DECEMBER 17, 2023 Third Sunday of Advent

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Mass Schedule

Sunday Eucharist

Saturday.....5:00 PM Sunday.....8:00 & 11:00 AM

Weekday (see schedule)

Tues—Friday......8:05 AM

Adoration

Wednesday.....9:00 AM—5:00 PM

Sacraments

Reconciliation

Saturday—4-4:45pm

Sunday-7:15-7:45am & 10-10:45am

Anointing of the Sick

Call before hospital stay, if possible.

Infant Baptism

Call during pregnancy for dates of preparation class and Baptism.

Marriage

Allow 10 months for marriage preparation. Please call the Office for an appointment to set

Annulment & Marriage Validation

Please call the Office for more information.

Joining the Catholic Church

RCIA process begins each September and leads to Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at Easter

Scripture Readings-Cycle B

Week of December 17, 2023

Sun: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/In 1:6-8, 19-28 Mon: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/

Mt 1:18-25

Tues: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/ Lk 1:5-25

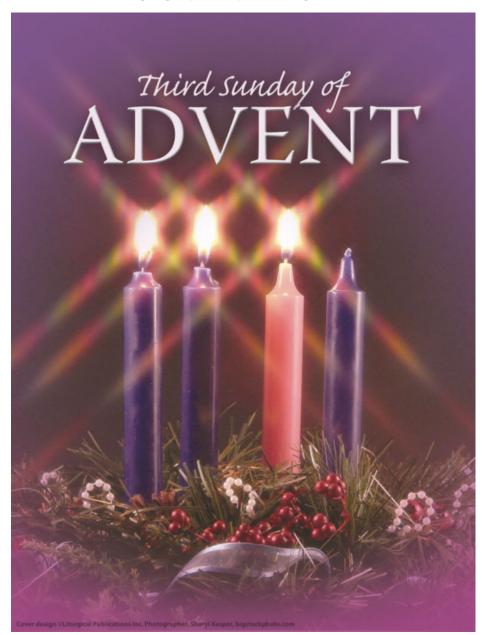
Wed: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/

Lk 1:26-38

Thurs: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

Fri: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/

Sat: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/ Lk 1:57-66



MISSION STATEMENT

"We, the community of St. Gregory Barbarigo, are called forth in Baptism to follow the mission of Jesus to teach, to love, and to serve."

From the Desk of Fr. Karl

The common theme running through today's readings is one of joy and encouragement, and the need for patience in those awaiting the first coming of Jesus. Today is Gaudete Sunday because today's Mass begins with the opening antiphon: "Gaudete in domino semper," i.e., "Rejoice in the Lord always.' Today we light the rose candle, and the priest may wear rose vestments to express our joy in the coming of Jesus as our savior. The prophet Isaiah in the first reading encourages the exiled Jews in Babylon to believe that God is going to save them and transform their lives. In the second reading James the Apostle encourages the early Christians to be patient "because the coming of the Lord is at hand." Finally, in today's Gospel reading, Jesus encourages John the Baptist to cast a way the popular expectations about the Messiah and simply to accept His healing and preaching ministry as the fulfilling of the messianic prophecy of Isaiah.

Instead of criticizing Jesus or breaking away from him, John approached Jesus through his disciples. The disciples asked Jesus if he was the one or should they look for another? John had his doubts, but he was open to hearing Jesus say that he was, indeed, the one! John must have recognized the scriptural allusions behind Jesus' answer. Isaiah 29:18 speaks of the deaf hearing and the blind seeing. Isaiah 35:6 speaks of the lame leaping like a deer. Isaiah 26:19 speaks of the dead becoming alive. Isaiah 61:1 speaks of good news for the oppressed, the brokenhearted, captives and prisoners. These were signs of the Messiah's coming. Jesus could have rebuked John for his doubts, but instead offered him a blessing. Jesus had not lived up to John's expectations, but John did not allow that to be a stumbling block. Soon enough, Jesus would deal with the people of his hometown, who took offense at him (13:57). Complimenting John, Jesus says that John is the fulfillment of Malachi 3:1 ("See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me") presenting the Baptist as the end-time messenger the forerunner of the Messiah. How can we imitate John the Baptist in our questioning are you the Messiah?

