A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Advent Can Be Special This Year

“This Advent is going to be different. This Advent I am really going to take time to pray and get closer to God.” Have you ever said anything like this before? How many people in our own parish say this to themselves year after year? How many end up disappointed and frustrated with themselves at having missed another spiritual opportunity?

I mention this on the First Sunday of Advent with the hope that this year we can all resolve to make Advent special. As usual, STM is making available (on the Information counter) Advent Booklets. The booklet is small and the reflections brief because it is written with busy Catholics in mind. The author presents a good selection of spiritual inspiration in a challenging meditative reading for each day leading to Christmas. Please make use of this spiritual tool. **Advent can be a beautiful season for us all, a time for reflection and for getting in touch with the deepest longings within the human heart.** No one says it’s easy, but even within the cultural and personal bustle that surrounds us from Thanksgiving to Christmas we can really let ourselves experience the **true gifts** of the season.

**Holyday**

This Friday, December 8, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holyday of Obligation. Masses are scheduled for 9:00am and 7:00pm.

Have a wonderful week and may this Advent be filled with many blessings for you. Please find a place for me in your prayers.

Msgr. Tom Rice

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**An Advent Masque**

"Tomorrow shall be my dancing day"

A quiet Advent evening of song, poetry, and prayer.

Presented by St. Thomas More Music Ministry

Sunday December 3, 7:00 p.m.

Merriment following in the Social Hall

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

**HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8th**

Mass at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm

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ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

If you are interested in participating in the Mass by being a candle lighter for the Advent Wreath, please sign-up at the Information Counter or call the parish office at 248-647-2222.

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**PILGRIMS ON A JOURNEY**

By Deacon Christopher Stark

"Welcome Deacon Michael!" I am so excited that Deacon Michael Stach has joined the team here at STM! I have been blessed to know Deacon Michael for 10 years. We were classmates in Formation to become deacons, and we were ordained together on 10/01/11. I will be sure to let him introduce himself to you; I just wanted you to know how much I admire and respect him...I am so delighted that he is now a part of our pastoral staff. **God bless you, Deacon Michael - and welcome to St. Thomas More!**

This weekend we begin the Season of Advent. My prayer for us all, is that this will be a holy season of preparation and openness to the coming of our Savior - Jesus...may we welcome Him into our hearts, our minds, and our souls - now, and for the rest of our lives.

"Deacon Chris," you may be thinking to yourselves, "what are some suggestions that you may have on how we may be more welcoming of Jesus into our lives?" Great question - I'm glad you asked! First, I would recommend spending 5 minutes per day in quiet prayer to Jesus. "Jesus, Thank YOU. Thank you for the gift of life. Thank you for the gift of this day...help me to be sure that today, and the time that you have given me, is put to good use." "Thank you Lord, for the people in my life. Those I love and admire, and those who challenge me. All of the people in my life are a gift from you...help me to see, Lord - how am I to love YOU, by how I am to love ALL of the people that you have placed in my life." "Jesus, help me to come to know you in an ever more personal way, today. Who are You - and how best should I respond to your constant invitation for us to come to know each other, better?" "Jesus, give me the wisdom and desire to please you, this day - and always. I love you, Lord-God, and I seek to do your will." -Amen!

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IN OUR PARISH

THIS WEEK’S EUCHARIST INTENTIONS

Saturday  
December 2  
4:30p  
For the People of St. Thomas More  
Fr. Edward Belczak—Special Intention  
Joseph Chick—Birthday Remembrance

Sunday  
December 3  
7:30a  
For the People of St. Thomas More  
9:30a  
Rick Doyle—Birthday Remembrance  
Anna Haranczek  
Jack Saylor—14th Anniversary  
11:30a  
Alba Balderi  
Glenn Gardner  
Malcomb Douglas Long

Tuesday  
December 5  
9:00a  
Irene Szanto

Wednesday  
December 6  
9:00a  
Jim McCown

Thursday  
December 7  
9:00a  
For the People of St. Thomas More

Friday  
December 8  
9:00a  
Brigida Comiskey—1st Anniversary  
Geraldine DiGiacinto—Special Intention

Saturday  
December 9  
4:30p  
In Thanksgiving, the Mac Family  
Matthew Krawczak—offered by Bill and Kelly Bechtel  
Bill Nebel

Sunday  
December 10  
7:30a  
For the People of St. Thomas More  
9:30a  
Teresa Imbrunone  
11:30a  
Jim Dunleavy

THIS WEEK’S PRAYER INTENTIONS

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Rosanne Bishop  
Chris Crocker  
Sharyl Dennis  
Katy Thompson  
Helen Walczak  
Margaret Wujek  
Robert Zemke

