



# HOPE

*be vigilant at all times*

## Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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### The Beam

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sunday, November 28th

11:00 a.m. Mass in the Church

†Maria Assunta Camilleri/  
The Formosa Family

†Bill Heinrich/Bill & Pat Mynster

†Clare DeJulian/Linda Bolthouse

5:00 p.m. Mass in the Church

†Tony Piccuito/

Tom & RoseAnn Malvesto

†Walter Stoskopf/Bernie Gismondi

†Charles Knighton/

Gary & Cathy Latendresse

Monday, November 29th

6:00 p.m. Mass in the Church

For the intentions of Debbie Anderson/

Tom & RoseAnn Malvesto

For the Intentions of Jack & Marguerite

Telnack/ Joe & Jan Connors

Tuesday, November 30th

8:30 a.m. Scripture Service

w/Communion in the Chapel

Wednesday, December 1st

8:30 a.m. Mass in the Chapel

For the Intentions of

Barbara Listing/ Joe & Jan Connors

For the Intentions of Jeananne

Joaquin/ Joe & Jan Connors

Thursday, December 2nd

Thanksgiving Day

No Mass at Sacred Heart

9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Cyprian Parish

First Friday, December 3rd

12:00 Noon Mass in the Church

†Kevin James Lees/ The Lees Family

Sunday, December 5th

11:00 a.m. Mass in the Church

†Dr. Stefan Kobiliak/ Family

†Ruth Tilmann/ Family & Friends

For the Intentions of Brenda &

Christine Nawrocki/ Family

5:00 p.m. Mass in the Church

†Julia Brett/ Friend, Rosemary Prato

†Pete Dieringer/ The Weaver Family

†Thomas Wharton (1st Anniv)/

Wife & Family

**Parish Calendar**

Sunday, November 28th

- 9:00 AM Mass at St. Cyprian/ Fr. Gary
- **No Religious Ed Classes**
- 11:00 AM Mass /Fr. Gary/ Church
- 12:15 PM Grief Seminar/ Rm2/ Sr. Helen
- 5:00 PM Mass in the Church /Fr. Marc

Monday, November 29th

- 6:45 AM Communion Svs/ Chapel
- Parish Office open 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
- 10:30 AM Mat Makers/ Room B
- **4:45 PM Religious Ed Classes**
- 6:00 PM Mass/ Fr. Marc/ Church
- 6:30 PM "The Chosen"/ Sr. Helen/ GS
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts/ Parish Hall

Tuesday, November 30th

- 6:45 AM Communion Svs/ Chapel
- 8:30 AM Scripture Service w/ Communion/ St. Anne Chapel
- 9:00 AM Mass at St. Cyprian Parish
- Parish Office open 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
- 10:00 AM Book Study/ Deacon Bob/ RmB
- 6:30 PM "Pray the Rosary"/ Rosary Walk

Wednesday, December 1st

- 6:45 AM Communion Svs/ Chapel
- 8:30 AM Mass in the Chapel/ Fr. Marc
- Parish Office open 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Thursday, December 2nd

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- 8:30 AM Communion Svs in the Chapel
- 9:00 AM Mass at St. Cyprian Parish
- 6:30 PM Book Club/ Deacon Bob/ RmB

Friday, December 3rd

- 6:45 AM Communion Svs/ Chapel
- 12:00 Noon Mass in the Church/ Fr. Gary

Saturday, December 4th

- 11:00 AM Combined 2nd Grd Sacrament of Reconciliation with St. Cyprian
- 5:00 PM Mass at St. Cyprian Parish

Sunday, December 5th

- 9:00 AM Mass at St. Cyprian/ Fr. Marc
- **Religious Ed Classes**
- 11:00 AM Mass /Fr. Marc Church
- 12:15 PM Grief Seminar/ Rm2/ Sr. Helen
- 5:00 PM Mass in the Church /Fr. Marc

Sunday, December 5, 2021

Second Sunday of Advent



Bar 5:1-9

Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

Lk 3:1-6

**This past week's collection**

November 14th Collection	\$6,422.00
Electronic Contributions	\$5,608.00
All Saints	\$50.00
Propagation of the Faith	\$30.00
Flowers	\$681.00
Total Sunday Collection	\$12,791.00
Required \$ to meet Budget	\$11,817.00

