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# Advent 2021



## **ADVENT & CHRISTMAS LITURGY AT HOLY TRINITY**

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES Friday December 24 4PM 6PM 10PM Saturday December 25 9AM

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY MASSES Sunday Dec 26 8:30AM 10:30AM

# TAIZÉ SERVICES AT HOLY TRINITY

6PM SUNDAYS - DECEMBER 12, 19

Join us this Advent season for Taizé, an ecumenical prayer service that invites us to find a quiet place of peace in the middle of the busy Christmas season. Taizé is a meditative prayer service that incorporates scripture, song and periods of silence in an atmosphere of soft lighting. Taizé will be held at 6 PM at Holy Trinity and will last about 45 minutes. We hope you can join us.

## **COMMUNAL PENANCE**

These are held around the Dioceses:

Dec 11 Our Lady Immaculate Heart, Ankeny 9AM Dec 12 St. Mary's, Elkhart 2PM Dec 13 St. Theresa, Des Moines 7PM Dec 14 St. Joseph, Des Moines 6PM Dec 16 Ss John and Paul, Altoona 7PM Dec 18 St. Anthony, Des Moines 9AM Dec 19 St. John the Apostle, Norwalk 1PM

# HOLY TRINITY INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS

Wed Dec 15 from 6-7PM Wed Dec 22 from 5-6PM



HOLIDAY PLANNING As you make plans for the holidays, keep this in mind: Christmas Day falls on a Saturday this year. As the solemn celebration of Jesus' birth, this day remains a Holy Day of Obligation. Likewise, the Sunday obligation (for the Feast of the Holy Family) also remains in force. Thus, we will have 2 Mass obligations to fulfill between Dec. 24 and Dec. 26, one for Christmas and one for Sunday. Please note, one cannot "kill two birds with one stone." We must go to two Masses, one for Christmas and one on Sunday, the 26th of December.

EMMAUS HOUSE Need a gift for that hard-to-buy-for loved one? Get him or her a gift certificate for Emmaus House, now in Urbandale. Gift certificates can be used for services and events including group retreats, private retreats and spiritual direction. Call us at 515-282-4839 or email us at marymc@theemmaushouse.org to order a certificate.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY We still need of a few sponsors for this year's RCIA candidates. This is a wonderful way to help a new candidate as well as learn more about our Catholic faith. If you would like to accompany one of our candidates on their journey to becoming Catholic, please contact the Parish Office at 255-3162 ext. 128 or talk to/email Deacon Doug at dougr@holytrinitydm.org.

NEXT BAPTISM CLASS IS ON MONDAY DEC 13 If you are planning on baptizing your child at Holy Trinity, a Baptism Class is required. Please sign up for class by calling the Parish Office at 255-3162 ext.128. We look forward to celebrating this beautiful Sacrament with you!

NEED FOR PRISON MINISTRY We're collecting used Catholic Bible Concordances. They're needed for Catholic prisoners who only have access to non-Catholic concordances. Please drop off Concordances you can part with to the Church Office by December 15. Questions, contact Mary Ann at 515-274-3939



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS PROJECT-SIGN UP NOW If your family needs help with food or toys this Christmas, or if you know of a local family who needs help, please contact the Parish Office at 255-3162. We provide a bountiful food basket and some gifts for these families who need a little extra help this Christmas. The Parish Office will need sizes & ages of children/adults as well as contact info so our St. Vincent DePaul volunteers can get in touch.



JOIN US FOR A HOLY TRINITY TRADITION...THE HANGING OF THE GREENS ON SUNDAY-DECEMBER 19TH AFTER THE 10:30 MASS Join us as we prepare our church for Christmas by "Hanging the Greens" and decorating for the beautiful Christmas Season. Families are welcome. Service hours available. Many hands make light work. See you on December 19th after 10:30 Mass for this Advent tradition.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED... Beverly Cinnamon, longtime Holy Trinity Parishioner



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# FINANCIAL BLESSINGS ENDING WEEK OF DEC 5 2021 nne 2022 \$1,000,000 YTD Surplus (Deficit)

Budget - July 2021 - June 2022 YTD Actual Tithing through Dec 5 YTD Budget through Dec 5

\$1,000,000 \$376,160 \$418,325 YTD Surplus (Deficit) Tithing for the week ending Dec 5 Number of Donations Received (\$42,165) \$4430 48