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the family of:  
† Jim Dunleavy—husband of Caroline Dunleavy  
† Glenn Gardner—father of Sandi Gardner  
† Teresa Imbrunone—sister of Rose Wilson  
† Fr. Arthur Jacobi  
† Fr. Edward Kaszak  
† Malcomb Long—brother-in-law of Deborah Baughman  
† Fr. Daniel Nusbaum  
† Fr. William Petron

Capt. Matthew Altomari  
Sgt. Cory Borders  
Lt. Andrew Boschert  
Major Phil Brule  
Sgt. Maj. Patrick Corcoran  
Lt. Joel Cortright  
ENS Michael Dwyer  
Capt. Chip Evans  
Spc. Evan K. Fowler  
SSgt. Kevin Hopp  
SSgt. Daniel F. Jamison  
M1st Class Megan Jamison  
PFC. Lane Luyckx  
Lt. Christopher Mitek  
OS2 Emily Muhlenbeck  
LTjg. Bradley Pienta  
Capt. Nick Pollock  
Sgt. Kyle Stout  
Capt. Ben VanHorrick  
ENS. Adam Weisgerber

Glenn E. Gardner  
Died on November 9, 2017  
Buried from St. Thomas More  
On December 1, 2017  
Eternal rest grant unto him  
O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. Amen.

James F. Dunleavy  
Died on November 18, 2017  
Buried from St. Thomas More  
On December 2, 2017  
Eternal rest grant unto him  
O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. Amen.
Dear St. Thomas More Parishioners,  
As a new part of Saint Thomas More parish, I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Deacon Michael Stach and I am your new Pastoral Associate.

As soon as you will hear me speaking, you will most likely ask yourself “where is this guy from?” I am originally from Poland. I grew up as the youngest in a family of seven children, approximately 35 miles from the place where St. John Paul II was born and raised. After I graduated High School, I discerned it was the Lord’s will for my life to actively consider His priesthood. I was granted Master of Theology Degree from Papal Academy of Theology in Krakow, Poland. Although I completed my priestly formation I was not ordained. In pursuing my vocation’s discernment, I came to the USA in 1992 and joined SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary in Orchard Lake. Following the summer, I spent some time at St. Joseph parish in Marshall, Diocese of Tyler in Texas where after a truly extraordinary spiritual experience I came to the conclusion that priesthood was not what the Lord had in store for me. Since then, I entrusted my life totally to Jesus, the Risen Lord, the Good Shepherd and I pledged to follow Him wherever He would lead me.

He led me to an amazing gift from Him, my wife Katarzyna (Kasia) who is “bone taken from my bone and flesh from my flesh”. Knowing my spiritual journey in my past, she joined me in our commitment to know God, to love Him and to serve Him. We entrusted our lives and our family to Him. We have been married for 23 years. We have three children: Gloria Maria (18), Gabriel Joseph (14) and Maryann Grace (9). I have to say that all these years with their ups and downs have been a very good school of love for our family.

He led me to Sacred Heart Parish in Auburn Hills where I had the privilege to work and serve for 23 years as DRE, Pastoral Associate, and Christian Service Coordinator. There Kasia and I got married; our children were baptized, received First Communion and Confirmation. There I heard His whisper to follow Him to the permanent deacon formation and ordination six years ago. I am so grateful to the Lord for all the goodness and love I have received from His people at Sacred Heart.

He is leading me now to you my brothers and sisters at St. Thomas More Parish to serve you. I look forward to being a part of your lives and seeing how the adventure of following Christ as His faithful and joyful disciples unfolds in us all…….St. Thomas More pray for us.

Please pray for me and know of my prayers for you!

With love of Christ,
Deacon Michael Stach

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IN OUR PARISH

THE WEEK AHEAD

- **Weekday Masses**
  Tues, Wed, Thurs., 9a  
  *(Rosary before Mass)*

- **Monday, December 4**
  Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 10a  
  Education Commission, 7p  
  Hospitality Committee, 7p

- **Tuesday, December 5**
  First Tuesday Coffee, 9:30a  
  RCIA, 6:30p

- **Wednesday, December 6**
  Coffee, Conversation and Catholicism, 9:45a  
  Advent Tea, 7p

- **Thursday, December 7**
  Choir Rehearsal, 7p

- **Friday, December 8—Immaculate Conception**
  Mass, 9a and 7p

- **Sunday, December 10**
  Coffee and Conversation after all Masses
  Faith Formation Classes, 8:15a, 10:15a, 7p
  Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 9:30a
  RCIA, 10a
  Children’s Advent Party, 12:30p

**Wednesday, December 13th, 6:45pm-8pm**
Advent Night of Reflection
An Adult Evening in the Atrium

Please make your reservation by Friday, December 8th
Sandi Gardner, 248-647-4680 or sandi@stmoffice.com

**STM BOOK CLUB**

The St Thomas More Book Club will meet Tuesday 12/19 at 10 AM in Room 2 to discuss the December selection, *River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey* by Candice Millard. As the title hints, ex-president Roosevelt journeys up a little known branch of the Amazon on a danger filled expedition. Please join us for what promised to be an interesting discussion.