Visit: [osvonlinegiving.com](http://osvonlinegiving.com)

Keep those in need of prayers

Annie Rodgers, Robert Phelps, Dr. David Beaudrie, Ray Chontos, Karen Schneider, Tom Wharton, Allen Darin, Mark, Sharon Kemp, David, Graham E. Barton, Renee Hill, Angela Stratton, Patti Wert, John Poulos, Richard Kloc, Ray Duniea, Cecilia Clark, Drew Lund, Jim Kwasiborski, Stella Demare, Bob, Paul Gregory, Joanne M., Elizabeth Marhefka, Bernie T. Richard T. Schultheis, Greg, Trish, Marty Vanrhein, Linda Thompson, Ashlynn Bowen, Joyce B., Keith Moore, Carl & Fran Bargardi, Jacob Fleming, Christy Key, Anna Demarco Sullivan, Bill Staab, Baby Dakota, John Gardner, Bob Martin, Kim, Maria P., Cory, Jeanne Howey, Carol Caruso, Sharon Lagina, Debbie, Beth Gill, Lindsay Labadie, Shawn Patrick Donald, Isabella Korczyk, Lori Ferguson, Katie Chambers, Sophie Varney, Sara Hovick, Sean Sugrue, Jimmy Brock, Rachel Danowski, Dominik Mackowski, Phyllis Esordi, Lindsey McGuire, Mehann Hill, Joe Trolly, Elaine Fenton, Pat Bennett, Joe Mitchel, Frank L., Rose Mary Prato, Kim Tarabula, Will Clayton, Susan Tournier, Laura Onofrio-Beals, Shirley Mataverde, Jack Telnack, The Brian St. John Family, Gerald Siepierski, Marsha Pizzo, Maureen Budny, Gail Albin, Christine & Brenda Nawrocki, Travis, Kathleen Lederer.



### "Go Make of All Disciples"

I write to you for the first time as your Director of Discipleship Formation. I am so excited that, after almost 10 years of ministry in the Archdiocese as part of the Curia, I am able to re-engage in full-time parish ministry walking alongside all of you. I have a unique experience of serving in some capacity in five of the six of our parishes over the last twenty years, either in music ministry or other pastoral ministries.

Over the last decade at the Archdiocese, my main ministry has been forming and training lay ecclesial ministers (all ministry staff positions in parishes). Recently, I was able to develop a plan for small group ministry for the Archdiocese as well as RCIA in a Family of Parishes. I am planning to utilize all of this work for our benefit, in building up ministries to engage all of you who are around, as well as re-engage those who have drifted away.

To be a disciple is simply to be a follower of Jesus. Each person has a role to play, which brings us back to our baptism. I share with you the Scripture which is what I hope to have as the foundation of all that we do as we embark on the journey of encountering Jesus, growing daily as His disciple, and witnessing to the great power of His mercy.

*The eleven disciples went to Galilee to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshipped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age" Matthew 28:16-20.*

I invite all of you to recall the grace of your own baptism, where you have been given gifts and charisms for the sake of the service of others. I look forward to the many opportunities to serve you and give you opportunities to share your gifts in children's catechesis, family ministry, youth

ministry, RCIA, small groups, adult faith formation, and more!

On a practical note, I will be stationed mostly out of St. Joseph, where I will continue to serve as the Director of Liturgy and Music. You can contact me at the office there at 676-9082 x 19 or by email at [scalvin@stjosephtronton.com](mailto:scalvin@stjosephtronton.com).

God bless,

Sean Calvin  
Director of Discipleship Formation  
Downriver Family of Parishes

Director of Liturgy and Music  
St. Joseph Parish  
(734) 676-9082 x 19

### **What is Advent By Candlelight?**

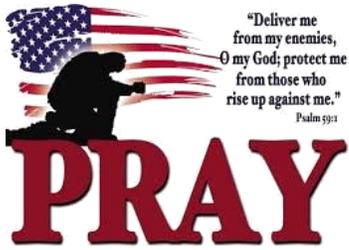
This is a Spirit filled evening set aside during Advent amidst the hustle and bustle of the holiday season to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas.

