

**December 5, 2021
Second Sunday of Advent**



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WEEKEND MASSES:

Holy Rosary: Saturday 5:30 p.m. & Sunday 9:30 a.m.

St. Stephen: Sunday 8:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Holy Rosary: Saturday 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

St. Stephen: Sunday 7:15 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.

or anytime by appointment

Mass Intentions

Saturday	December 4
5:30 p.m.	Tim Kendrick
Sunday	December 5
8:00 a.m.	Families of Holy Rosary & St. Stephen
9:30 a.m.	Harry Kendrick & Family
Monday	December 6
	No Scripture Service
Tuesday	December 7
7:30 a.m.	Mike & Cindy Shuck
Wednesday	December 8
8:20 a.m.	Tom & Mary Ann Hagan and Family
6:30 p.m.	Kathy Smith ~ St. Stephen Mass ~
Thursday	December 9
7:30 a.m.	Purgatorial Society
Friday	December 10
7:30 a.m.	Charlotte Schneider
Saturday	December 11
5:30 p.m.	Becky Labuary Underwood
Sunday	December 12
8:00 a.m.	Ceil Kendrick
	Jack Quinn
9:30 a.m.	Families of Holy Rosary and St. Stephen

Daily Mass Servers: December 7 - 10

Brendan Thome, Grace Thome

Advent Penance Service

December 9 – St. Joseph in Palmyra – 7:00 p.m.

December 21 - Holy Rosary - 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Your Gifts to God and Parish

November 7	\$ 7,296.64
November 14	\$ 6,992.21
November 21	\$ 7,484.10
November 28	\$ 5,326.64

“Advent invites us to a commitment to vigilance, looking beyond ourselves, expanding our mind and heart in order to open ourselves up to the needs of people, of brothers and sisters, and to the desire for a new world.”

~ Pope Francis, Angelus, 2018.



Dear Parishioners,

“Prepare the Way of the Lord” ... we hear in the first reading and the gospel today. On this Second Sunday of Advent, I pray that you are having a Blessed Advent Season. It is truly a challenge to remove or step over the clutter that preparing for Christmas can put in the path of our ability to meet the Lord. It is even more difficult to pause and remember to let Christ come to us. How can we allow the Lord to shape our lives and thus level the hills, fill-in the valleys, and make straight the pathway to our God? So, we continue to pray, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

Notice our Advent celebrations this week. Monday, December 6th, we celebrate the **Feast of St. Nicholas**. St. Nicholas is the 4th century saint who inspired our modern figure of Santa Claus. Bishop Nicholas was interested in making sure that families had enough to eat and a good place to live. He ministered in a way that helped children to be successful in life and helped the elderly live out their lives with dignity and respect. St. Nicholas was known for giving children small gifts—some candy or a toy. His kindness, which always managed to surprise the children, touched their hearts and they learned from this holy man what a beautiful thing it is to be charitable. St. Nicholas Day is the day I put up Christmas stockings at the rectory and hope St. Nicholas leaves something in the stocking or in my shoe.



The **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** is on Wednesday, December 8th. On this day, we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary because on the day she was conceived in St. Anna’s womb, God favored her with a special grace to be free from Original Sin. Mary’s decision at the Annunciation to cooperate with that Grace has blessed humankind.



This is a great Solemnity of the Church, a Holy Day of Obligation, and an important Advent celebration. (Check this bulletin for Mass times.)

Sunday, December 12th, is the **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**. We celebrate this apparition of Blessed Virgin Mary that took place in the neighboring country of Mexico. She is the “Patroness of the Americas” and “Protector of Unborn Children”. After the Blessed Mother’s Apparition in 1531, in just 10 years, all of Mexico converted to Catholicism.



This year, the Third Sunday of Advent will be celebrated rather than the Feast Day Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe.

These feasts of the Church, when celebrated well, help to mold us into the vessels God has created us to be. We ‘Prepare the Way of the Lord’ so that we might truly have a Merry Christmas. “Come, Lord Jesus, Come!”

Fr. Greg Oligschlaeger

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass

**December 8, 8:20 a.m. at Holy Rosary
December 8, 6:30 p.m. at St. Stephen**

Christmas Eve & Day Mass Schedule

**December 24, 5:30 p.m. at Holy Rosary
December 24, 8:00 p.m. at St. Stephen
December 25, Midnight, at Holy Rosary
December 25, 9:30 a.m. at Holy Rosary**

Catholic Stewardship Appeal

Parish Goal - \$ 24990	Diocese Goal - \$2,000,000
Received - \$ 9927	Received - \$1,002,860.25
Committed - \$ 13976	Committed - \$1,189,365.50

Heavenly Father, ever caring, ever strong, stand by us in our time of need. Amen

Mark Leake	Caitlin Shively	Geoffrey Preckshot
Trent Zeiger	Jeff Thomas	Kayla Benson McAndrews
Phyllis Taylor	Lakian Lehenbauer	Janice Kendrick
Richard Elliott	Rusty Adam	Regina Hays
Frankie Maddox	Tim Quinn	John Kendrick
Deacon Mike Long	Hazel Smith	Sue Gilbert
Natalee Amos	Rosemary Evans	Deanna Buckman
Jackie Ryan	Logan Maher	Bonnie Ess
Barbara Kendrick	Connie Kendrick	Nick Mudd
Michael Kellerman	Bill Smith	Teresa Ritter Toland

