



# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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## Mass Schedule

**Sun. Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> Gaudete Sunday**  
8:30am St. A: Dolores Davis+  
10:30am Sts. P&P: People of the Parish

**Mon. Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> No Daily Mass**

**Tue. Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> Advent Weekday**  
8:30am Sts. P&P: Kathy Mauch+

**Wed. Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> Advent Weekday**  
8:30am St. A: Dolores Davis+

**Thu. Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> Advent Weekday**  
8:30am Sts. P&P: Frank & Dorothy  
Reiland+

**Fri. Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> Advent Weekday**  
8:30am St. A: Dolores Davis+

**Sat. Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> Advent Weekday/Vigil Mass**  
8:30am St. A: Dolores Davis+  
5:00pm St. A: People of the Parish

**Sun. Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
8:30am Sts. P&P: Joe Haman+  
10:30am St. A: Leo & Loretta Althoff+

## Confession Times

Saturdays 3:45pm-4:45pm St. A  
Sundays 7:45am-8:15am Sts. P&P  
Anytime by request

## Schedule of Ministries

### **Saturday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>**

Lector: Yvonne Ward  
Servers: Volunteers  
Ushers: Don Althoff

### **Sunday, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>**

#### **8:30am at Sts. Peter & Paul**

Lector: Todd Althoff  
Servers: Volunteers  
Ushers: Kevin Lingen  
Gifts: Todd & Tammi Althoff

#### **10:30am at St. Anthony**

Lector: Orin Pausch  
Servers: Hudson R. & Ezra P.  
Ushers: Michael A. & Brandon G.  
Gifts: Michael Anderson Family

## Financial Updates

### St. Anthony

Plate: \$87.00  
Envelopes: \$465.00  
Other: \$140.00

### Sts. Peter & Paul

Plate: \$257.00  
Envelopes: \$1,780.00  
Other: \$878.00

## Scripture & Prayer

Pray the Joyful Mysteries in preparation for the Christmas by meditating on the infancy of Christ's life.

Pray for healing and reconciliation in all families and communities.

Read Luke chapter 1 or Isaiah 12:1-6

## Birthdays

Rylee Flaa, Robert Foretsch, Madison Klosterman, Kathleen Mauch

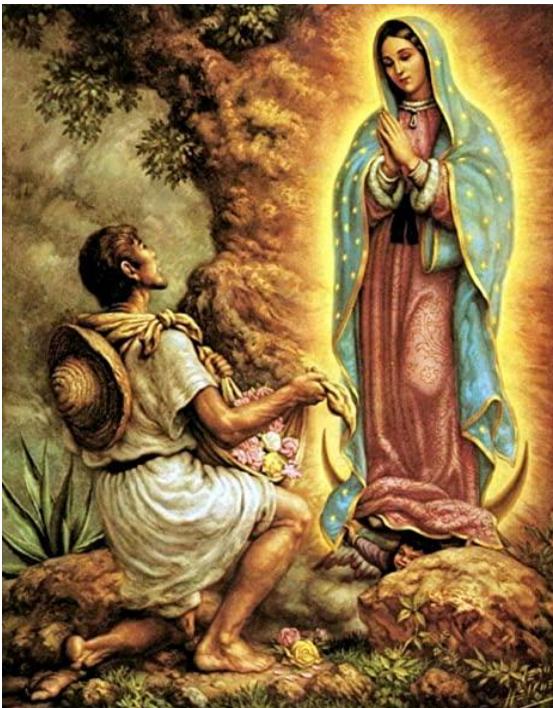
## People in Need of Prayers

Steve Mertzen, Travis, Steve Cerkas, August Dockter, Mary Ann Frankis, Kristen Czekala, Tyrell Fauske, Nettie Mauch, Kate Cook, David Severson, John Lingen Jr., Oliver Morff, Joe Lenz, Carol Colby, Micah Pellman, Julie Wahler, Cindy Braun, Randy Lugert, Randy Kolstad, Randy Mauch, Pete Lingen, Dani Berry, Connie Brandt,