This years' theme: **"Longing for Light in the Darkness"** which will have Gospel readings, a reflection, some guest participation and will also be accompanied by Mason Koch our Director of Music and Liturgy along with members of the Choir.

Please join us by hosting a table or being a guest. There will be sign-ups for both in the Gathering Space this weekend. Tables will be limited to 8 people (but you can squeeze 10) Registration will be held until December 3rd or until all the tables are filled.

**WHAT: Advent by Candlelight**  
**WHEN: Tuesday, December 7th at 6:30 p.m.**  
**WHERE: Parish Hall**  
**WHO: Men, Woman, Teens**  
**WHY: To take a step back from the busy part of the Holiday as we reflect on keeping "Christ" in Christmas.**

Contact Cheryl Reynolds for more information.



"Deliver me  
from my enemies,  
O my God; protect me  
from those who  
rise up against me."  
Psalm 59:1

JOHN CHAMBERS,  
ERIC MADONIA,  
CASEY PEGRAM,  
RICHARDO MIRA,  
JORDAN LABADIE,  
BILLY RAY BREWER,

ADAM SHIELDS, TIMOTHY ROGERS, JOE BENZ,  
NICHOLAS KENAGA, BRIAN TELI, ADAM KOPP,  
EMILY CLEMONS BYE, JASON KOPP, BRENTON  
WELLER, DALE BREWER, CHRISTOPHER SCHEIBER,  
KEVIN SCHEIBER, ANDREW RAMIREZ,  
MATTHEW BRUMWELL, TANNER COOLSAET,  
JORDAN BOLTHOUSE, LUCAS KOPP,  
JOSEPH LABADIE, SEAN LESSON.

### Sacred Heart Annual Raffle!



It's Time for the Annual Parish Raffle! Our Parish Raffle allows us to fund necessary repairs and maintenance of our parish facilities.

Last year, the raffle **proceeds helped fund repairs to doors in the parish office, the air conditioner** in the Gathering Space and the boiler that heats the parish offices. The drawings take place after the 11:00 Mass on the second Sunday of the month between December 2021 through May 2022. Prizes of \$1,000, \$250 and \$100 will be awarded each month. Each parish family will be mailed four tickets. The recommended donation for each ticket is \$25. Please purchase as many tickets as you can or seek donations from family members and friends. Or, consider using them as Christmas gifts, stocking stuffers or for a special birthday. If you need more than four tickets, please let us know. Return ticket stubs, money and all non-acquired tickets in the provided envelope and drop it the collection basket or mail to the Parish Center Office. Returns must be in by December 10, 2021 to be included in the first drawing. May God bless you for your prayerful support of our parish and its ministries

God's Blessings

## *Getting through the Holidays: Coping with Grief During the Christmas Season*

If you have lost a loved one, you might be wondering how to cope with your grief during this Christmas season. We begin to anticipate the holidays ahead as we listen to Christmas songs, see the decorations and lights and start shopping for gifts. For those of us who are experiencing a loss at this time of the year, grief is intensified by the absence of loved ones not here to share these otherwise happy events.

Grief will also magnify the stress that is already part of this season. How do we begin to fill the emptiness we feel when it seems that everyone else is overflowing with joy?

Though there is no right or wrong way to handle the holidays, we would like to offer a few ideas to help you cope at this time. While we miss our loved one and experience grief, we must go on with our lives and find hope and inner peace.

We want to cultivate spiritual and emotional healing from your loss. We will do this by reviewing the Ten Stages of Grief. Studies have been done to try to learn how loss affects us and how we react to grief through various stages. We do not go through them in the same order and we don't stay in them the same amount of time. Many come through these stages with a deeper understanding of oneself at a new stage of life as a part of the growth that can occur having gone through the grief process. We hope to assist you through these stages on a path of HOPE and will offer suggestions for handling the holidays and anniversaries.

