



Advent

THIRD WEEK



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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass:

Tuesday, Thursday: 8:30am

Wednesday: 10:30am

Weekend Mass:

Saturday: 4:30pm

Sunday: 9am & 11am



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Fr. George Darling, Pastor

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at 3:30 pm or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parish registration of six months is required.

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.

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sat, Dec 16 4:30 pm	VIGIL: 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT Parish Family	
Sun, Dec 17 9:00 am 11:00 am	3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT Waranica Family Jerry Korstange	
Mon, Dec 18	ADVENT WEEKDAY No Mass	
Tues, Dec 19 8:30 am	ADVENT WEEKDAY Frank Plank	
Wed, Dec 20 10:30 am	ADVENT WEEKDAY Fr. John Wisneski	
Thurs, Dec 21 8:30 am	ADVENT WEEKDAY Deceased members of Borek/Edgerle families	
Fri, Dec 22	ADVENT WEEKDAY No Mass	
Sat, Dec 23 4:30 pm	VIGIL: 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT Wendelin Schmich; Jim Schmidbauer	
Sun, Dec 24 9:00 am 11:00 am	4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT Parish Family Special Intention	

**SACRED SCRIPTURE****Readings for the Week of December 17, 2023**

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
Monday	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Tuesday	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-6, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Wednesday	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Friday	1 Sm 1:24-28; (Ps) 1 Sm 3:1, 4-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Saturday	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4bc-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
Sunday	4th Sunday of Advent 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

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View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com**BY GEORGE....**

Following the announcement of my upcoming retirement as Pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish the question has been asked about why I didn't say anything about my retirement from the role of Canonical Administrator of All Saints Academy. The reason why I didn't say anything is because to the best of my knowledge it is not happening at this time. The problems that prevent me from carrying out my duties as Pastor of the Parish are not problems with regard to my duties as Canonical Administrator of All Saints Academy. As Canonical Administrator my role is oversight -- oversight of the principal, oversight of the Board of Directors, oversight of the budget and finances, and oversight of any legal matters concerning the school. None of these oversight responsibilities require me to be in a certain place at a certain time with a group of folks waiting for an activity that can only be done by me such as a Mass on Sunday morning. With regard to my activities with the school I am not required to be anywhere at any particular time. Sometimes I go to the monthly Board of Director meetings and sometimes I don't. I can have my weekly meeting with the principal whenever things are working out for me that I can drive in to the school to see him, or he can drive to see me wherever I might be. Or it might be that we touch base on the telephone or the internet. Signing checks each week is something that I can drive in to do when I am able to, or the checks can be brought to me and I can sign them wherever I am. In my role as Canonical Administrator I am not required to be at Mass, or graduation, or a particular meeting or gathering of people that can only occur if I am there. So, at least for the time being, I believe that I will continue to function as Canonical Administrator of All Saints Academy since the letter from Bishop Walkowiak only stated that I am to be granted retirement status from being Pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish.

If you haven't read last weekend's bulletin I will be retiring from the position of Pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish effective December 31, 2023. As I wrote last week in response to numerous questions, I don't yet know who will replace me here as Pastor. That decision is in the hands of Bishop Walkowiak and whenever I hear anything about it I will be sure to let you know. Hence my explanation above that even though I will no longer be serving as Pastor of the Parish, at this point I am intending to remain serving as Canonical Administrator as the problems that prevent me from serving as Pastor do not prevent me from serving as Canonical Administrator of All Saints Academy.

STEWARDSHIP - WEEK OF DECEMBER 9 & 10**Week 24/52**

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Loose Stewardship	600.00

Total Stewardship this week	\$12,836.00
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YTD	\$289,704.42
Budget YTD	\$312,461.54
Last YTD	\$299,049.22
5% Tithe this week	\$641.80
YTD Tithe	\$14,485.22

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sat Dec 16: 5:30pm **Coffee & Doughnuts**, Family Center
Sun Dec 17: 10:00am & noon **Coffee & Doughnuts**, Family Center
Tues Dec 19: 9:00am-1pm **Eucharistic Adoration**, Church
 9:15am **Adult Ed**, MPR
 1:00pm **Card Making Ministry**, MPR
 5:45-6:15pm **Children's Choir rehearsal**, MPR
 6:00pm **Pickleball**, Family Center
 6:15-6:45pm **Honor Choir rehearsal**, MPR
 7:00pm **Adult Choir rehearsal**, MPR
Thurs Dec 21: 7:00pm **Ladies Revive Basketball Group**, Family Center

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OUTSIDE THE PARISH

MIDNIGHT MASS AND CONCERT TO BE BROADCAST FROM THE CATHEDRAL ON FOX 17 AND ONLINE

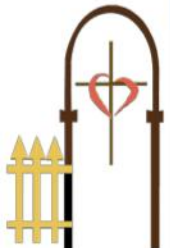
The Prelude of Carols followed by Midnight Mass will be broadcast live from the Cathedral of Saint Andrew on FOX 17 and on the diocesan website, grdiocese.org, and Facebook page ([Diocese of Grand Rapids](https://www.facebook.com/DioceseofGrandRapids)) on Christmas Eve. The concert begins at 11pm followed by Mass at midnight.

On Christmas morning, there will be a replay of Mass on FOX 17 at 7am.



IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS HOMEBOUND PARISHIONER OF THE WEEK

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers our parishioner Judy Frantz, recovering from a stay in the hospital. Cards may be sent to 2558 Knapp St NE, 49505. Let Judy know you are a parishioner and that you are thinking of her.



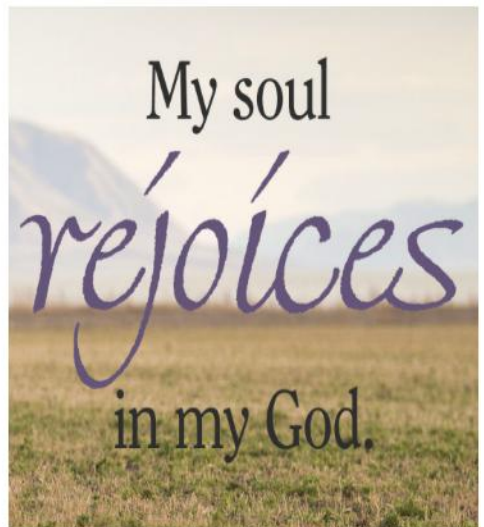
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CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

We invite you to join us on Monday, December 18 as our Kindergarten through 8th grade students help us celebrate Christ's birth! Join us at 6:30pm as we gather at St. Jude's for our program. We hope you will join us in our celebration!

PLEASE PRAY FOR US

We ask all parishioners of our founding parishes to pray for the faculty and staff at ASA as we strive to form saints to serve all. We also ask that you keep our students in your prayers, as well, as they grow with Christ, especially during this Advent season. Through Christ all things are possible!



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