St. Patrick Parish

We gather to know Jesus Christ and proclaim His Gospel as members of the Roman Catholic Church.

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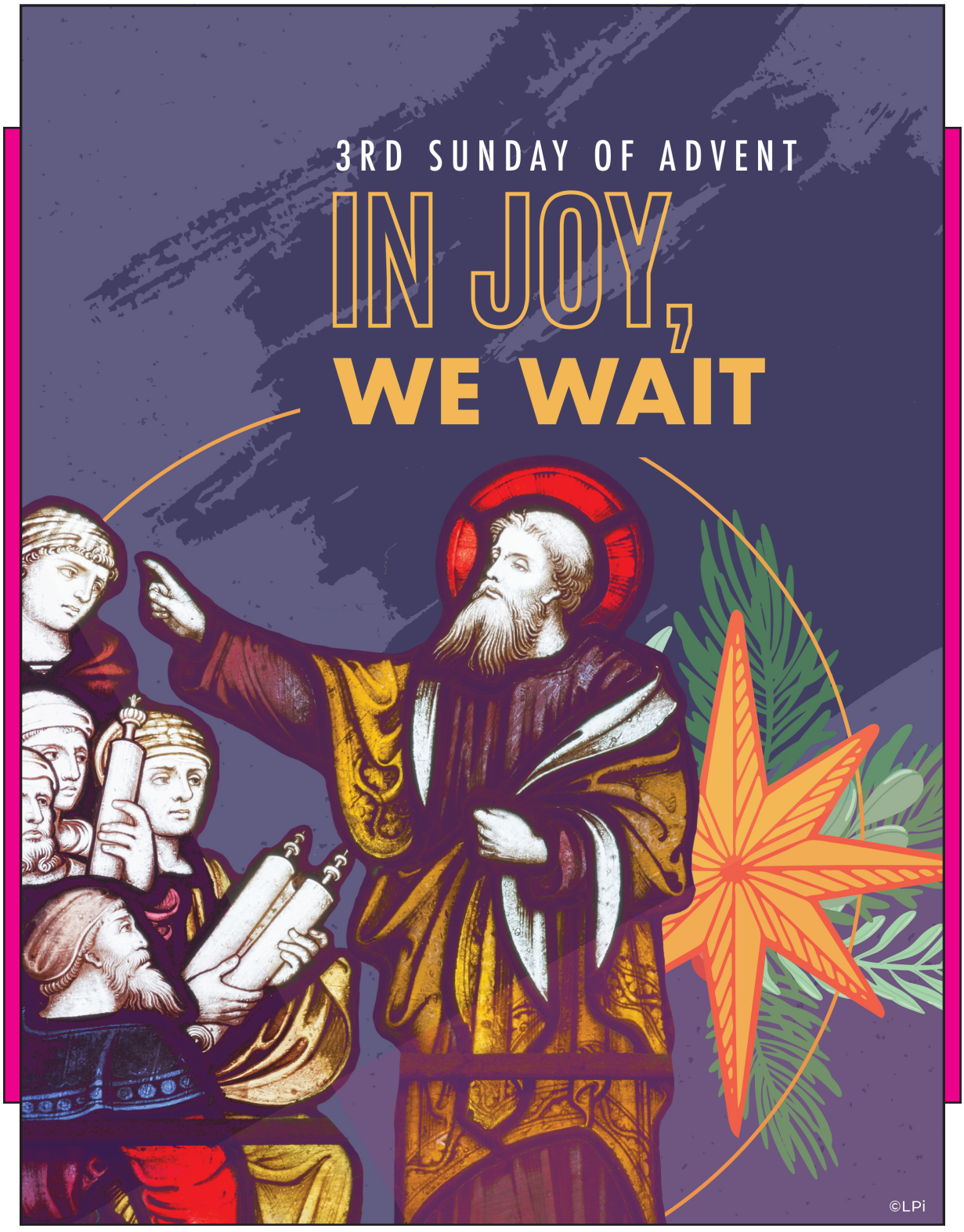

