FR. GEORGE DARLING, PASTOR

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:30am

Wednesday: 10:30am Weekend Mass:

Saturday: 4:30pm Sunday: 9:00am & 11:00am OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY—FRIDAY, 8:30AM -4:00PM

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CRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at 3:30 pm SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parish registration of six months is re-

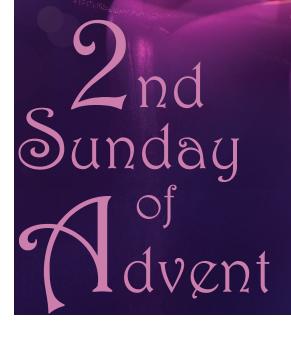
quired. Preparation session required Contact the parish office for details.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Contact the parish office a minimum of six months prior to the preferred wedding date. Marriage preparation sessions are required.

PARISHIONER MEMBERSHIP

New members are always welcome to our Parish. Parishioner status is maintained by registration in the parish, active participation in weekend liturgies and full participation in the parish stewardship program. All family members 18 years and older should be individually registered with the parish. Parish membership and participation is required of those desiring the Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, Confirmation and Matrimony.



Liturgies For The Week

Sat, Dec 9 VIGIL: 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:30 pm Blanche Kastens

Sun, Dec 10 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 am Joyce Grimmer 11:00 am Parish Family

Mon, Dec 11 ADVENT WEEKDAY

No Mass

Tues, Dec 12 OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

8:30 am William Oldenburg
Wed, Dec 13
10:30 am Sam Cesare

Thurs, Dec 14 ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST

No Mass

Fri, Dec 15 ADVENT WEEKDAY

No Mass

Sat, Dec 16 VIGIL: 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:30 pm Parish Family

Sun, Dec 117
9:00 am
Charles LaVigne; Frank Plank
11:00 am
Jerry Korstange; Andrew Taylor

SACRED SCRIPTURE
Readings for the Week of December 12, 2017

Sunday 2nd Sunday of Advent

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Monday Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; (Ps) Jdt

13:18bc, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday St. Lucy, Virgin

Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday St. John of the Cross, Priest

Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13b; Mt 11:11-15

Friday Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a,

10-13

Sunday 3rd Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; (ps) Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes

5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

~In Our Thoughts & Prayers~ thomebound Parishioner of the Week

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers our parishioner Esther Heemstra. Cards may be sent to 3406 Waterford Ct NE, 49525. Let Esther know you are a parishioner and that you are thinking of her.

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BY GEORGE....

A little reflection on why we give cheerfully especially at this time of the year: From a sermon on charity by St. Basil the Great, (330-379AD) bishop

"Man should be like the earth and bear fruit; he should not let inanimate matter appear to surpass him. The earth bears crops for your benefit, not for its own, but when you give to the poor, you are bearing fruit which you will gather in for yourself, since the reward for good deeds goes to those who perform them. As the sower profits from wheat that falls onto the ground, so will you profit greatly in the world to come from the bread that you place before a hungry man.

You are going to leave your money behind you here whether you wish to or not. On the other hand, you will take with you to the Lord the honor that you have won through good works. In the presence of the universal judge, all the people will surround you, acclaim you as a public benefactor, and tell of your generosity and kindness.

Do you not see how people throw away their wealth on theatrical performances, boxing contests, mimes, and fights between men and wild beasts and all for the sake of fleeting honor and popular applause? If you are miserly with your money, how can you expect any similar honor? Your reward for the right use of things of this world will be everlasting glory, a crown of righteousness, and the kingdom of heaven; God will welcome you, the angels will praise you, all men who have existed since the world began will call you blessed. Do you care nothing for these things, and spurn the hopes that lie in the future for the sake of your present enjoyment? Come, distribute your wealth freely, give generously to those who are in need. Earn for yourself the psalmist's praise: *He gave freely to the poor; his righteousness will endure forever.*

