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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 23rd to December 30th, 2018

Saturday, December 22nd – Late Advent Weekday
4:00 p.m. – Confessions at All Saints
5:00 p.m. – All Saints – Intentions of the Blessed Virgin Mary by JAN
Sunday, December 23rd – Fourth Sunday of Advent
7:30-8:05 a.m. – Confessions at All Saints
8:15 a.m. – All Saints – Lois Chauvin
10:00-10:20 a.m. – Confessions at St. Isidore
10:30 a.m. – St. Isidore – Grace Oakes by Betsy & Matt

Monday, December 24th – Late Advent Weekday
5:00 p.m. – All Saints – For Pope Francis
8:00 p.m. – All Saints – For The Parishioners
Tuesday, December 25th – The Nativity of The Lord (Christmas)
8:15 a.m. – **All Saints** – For Bishop Coyne
10:30 a.m. – St. Isidore – Special Intention

Wednesday, December 26th – St. Stephen, The First Martyr
5:00 p.m. – All Saints – NO MASS
Thursday, December 27th – St. John, Apostle & Evangelist
8:00 a.m. – All Saints – NO MASS
Friday, Dec. 28th – The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
8:00 a.m. – All Saints – NO MASS
10:45a.m. – Our Lady of the Meadows – NO MASS
Saturday, Dec. 29th – Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
4:00 p.m. – Confessions at All Saints
5:00 p.m. – All Saints – Patrick Desautels by Larry & Renée Patterson
Sunday, December 30th – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
7:30-8:05 a.m. – Confessions at All Saints
8:15 a.m. – All Saints – For The People
10:00-10:20 a.m. – Confessions at St. Isidore
10:30 a.m. – St. Isidore – D'sed Members of the St. Anne Society by Its Members

Please Pray For: Erica Johnson, Joan Hahr, Christine Scanlon, Joe Noonan, Sarai Tirado, Sandy Morriell, Michael Daley, Mary Latimer, John Young, David Lindsey, Amy Cochran, Joel Rasco, Deborah Cuesta, Cecilia Fatzinger, Kristin Lotane, Dena Cassidy, Caroline Elkins, Ryan Skochin, Danielle Desnoyers, Charles Paquette, Lucille Brooks, Dora Hurtubise, Russell Hilton, Daniel Corey, William Harlow, Cheryl McMurphy, David Robert, Christopher Martel, Leslie Garvey, Ann Twohig, Deborah Kneen, Nicole D. Deschênes, Caroline Daberer, Sue Rhodes, Alice Kinney, Terry Kneen, Kelly Ryan, Leonard & Sandy Embury, Christine Snider, Special Intention for a Parishioner, George Gates, Joel Rivera, Pat Carroll, Shirley Donna, Terry Menard, Joseph Adams III, Hilaire Beauregard, Irena Boudreau, Randy Blaney, Agnes Mercier, and all Soldiers.
To add someone to the prayer line please call Suzanne Lavalla @ 848-7462

Collection and Receipts: December 16, 2018

All Saints	*Amount needed in Sunday Offertory $1,940.00*	
Offertory		1,619.60
Christmas Flowers Donations		10.00
Votive Candles		33.47
Our Lady of Lourdes		
Offertory		70.00
Retirement for Religious		20.00
St. Isidore	*Amount needed in Sunday Offertory $670.00*	
Offertory		714.00
Retirement Fund for Religious		37.00
Immaculate Conception		37.00
Donation		300.00

Second Collection:

December 23: Energy ******** **December 30**: No Second Collection

"When the Kindness and generous love of God our savior appeared, not because of any righteous deeds we had done but because of his mercy, he saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit whom he richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life." Titus 3:4-7

Lector Schedule:

St. Isidore
Sunday, December 23rd **10:30 a.m.**
John Kneen
Sunday, December 25th **10:30 a.m.**
To be Determined
Sunday, December 30th **10:30 a.m.**
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All Saints
Saturday, December 22nd **5:00 p.m.**
John Weld
Sunday, December 23rd **8:15 a.m.**
Lisa Choquette
Monday, December 24th **5:00 p.m.**
Jared Paquette
Monday, December 24th **8:00 p.m.**
To be determined
Tuesday, December 25th
John Weld **8:15 a.m.**

