# narvestnews Fourth Sunday of Advent









Christmas Schedule

MAKE PLANS TO BE WITH US

**DECEMBER 24** 4:00 PM Modern Worship 6:00 PM Children's Mass MIDNIGHT (11:30 PM Concert)

Christmas Eve Christmas Day

**DECEMBER 25** 8:30 AM Mass 11:00 AM Mass





MORE INFO: STISIDORE.CHURCH/CHRISTMAS

# CONNECTING POINT

#### Where is God calling me to greater trust?

Trust can be a very difficult thing, especially when we have been betrayed by someone close to us. Maybe we are the ones who betrayed someone in a significant relationship and that person is finding it difficult to trust us again. No matter our particular situation, the majority of us don't have the benefit of an angel coming to us in a vivid dream, telling us to "trust" in God's plan for our lives.

Joseph was in a serious predicament. He probably would not have gone through with his marriage to Mary had the angel not visited him. So what do we do without an angel telling us what to do when we face serious issues of betrayal, lost trust, times when we wonder if God is really there for us? Whether with God or the others in our lives, trust involves willing collaboration and vulnerability. Total trust means letting go of time as we know it (as well as the past) and trusting in God's time. Some of the stress in the struggle may be essential in the growth of the relationship.

The Jamaicans have a great saying: "No problem, mon, only situation." When we give all problems to God, we can trust that our moments of struggle are situational and will change and come to pass. Conversely, focusing our emotional energy on obstacles, past hurts, doubts, and discouragements, prevents us from moving forward through the trials in a willing collaboration of trust. Prayer is an essential part of the collaboration of trust: a conversation designed to help center us back to God's time. May we all learn to pray, trust, and let go of our focus on the problem and give the situation to our savior, Emmanuel, God with Us.

-Amy Righi

# HOLIDAY HEALTH AND SAFETY TIPS

The Christmas Holiday Season is a great opportunity to enjoy time with family and friends, celebrate life, to worship and be grateful, and reflect on what's important. It is also a time to appreciate the gift of health. Here are some holiday tips to support your efforts for health and safety this season.

#### WASH YOUR HANDS OFTEN

Keeping hands clean is one of the most important steps you can take to avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others. Wash your hands with soap and clean running water, and rub them together for at least 20 seconds. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don't have tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow, not your hands.

#### **STAY WARM**

Cold temperatures can cause serious health problems, especially in infants and older adults. Stay dry, and dress warmly in several layers.

#### **MANAGE STRESS**

The holidays don't need to take a toll on your health and pocketbook. Keep your commitments and spending in check. Balance work, home, and play. Get support from family and friends. Keep a relaxed and positive outlook. Make sure to get proper sleep.

#### **TRAVEL SAFELY**

Whether you're traveling across town or around the world, help ensure your trip is safe. Don't drink and drive, and don't let someone else drink and drive. Wear a seat belt every time you drive or ride in a motor vehicle. Always buckle your child in the car using a child safety seat, booster seat, or seat belt appropriate for his/her height, weight, and age.

#### **BE SMOKE-FREE**

Avoid smoking and breathing other people's smoke. If you smoke, quit today! Call 1-800-QUIT-NOW or talk to your health care provider for help.

#### **GET CHECK-UPS AND VACCINATIONS**

Exams and screenings can help find potential problems early, when the chances for treatment and cure are often better. Vaccinations help prevent diseases and save lives. Schedule a visit with your health care provider for needed exams and screenings. Ask what vaccinations and tests you should get based on your age, lifestyle, travel plans, medical history, and family health history.

# INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS

Individual Reconciliation will be offered on Monday, December 23rd after 8:00 AM Mass.