**Sunday, December 5 in the Parish Center, Room 2, after the 11:00 am Mass. Facilitators: Sr. Helen Therese, OSF and Don Novak**

For more information and to register call Sr. Helen Therese at the Parish Office 734-676-1378 or e-mail [helen@sacredheartgi.com](mailto:helen@sacredheartgi.com)



### CHRISTMAS TREE TAGS!

Christmas tags for St. Andre Bessette and Holy Cross/Samaritan Center are available on the trees in the Gathering Space. Please take a tag and return by December 12th. We ask that the donations be not more than \$40. The families appreciate the gifts for their children, as many of them cannot even afford to purchase them a candy bar.

This year, we will also have some family names of older child, these names are coming from a parish in Detroit that have very poor families and the priest would like a small gift for the mom and dad.

God bless you and your generosity.  
Christian Service

### An Invite / St. Cyprian Ladies' Guild

Greetings to our FOP members at Sacred Heart and St. Joseph. The St. Cyprian Ladies Guild would like to extend an invitation to our FOP parishioners to join our Annual Christmas Dinner which will be held Sunday, December 5th, at the Grecian Center on Dix-Toledo Highway in Southgate. Doors will open at 4:30 with dinner starting at 5:30 pm. The cost of the dinner will be \$25 per person and there will be a cash bar.

After dinner we will be holding a drawing for the three quilts we've been selling tickets for: a U of M quilt, a Michigan State quilt and a large fall colored quilt. All were hand-made by members of St. Cyprian parish. Tickets will also be available for you to purchase up until the drawing.

We welcome you and would love to meet and greet with you at our dinner. Any questions don't hesitate to call me at (313) 806-7351. Seating will be on a reserved basis for your family and friends. Just call me. Tickets are available after mass at St. Cyprian or in the St. Cyprian parish office.

Thank you,  
Beverly Nicholson  
President St. Cyprian Ladies Guild

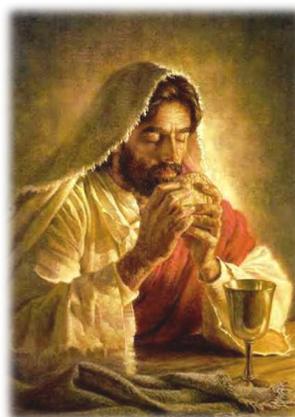
### **Helping Hands, St. Andre Bassett, Women's Shelter Thanksgiving Food Drive**

Thank you to all the scouts, grade school children, parents and Bill Tilley for delivering the 350 food bags and 52 turkeys on Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>.

Helping Hands Food Pantry in Flat Rock serve close to 200 families a month and were very happy for our delivery. St. Andre Bassett in Ecorse also has a lot of requests, especially thanksgiving dinners, and the women's shelter were so happy they were jumping for joy!

This is a wonderful experience for them to see.

God Bless you, Christian Services



### **Ongoing Program... Join us on Monday!**

Join us on Monday evenings at 6:45 p.m. to watch and discuss **"The Chosen"**, Season One, which is about the life of Jesus. Imagine you could see the life of Jesus through the eyes of people that walked on earth with him - the disciples, Mary his mother, the Pharisees, the children, and those he healed. **"The Chosen"** allows us to see him through the eyes of those who knew him, while the film stays faithful to the Gospels and at the same time tells us a story that is in between the lines of Sacred Scripture.



**LIFE TEEN**  
Leading Teens Closer to Christ

## **CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS YOUTH CHOIR**

**We are so excited to bring back the Youth Choir for the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Mass** at Sacred Heart this year. On behalf of Fr. Marc and Mason Koch, our Director of Music, I am inviting youth grades 2nd—8th to lend their angelic voices to help us celebrate the birth of Jesus. The youth will sing a few songs before mass as people are coming in and they will also sing during mass. We have planned 5 rehearsals starting on Monday, November 29th from 3:30 p.m. to 4:40 p.m. Each Monday, to assist families who are working, I am willing to meet students at the flag pole at Parke Lane after school and bring them over for a snack before rehearsal. All others will meet us in the Church to be ready to sing at 3:30pm. The students who are in Religious Formation classes on Mondays can just stay and go right to class after rehearsal. If possible, I would like a couple of adult or teen volunteers to assist with the kids at rehearsal and during the mass.

