



## NEWSLETTER

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**December 9, 2022** [Friday of the Second Week of Advent](#) and the [Optional Memorial of Saint Juan Diego](#)

We had a *great time* marching with our Knights of Columbus Council in Columbia's Christmas Parade! See attached photos.

We are grateful to Fr. Dan for the Mass intention and for leading us in making our **Acts of Consecration of our families and parish to Jesus through Mary & Joseph** yesterday on the [Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Our Blessed Virgin Mary \(Patronal Feast Day of the U.S.\)](#). Complete your 33 days of preparation by *praying, writing and/or signing and keeping our own copy* of the consecration (also attached).

We pray the Rosary as a school after Mass on Tuesdays with the Marian Group, unless a Thursday is a special liturgical day.



Like Las Posadas, this beautiful figurine and prayer card has begun traveling throughout our Three Hearts families. Fr. Dan has kindly given -- and blessed -- it so that families can pray together with our patrons, the Three Hearts of the Holy Family ([Feast Day, Dec. 30, 2022](#)). I will contact families to coordinate a schedule for the Holy Family to visit your home for 2 or 3 nights this Advent!

Many thanks to Mr. Andrew Shadel, Catechist and Deputy Grand Knight, for subbing for Fr. Dan last Monday and helping us learn deeper about Advent!

We ask everyone to take care of our refurbished pews and our church: **NO FOOD OR DRINK IS ALLOWED IN THE NAVE**- nor anything that could potentially mark or stain our church or pews.

All documents, schedules and links are on our page on St. Catherine's website, so check the website for the most updated information!

Gaudete, O Israel!

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### Upcoming Events and Dates:

**REJOICE!** our Parish Advent Pilgrimage into the Heart of Scripture: see Patricia Welther ([Patricia.Welther@gmail.com](mailto:Patricia.Welther@gmail.com) ; 225-650-9898) for more information. Small Group Options:

- Wednesdays 10:30am – 12pm and 6-8p.m. in the Classrooms
- 3Hearts Academy: during Assembly TU 12/6 and TH 12/15

### Saturday, December 10:

- **9 a.m.:** St. Catherine's KofC 7447 has convinced Santa to take a break and eat breakfast with our parish -- and all -- families. Good St. Nicholas will pause to take photos with children, both the naughty and nice. (No candy for the naughty, however.) Wish him a blessed feast day, Dec. 6. All are invited! Donations accepted.
- **Knights Christmas Party (21+) after the Vigil Mass:** In gratitude, 3Hearts is serving our KofC members and wives.

- If you are able to help, please RSVP to either Rocky or Steve Spoerl Jr.:  
[spoerl.steve@gmail.com](mailto:spoerl.steve@gmail.com)

- Council 7447's first year of membership is free! See Bob D'Amato, Grand Knight, or Andrew Shadel, DGK.

**Monday, December 12:** We are all invited to celebrate the great [Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe](#)! She is the Patroness of the Americas (both continents). Contact me if you'd like to carry Our Lady's image -- carrying Jesus in Her Womb, as she did the 1<sup>st</sup> Advent -- during the procession.

**Thursday, December 15 12 noon-1:30 pm:** last class day before Christmas Break -- GAUDETE Party! Gaudete (REJOICE, Everyone!) Sunday (see Appendix D) is an opportunity to have a party, but instead of rejoicing because Jesus is born, we rejoice in God's Promises for what He has in store for us! We'll be celebrating this and the end of Fall semester with well-deserved and delicious pizza and treats, followed by a White Elephant gift exchange and playing some games.

- o Those Willing and Able: Please bring a treat to share (i.e.. baked goods, favorite drink/punch, or side dish)
- o White Elephant Gift Exchange: Each student please bring one wrapped gift (valued at \$5-\$10) to include.

Hand-made gifts (i.e.. treats or trinkets) are just as wonderful as purchased gifts!  
Please no gag gifts.

- o ALL parishioners and families are invited!

**Saturday, December 24 @ 3:30 pm:** Three Hearts Children's Choir performance, half hour before the 4 pm Christmas Vigil Mass. Please arrive at 2 pm!

**Tuesday, January 3:** our own parish's Nashville seminarian, James Grossheim, Theology I, is graciously presenting a guest class on Mary, the Mother of God (Theotokos)!

**1ST Friday January 6:** [1st Friday of the month Devotion](#): We are thanking the Hearts of Jesus, Mary and Joseph silently together as a school in a Holy Hour of Adoration after Mass every First Friday. Please pray with us! Fr. John O'Neill at [Holy Trinity Parish](#) in Hohenwald currently celebrates Mass at 3 PM on Fridays.

### Reminders:

- Assembly promptly begins 7 minutes following morning Mass at 8:35, time to make our 3-minute thanksgiving to Jesus for Holy Communion and a 3-minute RestRoom break.
- **Three Hearts Altar Boys:** While you should always perform your ministry and the duties that Fr. Dan and Deacon Dan assign you with great reverence and care, your presence at Assembly - as it is serving on the altar -- is an important example to your younger schoolmates. When possible, ask Deacon Dan to appoint just one boy to finish acolyte duties.
- Rosary with Marian Group: o TU 12/15
- Lunch in classrooms: o TU 12/13: Dec. Senior Luncheon in Social Hall

### Lesson Plans:

Weeks 14 & CB handed out TH 12/8:

[Pre-K and Kindergarten](#)

[1st and 2nd Grade](#)

[3rd and 4th Grade](#)

[5th-8th Grade](#)

Lunch - Recess Duties Rotation: [here](#).

**Sacred Heart of Jesus, we adore You.  
Immaculate Heart of Mary, we implore You.  
Gentle Joseph, pure and just,  
in Your Three Hearts we place our trust.**



#### **Appendix:**

A) **St. Joseph Devotion:** Did you know that "St. Joseph's central role in the life of Christ and the Church is traditionally commemorated by devoting Wednesdays to him"? This article explains the significance of honoring the foster father of Jesus on Wednesdays:

<https://www.simplycatholic.com/why-are-wednesdays-for-st-joseph/> Traditionally, parishes (like St. Catherine's) offer evening Masses so working dads can attend a weekday Mass with their family!

B) [O Come, O Come, Emmanuel](#) - A

[O Come, O Come, Emmanuel](#) - B

C) [Alma Mater Redemptoris](#) - A

[Alma Mater Redemptoris](#) - B

## D) Catholic Answers:

### [Gaudete Sunday](#)



#### [Gaudete Sunday | Catholic Answers](#)

Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, so called from the first word of the Introit at Mass (Gaudete, i.e. Rejoice). The season of Advent originated as a fast of forty days in preparation for Christmas, commencing on the day after the feast of St. Martin (November 12), whence it was often called "St. Martin's Lent"—a name by which it was known as early as the fifth century.

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### [The Three Advents of Christ](#)



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Advent is a penitential season. As Lent cultivates the heart for Easter, Advent cultivates it for Christmas. Advent means "to come" or "to arrive," and the season of Advent prepares us for the arrival of Jesus Christ. Drawing from St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Holy Mother Church offers her children a threefold aspect of Advent.

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