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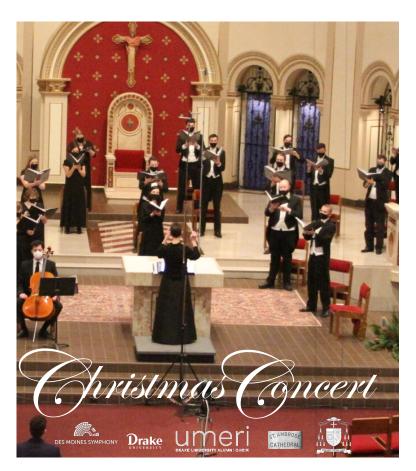


NEW SCHOLA DIRECTOR We are pleased to announce that we have found a Schola Choir director. Frances Paterik. A native of Illinois. Frances received her Bachelor of Music Education (BME) & a Master of Music (MM) performance from Western Illinois University. She has performed Opera, Oratorio & Musical Theatre, with various companies around the Chicago. She has taught in Iowa public school system. She has directed choirs and sang with First Christian Church, St John's Lutheran, St Paul Episcopal & Faith Lutheran. Frances loves working with singers of all ages and encourages everyone to sing. Frances will begin with Holy Trinity 10:30 Mass in January 2022. In the meantime, we will be gathering names of those who wish to join the Schola Choir. If you are a junior in High School or older, you are encouraged to join. In addition, we are looking for a permanent piano accompanist. Fran is also interested in any other instruments to help enhance the 10:30 Mass music. Please contact Andy Negrete in the parish office 255-3162 ext. 129 or andyn@holytrinitydm.org



ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED We can have 3! Eligible servers are students <u>already</u> trained with Parental Permission. <u>Parents—</u>email student's name and Mass time availability to <u>carolynr@holytrinitydm.org</u>.

USHERS NEEDED! As we are now required to maintain our holy obligation for Sunday masses, we need you! Please contact Andy Negrete 255-3162 ext. 129 or andyn@holytrinitydm.org



#### UMERI, THE DRAKE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI CHOIR, PRESENTS The Lessons, Carols, © Reflections Of Christmas

Umeri, the Drake University alumni choir, will present The Lessons, Carols, and Reflections of Christmas on Sunday, December 19, 3PM, at St. Ambrose Cathedral in downtown Des Moines. The concert will include choral music by American, Austrian, and Estonian composers; three newlycommissioned reflections written by local clergy Rev. Robyn Bles (Wakonda Christian Church) and Rev. Tim Fitzgerald (Diocese of Des Moines), as well as Dr. Charles Anthony Silvestri (poet for renowned composers such as Eric Whitacre and Ola Gjeilo); a variety of readings; and carols sung by the audience. A special feature will be the premiere of a setting of the Christina Rossetti poem "In the Bleak Mid-winter" by New York composer John Armstrong. There is no admission charge for the concert.

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#### 2021 ADVENT GIVING TREE

As we journey through the season of Advent, we will once again have our annual Holy Trinity Advent Giving Tree. Please stop by the tree, located in the Sanctuary, after Mass to see what is needed.

Donations from this year's Advent Giving Tree will be supporting four of our local outreach organizations here in Des Moines:

- ★ St Vincent de Paul
- Connection Café
- Children & Family Urban Movement (CFUM)
- Catholic Charities

We want to thank you for your continued generosity in helping make this Advent season just a little brighter for those in need here in our local community! Donations can be returned to the Giving Tree during any of our weekend Liturgies or they can be dropped off at the Parish Office by December 21. Please contact the Parish Office at 255-3162 if you have questions.



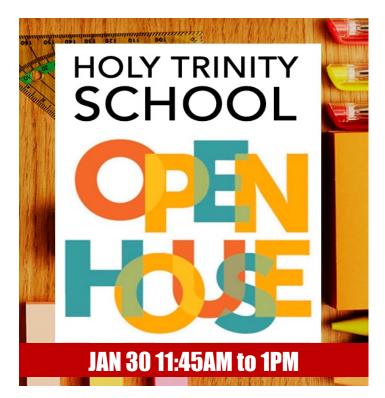




KIDS CONNECTION TEAM ASSOCIATES NEEDED Holy Trinity Kids Connection is looking for an optimistic, energetic, and responsible leader to fill an immediate Team Associate position. Kids Connection is a DHS Licensed Child Care Program with an inviting, positive, and gratifying atmosphere in a before and after school childcare program. Kids Connection serves children aged Preschool-8th grade. Hours could amount up to 15 per week. Job requirements are the following: must be at least 16 years of age, ability to lift 15+ pounds, able to provide first aid/CPR, obtain a health physical, pass the required background and fingerprint checks, and the completion and maintenance of additional mandatory DHS training (up to 10 hours) as required. If interested in this fun & flexible part time position with a competitive wage, please reach out to Jenith Burry (jburry@htschool.org) today!