## Thank you for keeping God's Houses Clean for the Month:

**St. Anthony:** Arnel & Danette Onchuck Family, Brian & Laura Boyle Family, \*Jeremiah & Ashley Nelson Family, Justin & Leslie Reiland Family, Brandon & Elyce Griffith Family, Dale & Cindy Althoff Family

**Sts. Peter & Paul:** Liane Mauch and Volunteers



## Reminders and Upcoming Events

### **St. Anthony and Sts. Peter & Paul**

- The R.E. high school students will be collecting items to be donated to the sisters at Carmel of Mary Monastery. We will collect items until January 9<sup>th</sup> and they will be delivered on January 10<sup>th</sup>. Please mark and place any items that need to be refrigerated in refrigerators in the social halls. Items include:  
Butter cheese, Bread, Apple juice, Grape juice, Dole Pineapple juice, Canned Mushroom soup, Canned tomato soup, Canned Cream of Chicken soup, Gravy in a jar, Alfredo Sauce in a jar, Hellmann's Mayonnaise, Canned Tuna, Vegetable Bouillon in cubes, Kleenex, Toilet Paper, Kitchen Matches to light candles, Paper towels, white copy paper, Postage stamps, Fencing to protect the trees from the beavers (very active this year)-- WE are so grateful! Mother Madonna and Sisters
- St. Anthony & Sts. Peter and Paul: Those who would like to donate money for Christmas flowers can include “in memory of” or “In honor of.” Please make checks payable to the correct parish where you might be donating Christmas flowers.
- Advent Secret Pray Partners will continue through the Advent season-- Remember to pray for the person you selected.
- Please be careful when walking in and out of the church with the icy sidewalks. *Sts Peter & Paul* parishioners please use the social hall entrance for at least the next week or two unless the ropes have been removed.
- Christmas decorating and soup & sandwiches social after Mass at Sts. Peter & Paul. Everyone is welcome to stay, help, and eat.
- **In certain matters of health, weather, or other extraordinary circumstances the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is or may be dispensed.**

## St. Paul's Corner

What or who has brought you joy this past week or year? Have we offered gratitude to God for that person, thing, or situation that brought us joy?

This weekend we celebrate the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent or Gaudete Sunday. In Latin Gaudete means to rejoice. We rejoice because we are at the halfway point of Advent. We look forward with greater anticipation to Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We rejoice not because of anything we have done but because of all that God has done, is doing, and wants to be doing for each of us.

As we continue journeying through Advent reflecting upon what it means to be Christian, we realize that a Christian is one who rejoices in and finds their delight in God. Sure, in our humanity we will have days of pain, sorrow, and suffering. These moments do not have to be disconnected from a joyful spirit. Pope Leo XIV, as do the saints and martyrs, recently reminded us that joy and suffering are compatible. Many of the early Christians who were martyred for the faith went into the Colosseum rejoicing and singing God's praises as they would meet the end of their earthly life at the mouth of a lion or some other tortuous end.

A Christian rejoices because God is Emmanuel. The name Emmanuel means God with us in Hebrew. A Christian knows that they are never alone but trusts in God's abiding and faithful presence with them. In the world we live in that is supposedly so "connected" is immersed in a pandemic of loneliness. Many people seek a false sense of connectedness or relationship through social media or other forms of entertainment yet lack the real human experience of being in relationship with another person or group of people. When we get locked into a spirit of loneliness, isolation, feelings of alienation, exclusion or not belonging, we can become depressed, angry, fall into the spiritual trap of despair or self-pity.

Engaging our spiritual life helps alleviate suffering and pain. Engaging with our spiritual life allows us to connect with God and others more deeply. If we are not finding our self connecting with God, it is important to ask our self am I seeking to live in relationship with Him and am I living in a state of grace? Nourishing our spiritual life through prayer, reading of Sacred Scripture, participating in the Eucharist and Reconciliation, spiritual reading helps us rejoicing in Christ and find joy amid daily sufferings. Let us rejoice and draw water joyfully from the Wellspring of Worship, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.