**Also, if your child does not like to sing then maybe they can help by being a part of the Mass celebration. We need someone to share the 1st reading, 2nd reading and prayers of the faithful but also non verbal ministries such as greeters, gift bearers, jr ushers and cross bearer. Please click the link for available slots.**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084EA5AC2BA7F85-christmas3>

**Please check your email for this link as well)**

### **Rehearsal Dates**

Monday,	November 29	3:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m.	(choir only)
Monday,	December 06	3:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m.	(choir only)
Monday,	December 13	3:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m.	(choir only)
Monday,	December 20	3:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m.	(choir only)
Wednesday,	December 22	5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.>>	<b><u>Final Rehearsal</u></b>

***Final rehearsal & Pizza Party for all youth participants: choir, readers, ushers, gift bearers, altar servers, jr. ushers, cross bearer, prayers of the faithful.***





2021~ 13th Annual  
**Jammie  
Drive**

GIVING NEEDY KIDS A WARM CHRISTMAS



**ALL PJ'S & DONATIONS NEEDED BY  
SATURDAY, 12/4**

Collecting **NEW**, unwrapped Christmas PJ's  
Newborn - Adult XXL

**Jammies go to children & young adults served by:**

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**Prefer to shop online?**

- Shop online & Ship to:
  - Wendy Moco 8671 Voigt, Grosse Ile, MI 48138
- We prefer actual pajama donations, when possible
- Cash Donations due by 11/25
  - Online donations  
<https://www.osvhub.com/sacredheartgi/funds/pajama-drive>
  - Mail Check payable to Sacred Heart ("Jammie Drive") must be written in memo line
  - Venmo @Suzanne-Moco-Williams
  - Please send all \$ donations ASAP, to ensure enough shopping time & stock

check out in-store  
promotions & prizes

THANK YOU! Wendy & Suzy  
wendymoco@aol.com  
suzymoco@icloud.com



## **Join us for this wonderful family event! All are welcome!**



**What:** St. Nick Night.....Family Style

**Where:** Parish Hall

**When:** Wednesday, December 15th doors  
open at 6:00pm

**Why** For families to have a good meal and a fun craft  
together during the busy season

**Cost:** Only \$5.00 per person (includes meal,  
family craft, entertainment, youth raffle and a  
50/50 raffle for adults)

**Food:** The K of C will be cooking broasted chicken, fries,  
vegetable, salad, rolls, beverages and cookies

**Spirits:** Beer and Wine (Free Will Offering)

**Guest:** We will also have a special visit from St. Nicholas  
himself, complete with photo op!

Tickets are now on sale after masses, during RE classes  
and in the Parish Office. Because of the preparation for the  
meal and crafts, tickets must be purchased in advanced,  
no Later than Sunday, December 13th.

*NO Tickets can be sold at the door*



# Growing in FAITH™

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

December 2021

Sacred Heart Parish  
Fr. Marc Gawronski, Pastor

## One Minute Meditations

### The gift of Advent

The season of Advent began on November 28 and continues until Christmas Eve.

The Church offers us this time as a gift to slow down, quiet down, and reflect on God's love for us. Consider setting aside quiet time each day to be with Him.



### Celebrate birth

December is the month in which we celebrate the birth of the infant King. This has become a time to reaffirm our respect for life from conception to natural death. We pray that all babies are given the gift of life.

"Let not your heart be disturbed. Do not fear that sickness, nor any other sickness or anguish. Am I not here, who is your Mother? Are you not under my protection? Am I not your health? Are you not happily within my fold? What else do you wish? Do not grieve nor be disturbed by anything."