1) Learn to survive a faith crisis: From a theological perspective, this entire episode helps us understand how the experience of a faith crisis can play a role in our spiritual and emotional development. If John the Baptist, even after having a direct encounter with Jesus the Messiah, can question, doubt, and revise his faith, then so can we. If disillusionment is a necessary precondition for a more resilient faith, then we too must be open to its possibilities. In moments of doubt, despair, and disillusionment, we are, indeed, in good company. Occasional doubts – even horrifying doubts – are one thing, but doubts that persist in the face of every biblical remedy demand careful attention. Let us remember the truth that all our Christian dogmas are based on our trust and faith in the divinity of Jesus who taught them. It is up to us to learn our faith in depth and remove our doubts.

2) Go and tell others what you hear and see. In medieval times, this day—the Third Sunday of Advent—was called Gaudete Sunday as equivalent to Laetare Sunday during Lent. As we pray today, we also rejoice that the Lord does not fail to show his power and might. We rejoice at the thought that Jesus is going to be reborn in our lives as love, mercy, forgiveness and spirit of humble and sacrificial service during this Christmas season. During this season, let us joyfully share God's bountiful grace, forgiveness, and mercy with others. What Jesus commanded John's disciples, he commands us as well: Go and tell others what you hear and see.

3) Open your hearts and let God transform your lives: We too should be encouraged by today's readings. They remind us that our lives can also be transformed if we are patient and place our trust in God. The message of Advent is that God is present among us, in our everyday lives. We must prepare our hearts to recognize and welcome Him. "If a man is the center of his life, everyone around him becomes hell for him because everyone around him interferes with him and obstructs what he wants to do" (Jean Paul Sartre). Let us believe in our hearts the gospel message about Jesus given by Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Will these gospel reports create metanoia (a change of thinking about God, ourselves, and the world) in us during Advent? May our Advent conversion of heart help us experience Jesus more fully in lives our messiah.

Parish Notes

Fr. Karl Barmann



ORDER YOUR POINSETTIA NOW
If you would like to order a Poinsettia to help decorate the Church during Christmas in memory or honor of loved ones, please complete the form in the Church Gathering Space and place it and your money in the envelope provided. \$15 each. Forms are due no later than December 20.

Please Note! The KofC Ladies Auxiliary January meeting has been moved to Jan 16 at 7pm



We are in need of people to make light meals for the RCIA class on Wednesday evenings. If you are able to help out, please sign up on the sheets in the gathering space or call the Parish Office.

St. Gregory's Parish— Prayers

John Schroeder, Curt Jeter, Jim Eiswert, Annie Redford, Kenny Wilmes, Twyilla Stiens, Veronica Dorrel, Roger Laughlin, Ellen Joslin, Patty Sowards, Vicki Grispino, Robbie Lade, Tug Barmann, Adler Auffert, Michelle Grudzinski and George Gumm.

OTHER COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Kerry Bowman, Brian Kurz, Chad Dempsey, Kendra Pickering, Vanessa Parsons, Saree Morley, Dean Meyer, Stacia Thompson, Margarette Schmitz, Chuck Dwyer, Theresa Schmitz, Brett Gross, Brandon Smith, Mary Ann Norris, Mark Norris, Tim Howard, Tammy Arnold, Cheri Mickler, Callahan Acklin, Mike Mercer, Patrick Joslin, Morris Peregrine, Beth Russo, Shirley Phillips, Al Mott, Angela Brandon, Bill McCrary, Kay Kendell and Shirley Phillips.