**FIRST TUESDAY COFFEE**
December 5

Join us following the 9:00am Mass for coffee, treats, and conversation with your fellow parishioners.

**RECEPTIONIST MINISTRY**

We are still in need of volunteers for the 1st and 3rd Sunday 7:30am Masses. On the job training provided. Please contact Judith Parrott at 248-594-6303 for further information.

**4TH ANNUAL CHILDREN’S ADVENT PARTY**

**DECEMBER 10**

**12:30-2:00 P.M.**

JOIN US IN THE SOCIAL HALL FOR FUN, GAMES, AND A SPECIAL GUEST

**Help Needed for Christmas**
Christmas is a busy time for everyone – especially at St. Thomas More. Due to the many Masses between December 23rd and the 25th (there are 8 in less than 48 hours), we are in need of additional Ushers. If you will be attending Mass here December 23rd, 24th or the 25th, consider lending a hand and be an Usher. Men or women are welcome to assist. Please stop by the Usher’s Room (behind the Receptionist Desk), there is a sign-in sheet that you can jot your name in the time slot for the Mass you attend. If you have any questions about duties for the Mass, please ask an Usher or call the Parish Office.

Mass times for the weekend of December 23rd, 24th, and 25th are as follows:

- **Saturday, December 23:** 4:30 pm
- **Sunday, December 24:** 9:30 am, 4:00 pm  
  (in Church & Social Hall)
  7:00 pm and 10:00 pm
- **Monday, December 25:** 9:30 am & 11:30 am

Thank you for your assistance and commitment to your Parish.
Happy New Year everyone! Sunday, December 3, 2017 marks the New Liturgical Year in the Catholic Church. The liturgical calendar celebrates the life of Jesus Christ, highlighting his saving work and the three principal feasts of Christmas, Easter and Pentecost. Each feast has a corresponding season of waiting and preparation beforehand, and a growing time that follows the feast.

The Liturgical Year begins with the Season of Advent, which is the time of waiting and preparing for the feast of Christmas. To some, Christmas is simply a time to buy presents, decorate the house, and get together with friends and family. To Christians it is that, and then some. I will borrow from the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC 524) which can explain it much more eloquently than I:

> When the Church celebrates *the liturgy of Advent* each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior’s first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming (Rev22:17). By celebrating the precursor’s birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to his desire: “He must increase, but I must decrease (John3:30).”

This Advent let us all strive to prepare our hearts, minds, and homes for the true meaning of what Christmas is all about, the coming of the one free of sin; Jesus took all of our sins so that we may have eternal life in heaven with our Creator, God the Father.

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**FAITH FORMATION**

**FAITH FORMATION NEW OFFICE HOURS**

- **Sunday**: 8:00am-11:30am
- **Monday**: 9:00am-4:00pm
- **Tuesday**: 9:00am-5:00pm
- **Wednesday**: 9:00am-5:00pm
- **Thursday**: 9:00am-4:00pm
- **Friday and Saturday**: Closed

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**YOUTH GROUP INVITING ALL 9TH THROUGH 12TH GRADERS**

**December 3** bowling at Troy Lanes 7pm

**December 10** we will be hosting 11:30 am Mass. Also we will have our regular session in the social hall at 7:00pm. If you would like to help with the 11:30am Mass on December 10, please send an email to stmygroup@gmail.com

Sunday, **December 17** will be our STMYG Christmas Party/Dance from 7:00-8:30pm in the Social Hall.
Pilgrims on a Journey continued from page 2

Prayer is foundational to our leading a Christian life. Attending Mass, and stopping by Church to visit our Eucharistic Chapel for some quiet prayer before Jesus in the tabernacle. Praying a rosary, and seeking the intercession of the Saints (Particularly, Mary!) on particularly behalf of someone's needs. Practice is the application of God's will for us! What is the best way for us to 'Practice' our faith-life? By being intentional disciples. By making a point of taking action on behalf of someone else - everyday! Not just for those whom we may already know and admire...but particularly for those who are poor or marginalized. Those who suffer at home or at work with loneliness or despair. That homeless person you pass on your daily commute.