WEEKLY SCHEDULE of PARISH ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE SUNDAY)
9:00 am **[SP]** Mass (Perla Velasco)
9:00 am **[SMV]** Mass (Belinda Anstey)
12:00 pm **[SMV]** Spanish Mass (For the People)
5:30 pm **[SMM]** Mass (For the People)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2022
Our Lady of Guadalupe
8:00 am **[SP]** Mass (Beverly Larkin)
5:15 pm **[SMV]** Spanish Mass (For the People)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2022
St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
8:00 am **[SP]** Mass (Alice Anstey)
8:30 am Tuesday Morning Fellowship
5:15 pm **[SMV]** Mass (Joan Schwartz)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2022
St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
8:00 am **[SP]** Mass (Richard Huffman)
9:45 am Mass with Seton Students
(Deceased members of Catholic Daughters)
5:15 pm **[SMV]** Mass (Special Intention, D.A. Living)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2022
8:00 am **[SP]** Mass (David Payne)
2:00 pm Mass at Pennsylvania Place (Dale Gottschalk)
5:15 pm **[SMV]** No Mass

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2022
8:00 am **[SP]** Mass (Therese-Marie Hughes - Birthday)
5:15 pm **[SMV]** Mass (Vincent Zerngast)
5:00 - 7:30 pm Steak & Fish Fry at KC Hall

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2022
4:00 - 4:30 pm Reconciliation
Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Advent
4:30 pm **[SMV]** Mass (Margaret Vittetoe)
5:00 pm **[SP]** Mass (Frank Mottet)

Pastor: Very Rev. Patrick J. Hilgendorf, V.F.
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
9:00 am **[SP]** Mass (Brenda Sieren)
9:00 am **[SMV]** Mass (Martin Rupe)
12:00 pm **[SMV]** Spanish Mass (For the People)
5:30 pm **[SMM]** Mass (For the People)

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Help us decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas Season while remembering your deceased loved one(s). You may place a $10.00 suggested donation per name in an envelope (available in pews) and drop it in a collection box at the corners of the sanctuary. Please clearly print the name(s) of the family member(s) on the outside. We will publish the names of your loved ones in the Christmas bulletin and pray for them during the Christmas Season. Deadline: Monday, December 19.

HOLIDAY BULLETIN SCHEDULE

Please note that due to the holidays, bulletin announcements must be received by:

- Wednesday, December 14 for December 25 bulletin
- Friday, December 23 for January 1, 2023, bulletin

Thank you to **Orscheln Industries Foundation** on behalf of Orscheln Farm & Home Store for their generous gift of $600.00. As requested, this donation will be put in our sacrificial giving account to benefit those who need assistance in our parish. Their kindness is greatly appreciated!

GUARDIAN ANGEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Guardian Angel Scholarship Fund was established to help make tuition more affordable for Seton Catholic School families and will provide scholarships annually once funds reach a sustainable amount. Recently, $1,000 was given by an anonymous donor. This same donor desires to encourage others to consider giving to this fund. For more information or to donate, please contact Seton Catholic School at 641-682-8826 or Father Patrick Hilgendorf (scholarship chair) at 641-682-4212.

END OF YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS

Please remember that all contributions for 2022 for the parish and the Annual Diocesan Appeal must be in the office by December 31, 2022, or postmarked on or before that date. You may call the office to request a contribution statement after the beginning of the year. Thank you!

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS:
to St. Patrick and the work of the Church on November 26/27:
(2% of envelope income, $ 49.70 is the parish commitment to helping those in need.)

Envelopes/Offertory	$ 2,603.00
Building Fund	140.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	20.00
Christmas Collection	25.00

If interested in electronic giving, please contact your financial institution.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

The 2022-2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal is underway. If you have yet to make your donation, please prayerfully consider how you can help the Diocese of Davenport proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ ~ so "Faith May Flourish."