(Our Lady to St. Juan Diego, December 9, 1531)



## Make this Christmas your own

Each year at Christmas, we celebrate an amazing truth. God came to Earth, in person, to be with us and, hopefully, bring us to Heaven. Think of it – the Creator of the universe came to be with you and me and promised to remain with us. Try these ways to keep the wonder of Christmas alive the whole year round:

**Receive Him with Mary's open heart.** When the angel Gabriel delivered God's stunning message, Mary accepted God's will completely. She kept her heart open to His will throughout her life. We can imitate her by letting nothing come between us and God. Go to

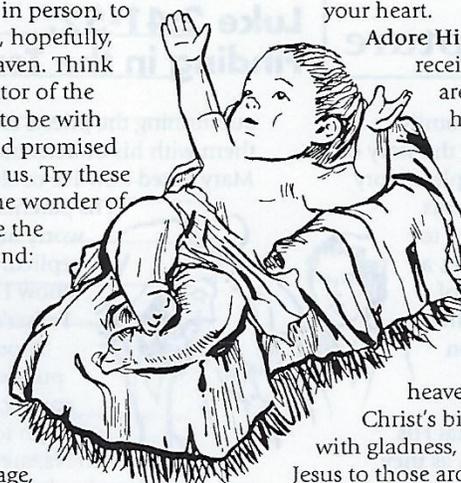
Confession regularly. Pray daily. Attend Mass at least weekly. Receive Jesus in your heart.

**Adore Him like the Magi.** After receiving Communion, you are literally

heart-to-heart with Jesus. Thank Him, praise Him, or just rest in Him. Give Him the gift of your full attention. Receive the graces of His love.

**Proclaim Him like the Angels.** Just as the

heavenly host announced Christ's birth to the shepherds with gladness, so we are to proclaim Jesus to those around us. We do this when we join in worship at Mass each Sunday, and give Him credit for our blessings and gifts. His presence in our hearts becomes evident when we live with love and Christmas joy.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

## Why do Catholics believe Jesus really came?

That Jesus lived in first century Israel is well documented by both Christian sources and non-Christian sources. The Old Testament, which was known to Jews many years before Christ's birth, predicted the coming of the Messiah.



Jesus' life, death, and Resurrection fulfilled those prophecies. The Gospels name eyewitnesses as sources for the miracles Jesus worked. Another compelling argument for Jesus' reality, however, is the witness of the martyrs through the centuries, who remained faithful to Christ even to death.

# Develop an Advent frame of mind

The holiday season can seem more like a test of endurance than preparation for a celebration. In the midst of the seasonal stress, we are asked to reach into ourselves and bring out only what is kind, generous, and loving. It may help to remember that the real reason for the season is the celebration of unimaginable Love.

Try to see with a Father's eye. Our Heavenly Father delights in our creation and loves us for exactly who we are. During Advent, try to see yourself through His eyes. Not the flawed human visible to



humanity, but the spectacular product of God's divine love and the reflection of His glory.

Prepare your gift. Make your gift to Jesus an open heart, ready to receive the love He has for you. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

Anticipating an eternity of unimaginable love is absolutely the right Advent frame of mind.

## from Scripture

### Luke 2:41-52, Finding in the Temple

The Feast of the Holy Family (December 26) includes the story of finding Jesus in the Temple, a story of love and obedience. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph traveled to Jerusalem for the Passover, as was the custom for Jews of that time. They traveled in a large group for protection against bandits who infested the hill country. So it wasn't surprising that His parents didn't miss Jesus as they started the return trip. Upon discovering Him missing, they hurried back to Jerusalem.

On the third day of searching, they found Jesus in the Temple. He was

questioning the priests and amazing them with his understanding. However, Mary asked how He could have caused

His parents so much worry and Jesus replied, "Did you not know I must be in my Father's house?"

Though they were puzzled by His answer, Mary and Joseph took Jesus back to Nazareth. He

remained there in obedience to His parents until it was time for his public ministry. We learn from this story to obey not only God but also those in authority over us.



## Feasts & Celebrations

December 2 - St. Bibiana (363). Virgin and martyr, St. Bibiana was the daughter of a Roman official who converted to Christianity and was martyred for his faith. Bibiana was tortured and executed for her Christianity, as well.

December 8 - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On this day we commemorate that Mary was conceived in St. Anne's womb without Original Sin. In addition to attending Mass for this Holy Day of Obligation, praying a joyful Rosary is a wonderful way

to celebrate.

December 12 - Gaudete Sunday. This Sunday marks the halfway point of Advent. We light the rose candle in the Advent wreath for joy. During the last two weeks of Advent, the Church prepares to celebrate Jesus' birth at Christmas.

