

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

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MASS SCHEDULE

<i>THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i>		
Sat. Dec. 3	5:00 PM	For †Anna Menefee
Sun. Dec. 4	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish
Mon. Dec. 5	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK—SCHOOL MEETING
Tue. Dec. 6	8:00 AM	For †Richard Cox
Wed. Dec. 7	8:00 AM	For †Jessie Bays
<i>THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)</i>		
Thur. Dec. 8	8:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish
	7:00 PM	For †Nancy Tepe (NO ADORATION THIS WEEK)
Fri. Dec. 9	8:00 AM	For †Ellarie Glenn
<i>THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i>		
Sat. Dec. 10	5:00 PM	For †Mary Louise Cross
Sun. Dec. 11	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish

PRAYER LIST—Jerry & Eileen Ehlman, Sherri Moffett, Charles Taylor, Chris Rauf, Katie Davis, Barry Bergman, Andrew Lauck, Bradley Franzen, Pam Babbington, Dave Kordenbrock, Kate & Colton Sherold, Karen Reilly, Emmitt Thomas, Jeff suffering from Meniere’s disease, Tony Bach, John Jackson, Hank Bond, Hudson Feinauer, Mike and Bill Lemming, Dave Neuspickel, Kambie Perkins, Bonita and Jim Happe, Jenny McVey Alm, Dave Verst, Andy Sper, Billie Huffman, Larry Slusher, Brenda Johnson, Verna Payne, Roger High, Rita Funke, and Johnathan Briggs.

BIRTHDAYS— Dec. 2-Andrea Huffman, Dec. 3-Ryder Cooper, Dec. 14-Ella Dickerson, Dec. 16-Imogene Fisk, Dec. 18-Joseph Broering, Dec. 24-Patty Neuspickel, Dec. 29-Megan Oldiges, Dec. 30-Michael Ryan.

ANNIVERSARIES- Dec. 7-Howard and Penny Kluesener, Dec. 13-Jason and Julie Feinauer, Dec. 18-Rosanne and Bernie Rawe

Please send any requests for prayers or memorials to the parish email or call to make a request. If you birthday or anniversary is not listed, let Linda know.



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Worship Schedule:

Saturdays – 5:00 PM

Sundays – 9:00 AM

Weekdays – 8:00 AM

Eucharistic Adoration: Thursdays 6-7:00 PM

Confession Times:

Saturdays – 4:00-4:50 PM

Sundays – 8:00-8:50 AM

Thursdays—6:00-7:00 PM

Parish Staff and Volunteers

Religious Education – Roseanne Rawe (859) 635-1572

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Parish History/Cemetery Info – Patty Neuspickel (859) 472-2508

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DECEMBER 4, 2022

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS—We will be decorating the church for Christmas after the December 11 Mass. If you can stay and help please do so. Thanks and may God Bless each of you.

BAMBENELLI AND TREE BLESSING—On Dec. 10 from 6-8:30PM Bishop Iffert invites all to St. Mary's Park at the Cathedral Square. Bring your family and enjoy blessings, hot chocolate, home made cookies, and live choirs. Bring with you your baby Jesus from your home nativity sets or your church nativity scenes and receive a special blessing from Bishop Iffert. Please RSVP for the event online at <https://forms.office.com/r/UgPPRYM2Y>

SOCK REQUEST FROM SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS—The CCD kids will be collecting socks for the homeless again this year for Christmas. Please bring in a few pairs of new socks for them to use for this.

GIVING TREE—Our Giving Tree for the Christmas season is now up. Please feel free to select as many gifts as you'd like to provide for our family in need this year. Please return all the gifts here by **DECEMBER 18** so we can get them to the family in time for Christmas.

CHRISTMAS PANCAKE BREAKFAST & SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM—Plan now to attend our Christmas breakfast after the 9 AM Mass on Sunday, Dec. 18. The Sunday School kids are working on a program for our listening enjoyment for the event.

LECTOR— Dec. 4-Bill Funke, Dec. 18-Bernie Rawe

CLEANING— Dec. 5-Tom and Darlene

A voice of one crying in the desert,

“Prepare the way of the Lord,

make straight His paths.”



FROM THE PASTOR—THE OLD TESTAMENT:THE LAW

The season of Advent is an excellent opportunity to reflect on the Old Testament. This season is meant for us to consider the fall of humanity, the loss of our original holiness, and all of the preparations which were done by God through ancient Israel in expectation of the coming of the Christ. We see all of this happening in the Old Testament, which prepares for everything which will happen in the New Testament. We should read, reflect, and pray more about these sacred writings as part of our preparation for Christmas.

There are 3 basic divisions of the Old Testament: the law, the prophets, and the writings. The law is that which is called the Torah in Hebrew and contains the first 5 books-Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. This section contains the beginnings of human history up to the institution of the law of Moses upon the Israelites as they enter into the Promised Land. But these books are concerned with more than history, as the title “law” should signify, but with that which God lays down for humanity for our good and our flourishing.

There cannot be order without law, and these initial books demonstrate how God utilizes His law to have order in the universe. From the law instilled within creation from its beginning by His Word of command to the law imposed through Moses upon the Israelites so that they could truly be His people, there is never a period without law. Yet we should marvel at the inefficacy of the law as lived out by man in the matter of settling our initial debt towards God brought about from original sin along with all of our personal sins. Even the Mosaic law is insufficient towards obtaining salvation.

Does this mean the law has no value? Of course not! Even with the grace and mercy won for us in Christ, we are not meant to abandon the law of God. Rather, we must lovingly embrace the command of our heavenly Father who desires our true and eternal good. The law is not a burden imposed by a tyrant but the rules the Father gives us so that we may flourish. We must not reject the law of God but be strengthened in Christ through the Holy Spirit to be faithful observers of the law, especially as Jesus summarizes it all for us in two commandments: Love God with your whole heart and your whole soul and your whole mind, and love your neighbor as yourself (Mt 22:37-39). May we be instructed by the law of God-both ancient and new-so that we may be worthy of the reward of eternal life.

Fr. Jacob Straub

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Dec. 24—5:00 PM (vigil)

Sunday Dec. 25—9:00 AM

Please spread the word!