# **SAVE THE DATE** 22-23 ENROLLMENT AT HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL STARTS JANUARY 30

Make sure you have access to early enrollment by signing up <a href="https://htschool.schooladminonline.com/portal/new\_inquiry">https://htschool.schooladminonline.com/portal/new\_inquiry</a>



THE BEST VALUE IN EDUCATION Holy Trinity challenges students in grades preschool 3 to 8th grade to aim higher academically, spiritually and personally. We offer the best value in education and we provide tuition assistance to help you afford it. Expect more. Explore Catholic education at Holy Trinity. Schedule your visit today at dmdiocese.org/expectmore.

You can read about the many ways to make tuition more affordable on our Blog at <u>https://holytrinitydm.org/value-of-catholic-education/</u>



WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET \$500 OFF TUITION? Holy Trinity offers its school families \$500 for each family they refer who enroll. Do you know a family that would love to have their children attend Holy Trinity Catholic School? Have them contact us today at <u>holytrinity@htschool.org</u>. Are you a family that would like to transfer your students to our school? Children in grades 1-7 receive \$1500 each toward tuition costs! Here are some benefits of our school:

- STREAM: We integrate Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts and Math into our curriculum. This means your student is receiving a well-rounded education with 21-century skillsets taught alongside a foundation of faith and creative thinking. Holy Trinity has won the Governor's STEM grant 7 times.
- INDIVIDUALIZED INSTRUCTION: We are right-sized to ensure your children have more one-on-one attention in the class. Most grades average about 15-19 students per class.
- COMMUNITY: We offer a place where not only your child, but your whole family feels welcome. We believe that education is a journey we take together as teachers, admin, staff and parents.



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All donations will go to the Ruby Van Meter Parents Guild.



#### **"PUTTING FAITH TO WORK"**

Our Holy Trinity Knights of Columbus Council #14029 is introducing **"Putting Faith to Work,"** an initiative in collaboration with the Dioceses of Des Moines Disability Ministry that takes a community approach to connect businesses with hiring needs by supporting people with disabilities.



#### YOU'RE INVITED!

Sun December 12 to a breakfast served by your Holy Trinity K of C following the 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM Masses

in our Social Room. During breakfast you will have the opportunity to view resumes of persons with disabilities from the Des Moines area who are seeking employment and will learn how you might support them by "Putting Faith to Work." Come and join our conversation to learn more.

#### RESUMES

Scan the code or utilize the link below to view job candidate resumes. Or contact Patty Origer poriger@dmdiocese.org 515-237-5073



# A PERFECT GIFT

Soon after the birth of my son Charlie\*, who has Down syndrome, a visitor asked whether he was "mild, moderate, or severe" referring to his level of cognitive impairment. I knew the terminology, but the question shocked me. In my arms I held my beautiful baby boy, who defied easy



describe some aspects of an individual's

categorization. Clinical labels may

"functioning," but they don't tell the whole story. Labels could not describe how Charlie's smile lit up a room or how the sweetness of his soul had captured our hearts so completely.

#### **RELATIONSHIP CHANGES EVERYTHING**

I have since come to understand that clinical categories also miss another important dimension of personhood: we are created to be in relationship with others. As Pope Saint John Paul II said in his encyclical *Evangelium vitae* (*The Gospel of Life*), "Within the family each member is accepted, respected and honored precisely because he or she is a person; and if any family member is in greater need, the care which he or she receives is all the more intense and attentive."<sup>i</sup>

Charlie does well because we love him and attend to him out of that love. We make accommodations to compensate for the challenges that arise, and his strengths become more apparent. He plays an integral role in our family's happiness. For example, he is our most empathetic child—the first to notice and offer comfort when we are hurt.

People often say, "I could never handle a child with a disability." But the beauty of parenting is that you aren't given *a* child with a disability. You are given *your* child with a disability. Your child enters the world in a relationship with you, and that changes everything. You are not called to "handle" a disability. You are called to love a particular person, and caring for him or her grows out of that love. The challenges that come with his diagnosis make up only a small part of life with our wonderful little boy.