Annual Diocesan Appeal		
Goal	**Paid to Date**	**% of Goal**
$39,921.00	**$ 25,945.00**	**64.99%**

Please note that there will be NO POTLUCK in December. We will resume with a potluck on Sunday, January 8, 2023!

CHRISTMAS YOUTH CHOIR

We are planning a Youth Choir to sing at the **4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve**. Rehearsal will be December 14 from 5:30 to 6:20 p.m. All ages are welcome. We could use those who play musical instruments to accompany or play before Mass. Let us gather many voices and instruments to honor our Savior on his birthday. Call Denise at 641-799-6790 or let Gail know if you or your family members are interested.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

Thank you! Because of your generosity in supporting our annual pie sale event, we were able to distribute funds as follows: Ecumenical Lord's Cupboard - $600 & Blessings Kitchen - $275. Our annual fall food event is designed to feed the hungry. In addition, we voted to send $400 to Seton School for their projects and $25 gift cards to our diocesan seminarians to help with their expenses. The annual food event as well as the Friday night pie sales at the KC Hall support these projects. We also supported Heartland Pregnancy, the Crisis Center and decorated the Sisters of Humility graves at Mount Olivet Cemetery on the Indian Hills campus. We appreciate your support, monetary and spiritual.

If you are interested in learning about us and our mission, please contact Jane Thomas at 641-777-8811.

- Our next meeting is **Tuesday, December 13 at 2:00 p.m.** at the KC Hall.
- Mass for deceased Catholic Daughters is **Wednesday, December 14 at 9:45 a.m.** with Seton School students.

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10/Jas 5:7-10/ Mt 11:2-11
Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/ Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23/ Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/ Lk 7:24-30
Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Jn 5:33-36
Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

OTTUMWA CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPENDS A LOT ON THE GENEROSITY OF OUR COMMUNITY.

MASS BOOKS: Fr. Dale blessed the students in 2nd year preparation for First Holy Communion and Mass Books, reminding them to take their Mass books to Mass with them.

Reminders for Religious Education Classes!
Please make sure your child/children arrive on time and have been to the bathroom! If your child/children are not feeling well or have recently been sick, DO NOT send them to class! Call one of the RE offices to let them know, so your child/ children will be excused; otherwise, they will be counted absent. Thank you for your helpfulness!

For Religious Education questions contact :
Ana at 641-208-2146 or 641-682-4496 or email ottstmarydre@diodav.org
Gail at 641-682-0320 or 641-814-2007 or email ottstpatdre@diodav.org

LOOKING AHEAD:
Wednesday, December 14 - Class
Wednesday, December 21 & 28 - NO CLASS WINTER BREAK
Wednesday, January 4, 2023 - Classes Resume
6:30 - 7:45 p.m. SP 6:45 - 8:00 p.m. SMV

SETON EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITES

Seton Catholic School is accepting applications for the following positions:

After School Director for the 2022-2023 school year. The director is responsible for promoting public relations, conducts training to after school program assistants as needed, manages and keeps tuition ledger up to date/sends out billing statements, assists students with injury and illness, contacts parents for emergency pick up and handles classroom situations with fairness and patience. Training will be provided by co-working with the current director. Call the school offices for more detailed information at 641-682-8826.

Elementary Teacher for the 2022-2023 school year. Candidates should possess effective teaching strategies, a commitment to student learning and instructional skills that focus on the development of the whole child. Seton offers a benefits package including: sign on bonus, health insurance, 401K, free tuition for children and continuing education dollars. Send your questions and letter of interest to principal@oseton.com.

SCRIP Seton Catholic School will be selling scrip after all St. Patrick Masses on **December 10/11**. Scrip cards will be available for your favorite businesses. You receive "dollar for dollar" and Seton receives a percentage of each sale. Thank you for your support!