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All Saints
Saturday, December 29th **5:00 p.m.**
Ann Lavery
Sunday, December 30th **8:15 a.m.**
Paul Adamczak

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, Dec. 23rd: NO CCD at Dorion Hall from 9:15am to 10:30am
Monday, Dec. 24th: Dorion Hall is open for fellowshipping from 2 to 3:30pm
Monday, Dec. 24th: Vigil Mass for Holy Day of Obligation at All Saints at 5pm and 8pm
Tuesday, Dec. 25th: Holy Day of Obligation with Masses at All Saints 8:15am and St. Isidore at 10:30am
Friday, Dec. 28th: Rosary Cenacle at Our Lady of the Meadows @ 6pm
Sat. Dec. 29th: Free Community Luncheon 11 am – 1 pm
Sunday, Dec. 30th: NO CCD at Dorion Hall from 9:15am to 10:30am
Sunday, Dec. 30th: Free Community Luncheon 4pm – 6pm

JESSE TREE at St. ISIDORE

Thank you to our generous parishioners for taking the time to shop for the Jesses Tree children's gifts for the this year. Through your efforts and kindness, we were able to provide 67 gifts to children in our community to brighten their Christmas.

Thanks for your help with this campaign. It was a very good response this year in large part to your getting the word out.

Lynn Locher & Sue Cherrier

Christmas Giving Program 2018

This year's program was again a tremendous success with almost 90 gifts purchased and delivered! Thank you to all of you who donated wrapped gifts, to those of you who helped sort them, and also to the group who delivered them. Your kindness and generosity were truly appreciated by the many children & their parents, as well as senior citizens who received these gifts along with blessings from our parish.

Thank you to all and God bless!

St. Stephen, The First Martyr – Feast Day: December 26th

Saint Stephen was one of the first ordained deacons of the Church. He was also the first Christian martyr. The Greek word from which we derive the English word martyr literally means witness. In that sense, every Christian is called to bear witness to Jesus Christ, in both their words and their actions. Not all are asked to shed their blood.

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve - December 24

4:00 PM @ St. John the Baptist
5:00 PM @ All Saints
8:00 PM @ All Saints concert at 7:30pm
9:00 PM @ St. John the Baptist – Christmas Carols at 8:30pm

Christmas Day - December 25

8:00 AM @ St. Anthony
8:15 AM @ All Saints
10:00 AM @ St. John the Baptist
10:30 AM @ St. Isidore

Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God-Holy Day of Obligation

December 31 – Vigil Mass:4:00 PM @ St. Isidore
6:00 PM @ St. Anthony

January 1 – 9:00 AM @ St. John the Baptist
9:00 AM @ All Saints
6:00 PM @ St. John the Baptist

Christmas Greeting

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

At Christmas we're all beautifully connected by the Love born that holy night. The baby in the manger belongs to all of us and so does this wondrous season when we remember His birth. Thank you for waiting and watching with me this Advent so that we are better prepared to welcome Jesus into our lives. Joy to you as we celebrate all that Christmas means.

Have a Holy and Merry Christmas.
Your brother and Priest
~Fr. Stan,SSE.

Meditation on the Love of God in Being Born an Infant:

My Jesus, supreme and true God! What has drawn Thee from heaven to be born in a cold stable, if not the love which Thou bearest us men? What has allured Thee from the bosom of Thy Father, to place Thee in a hard manger? What has brought Thee from Thy throne above the stars, to lay Thee down on a little straw? What has led Thee from the midst of the nine choirs of angels, to set Thee between two animals? Thou, who inflamest the seraphim with holy fire, art now shivering with cold in this stable! Thou, who settest the stars in the sky in motion, canst not now move unless others carry Thee in their arms! Thou, who givest men and beasts their food, has need now a little milk to sustain Thy life! Thou, who art the joy of heaven, dost now whimper and cry in suffering! Tell me, who has reduced Thee to such misery? "Love has done it," says Saint Bernard. The love which Thou bearest us men has brought all this on Thee.

Prayer:

"O Dearest Infant! Tell me, what hast Thou come on earth to do? Tell me, whom art Thou seeking? Yes, I already know. Thou has come to die for me, in order to save me from hell. Thou hast come to seek me, the lost sheep, so that, instead of fleeing from Thee any more, I may rest in Thy loving arms. Ah my Jesus, my treasure, my life, my love and my all! Whom will I love, if not Thee? Where can I find a father, a friend, a spouse more loving and lovable than Thou art?