#### STAINED GLASS

I once read an article in which a woman discussed the reasons for aborting her child with Down syndrome. The deal-breaker was watching a boy with Down syndrome at a restaurant with his parents: they had to hand-feed him a slice of pizza and wipe his face with a napkin. This hit home for me. We weaned Charlie off a feeding tube when he was seven, spoon-feeding him and often wiping his face afterwards. I wonder how many people saw us and decided a life like his isn't worth living. Had anyone asked, I would have said, "It might look a little crazy from the outside, but he's an amazing little boy, and it's a good life.

(Continued on reverse)



It's like looking at a stained-glass window from the outside: the colors look dark, and you can't quite make out the figures. From the inside, however, with the sun shining through it, the effect can be brilliant. From inside our family, love illuminates our life with Charlie. What may seem dreary to others, perhaps even unbearable, is actually filled with beauty and color. We know, for instance, that Charlie worked hard to gain basic feeding skills that most people take for granted, and we are so proud of his valiant efforts.

#### PERFECTION

Many parents want perfect children, and our culture is obsessed with superficial perfection. Photos are airbrushed, and social media depicts seemingly perfect lives. However, God calls us to seek perfection not in appearance or abilities, but in love.

Christians know what perfect love looks like—Jesus offering himself on the Cross. Love in a family where one member has a serious disability may look unappealing from the outside. Indeed, love in *any* family is messy; there are faces to wipe and sacrifices to make. It's natural to fear that such sacrifices will require too much, but this is where the deep mystery of sacrificial love becomes apparent.

In our family, we have found that our hearts, rather than being weighed down, have become larger. Caring for Charlie has given us more patience, more compassion and more love for others—especially those on the outskirts of society, whom Pope Francis so often calls us to care for.

#### A FUNDAMENTAL TRUTH

Perhaps this is why so many families of children with disabilities, despite difficulties, often radiate joy. When I meet another parent of a child with Down syndrome, there is usually a moment of instant recognition and understanding. Our eyes meet, and we smile conspiratorially, as if we're in on the same secret: the fundamental truth that every life is a good and prefect gift.

Many know this on an intellectual level, but those who love someone with a disability see it in their loved one's face in a particular way. Our love for our children has nothing to do with their abilities. We love them simply because of who they *are* and understanding this teaches us how to truly love everyone. We also begin to understand our own worth, which depends not on our skills or appearance, but solely on the fact that we are created in the image and likeness of God and loved by Him. Our lives—*all* our lives—are worth living.

\*Name changed for privacy. The author has a Ph.D. in developmental psychology and has been advocating since the birth of her son Charlie\* for children who are prenatally diagnosed with disabilities.

<sup>i</sup> Pope St. John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae* (*The Gospel of Life*) (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1995), no. 92.

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If you are an employer or you know of someone who would be interested in learning about the gifts that persons of disabilities can bring to the workplace, please join us on Sunday, December 12 following the 8:30 to 10:30 AM Masses at in the Social Room during the Knights breakfast to learn how you might support them by "**Putting Faith to Work.**"

#### If you would like additional information about "Putting Faith to Work" you can contact Patty Origer

poriger@dmdiocese.org 515-237-5073 Coordinator of Persons with Disability Ministry for the Diocese of Des Moines

## DIOCESE AND COMMUNITY DEC 12 2021



COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church of West Des Moines, IA, is seeking a full-time Communications Coordinator. This position facilitates day-today communications which includes the bulletin, website, social media, e-newsletters and marketing materials. The ideal candidate will have demonstrated success in marketing communications, digital and social media, and media relations; with strong writing, editing, communications, and project implementation skills. Candidates should hold а Communications, Marketing, or Journalism degree with a minimum of 3 years of relevant experience. Must have strong computer skills with proficiency in Microsoft Office and webbased content management systems. Practicing Catholic preferred. Please submit Resume and Cover Letter to: Human Resources Coordinator, 7075 Ashworth Road, West Des Moines, IA 50266.

