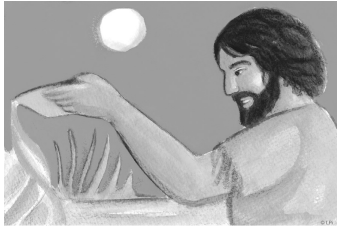


**FOR THIS WEEKEND'S LITURGIES**

- Processional Hymn (4,8,10:30): #392 in *Worship*
- Order of the Mass: Front Page or #202 in *Worship*
- Liturgy of the Word: #1008 in *Worship*
- Gospel Acclamation (4,8,10:30): #328 in *Worship*
- Preparation Hymn (4,8,10:30): #388 in *Worship*
- Acclamations (4,8,10:30): #365, 366,367, 383 in *Worship*
- Communion Litany (4,8,10:30): #606 in *Gather*



A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. - Jn 1:6-8

**MASS INTENTIONS & REMEMBRANCES**

- Sat., 12/16 4:00 pm **Jim & Courtney Butcher**, by family  
(Remembrance)
- Sun., 12/17 8:00 am **Mary Ellen Barry**, 29<sup>th</sup> Anniv., by family  
(Remembrance)
- 10:30 am **Mary & Arthur Cousineau**, by family  
(Remembrance)
- 6:00 pm **Ryan Tivnan**, by family
- Julia Monroe**, by the Finance Committee
- Clayton Price**, by Clarence & Joan Tolson
- Clement & Judith Anish and Paul & Alice Chase**, by family
- Mon., 12/18 9:00 am **Bill Sullivan**, Birthday, by family
- Tue., 12/19 9:00 am **Mary Ellen Standring**, by her husband
- Wed., 12/20 9:00 am **Parishioners' Intentions**
- Thu., 12/21 9:00 am **Marguerite McShera**, Birthday, by family
- Fri., 12/22 9:00 am **Parishioners' Intentions**
- Sat., 12/23 4:00 pm **Michael Chalifoux**, by family
- Sun., 12/24 8:00 am **Julia Monroe**, by Herb & Thelma  
(Remembrance)
- 10:30 am **John Howard**, Month's Mind, by family  
(Remembrance)
- 4:00 pm **Richard Howard**, 5<sup>th</sup> Anniv., by family
- 11:00 pm **Edgard Nieves**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv., by family
- Harry Adamiak**, by family
- Albert, Genevieve & Robert Boza**, by family

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54  
Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
- Monday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
- Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25
- Wednesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 /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 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56
- Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14  
Lk 1:57-66
- Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29  
Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

**REST IN PEACE**

Pray for the repose of the souls of *Adele Cote, Connor Tronerud* and all our deceased relatives, friends and benefactors.

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent:**

- 4:00 pm Vigil Mass on Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>
- 8:00 am & 10:30 am Masses on Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
(No 6:00 pm Sunday Mass this weekend)

**Solemnity of Christmas:**

- 4:00 pm Vigil Mass on Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
(Children are invited to come dressed as shepherds or angels)
- 11:00 pm Mass for Mid Night on Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
(Choir Choral Preludes at 10:40 pm)
- 8:00 am Mass for Dawn on Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>
- 10:30 am Mass During the Day on Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

**CHRISTMAS COLLECTION**

The money contributed at Christmas Masses helps the parish pay the annual assessment for the health insurance for the priests of our diocese. Your generosity will be deeply appreciated.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Fr. Monroe will be available for those who would like to make a Confession before Christmas after the 9:00 am Mass on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> and from 7:00 - 7:30 pm on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> as well as the usual 3:00 pm time on Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**CONTRIBUTION REPORT**

Last weekend, we deposited the following donations:

- Weekly Adult Offerings: **\$4,962.00**  
(\$630.00 in loose offerings and \$4,332.00 in 132 envelopes)
- Immaculate Conception: **\$ 827.00**
- Holy Day for Outreach: **\$ 300.00**
- Outreach: **\$ 500.00**
- Flower Gifts: **\$ 445.00**
- Unrestricted Gift: **\$ 200.00**
- Maintenance Fund: **\$ 218.00**
- Family Center Donations: **\$ 214.00**
- Religious Retirement: **\$1,827.00**

We also received the following online donations:

- Adult Ordinary: **\$1,064.27**
- Children's Offering: **\$ 3.00**
- Maintenance Fund: **\$ 311.32**
- Family Center Donations: **\$ 185.21**
- Unrestricted Gift: **\$ 600.00**
- Fuel Donation: **\$ 10.00**
- Flower Gifts: **\$ 95.00**
- Christmas Offering: **\$ 76.32**
- Memorial Gift: **\$ 25.00**
- Immaculate Conception: **\$ 45.00**
- Lenten Rice Bowl: **\$ 10.00**
- Religious Retirement: **\$ 166.62**

Thank you to all who contributed. We urge those who are unable to attend Mass on snow days to do all they can to make up donations not offered on such days.