Purposeful Hospitality

In the next several weeks we will be seeing people in church that are new or that we don't see very often. Please

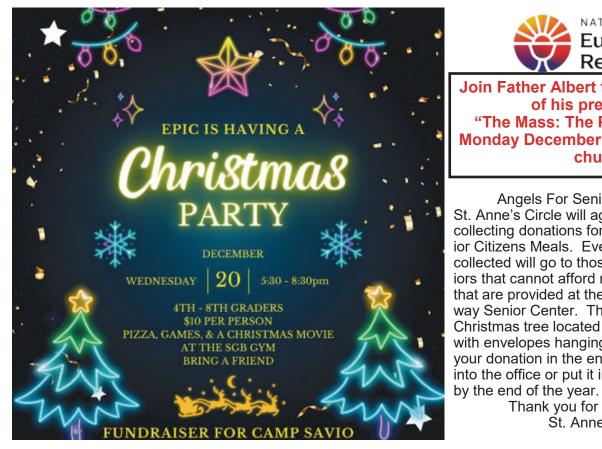
welcome them and let them know they belong here. As Chris Stefanick told us at REBOOT, the easiest way to make people feel welcome is to simply say "Welcome". There are lots of little things we can all do to make everyone who enters the church feel the love of Jesus through us like sitting in the center of your pew so people feel free to sit beside you. If you want to learn more, scan the QR code to watch this short video from Julianne Stanz.

Thank you for sharing your gifts. — Chris Kuhlemeyer



Fiscal Year-To-Date Information (25 weeks) Envelope Goal for Fiscal Year-to-Date 2023-2024\$ Envelope Amount Collected 2023-2024\$ Under Budget\$	478,075 445,269 32,806	
Weekly Information		
Envelope Weekly Goal\$	19,123	
Envelope for 12/10\$	15,674	
Plate for 12/10\$	432	
Online Giving	2,035	
Children's\$	40	
Scholarship Assistance \$	1	
Maintenance\$	710	
Immaculate Conception\$	587	
Retirement Fund\$	1,898	
Christmas\$	525	
School Support\$	170	
Catholic Charities\$	10	
Gifts to Church\$	50	
Solemnity of Mary\$	5	
Dropped off/mailed in\$	5,000	
Weekend Mass Attendance: 629		







Join Father Albert for the second part of his presentation "The Mass: The Perfect Sacrifice" Monday December 18th at 6 PM in the church.

Angels For Seniors St. Anne's Circle will again be collecting donations for the Senior Citizens Meals. Everything collected will go to those Seniors that cannot afford meals that are provided at the Nodaway Senior Center. There is a Christmas tree located in the back of church with envelopes hanging on it. Simply place your donation in the envelope and then turn it into the office or put it in the collection basket

> Thank you for your kindness! St. Anne's Circle



CGS Bright Spots

Here are some snapshots of the goings-on in the atria. See our children hard at work!

Cathy Handlos





Welcome to St. Gregory Barbarigo Church

We are so happy you are here celebrating Mass today!

We would love to keep in touch, please join Flocknote our communication tool, by texting BECATHOLIC to 84576.

You can also follow us on Facebook.



4th Sunday of Advent Reading I

Second Samuel 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 89: 2-3, 4-5, 27, 29

Reading II

Romans 16: 25-27

Gospel

Luke 1: 26-38

Pope Francis: We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.



Bishop Johnston: For all those separated from family or loved ones because of war, migration, military service or other circumstances; that they be strengthened by God and renewed by his consolation.



Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

Scan the QR code to sign up. You can be a host or a guest.

The Welcoming Committee will track and organize everything. If you are a host, you will decide how many

guests you can seat and what your main course will be.
Guests will be asked to bring a side. Guests will receive the address of the host just before the event, so everyone will be surprised when they arrive for dinner. The first dinner is January 20th, so sign up by January 8th!