This Christmas, may God bless you with a festive, loving and peaceful celebration and all throughout the year. - Heather and the Parish Health Ministry

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

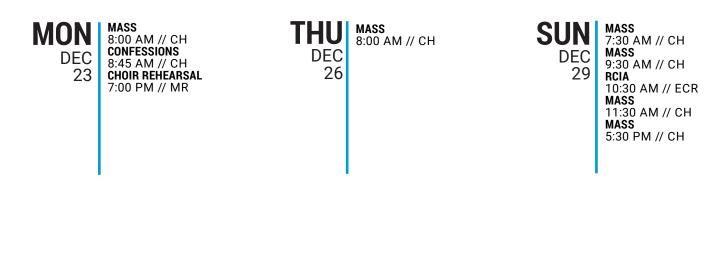


MASS 7:30 AM // CH MASS 9:30 AM // CH RCIA 10:30 AM // ECR MASS 11:30 AM // CH CHRISTMAS CONTEMP. REH. 2:00 PM // CH MASS 5:30 PM // CH





MASS 8:00 AM // CH CONFESSIONS 3:15 PM // CH K OF C ROSARY 3:45 PM MASS 4:30 PM // CH







CALENDAR LOCATION KEY //

A-Atrium, CH-Church, CR-Classrooms, CY-Courtyard, ECR-Executive Conference Room, FCR-Front Conference Room FO-Front Office, GS-Gathering Space, K-Social Hall Kitchen, MA-Maintenance Room, MR-Music Room, PL-Parking Lot, OS-Off Site, RC-Resource Center, REC-Rectory, SH-Social Hall, YR-Youth Room

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS // 586-286-1700

MONDAY - THURSDAY 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM **FRIDAY** 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM **LUNCH HOUR** 12:00 - 1:15 PM (M, W, 12:00 - 1:30 PM (T)

**SATURDAY** 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM **SUNDAY** 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 22, 2019

# **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21** MASS INTENTION

#### 4:30 PM

- † Joan Orsini
- † Larry Prudhomme † Maria Monserez † Miller + Kraslewski † Bruno, Mary, John Slominski † Orsini Family † Joseph Micheal Barone † Dolores Busacca † Julian and Marie
- † Duane Mousty
- † Jerry Cusenza 8TH ANNIVERSARY

#### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22** 7:30 AM

- † Joseph Hoang
- † Helen Kustarz
- † Andrew Nicosia
- † Leo and Frances Lacroix
- † Donald and Therese McCoy
- † Umberto Romano

#### 9:30 AM

- † Kenneth Mlutkowski
- † Josephine Bosek
- † Bill Pullen
- **† Vincent Sancimino BIRTHDAY**
- † Victor Porto
- † Stella and Joe Frankowski
- † Margaret and Frank Jochum

#### 11:30 AM

- Zari Balo
- † Frank DiPonio
- † Ligaya Lanni
- † Charles Ruman
- † John Seibert
- † Vince Avellino
- **†** Felisa Brummell 16TH ANNIVERSARY
- † Allen Buckenhizer
- † Edward and Mary Hajski Kim Bodary

#### 5:30 PM

- † Del Hogan BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
- † Don and June Holland
- † Agnes and Leo Easterman

#### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 23**

- † M/M Jan Kamluk
- † James J. McCall
- † Tim Zaremski BIRTHDAY
- † Vince Avellino
- † John Schirck
- † Laurie Sorensen
- † Ted Wilski

ST. ISIDORE CHURCH

† Diane Lemanski

#### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24** Christmas Eve

The Future of the Very Young

- Husband Wife Maria Monserez Family Family Family Family Family Family Wife, Virginia Wife
- Kelly Doan Family Daughter, Bonnie Family + Friends Family Family **Fiorini Family**
- Wife Family Wife, Marge Wife Family Diane and Jerry Diane and Jerry
- Tony, Rita, + Family Family Virginia Ohl Wife + Family Wife Family Family Diane Buckenhizer Diane Buckenhizer Mom and Dad