Liturgical Ministries

December 11 - 5:30 p.m. Mass

Rosary: Dorothy Ritter

Servers: Wyatt DeGrave, Wes DeGrave

Eucharistic Ministers: Regina Miskell, Debbie Durbin, Gina Carroll, Ruth Ann Lorensen, Rose Ellen Mudd, Mary Davis, Kathy Dean

Lector: Bob Kendrick

Ushers: Ron Dean, Jerry Durbin, Joe Gass

Cross Bearer: Courtney Smith

Gift Bearer: John & Dorothy Ritter

Greeters: Betty Buckman, Susie Buckman

December 12 - 9:30 a.m. Mass

Rosary: Renee Shinn

Servers: Naaron Hays, Camryn Hays

Eucharistic Ministers: Phil Thompson, David Little, Jerry Copenhaver, Zachary Jones, Marie Little, David Pfaff, Cathy Jo Pfaff, Dennis Long, David Wilson

Lector: Steve DeLaporte

Ushers: Mark Yager, Brett Shively, Danny Benson

Cross Bearer: Mike Hunter

Gift Bearer: Howard & Linda Willard

Greeters: Frank & Deanna Harris

Intention of Pope Francis: Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Intention of Bishop McKnight: For our children and youth: that the example of parents and other adults of the parish may foster a sense of openness to the Holy Spirit in their lives.

The **Bishop Bryne Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus**, will meet December 12th after the 9:30 am Mass in the Holy Rosary Knights of Columbus Hall. A brunch will be served at approximately 10:45. Members, spouse and family are welcome to attend. The meeting will follow the brunch.

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Sunday Ministerial Alliance Scripture Service

December 12 – Howard & Linda Willard

December 26 – Jim & Sheryl Underhill

Rosary

December 7 – Dorothy Moss

December 21 – Mary Ann Hagan

On the Calendar...

December 6 – Rosary at St. Stephen / 12:00 noon

December 10 Deadline for Christmas is Caring donations

December 12 – Memorial at O'Donnell Funeral Home

December 21 – Advent Penance service at Holy Rosary

A special note of thanks...straight from my heart. Thank you all very much for all the food prepared and served at the dinner for Charlie. You are an awesome group of ladies. May God bless each one of you.

Eva, Jared, & Karsen Smoot

Readings for December 12, 2021

1st Reading – Zephaniah 3:14-18 Be joyful, Jerusalem! The Lord will come and save you from your enemies. Do not be discouraged or lose heart, for “the Lord, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior.”

Responsorial Psalm – Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 Cry out with joy and gladness; for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

2nd Reading – Philippians 4:4-7 “Rejoice in the Lord always,” wrote Paul. “I say it again: rejoice! The Lord is near. Make your requests known to God; then the peace of God that surpasses understanding will guard your hearts and minds.”

Gospel – Luke 3:10-18 John the Baptizer said to the crowds, “I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” In that way he preached good news to the people.



Christmas Memorial Poinsettias – If you would like to purchase poinsettias, in honor or memory of a loved one, to adorn our parish this Christmas, please place your envelope in the offertory or bring your envelope by the church office. Poinsettias are \$10 each. Loved ones names will be published in the January 2 bulletin.

School News

✂ Mass on Wednesday, December 8, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, at 8:20 will be led by the fourth-grade students.

✂ Last home basketball games will be played on Tuesday, December 7, vs. N. Shelby.

Following God's Lead along with Donna

Prayers for Confirmation Candidates – Please pray for our Confirmation Candidates. If you would like to pray for a specific student, there are baskets at the entries of Holy Rosary and St. Stephen Churches containing the names of our Confirmation candidates. You can choose a student to pray for during their preparation. Each basket has all the students' names and there will hopefully be 4 people supporting each student in prayer. If you wish to send them cards of encouragement, please mail cards to school, 415 S. Locust, or to church, 405 S. Main, and we will make sure the student receives your card of encouragement. *Please be sure to put the student's name on the envelope.* If you have any questions, please contact Donna at the parish office.



RCIA Sessions – Our next session will be December 15, 2021 at 6:30 pm at Holy Rosary Church basement. Our topic will be *The Early Church & Church History*. There is no session on December 8, we will attend Mass together at St. Stephen at 6:30 pm to celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

“Prepare Ye” Advent Booklets – The weekly Advent preparation developed for our diocese; If you didn't pick up a copy of this booklet and want one, please call me, stop by my office or catch me after Mass. I have a pdf copy that I can email to you or print for you.

FORMED.org – The Advent season has begun. If you are looking for an Advent study, try *Advent* on FORMED. There are 4 episodes and it also includes a downloadable leader guide and study guide. <https://watch.formed.org/advent-1>. If you need help downloading and printing, please stop in and see me.

This week we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. To learn more watch FORMEDNow *What is the Immaculate Conception?* <https://watch.formed.org/videos/what-is-the-immaculate-conception>.