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Ministry Schedule

Saturday, Dec 23 – 5:00 pm Greeter: Brylee Acklin, Julie Acklin Acolyte: Ben Pawlowski, Dominic Pawlowski, Gus Pawlowski

Lectors: Max Pawlowski, Tammy Scott **Sacristan/EM**: Mike Grudzinski

Communion Ministers: Theresa Groomer **Cup Minister:** Carole O'Riley, WR O'Riley

Head Usher: Katy Gumm

Ushers: Dylan Groomer, Kaleb Groomer, Mike Grudzinski, Ray Schieber, Dick

VanVactor, Carlos Wilmes

Live Stream/Projector Tech: Karen Ceckowski

Sunday, Dec 24 - 8:00 am

Greeter: Brian Henggeler, Dorothy Schafer Acolyte: Kynnadi Damgar, Kyler Snead Lectors: Brian Henggeler, Lori Snead Sacristan/EM: Denise Town

Communion Ministers: Randy Holtman,

Margaret Pierson

Cup Minister: Ed Seipel Head Usher: Rick Smail Ushers: Rick Smail

Live Stream/Projector Tech: Karen

Ceckowski

Sunday, Dec 24 – 4:00 pm

Greeter: Volunteers

Acolyte: Vilhelmina Chloupek Lectors: Brett Chloupek Sacristan/EM: Volunteer

Communion Ministers: Mike Casteel

Cup Minister: Volunteers Head Usher: Volunteer Ushers: Volunteers

Live Stream/Projector Tech: Beth

Schwartze

Sunday, Dec 24—7:00 pm

Greeter: Chris Kuhlemeyer, Wilson

Kuhlemeyer

Acolyte: August Kuhlemeyer, Kaitlynn

Schieber

Lectors: Volunteer Sacristan/EM: Volunteer

Communion Ministers: Volunteers

Cup Minister: Volunteers Head Usher: Volunteer Ushers: Volunteers

Live Stream/Projector Tech: Volunteers

Sunday,	Dec 17	
9:15 am	Sunday School/EPIC Su	nday (ALL)
11:00 am	Youth Mass	(CH)
12:30 pm	Ecumenical Book Study	(PH)
Monday,	Dec 18	
1:00 pm	Parish Office Closes	
5:00 pm	Manna Kitchen	(PH/KIT)
6:00 pm	The Perfect Sacrifice	(CH)
Tuesday,	Dec 40	
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	Parish Office Closes	
3:00 pm		
3:00 pm Wednesd	Parish Office Closes	(CH)
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3:00 pm Wednesd 8:00 am 9:00 am	Parish Office Closes ay, Dec 20 All-School Mass Adoration until 5pm EPIC Christmas Party	(CH)

Thursday,	Dec 21
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No School—No SACC

9:00 am A&E (CH) 4:00 pm Children's Nativity Practice (CH) 7:00 pm Pastoral Council (PARLOR)

Friday, Dec 22

No School-No SACC

12:30 pm Parish Office Closes

Saturday, Dec 23

5:00 pm David & Janelle Frueh 50th Wedding Anniversary Blessing @ Mass (CH)

Sunday, Dec 24

8:00 am Mass (CH)

4:00 pm Children's Mass (CH) (CH)

7:00 pm Mass

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse: 1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and 2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and 3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or <u>crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org</u> if the abuse involves a priest,

deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Whitney True-Francis, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 816.392.0011 or <u>true.francis@diocesekcsj.org</u> for more information.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, Dec 16

5:00 pm † Shorty & Dorothy Miller

Sunday, Dec 17

8:00 am People of the Parish

11:00 am † Kenny Frueh

Monday, Dec 18

12:00 pm L&D Members of the Jim Bagby

Family

Tuesday, Dec 19

8:05 am † Todd Rickabaugh

Wednesday, Dec 20

8:05 am † Alfred Wlimes [PRE-8] 3:00 pm Int. of Residents [NNH]

Thursday, Dec 21

8:05 am L&D Members of the Francis &

Elizabeth Wegenka Steele

Families

Friday, Dec 22

8:05 am † Tony Schieber

Saturday, Dec 23

5:00 pm For the Int. of David & Janelle

Frueh on their 50th Wedding

Anniversary

Sunday, Dec 24—Christmas Eve

8:00 am People of the Parish

4:00 pm † Betty Schieber

7:00 pm † Ann Heflin & Brian Halley

Monday, Dec 25—Christmas Day

9:00 am People of the Parish

(† Indicates Mass for deceased person)

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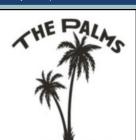
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