**Hicks Family** Daughter Family

Daughter Family Mother Family Family Grace Mancini Family Parents

**POPE'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION // DECEMBER** 

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day

#### **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26**

+ Sarafin and Saelens Famlies † Vince Avellino † Gerald Larson

#### **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27**

- † Eugene Herc † Annette Lalama
- † Bob Zaremski
- † Vince Avellino

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28 4:30 PM

- † Francesco Ricci
- + M. Dutton + Sister Stephanie
- † Edward O'Donnell
- † Ricci Family
- † Eleanor Mielewski
- † Anthony + Teofila Slominski
- † Ines Franczak 3rd ANNIVERSARY
- † Tricia Moceri BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
- Stephen and Lottie Muzyk + Renee Maciejewski † Mary Schultz
- † Ilene Rose Matt BIRTHDAY
- + Cass Borowicz Family

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29 7:30 AM

- + Gus + Mary Spriet
- † Msgr. Ferdinand DeCneudt
- † Leo Silvestri
- † Svlvester DeCock
- † Stefano DiBellis
- † Yvonne Koss
- Mary Lee † Rose Marie Wlodeck

#### 9:30 AM

- † David Urben
- † Kenneth Mlutkowski
- † Vince Avellino
- † Mark Drohan
- † Thomas & Stephanie Mule **Diane Venuto** Fr. Francis Faraci
- + Jacob and Veronica Kosinski
- † Paolo Persichetti Albert and Theresa Toccaceli Valentage

#### 11:30 AM

- † Joan Seger
- † Elena Lena 2ND YEAR ANNIVERSARY
- **†** Ronald Sloan BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

#### 5:30 PM

That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

MACOMB, MICHIGAN

+ Edward Kosinski Family

Pat Saelens Family S. Green

Wife Mother Wife Family

> Friend Family Wife Friend Friend Granddaughter Family **Hicks Family** Jeff Muzyk Leona Hallaert Carl & Linda Yaden Friends Family

- Family Friend Family Virginia Elisa and John DiBella **Richard Koss Family** Family Mary Lou and Ron Pratt
- Quinn and Liam Wife Family Son Dominic Mary, daughter Family Sapienza Family Sapienza Carlo & Debbie Vennettilli Friend Mom
- Family Family Hilton Family

Family

# ST. VINCENT de PAUL



"Love of self, neighbor and God are not three separate and distinct forms of loving. Learning to love one's neighbor is, at the same time, learning to love God. The love we hold for ourselves deepens as we allow our neighbor and God more and more to come into our hearts."

-FR. JAMES STEPHEN BEHRENS, O.C.S.O.

As a result of your amazing generosity, we were able to provide Christmas food and so much more for 40 families within our parish boundaries. We'd especially like to thank:

- Our parishioners for: Gift Cards, checks and food by the bag, car and truck fulls.
- Donations of toys, jewelry, makeup, hand knitted/crocheted items, shower gel, Christmas decorations and health and beauty items.
- A donation of frozen Venison.
- The Altar Society and Knights of Columbus for their constant support.
- The Faith Formation Team Students, Families and Staff for their "heavy lifting."
- And as always, Fr. Ron, Fr. Matt and the Office and Custodial Staff who do so much to make our event a success.

The following items are still needed to help us feed those families with emergency requests who were not included in our Christmas Food Distribution:

Any Soups Jelly Cereal Tuna Soaps - Dish, Bar, Pump, Laundry, Shampoo

God Bless

# PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY

#### Prayer blankets and shawls are available in the office.

We can bring hope and love to others when we give one of our handmade items to our friend or relative who needs comfort.

We bring the joy of Jesus to a recipient. We bring the hope of Jesus to those needing to know of our love and prayers.

We bring the love of Jesus to others in our lives. We bring the peace of Jesus with our prayers and actions.

"The Secret of Christmas is not the things you do at Christmas time, but the Christmas things you do all year through." (song lyrics)

We ask that you share this ministry information with other parishioners.

Thank you from "The Comfort Crafters." A beautiful & blessed Christmas to all of you!

# **BABY PANTRY**



We wish all parishioners, your family and friends a Christ-filled Christmas! May Jesus bless you and your family as you celebrate His birth.

Thank you for making it possible to meet some of the needs of our neighbors during 2019.

We serve those who are poor and those who lack support to overcome their problems. Your continued donations enable us to do this good work through you and for you.

