The Third Sunday of Advent December 16 & 17, 2017

Mass Intentions

Saturday
5:00 PM
Stevie & Peg Mistal [Wedding Anniversary]

Sunday
6:00 AM
Larry & Judy Tea / B. & M. Nall
10:30 AM
Anne Zink / & B. & M. McCandless

Tuesday
8:00 AM
Joe & Isabel Mullek / McCandless
8:00 AM
Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday
8:00 AM
Jerome Majesty / Mary Majesty

Thursday
8:00 AM
Prayers requested in Prayer Journal

Saturday
5:00 PM
Doris Mullek / Frank Mullek

To request a Mass in memory or for the welfare of a loved one, please call the office.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Kindly pray for our parish family and all those who are journeying in a special way with Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Bill Brennan, Kristy Brown, Patricia Chubb, Pat & Sheila Clemens, G. David Cofer, Pat & Morgan Crane, Patricia Cote, Diane Dickerson, Barbara Edwards, Jim Edward, Ed & Nicole Fenn, Jo Flynn, Megan Glowacki, Debra Greene, June Henderson, Brad Jarvis, Judy Jordan, Mercedes Carol Knutson, Mary Link, Bob & Margaret Nall, Daniel Owczarzak, Vera Patterson, Claire & Bill Polton, Paul Peschel, Richard Peterson, Jerome Radtke, Bill Roman, Annie Rutledge, George Schaff, Charles & Jeanie Strempel, Cece Vanes, Catherine Williams, David Woodford

~ Prayer Requests ~

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This Week’s Schedule

Monday
5:00 PM Parish Confessions
Wednesday
9:00 AM Bible Study – IM Hall
Wednesday
4:30 PM Children’s Christmas Choir Practice – Church
Thursday
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Friday
9:00 AM Rosary Cenacle – IM Hall
Saturday
10:00 AM Children’s Final Practice

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND
5:00 PM = 56 8:00 AM = 61 10:30 AM = 64 Total = 181

STEWARDSHIP FOR DECEMBER 10, 2017

Offertory = $2,055.00
Capital Campaign = $1,710.00
Maintenance = $105.00
Retired Religious = $74.00

PARISH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN DRIVE UPDATE

The total received to date is $30,905—we’re getting there! We ask all parishioners to participate and support this worthy project. Donation envelopes are in your offertory packets, at the doors of Mass and in the pews. Thank you for your continued generosity!

Parish Capital Campaign Drive Update

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First Friday Memorial Mass Association

Our Loved Ones – Bob & Margaret Nall
Living & Deceased Kiser, Klein & Murphy Families
Living & Deceased Scott & Weiss Families
Living & Deceased Bush, Alvarez & McAleer Families
Living & Deceased Muller & McCandless Families
Living & Deceased Patron & Norton Families
Living & Deceased Mullek & Caudill Families
Living & Deceased Scott & Weiss Families

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Gospel Reflections

JOHN THE BAPTIST ~ At a school open house a woman was overheard introducing her husband to some of Johnny’s father. And over here, this is Marie’s mom—you know, the little girl from our Ellen’s soccer team.” With satisfied resignation, Bill introduced himself not by name: “I’m Ellen’s dad.” It’s good to know who you are. Be it someone’s father or mother, son or daughter, husband or wife, it’s important to embrace the full meaning of our various roles.

John the Baptist knows who he is and who he is not. He is not the Christ. Nor Elijah. Nor like any other prophet who people had ever seen.

John the Baptist knows his mission is divine. He’s more than satisfied to be the one to announce the coming of God’s reign. The Christ is near. Make straight your paths.

SHARE YOUR GIFTS—Instrumental or vocal—for our Christmas Night 9 PM and Christmas Day 9 AM Masses. See this “Week’s Schedule” for practice date and time.

ALL OUR YOUTH are invited to join together as a choir to sing at the Christmas Vigil Procession (6:00 PM and Mass (4:30 PM). Practice dates are December 20 from 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM with final practice December 23 at 10:00 AM. It is very important that everyone attend all practices to participate. For details, call Pat Hilderbrandt at (251) 609-5271.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

Congratulations to Sr. Thérèse, Mike Handzus and John Hilderbrandt for their appointments to three-year terms, each beginning at the January 2018 Pastoral Council meeting. Many thanks to Bill Specht for his service during his previous three-year term on the Council.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES FOOD PANTRY

December is our month to provide nonperishable food for the CSS pantry. Please use the carton in the pews for this purpose. Practice dates are December 20 from 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM with final practice December 23 at 10:00 AM. It is very important that everyone attend all practices to participate. For details, call Pat Hilderbrandt at (251) 609-5271.

Church Cleaning – December 2017

Martha Byous and Jennifer Edwards

Please call the office to let us know which month you would like to help or if you are unable to clean as scheduled below. Instructions are on the cabinet door in the West Wing sink closet.

December 2017

Dec. 24 9:00 AM 4th Sunday of Advent Mass
Dec. 25 8:45 AM Christmas Day Prelude
Jan. 1 9:00 AM New Year’s Day Mass

The Old Country Philosophy

The Sek – Irish soil
We have a new day, a gift from God above
Lord, help me love you and serve you, and bask in your sweet love

Gift Bearer: Sr. Thérèse / P. Hilderbrandt
Vendors: F. Mulhe / Sal Pinzone
Sally McKinney / R. Geiger / S. Hillestad
J. Crump / B. Jarvis

A STEWARDSHIP OF COMPASSION

In today’s second reading, Paul concludes his letter to the Christian community at Tarsilsonaca by providing it with actions to take as they wait for the return of the Lord. The first action is to rejoice always and give thanks in all circumstances. This means giving thanks and rejoicing even when our circumstances are not always moments of joy and thanksgiving or when we are confronted with a broken world. Prayerful stertows rejoice and give thanks in all circumstances because they are people of hope. A good reflection this week would be how the season of Advent can give you reason to hope.

HELP WANTED! Good Counsel Mary’s Shelter Gulf Coast

A 24/7 home for homeless pregnant women and their children, has immediate openings for these positions: Resident Advisor – Full-time position with benefits. Must be able to work any shift as needed. Contact Linda Glover at 251-986-6200 or lindaglover@goodcounselshomes.org.

FUNDRAISING/Finance Assistant – Part-time position responsible for data entry in both Quickbooks and accounting. Knowledge of databases strongly preferred. Please contact John Hinsin at john.hinsin@goodcounselshomes.org.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today there is an abrupt shift in the season of Advent. From here on the tone is more joyful and expectant and the tug of the trench-like Advent season of the coming of God’s reign. The Christ is near. Make straight your paths.

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