Or by email: communications@saintfrancischurch.org

MAN-UP WEST, DECEMBER 2021: LUNCH WITH BISHOP WILLIAM JOENSEN Bishop Joensen will join Man-Up West for the 1st time. He will cover topics such as:

- His background
- Life as a college professor and dean of campus spiritual life
- Life as a Bishop, Eucharistic Renewal and Revival
- The Ignite Capital Campaign

Join us on Friday, December 10, Noon/St. Francis of Assisi Parish, West Des Moines A Lunch from Chick-fil-A will be available for a free-will offering. Program: High Noon, December 10th, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church 7075 Ashworth Rd, West Des Moines, IA 50266 Register for this event at https://www.iowacatholicradio.com/events

THINKING ABOUT PRIESTHOOD? Bishop William Joensen is offering a unique opportunity Dec. 17-19 for men who are high school seniors or older and thinking about priesthood. Come to Bishop's Discernment Retreat and learn more about what discernment is and what life as a diocesan priest is like. Email Vocations Director Father Ross Parker at vocations@dmdiocese.org or call 515-237-5050 for more information.

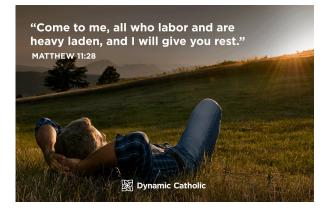


CATHOLIC ADULTS IN THEIR 20S AND 30S 'Tis the season for making spirits bright, so join the Catholic Singles group for our Christmas party while also helping out a local family in need. During the party, we will be wrapping gifts for our adopted family from InnerVisions. For details about our service project, please email

YCDMCatholicSingles@gmail.com. Here's the link: Catholic Singles Christmas Party & Service Event Facebook Ugly Christmas sweaters encouraged but not required. EVENT: Fri, Dec. 10, 2021 7PM to 9:30 PM at St Augustin Parish Hall (545 42nd St, Des Moines) Drinks & appetizers provided,

including a hot cocoa bar.

ST AMBROSE CATHEDRAL TO HOST MONTHLY HEALING SERVICES On December 15, all are invited to attend a healing service at the Cathedral at 7 PM. "Come to me, all you are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."



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#### SPIRITUALITY OF THE READING

#### Hope and Joy

What an overwhelming message is carried in today's liturgy: "Rejoice in the Lord always! May we experience the joy of salvation! Shout for joy! Sing joyfully! Cry out with joy and gladness!"

There is a profound sense of hope for a better world to come, a world in which, the prophet says, "you have no further misfortune to fear and the apostle tells us to dismiss all anxiety from your minds."

The reason for this joy and hope is clear: "The Lord himself is near" (Second Reading); "there is one to come who is mightier than I" (Gospel).

It is within this context of joyous and hopeful expectation of the coming of Christ that we must understand the exhortations of John to the people. Our work for a better world is preparation for the coming of Christ. It is also a sign that the coming of Christ is near.

"The Spirit of the Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor." That is the message which we are to shout with joy: Jesus is coming with Good News for all those who are suffering because of injustice and peacelessness.

The Christian's hope comes primarily from the fact that he knows that the Lord is working with us in the world, continuing in his Body which is the Church—and, through the Church, in the whole of mankind—the Redemption which was accomplished on the Cross and which burst forth in victory on the morning of the Resurrection. This hope springs also from the fact that the Christian knows that other men are at work, to undertake actions of justice and peace working for the same ends.

Pope Paul VI, Octogesimo Adveniens, 1971: 48

Gerald Darring

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READING I Zephaniah 3:14-18a

PSALM Isaiah 12:2-6

READING II Philippians 4:4-7

GOSPEL Luke 3:10-18

**Question for Children:** Why is it so important to keep promises which you have made?

**Question for Youth:** What do you remember from stories about your Baptism? What does your Baptism mean to you now?

**Question for Adults:** How can you live the promise of your Baptism each day?

Use these activities as a way to further reflect on the Sunday readings:

- This is the Third Sunday of Advent, a day to rejoice. Do a fun activity with the family, such as sledding, making cookies, or driving together to see the holiday lights.
- Light three candles (two purple and one pink) on the Advent wreath. Have each family member offer a prayer of thanks for someone who has shown the presence of Christ by his or her love, patience, or forgiveness.
   Conclude by praying the Lord's Prayer together.

