

Notes from Barb!

- ✘ Last chance to get gift cards in time for Christmas!
- ✘ We will be decorating for Christmas after mass today. All help is appreciated!
- ✘ Remember there will be no morning mass next Sunday!

Looking Ahead to Christmas...Be Aware!

This year, Christmas Eve falls on the 4th Sunday of Advent. We will be doing most of the decorating for Christmas on Sunday, Dec. 17 after mass. Flowers will be added later in the week. Your help is appreciated.

Since the 4th Sunday of Advent falls on Christmas Eve, it was decided to not offer the morning mass. **THERE WILL BE NO MORNING MASS ON SUNDAY Dec. 24!** There is still an obligation to attend mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent. Sacred Heart will offer that mass on Saturday at 4:30pm. Check with other parishes for their times.

The Christmas Eve Children’s Program will take place at 4pm with mass at 4:30pm.

THERE WILL BE NO MASS AT THE VILLAGE ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

A Christmas Wish List

Young children sit on Santa’s lap to answer the question that consumes them these days: What do you want for Christmas?

The child in each of us still wants stuff like toys and new clothes. But deep inside us we have more basic needs. We need security, fairness, and love. We want something huge for Christmas. We want peace on earth and justice for the oppressed. We want poverty eliminated and wars ceased.

Isaiah promises we will not be disappointed. He promises that God will do such wondrous things that justice and praise will spring up in every nation. When God is the joy of our soul, Isaiah says, a robe of salvation clothes us and a mantle of justice enfolds us. When God is our joy, we feel as rich as royalty, no matter how poor our state.

What does the earth want for Christmas? It wants good news for the poor, healing for the brokenhearted, liberty for captives, and release for prisoners. The earth wants what God alone can provide.

What do you want for Christmas? Is it something for you or something for the earth? Will it hinder or help the earth get what it needs?

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December 17, 2023
Third Sunday of Advent



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Sacramental Life

Weekend Worship Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Fr. Darvin is available to hear confessions on Saturdays 4:00-4:20 at Sacred Heart or before Sunday Mass by appointment.

The sacraments of Baptism and Matrimony are arranged by calling the Parish Office to schedule preparation.

We welcome new members. To enroll call the Parish Office or contact Barb Black: plc@shjth.org or 812-240-8092.

Ministries		
Date	December 17	December 24
Lector	Steve Norris	Reagan Taylor
Server	Dallas Thralls	BronsonThralls
Gift Bearers	Sereno Family	Isaiah Thralls Family
Ushers	Jody Stafford & Owen Ramsey	Scott Thralls & Charlie Cummins
Eucharistic Ministers	Kris Toney & Pam Norris	MaryLu Thralls & Lana Thralls
Counters	Kay & Terry Jatczak	Barb Black
Cleaners	Kelly & Jody Stafford	Off week

Prayers Please for:

Mavis Barbour Russell, David Auterson, Dick Stultz, Joe Mangia, John Kirkham, Jonnie Hooper, Ray Edwards, Mary Ann Whallon, Lou Ann Wake, John Heck, Terry Jatczak, Sr. Jane Iannaccone, Regina Crowell, Jane Frazier, John Finley, Ray Veit, Dorene Rude, Clara Maywell, Patrick O'Sullivan (Saudi Arabia)



Please let Barb know if any of these people can be removed from the list.

Mass Intentions:

December 17 The Holy Souls in Purgatory
December 24 St. Mary's Village Parish

Faith Formation

Practice for the Christmas pageant today!



Birthday Blessing to:

Miriam Vermillion 12-18
Steve Marrs 12-20

Belated Anniversary Wishes to
John & JoAnne Kahl 12-13

Finance Report

	Dec. 10	Budgeted	Additional Donations
Sunday Collection	\$2260	\$2308	Christmas Flowers \$
Galvin Fund Donations	\$30	\$ 115	Religious Retirement \$210

Did You Know???

This third Sunday of Advent, we Gaudete (rejoice!) because we are over halfway through our Advent journey...getting closer to the glorious 50 day Christmas season celebration. Yes, we celebrate 50 days of Christmas in the Catholic Church! And make no mistake about...the Lord is bringing gifts. Jesus tells us, "give, and it will be Given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you." (Lk 6:38) The practices of Advent change us, allowing us to give our lives more to God, who in return, fills our lives with more of Him. He'll take all the space we give him! He said yes to the manger, and He's got no problem with saying yes to all of you and me.

Rejoice! We're a week out from Christmas and no matter how your advent journey has gone it's not too late to prepare the inn (our hearts!) for the Lord. Let's spend this week praying more, doing some fasting and some good for the poor...all out of love for Jesus, who wants to continue to transform us from glory to glory (2 Cor 3:18). Rejoice friends, our savior is coming to us with new graces this Christmas to help us know Him & Our Father & the Holy Spirit more. Rejoice and prepare the Inn, Jesus is coming anew to me and you!

<https://cathedral.aod.org/gaudete-means-rejoice/>



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Fundraising

Rocky's Flower Shop cards

Thanks to all who helped sell Flower cards. All the cards have been sold! Great job Fundraising Committee!

SCRIP

Thanks to all who have bought SCRIP. You can get anything we have in stock today, then we will be taking a break until the new year.