This Christmas we have been blessed with people who have shared their gifts from God with local families. What a magnificent present you've given! We are truly grateful for your most generous donations.

A very merry Christmas to all of you!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?



#### Saturday, December 28 // 3:45 PM K OF C ROSARY

The Knights of Columbus invite all members of the St. Isidore Church together in a spiritual activity to promote devotion to the Blessed Mother. Please join with us to recite the Rosary.



# Sunday, January 5 **FLEECE DONATIONS NEEDED**

SITE's service project for January will be making fleece blankets for the local organization: Friends of Foster Kids. They are asking for your help by donating two pieces of fleece fabric, one solid and one coordinated pattern in 2 yard sections each. Donations can be dropped of at the parish office marked Y.M. Blessing Blankets, by January 5. Your donations are greatly appreciated!



### Saturday, January 11 // 6:00 PM K OF C DESERT MEAL

The Knights of Columbus welcome you to a Pasta Dinner. Help support our Seminarians' trip as they embark on their Holy Land Pilgrimage.

Prices: \$10.00 adults, \$5.00 children 12 and under.

Dinner includes: pasta, salad, bread, dessert, and beverage.

#### LEAVING FOR WINTER? Please help us by letting us know!

Please complete the form below to put your mailings on hold. It can be turned in via the collection basket or the office during business hours. Thank you!

Name:	
Phone:	
Envelope #:	
	Returning:



## S.I.T.E YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth in grades 9-12 & their friends are invited! Contact Beth Beebe at (586)286-1700 ext. 2116 or beth@stisidore.church



#### BLESSING BLANKETS

Sunday, January 5 // 2:15 PM SITE + Confirmation Teens are living out our Corporal Works of Mercy by making fleece blankets for local organization: Friends of Foster Kids.

## MEETINGS

Sunday, January 5 Sunday, January 12



#### SUNDAY

IS 7:10-14; PS 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; ROM 1:1-7; MT 1:18-24

#### MONDAY

MAL 3:1-4, 23-24; PS 25:4-5AB, 8-9, 10 AND 14; LK 1:57-66

#### TUESDAY

IS 9:1-6; PS 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; TI 2:11-14; LK 2:1-14

#### WEDNESDAY

IS 52:7-10; PS 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; HEB 1:1:6; JN 1:1-18

#### THURSDAY

ACTS 6:8-10; 7:54-59; PS 31:3CD-4, 6, 8AB, MT 10:17-22

#### FRIDAY

1 JN 1:1-4; PS 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; JN 20:1A AND 2-8

#### SATURDAY

1 JN 1:5—2:2; PS 124:2-3, 4-5, 7CD-8; MT 2:13-18

#### SUNDAY

SIR 3:2-6, 12-14; PS 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; COL 3:12-21 MT 2:13-15, 19-23

#### Mary Aguis Jonathan Bisdorf Tom Buback Nancy Campbell Alexis Caramagno Cerrito Family Pam DeClercg Michael Digregorio Bridget Enrici Julie Falletta Isaiah Ford Fraser Family Richard Gdowski Marge Grekowicz Fred Grzelak Patty Haberkamp **Dale Harris** Barbara Haworth Dale Heath Holland Family Georgiann Kaptur Kathy Karpinski Kenneth Karpinski Jenny Kasselmann William Kellstrom Joseph Klingkammer Pat Kush Bernadette Lapinski Bill Lawicki Joseph W. Lynch Vince Mariani Debbie McCarthy Janet McDonald Kenneth Meerschaert Dominic Messina Michels Family Jeri Nofs Joseph Nothdurft

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

**Bob Aguis** 

Samuel Nothdurft Amanda Oswald Natalie Perini Louisa Pietrowsky **Darlene** Pische Pauline Pische Yolanda Polisena John Privett Jerry Pukala Mary Kay Puvalowski Roxanne Puvalowski Eric Racette Albert Reider Cindy Reider Nocholas Rinehart Gary Ross Don Sabalinski **Carolyn Sands Conrad Sands Denise Schibal** Jerry Schmeiser Linda Schrieber Joyce Scott Marie Slominski John Strauch **Darlyn Stephens** Breanne Talmadge Anthony Tancredi John Terry Albert Toccaceli Romano Umberto Suzanne Umberto Jason Warner Robert Warner **Rosemary Warner** George Willard Sarah Wilson Curtis Wellhausen