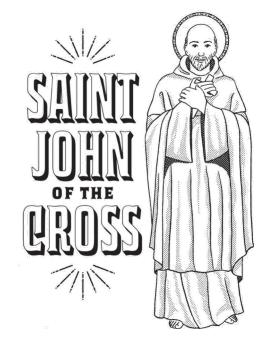
#### SAINT OF THE WEEK

#### John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor

Juan's father died when Juan was two. At nine, the family moved, and Juan worked at a hospital and began his studies at a Jesuit school. He earned a position as nurse, was very compassionate to the critically ill and lonely, while still a serious student. After graduation he joined the Carmelite order and traveled around Spain founding monasteries and establishing rules. He became a Discalced (barefoot) Carmelite and came to be known as John of the Cross, Juan de la Cruz. He was imprisoned for refusing to return to his original posting and beaten weekly. This inspired some of his poetry. He is the patron saint of contemplatives, mystics and mystical theology, as well as Spanish poets.

John's message today: Early in his life, John of the Cross learned to deny himself in order to bring himself closer to God. Few of us have had the experience of poverty and hardship experienced by John, but all of us can bring ourselves closer to God by prayer and self-denial.





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## PARISH CALENDAR WEEK OF DEC 12 2021

	SUNDAY 12/12	MONDAY 12/13	TUESDAY 12/14	WEDNESDAY 12/15	THURSDAY 12/16	FRIDAY 12/17	SATURDAY 12/18
HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL	Hot Breakfast from the Knights <b>after Sunday</b> Masses		Middle School Choir & Band Concert <b>6:30 PM CH</b>			\$1 Jeans Day Hosted by Grade 7	
FAITH FORMATION	Third Sunday of Advent		RCIA Meeting 6:30PM 7R RM 104	Faith Formation 6:30PM			Fourth Sunday of Advent Vigil Mass
ADULT FAITH FORMATION	Mass 8:30AM 10:30AM Individual Confession times for Advent 11:45AM - 12:30PM Taizé 6PM	No Communion Service	Mass 8:30AM	School Mass 8:30AM hosted by Grade 7 Individual Confession times for Advent 6-7PM	Mass 8AM Adoration 2-9PM Rosary 4:15PM	Mass 8:30AM	Reconciliation 3-3:45PM Sunday Vigil Mass 4:30PM Sunday Reading Grp MEN'S 7:30AM SR WOMEN'S 8:30AM CH
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CH: Church 101-106: Classrooms DC: Day Chapel K: Kitchen MC: Media Center PO: Parish Office SR: Social Room

MASS / LITURGY SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS DAILY MASS READINGS @ https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/100421.cfm

Sunday Dec 12 8:30 AM Mass 10:30 AM Mass

Monday Dec 13

Tuesday Dec 14 8:30 AM Mass

Wednesday Dec 15 8:30 AM School Mass

**Thursday Dec 16** 8 AM Mass 2-9 PM / 4:15 PM

Friday Dec 17 8:30 AM Mass

**Saturday Dec 18** 3-3:45 PM 4:30 PM Mass

**Sunday Dec 19** 8:30 AM Mass 10:30 AM Mass 6PM Taizé THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Jim Harken Ron Nielsen

**NO Communion Service** 

Joe Oertli

Bob & Janice Weast

Joseph Ross DeSio Adoration / Rosary

**Delpha McCormick** 

Clara Flattery

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Reconciliation For the Parish

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Marcie Coleman

#### NEXT WEEK LITURGICAL MINISTERS / ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday Dec 18 4:30 PM Fourth Sunday of Advent Vigil Altar Servers Tyler Leo & Elijah DuShane Lectors Mark Judge & Mary Sanders EMHC Team 3 Tom Quiner **Musical Coordinator** Sunday Dec 19 8:30 AM **Fourth Sunday of Advent** Cameron Goode & Jack Ernst Altar Servers Doug Gross & Karen Quiner Lectors Team 3 EMHC Children's Liturgy Lynn Ernst **Musical Coordinator** Tom Quiner Sunday Dec 19 10:30 AM Fourth Sunday of Advent Altar Servers Max Fahnlander & Ruth George Lectors Tim Stacy & Jim Wilwerding EMHC Team 2 Children's Liturgy Alyssa Murdock & Michele Crandell Musical Coordinator TBA

WEEKEND MASSES Sat 4:30 PM / Sun 8:30 & 10:30 AM WEEKDAY MASSES Tue, Wed & Fri 8:30 AM / Thurs 8AM

Want more information? Call the Parish Office 515 255 3162 X128 M-F 8AM-4PM

# A PRAYER FOR THE **Third Sunday of Advent**

Joy-filled Giver of Life, let the anticipation of your birth fill us with overflowing joy. May our excitement and anticipation be a sign to the world that you are always near. Amen.