I love Thee, my dear God; I love Thee, my only good. I regret the many years when I have not loved Thee, but rather spurned and offended Thee. Forgive me, O my beloved Redeemer; for I am sorry that I have thus treated Thee, and I regret it with all my heart. Pardon me, and give me the grace never more to withdraw from Thee, but constantly to love Thee in all the years that still lie before me in this life. My love, I give myself entirely to Thee; accept me, and do not reject me as I deserve.

O Mary, thou art my advocate. By thy prayers thou dost obtain whatever thou wilt from thy Son. Pray Him then to forgive me, and to grant me holy perseverance until death. Amen.

Small Things & Possibility: Advent Time

We live in a world in which bigger and better define our expectations for much of life. We have become so enamored by super-size, super stars, and high definition that we tend to view life through a lens that so magnifies what we expect out of the world that we tend not to see potential in small things. But as the prophet Zechariah reminds us
(Zech 4: 10), we should not despise the day of small things, because God does some of his best work with small beginnings and impossible situations. It is truly a humbling experience to read back through the Old Testament and see how frail and imperfect heroes actually are. Abraham, the coward who cannot believe the promise. Jacob, the cheat who struggles with everybody. Joseph, the immature and arrogant teen. Moses, the impatient murderer who cannot wait for God, Gideon, the cowardly Baal-worshipper. Samsom, the womanizing drunk. David, the power abusing adulterer. Solomon, the unwise wise man. Hezekiah, the reforming king who could not go quite enough. And finally, a very young Jewish girl from a small village in a remote corner of a great empire.

It never ceases to amaze me that God often begins with small things and inadequate people. It certainly seems that God could have chosen "bigger" things and "better" people to do His work in the world. And it means that I need to be careful that I do not in my own self-righteousness put limits on what God can do with the smallest things, the most unlikely of people, in the most hopeless of circumstances. I think that is part of the wonder of the Advent Season.

I am convinced that one of the main purposes of the incarnation of Jesus was to provide hope. While most people today want to talk about the death of Jesus and the atonement of sins, the early Church celebrated the resurrection and the hope it embodied. It was a proclamation of a truth that rang throughout the Old Testament, that endings are not always endings but are opportunities for God to bring new beginnings. The Resurrection proclaimed that the truth even about humanity's greatest fear, death itself. The season of Advent is about hope. It is not just hope for a better day or hope for the lessening of pain and suffering. It is more about hope that human existence has meaning and possibility beyond our present experiences, a hope that the limits of our lives are not nearly as narrow as we experience them to be.

If our hope is only in our circumstances, as we define them as to be good, or as we want them to be to make us happy, we will always be disappointed. That is why we hope, not in circumstances, but in God. God has revealed God's self to be a God of newness, of possibility, of redemption, the recovery or transformation of possibility from endings that goes beyond what we can think or even imagine.

Our hope is that God will come and come again into our world to reveal himself as a God of new things. That is the hope that is embodied, enfleshed, incarnated, in a newborn baby, the perfect example of newness and possibility. We have faith that God will once again be faithful to see our circumstances, to hear our cries, to know our longings for a better world and a whole life. I pray that this Advent will be time for all of us to discover the depth of God's love as He comes to us in His infant Son, Jesus.

~Fr. Stan,SSE

THE HOLY INNOCENTS ~ MARTYRS – DECEMBER 28TH

Herod, perceiving that he was deluded by the wise men, was exceeding angry, and sent his soldiers to kill all male children ages two and under that were in Bethlehem and on the boarders, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the wise men. Then was fulfilled the prophesy of Jeremiah: A voice in Rama was heard, of lamentation and great mourning; Rachel bewailed her children, and would not be comforted, because they were not.

This cruel deed of Herod is not mentioned by the Jewish historian Flavius Josephus, although he relates quite a number of atrocities committed by the king during the last years of his reign. The number of these children was so small that this crime appeared insignificant amongst the other misdeeds of Herod. Macrobius relates that when Augustus heard that amongst the boys of two years and under Herod's own son also had been massacred, he said: "It is better to be Herod's hog, than his son" alluding to the Jewish law of not eating, and consequently not killing, swine. The Middle Ages gave faith to this story, and Abelard inserted it in his hymn for the feast of Holy Innocents.