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#### **BAPTISMS** DECEMBER 22

**REMINGTON ELIZABETH GRANOWICZ** Daughter of Madison Granowicz

## **REST IN PEACE**

**AMANDA OSWALD** Entered eternal life on December 12

**KEVIN CRONIN** Entered eternal life on December 14

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 22, 2019

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CSA

<b>Budget update as of:</b> Weekly Budgeted Amount: Actual Amount Received: Comparison to budget:	December 15, 2019 \$ 24,519.23 \$ 27,314.03 \$2,794.80
Fiscal Year to Date:July 1, 2019 toBudgeted Amount:July 1, 2019 toAmount Received:Comparison to Budget Target:	December 15, 2019 \$ 612,980.75 \$ 561,396.33 (\$51,584.42)
<b>This week:</b> Envelopes Returned: Online Gifts: Registered Households: Percentage of people making contributions	902 127 3263 :: 32%
<b>CSA as of December 15, 2019</b> CSA 2019 Goal CSA 2019 Pledges	\$ 192,588.00 \$ 282,843.72

\*If pledges are paid in full, this money will be returned to the parish in full. As a reminder, monies received through CSA are not assessed by the Archdiocese (7%) nor are they part of future CSA calculations (14.5%).

\$247,793.07

\$ 90,255.72

CSA 2019 Payment on pledges

Monies returned to the parish\*

The Archdiocese of Detroit is blessed with faithful Catholics who are committed to opening doors to witness Christ at Christmas and throughout the year through their support of the Catholic Services Appeal.

As we unleash the Gospel throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit, we witness Christ, and in turn, we open doors so others may also develop a deeper relationship with Him. Gifts to the CSA help fund more than 100 ministries, programs, and services that meet the spiritual and physical needs of parishes and countless people in the Archdiocese.

As you plan your year-end donations, consider benefiting your parish with a gift to the CSA. Parishes that exceed their CSA targets receive the excess funds, without archdiocesan assessment, as refunds to be used for parish programs and projects. You may make a gift to your parish online at give. aodcsa.org.

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#### EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Due to the holidays, content for the bulletin is due early.

JANUARY 5 BULLETIN // Due: December 22

#### HAVE A QUESTION OR CONCERN ABOUT THE BULLETIN?

Please direct all inquiries to Matt during normal office hours.

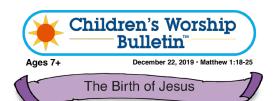
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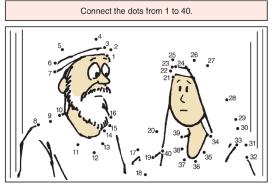
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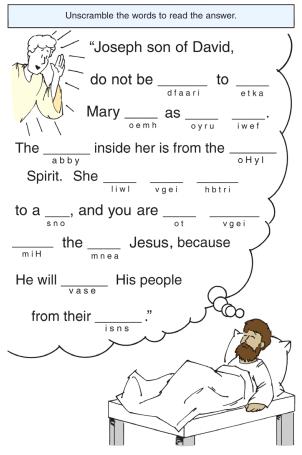


This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.



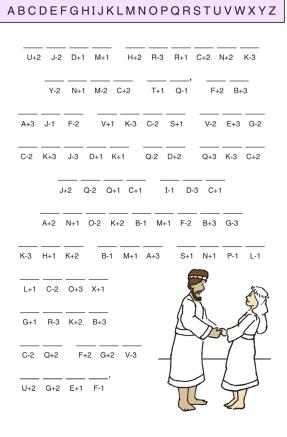
Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

But an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. What did the angel say?



Add and subtract letters to fill in the blanks.

What happened next?



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT