

Those who use social media or read news reports online are familiar with ICYMI, which is shorthand for “in case you missed it.” We might think of today’s readings as an “in case you missed it” announcement for these early days of Advent. We often think of Advent as the season that precedes Christmas, all about waiting and longing for the coming of the Christ child, which it is. Yet in the early weeks of Advent, we focus on the return of Christ at the end of time, and how we are called to be prepared for it.

Most of us do not spend much time thinking about the end of time or the prospect of Christ’s return in glory. We may not want to admit to ourselves that our actions or attitudes are far from the ways in which we know we should conduct ourselves as Christian people. Or maybe we are uncomfortable with the whole idea of final judgment. It makes us squirm, so we adopt an attitude of “out of sight, out of mind,” and go about our daily lives without much thought or reflection on who we are called to be as disciples of our Lord.

HIT THE RESET BUTTON

Advent is the beginning of a new liturgical year and can be a time for us to embrace the light of God’s love more deeply. If we realize that we are failing to live as we know we ought, let this season be a time to reset our commitment to living and growing as people of faith. While much of these next few weeks will be consumed by our preparations for Christmas, it is good for us to also take some time to take stock and commend our hearts and lives to Christ. Let us “stay awake” to Christ’s higher purposes, not out of a sense of dread or fear of judgment, but rather in anticipation of the advent, or coming, of our Lord.

Today’s Readings: Is 2:1–5; Ps 122:1–2, 3–4, 4–5, 6–7, 8–9; Rom 13:11–14; Mt 24:37–44

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Notes from Fr. Bob Bacik

Happy new Church year! The Sunday readings are from Cycle A (Matthew) and the weekday readings are Year II. Thanks to Watkins Funeral Home, 2020 Church calendars are available for use at home and/or office. Notice how these calendars highlight important feasts and solemnities throughout the calendar year. Liturgical colors are also indicated as well.

Throughout this Advent season I am going to invite our parish to contemplate the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Perhaps in these first weeks of the season we might imagine what it would have been like for Mary and Joseph in the 9 months leading up to Christmas. Contemplating the Holy Family helps us to find ways to make our own families holy. After this time of contemplations and preparation, during the Season of Christmas, there will be an opportunity for all families and individuals to make a "consecration" to the Holy Family. More on this in the weeks to come.

With sadness and hope we learned of the death of Fr. Ray Urbanek this past Sunday. Fr. Ray was a devoted priest who loved Christ and loved the people of God. His advice and humble example have helped make me a better priest and pastor. He will be greatly missed. Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord!

Have a blessed Thanksgiving with family & friends!

Fr. Bob



Imagine the life of Mary and Joseph before the first Christmas. (Jean-Baptiste Wicar, Public domain)

Funeral Arrangements for Fr. Raymond Urbanek

Visitation: Dec. 2 from 2—8 at
Holy Family Church

Rosary: Dec. 2 - 7:30 pm

Funeral: Dec.3—11 am at
Holy Family Church



PARISH WIDE

Dec. 12—Christmas Potluck & Mass— 11:30 am
Dec. 15—Pancake Breakfast

Annual Men's Retreat
January 31 – February 2
St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt
This year's theme:

River of Life: Flowing from our Baptism

Register: 517-669-8321 or www.stfrancis.ws
Suggested Offering for Weekend: \$185

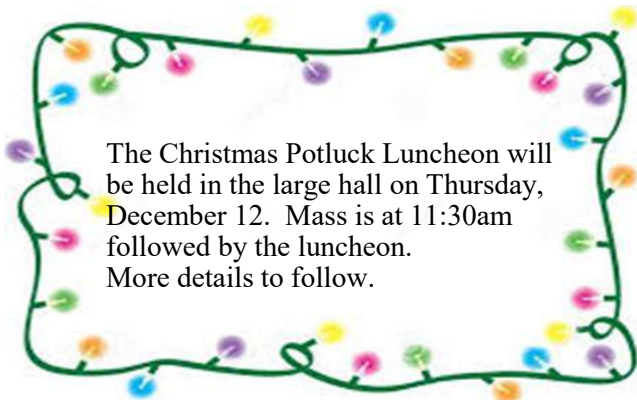
GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree is up and tags are waiting to be filled. All gifts are for the local children in the Laingsburg Schools. Gifts should be **wrapped and returned with the tags taped on the outside**. Food items do not have to be wrapped just tape the tag onto the box or bag. **Return the gifts by Dec. 15.**



LCS CONCERT

The Laingsburg Community Singers will be presenting their Winter/Christmas Concerts on Saturday, December 7 @ 7:30 pm and Sunday, December 8 @ 4:00 pm. Free admission, donations accepted. Reception follows each concert in the large hall. We still have LCS Cookbooks for sale, they will be on a table in the large hall after concerts. Thank you for your support!



The Christmas Potluck Luncheon will be held in the large hall on Thursday, December 12. Mass is at 11:30am followed by the luncheon. More details to follow.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION (REF)

Sundays—10:15 AM—11:15 AM

Dec. 1—NO REF Classes
Dec. 8—REF Classes

Sign up for **REMIND** to receive all notifications for REF. Go to

<https://www.remind.com/join/stisidorer>

Sign up to receive notices via text or email.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Dec. 11— Business Meeting—7:00 pm
Dec. 15—Pancake Breakfast
Dec. 25—Planning Meeting— **CANCELLED**

Knight of the Month: Will Seymour
Family of the Month: Gary & Diana Hurst

SWEATSHIRT DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus and Holy Cross Children's Services thank you for all of the donated sweatshirts.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

This year for the poster contest we asking our kids to make their posters at home. A blank poster and a sign up sheet will be given to the kids during REF classes on November 24. **Extra blank copies can also be found in the racks near the parish office door.** Completed poster must be return by December 8 and placed in the box near the parish office door. We will present awards at the pancake breakfast on December 15..

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS YARD SIGNS

This weekend, **KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS YARD SIGNS** will be available to purchase for \$10 following each Mass.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

SATURDAY — November 30	5:30 PM	✠ Sheila Doyle by Jim Doyle
SUNDAY — December 1	9:00 AM	✠ Janice Tisdale by the Family
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	NO MASS	
Wednesday	6:30 PM	✠ Don Smith by Jim & Kathy Voisinet
Thursday	8:30 AM	✠ Ann McDougall by Chris & Amy Wilson
Friday	8:30 AM	✠ Fr. Mark Berland by Chris & Kay Basgall
SATURDAY — December 7	5:30 PM	✠ Al Ferland by Chris & Kay Basgall
SUNDAY — December 8	9:00 AM	✠ Rebecca Scollon-Butts by the Family

PRAYERS: PLEASE PRAY FOR MELVIN PAMMENT, - KEVIN PLATTE, OLIVER WASHINGTON, - GERRY PACE, - PAT SIMPSON, - RAY DOYLE, - KYLE WALLER, - JUDITH MARTELL (MOTHER OF TERESA PICKENS), - JIM (MAYO) HURST, - CHARLES OLENICZAK (BROTHER OF BARB WRIGHT), - BRUCE CHANDLER (BROTHER OF MARTI ROWLEY), - JIM OLENICZAK (BROTHER OF BARB WRIGHT), - ROSE MORRILL, - JULIE STONER (DAUGHTER OF GENE & BARB STONER), - FRANK LUNDIE, - JOHN MARTINEZ, (FRIEND OF JESSE ANGUIANO) - JANET ARTHUR, - PAM DELONG, - SUSAN DELONG, - THERESA HEEG, - LANA MIERSEN, - MARY STEIN, AGGIE CASSADY, - SHIRLEY GREENE, - MARY MAPES (MOTHER OF MIKE MAPES), - BILL DUSO, - TERESA KECK, (SISTER OF PHYLLIS HART & HELEN STELZER), - JOSEPHINE ANDERSON, - SHANNON HURST, - DENNY LEE, - DAVID OLENICZAK, - JEANNE OLENICZAK, - VERN WRIGHT, — DON ELLIOTT, - TONI DOYLE, - KEITH HURST, - MARY LOU DOYLE, - VIRGINIA BERNAL (COUSIN OF JESSE ANGUIANO), - BRENDA SANFORD (FRIEND OF NANCY CLARK), - DAWN WROBEL, - GARY ANDERSEN, - PEGGY ROUMPZ (FRIEND OF NANCY CLARK), - THERESA PICKLER (FRIEND OF JESSE ANGUIANO)

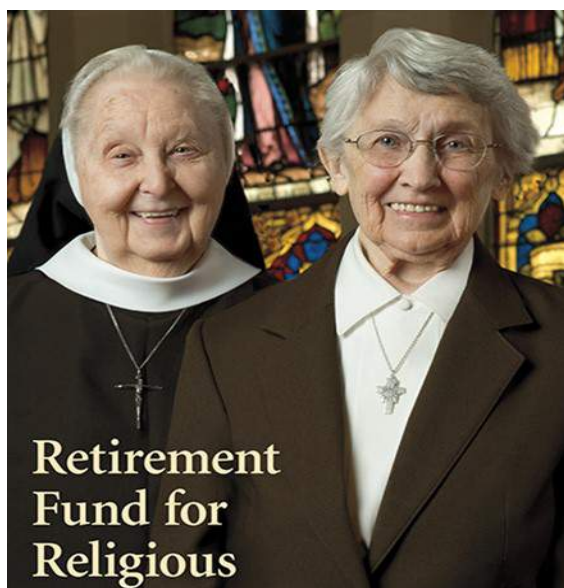
RETIREMENT FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION

Collection will be next weekend, Dec. 7 & 8.

This national effort is to help religious congregations care for their elderly and retired sisters, brothers, and other priests.

Envelopes are in your boxed offertory sets or extra envelopes are available by the bulletins.

OFFERTORY	
Nov. 23 & 24, 2019	
69 Adult Envelopes	\$2,057
Loose Collection	\$313
Children's Offertory	\$48
18 ACH Electronics Offertory	\$1,430
Total Weekly Offertory	\$3,848



BAPTIZED INTO OUR PARISH
November 30
Madelyn Bryce
Daughter of Phillip & Aubrey Zwolensky

