



## 4th Sunday of Advent – Year A

### “Emmanuel: God With Us”

Dear beloved Parishioners,

As we enter this final week of Advent, the Church invites us to pause and let the nearness of Christ touch our hearts. In today’s Gospel, St. Joseph shows us how God often enters our lives quietly, unexpectedly, and beautifully. His gentle courage reminds us that **Emmanuel—God-with-us—comes not only in grand moments, but in the simple, ordinary places where we open our hearts to Him.**

Even as we look ahead to Christmas, let’s not let Advent slip away. In the midst of shopping, planning, and activity, take a little time each day to prepare your heart to welcome the Lord who comes to bring peace, hope, and joy.

### Christmas Mass Schedule

We warmly remind everyone of our Christmas celebrations:

**Christmas Eve: 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM**

**Christmas Day: 10:00 AM**

We hope this schedule offers families the flexibility to keep their cherished Christmas Eve traditions while still celebrating the beauty of Christmas morning.

### Final Advent Penance Opportunities

To help us prepare spiritually, the last area Penance Service will be held on **Monday, December 22 at 5:00 PM** at **St. Joseph Parish, Kalamazoo.**

And remember—**Msgr. Mike and I are available every Saturday from 4:00–5:00 PM, and anytime by appointment.**

As Christmas draws near, may Emmanuel find a warm, ready place in each of our hearts.

**Blessed Advent to you and your families.**

**Fr. Albert and Msgr. Mike**