale!

St. Anthony SCRIP is available by calling the school at 715-255-8636 or the rectory at 715-255-8017.

St. Mary's School

Tuesday, Dec. 15: Mid-quarter grades go home

Thursday, Dec. 17: Mass 8:15 a.m.

Secret Angel reveal

Don't forget the food drive, Fr. Leo's village drive, and treats for the House of Mercy children!

SECOND CHANCES THRIFT STORE - GIVING WREATH



With Christmas quickly approaching we have decided to place a wreath on our front door. We invite you to donate from our wish list: Peace (White ribbon)- \$10, Kindness (Blue ribbon) - \$25, Love (Red ribbon) - \$50, Generosity (Gold ribbon) - \$75, Faith (Silver ribbon) - \$100. We will add ribbons in the color of your gift choice to our wreath.

Even though it has been a rough year for everyone, let's pull together and make our giving wreath beautiful as a symbol of our support for each other. Please stop in the store or you can mail your donation to the House of Mercy, 141 Main Street, Loyal, WI 54446. All donations will go directly to the House of Mercy to support our families this Holiday season! Thank you for your continual support!

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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First Reading Isaiah 61: 1-2a, 10-11

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor,
to heal the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives
and release to the prisoners,
to announce a year of favor from the LORD
and a day of vindication by our God.
I rejoice heartily in the LORD,
in my God is the joy of my soul;

for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation
and wrapped me in a mantle of justice,
like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem,
like a bride bedecked with her jewels.
As the earth brings forth its plants,
and a garden makes its growth spring up,
so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise
spring up before all the nations.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm Luke 1: 46-48, 49-50, 53-54

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked upon his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:
R. My soul rejoices in my God.

He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
R. My soul rejoices in my God.

the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.
R. My soul rejoices in my God.

Second Reading. 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24

A reading from the first letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks,
for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body,
be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation Isaiah 61: 1

R. Alleluia, 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, alleluia.

Gospel John 1: 6-8, 19-28

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John **Glory to you, O Lord.**

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light,
so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.

And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?" He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Christ." So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?" He said:

*"I am the voice of one crying out in the desert,
'make straight the way of the Lord,'"*

as Isaiah the prophet said." Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?" John answered them,

"I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Nicene Creed

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,

*At the words that follow up to and including
"and became man", all bow.*

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 life,
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.

Retirement Fund For Religious Give in thanksgiving. "I shall always be grateful for my Catholic education" writes a donor. Please join in thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need. An envelope is available in the back of church for the Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members. Please give as able.

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