**LITURGICAL MEMORIALS**

The bread and wine being used at all Masses this week has been donated in memory of *Martin Kelley* by his family.

The candles being used at the altar and pulpit have been donated in memory of *Bill Sullivan* by his family.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NOTES

**Christmas Pageant:**

Parents and family of children in our program as well as all parishioners are invited to the school hall this Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am to enjoy the presentation of the story of the First Christmas.

**Class Schedule:**

There will be NO classes for the next two weekends. All classes will resume on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>.

## SPECIAL EPIPHANY EVENT

This year our Religious Education Program will host an **Epiphany Event** on **Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00 am – 10:00 am in the OLA school. This will take the place of usual classes for the children. We invite their parents and families and any parishioners who wish to join us to follow the STAR and “travel with the Wise Men” to Bethlehem. Along the journey there will be music, drama, games, crafts, hands-on activities for families and children and much more. A clue will be found at each “city” that will guide travelers in solving an Epiphany mystery puzzle.

**Volunteers are needed to help supervise the activities listed below.** It would be nice to be able to schedule 2-3 people to facilitate each activity. **Please contact Darleen to volunteer at [dfarlandola@gmail.com](mailto:dfarlandola@gmail.com).**

Here is the list of activities for which we need volunteers:

**Baking in Bethany:** Decorate holiday cookies

**Drama at Dan:** Dress in costumes and act out a short skit

**Potter Shop in Jerusalem:** Mold clay items

**Carpenter Shop in Nazareth:** Make wooden Christmas craft

**Refreshments at Well in Sychar:** Drinks & snacks available

**Music in Cana:** Practice singing Christmas Carols

**Banner in Bethlehem:** Design a banner to take home

**Crafts in Bethel:** Hands-on craft activity

**Coloring with Lydia in Philippi:** Coloring Christmas pictures  
Please plan to join us and please consider volunteering to help Darleen make it happen!

MOVIE MATINEE – DECEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>

We invite you to gather that day at 2:00 pm in Rieger Hall for popcorn, drinks and the presentation of **The Fourth Wiseman**. Here is a synopsis of the movie: Artaban is a young magus (wise man) who desires to follow the star to the birthplace of the coming King. Against the counsel of his friends and family, carrying three precious jewels to give to the baby messiah, he sets out with his reluctant servant to join the caravan of the other three wise men. They miss the caravan, but Artaban continues his search for his King, always a step behind the others. Has he wasted his life on a foolish quest? Will he ever get a chance to present his gifts to the King? Come and see this family (PG) movie.

## THOUGHT FOR THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

*“Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus”*  
(I THESSALONIANS 5:16 – 18)

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. “Rejoice always” means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. “Pray constantly” means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. “Give thanks in all circumstances” means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations.

## 2018 CALENDARS

Once again, Michael Marchand of Roy’s Funeral Home has sponsored our parish for the annual Catholic Extension Society calendar. The 2018 calendars are available in trays at the church doors. Please feel free to take a calendar to homebound neighbors or family.

## GIVING TREE NOTE

All gift requests from the Diocesan Urban Ministry should have been turned in by now. If you have a gift with a tag with a number and specific item, please bring it to the rectory so we can get it to the Urban Ministry site for distribution. Gift cards and diapers can be brought to the rectory any time this week.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL OUTREACH

Members of our Society gathered this Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> to prepare and distribute meal items for Christmas to families who have requested that help as well as gift cards to many of those families to purchase gifts for their children.

They wish to thank participants in the Giving Tree Project and several others who have offered generous financial contributions that enabled them to respond to all requests presented to them.

## THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun., December 17 – Third Sunday of Advent

<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Lord’s Day Mass</b>
<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Religious Education Classes</b>
<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Christmas Pageant in School Hall</b>
<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Lord’s Day Mass</b>
<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>Baptism</b>
<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Lord’s Day Mass</b>

Mon., December 18

<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Daily Mass</b>
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Tue., December 19

<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Daily Mass</b>
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Wed., December 20

<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Daily Mass</b>
<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Confessions</b>

Thu., December 21

<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Daily Mass</b>
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Fri., December 22

<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Daily Mass</b>
<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>RCIA Session</b>

Sat., December 23

<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Daily Mass</b>
<b>3:00 pm</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b>

## 120 CLUB

The winner of last week’s drawing is **Peg Feeley-- # 118**.

## PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday, December 23	4:00 pm	Fr. Monroe
Sunday, December 24	8:00 am	Fr. Monroe
	10:30 am	Fr. Monroe
	4:00 pm	Fr. Monroe
	11:00 pm	Fr. Monroe
Monday, December 25	8:00 am	Fr. Monroe
	10:30 am	Fr. Monroe