How grateful you should be to your own benefactor; how you should beam with joy at the honor of having other people come to your door, instead of being obliged to go to theirs! But you are now ill-humored and unapproachable; you avoid meeting people, in case you might be forced to loosen your purse-strings even a little. You can say only one thing: "I have nothing to give you. I am only a poor man." A poor man you certainly are, and destitute of all real riches; you are poor in love, generosity, faith in God and hope of eternal happiness."

| STEWARDSHIP - Week ending December 2 & 3 | | | | |
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| Week 23/52 | | | | |
| Adult Envelopes (182 used) | \$10,925.50 | | | |
| Automatic Envelopes (31 used) | 1,362.50 | | | |
| Youth | 32.62 | | | |
| Loose Stewardship | 914.35 | | | |
| Total Stewardship this week | <u>\$13,234.97</u> | | | |
| YTD | \$331,129.79 | | | |
| Budget YTD | \$342,788.46 | | | |
| Last YTD | \$333,924.49 | | | |
| 5% Tithe this week | \$661.75 | | | |

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Attention graduates of St. Alphon-

sus, Blessed Sacrament, St. Isi-

dore and St. Jude schools. As

part of our 10th anniversary cele-

bration, All Saints Academy would

like to hear from graduates of our

four heritage schools, sharing

their memories of those "olden

days." We're interested in anything that stands out in your

memory, from classes and teach-

ers to "lunch ladies" and recess

activities. Please send your notes

to agiroux@asagr.org, or drop

them off at the school of-

fice. We'd like your memories to

be part our 10 year celebration.

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Sun/Dec 10: 12:00pm Adult choir rehearsal, Church MPR

Mon/Dec 11: 11:00am Book Club, Church MPR

<u>6:30pm</u> **ASA Christmas Program**, Church 7:00pm **Knights of Columbus**, Church MPR

Tues/Dec 12: 9:15am-3pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Church

9:15am Adult Bible Study, Church MPR

6:00pm Zumba, Family Center

<u>6:20-6:50pm</u> **Honor Choir rehearsal**, Church MPR <u>6:50-7:20pm</u> **Children's Choir rehearsal**, Church MPR

Wed/Dec 13: 6:30pm RCIA Class, Religious Ed Office Thurs/Dec 14: 6:30pm Religious Ed class, classrooms

ADVENT GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree is still up in the Church narthex with ornament waiting to be taken. As in the past, we are collecting items for three different organizations, plus Meijer gift cards for

our own parish family members in need. Please remember to return all gifts unwrapped with the gift tag attached. Our deadline this year is Sunday, December 17th.





ADVENT RECONCILLIATION SERVICE

Please join us on Monday, December 18th at 7:00pm at St. Alphonsus Church. Priests from St. Alphonsus, Blessed Sacrament and St. Jude will be there to hear confessions.







~Outside the Parish~



EVENING OF WORSHIP

Come and enjoy an Evening of Worship on Saturday, January 6, 2018, at Holy Spirit Parish! Appropriate for all ages and free -- come and be spiritually uplifted through contemporary song and prayer. Worship begins at 7:30pm in the Holy Spirit Sanctuary. We will be focusing on a different theme each month, and this month's theme is "adore." There will be a time for Eucharistic Adoration. Please join us for an evening that will refresh your soul!



EDELWEISS GERMAN CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, December 17, 3:30pm at St. Mary Church, Grand Rapids. Music from the German-speaking regions of Europe will be performed by the Edelweiss Choir, the Ein Prosit Band, and the Alphorn group Alpentraum. Free admission, free parking, with a freewill offering at the end. St. Mary Church, 423 1st St NW, edelweissclubgr.com/christmasconcert/.

New Year's Eve Party St Jude Church

A great way to ring in the new year with friends and family. Make plans for an evening dinner, drinks and dancing. Event time is 7:00pm-12:30am. Tickets available in the St. Jude Parish Office, reserve a table of eight for \$320, \$40 per person until December 10th, \$50 per person after December 10th.

2nd Sunday of Advent

"As we await new heavens and a new earth, let us make clear the way of the Lord by being servants of justice, truth, and peace."

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