December 29 - St. Thomas Becket (1170). As Archbishop of Canterbury, King Henry II tried to pressure him and the other bishops into agreeing to unjust laws, but St. Thomas refused to sign his approval for them. He was eventually martyred for his faith.



## Q & A Do we have to return to Mass in person?

When we love someone, we don't want to just call or send an email. We want to be together in person, growing in love and friendship. Then, too, when we love Jesus, we want to be with Him

in body, blood, soul and divinity in the Eucharist. "It is a substantial presence by which Christ... makes

himself wholly and entirely present" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1374).

The Eucharist is a gift we can only fully receive in person. It is spiritual food for the journey. In it we receive not just graces, but Jesus, Himself. Nowhere else on Earth and in no other way can we be so closely united to Him who loves us most.

It is possible - and required - to attend Mass in person unless there is a grave reason to stay away. Still, let nothing keep you from Jesus in the Eucharist. Go to Confession regularly and never miss Mass. Do whatever you can to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. Remember, God is never outdone in generosity.



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**Christmas Liturgy  
Schedule**

**Friday, December 24th**

**Christmas Eve**

9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Cyprian

**4:00 p.m. Family Mass at Sacred Heart**

(Children's choir)

4:30 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph, Trenton

10:00 p.m. Mass at St. Cyprian

10:00 p.m. at St. Joseph, Trenton



**Saturday, Christmas Day**

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph, Trenton

9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Cyprian

10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph, Trenton

11:00 AM Mass at Sacred Heart

**New Year's Eve/Day**

January 1 & 2, 2022

4:30 p.m. Vigil at St. Joseph, Trenton

11:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart

5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Cyprian



**Scripture for Advent**

**First Sunday of Advent**

Jer 33:14-16

1 Thes 3:12--4:2

Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

**Second Sunday of Advent**

Bar 5:1-9

Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

Lk 3:1-6

**Third Sunday of Advent**

Zep 3:14-18a

Phil 4:4-7

Lk 3:10-18

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Mi 5:2-4a

Heb 10:5-10

Lk 1:39-45

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**Advent &  
Christmas  
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*Prepare  
the  
Way*



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Advent by Candlelight**

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8:30 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart

(St. Anne Chapel)

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph, Trenton

7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Cyprian

**Family of Parishes  
Advent Reconciliation**

**Sunday, December 19th**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Our Lady of the Woods**

**Coping with Grief During  
the Christmas Season**

If you have lost a loved one, you might be wondering how to cope with your grief during this Christmas season. For those of us who are experiencing a loss at this time of the year, grief is intensified by the absence of loved ones not here to share these otherwise happy events.

We want to cultivate spiritual and emotional healing from your loss. We will do this by reviewing the Ten Stages of Grief. Many come through these stages with a deeper understanding of oneself at a new stage of life as a part of this growth.

**Sunday, December 5th in the Parish Center, Room 2, after the 11:00 am Mass. Facilitators: Sr. Helen Therese, OSF and Don Novak**

**Advent Opportunities to Serve**



**CHRISTMAS TREE TAGS!**

Christmas tags for St. Andre Bessette and Holy Cross/Samaritan Center are available on the trees in the Gathering Space. Please take a tag and return by December 12th. We ask that the donations be not more than \$40. The families appreciate the gifts for their children.

This year, we will also have some family names of older children, these names are coming from a parish in Detroit that have very poor families and the priest would like a small gift for the mom and dad.

**St. Nick Night  
Wednesday, December 15th  
6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall**



Enjoy a sit-down dinner, family craft, raffles, carols and a special visit from St. Nick.

**\$5.00 per person.**  
families, please join us for some Christmas fun!

**Giving Thanks at Year's End**

Christmas and the end of the year are opportunities to make a return to the Lord. From the many blessings received, you can make a holiday gift to the parish. Christmas stewardship celebrates the joy of Jesus' birth by making a gift to God. The Christmas Collection is the only offering not taxed 7% by the Archdiocese, so that 100% of your generosity stays at Sacred Heart for our educational, worship and outreach programs. Please dig deeply and give generously. God will reward you with blessings beyond measure.

