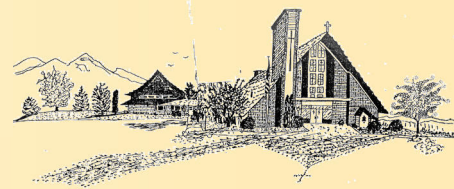


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**WEEK OF DEC. 20, 2020**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Fr. Sean Raftis- Pastor**  
**Doug Cordier - Permanent Deacon**  
**Colleen Konopatzke - Office Manager**  
**Mary Burgess - Music Director**  
**Angie Schubert - Elem. Youth Minister**  
**Raven Woelkers - JH/HS Youth Minister**  
**Catherine Cetera - Adult Formation**  
**Emma Gulko - Housekeeper**  
**Tyler Ament - EF Sacristan**  
**Fr. Bart Tolleson—Substitute Priest**

## **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE** Nov 2020 – Feb 2021

Saturday – 10:00 a.m.  
Saturday – 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday – 8:00 a.m. *Latin Mass*  
Sunday – 10:00 a.m.

## **WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE** Friday – 11:00 a.m.

**WEEKDAY Communion Service**  
Tuesday – 8:30 a.m.  
Wednesday – 4:30 p.m.  
Thursday – 8:30 a.m.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
Saturday – 11:00 a.m.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
Saturdays 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
1st Sunday of the Month 6:00 p.m.

**ROSARY:** Saturday – 11:00 a.m.  
Thursday – 9:30 a.m.

**MINISTRY TO SICK AND HOMEBOUND**  
Contact Deacon Doug Cordier  
892-3991

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (OCT- MAY)**  
ELEM K-5 4:00PM – 5:30 P.M.  
JH & HS 6:30 PM – 8:00 P.M.

**COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN –**  
**CCW** SEPT – JUNE  
2ND SUNDAY OF MONTH @ 11 A.M.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING**  
SEPT – JUNE  
2ND TUESDAY OF MONTH @ 7 P.M.

4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
SUNDAY DECEMBER 20, 2020

# JESUS

“Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.”

LUKE 1:31

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*St. Richard's Prayer: Thanks be to You, my Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits that You have given me, for all the pains and insults You have borne for me. O, most merciful Redeemer, Friend & Brother, may I know You more clearly, love You more dearly, and follow You more nearly, day by day. Amen*

# SUNDAY'S READINGS

## FIRST READING:

"When your times comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will establish his kingdom firm." (2 Sm 12)

## PSALM:

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 89)

## SECOND READING:

According to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God. (Rom 16:25b-26a)

## GOSPEL:

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High." (Lk 1:31-32a)

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## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 20, 2020

Sunday:	4th Sunday of Advent
Monday:	St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday:	St. John of Kanty, Priest
Thursday:	Christmas Eve
Friday:	The Nativity of the Lord (holy day of obligation)
Saturday:	St. Stephen, the First Martyr
Next Sunday:	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



## REFLECT

### FIRST READING

Today's reading from Second Samuel narrates the context in which God establishes his covenantal promise to King David around the year 1000 B.C. In the birth of Jesus, God fulfills his covenant with David. What does this teach us about the idea of "salvation history?"

### SECOND READING

Paul concludes his letter to the Romans with a hymn of praise to God for the long-awaited revelation that all are saved and justified through faith in Christ. In what ways are you praising God during this season of Advent?

### GOSPEL READING

Today's Gospel reading records the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary of the upcoming birth of Christ. Mary's acceptance of God's will for her life ("May it be done to me according to your word.") models for all of us unconditional faith. How can we encourage others to embrace such faith?



# Birthdays

Richard Gostnell  
Olivia Heidt

Dec 23  
Dec 26

Cindy Martin

Dec 23

**Due to capacity restrictions, we are taking reservations for Masses for Christmas Vigil (4:00 pm and 6:00 pm) and Christmas Day (10:00 am). Please go to [strichardsparish.org](http://strichardsparish.org) and click the Nativity image link or call the parish office at 892-5142 to reserve seats for your family.**

**The Parish office will be closed from  
December 25-January 1.**



Many thanks to everyone who donated gifts for our giving tree this year! Thank you for helping to bring joy to the lives of needy children in our community!

*"For it is in giving, that we receive..."*  
~ Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

## Thank you, thank you, thank you!

The donations for the clothing drive for the Sunburst Village and Drop-In Center of men's warm clothing was an amazing success! The director of the program was overwhelmed by the generosity and looks forward to being able to provide these items to those in need. Thank you for your works of mercy!



## FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Bob Pearce Jr.  
Mark Johnson  
Char Launer  
Richard Gostnell  
Steve Duffy  
Fr. Sean Raftis  
Next Meeting—

## PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Josh Branstetter  
Jack Burgess  
Howie Ficek  
Debbie Gilk  
RaeDeen Heupel  
Ray Hoerner  
Holly McKenzie  
Harriet Mize  
Catherine Owens

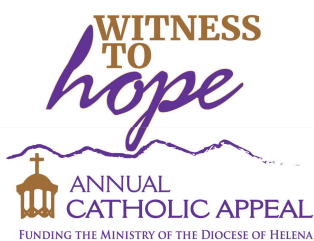
## Weekly Offering

Envelope	\$1855.00
Loose	\$1651.00
EF	\$ 635.00
Immac. Conception	\$ 295.00
Total	\$4436.00

*Thank you for your sacrificial generosity. God Bless You!*

## Pray for our Seminarians

Dillon Armstrong  
Matthew Christaens  
Joseph Dalimata  
Tyler Frohlich  
Kyle Tannehill  
Kaleb Mitchell  
John Cooney  
Riley Helgoe  
Brett Rotz



## ASSISTING OUR PARISHES AND MISSIONS

The 2020 ACA provides Human Resource Services and direction for Safe Environment/Protecting God's Children. Telecommunications and technology support benefits our 57 parishes and 38 missions.

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If you are new to St. Richard's and would like to register with our parish, please contact Colleen, in the Parish Office at 892-5142 or stop in during the week. Office hours are 9 - 3 p.m.

Wedding, Baptism, Funeral/Cemetery information and/or other arrangements can be made by appointment only through Fr. Sean Raftis, Deacon Doug, or Colleen. Please call the office at 892-5142 to make an appointment.

**3 EASY STEPS  
TO KEEPING YOURSELF  
& OTHERS HEALTHY!**



WASH YOUR  
HANDS



DON'T TOUCH  
YOUR FACE



KEEP YOUR  
DISTANCE