The neighbor who has recently lost a job, or is experiencing divorce or the loss of a loved one. By being deliberate in seeking opportunities to help another person. "But how can I help?" You can help by simply being you. Calling someone to see how they are... Making an extra sandwich, and giving it to that homeless person you pass on your daily commute. Letting your colleague at work vent to you about his/her divorce...without judgment...just being an ear, or a shoulder to lean on. Making a 'New Year's resolution' to join the Choir, becoming an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, or Lector. "There you go again, Deacon Chris...you're simply recruiting for people to do more around the parish - you're not suggesting how we can grow closer to Jesus..." Well, I can speak from experience on this one. There's something particularly intimate about a person's relationship with God, when he or she proclaims the Word of God as a Lector. Holding God in the form of the Holy Eucharist, and sharing Him with His people - is pretty amazing, if you ask me! Looking into the eyes of someone that you are feeding at a Food Pantry, or Homeless Shelter IS the experience of looking into the eyes of Jesus. "Whatsoever you do to one of these least brothers of mine, you do it for me." -Jesus

Come into our lives, our hearts, our minds, and our souls Lord Jesus. Help us to know, honor, and serve YOU - particularly as we come to serve Your people within our community. God bless us, all! +Dcn. Chris

Thank You, Parishioners

“I was hungry and you gave me to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me to drink.” Matthew 25:35

Thank you so much for your generosity during the Thanksgiving Basket collection. Gift cards from Hollywood Market, Kroger and Meijer, and cash donations amounted to $5,105. That is amazing! Half will go to St. Vincent de Paul at STM and the other half to the 89 needy families at Morse Elementary in Troy.

The Christian Service Commission appreciates your willingness to help those less fortunate in our community.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE REMINDER

Just a reminder that the gifts for the Ladies of Charity should be returned this weekend, and all others should be returned no later than December 10th. This will allow enough time to distribute the gifts.

Thank you for helping us, help others in need. Your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated!

Altar Servers, Readers, EMHCs, Ushers

Please make sure that you sign up now to serve at one of our Christmas Masses. Altar Servers and Readers should check their Ministry Pro account. Ushers, please check the Usher’s Room and EMHCs should check the Information Counter to sign up to serve. Thank You!

Christmas Flowers

Christmas Season is upon us so please consider making a donation in a loved one’s name toward the purchase of flowers to decorate the Church for Christmas. Names will be listed in the Christmas Bulletin for donations received by December 10th. Names received after December 10th will be listed in the January 7th bulletin due to publishing deadlines. Thank you for your continued support of St. Thomas More Parish.
We are now inundated with Christmas movies including the classics and a TV channel showing new ones 24/7. They share common themes of families in distress, relatives who are alone or separated, or neighbors bearing some deep hurt from long ago. Consider how favorites like A Christmas Carol, It’s a Wonderful Life, How the Grinch Stole Christmas, The Bishop’s Wife, and even silly ones like Elf and Home Alone, all focus on how damaged relationships are healed. Yet in some way, even the most sentimental and nostalgic tear-jerker that never mentions the birth of Christ, reflects the deeper meaning of Christmas: Jesus coming to us to bring us back home to a blessed relationship with the Father. Advent is a time for us to recall the original story and to reflect on the truth that Jesus was born to show us the Father’s Mercy and to sacrifice Himself so that we can become God’s adopted sons and daughters.

When does the Christmas story begin? In the Garden of Eden (!) right after Adam and Eve listened to Satan’s lies and sinned, damaging their relationship with God. They hid from Him because they were afraid and ashamed. But God wants them back. He called out to them, and to us now, “Where are you?” (Gen 3:9). It was then that God set in motion His plan to heal our relationship with Him. He promised that one day a descendant of Eve would destroy the power of Satan, sin and death (Gen 3:15; Rev 12). Christmas celebrates the birth of that child, Jesus, the son of Mary and of God; the Shepherd and the Lamb; the High Priest and the Sacrifice; the King and the servant. Jesus, the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:5) who heals all wounds, who brings grace and truth and makes known the Father (John 1:16). The gift of Christmas, a small infant whom anyone can approach, makes possible our reconciliation and the restoration of our familial relationship with God, the Father and the Son.

Let us embrace Advent to prepare our hearts to encounter Jesus anew, to repent and ask forgiveness, to seek Him without shame or fear. Let us pray in Jesus’ Name, for the healing of our relationship with God.

At the end of A Charlie Brown Christmas, Charlie wails: “Isn’t there anyone who knows what Christmas is all about?!” Linus knows. He recites from Luke 2:8-14: “Be not afraid,” said the angel. “Behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy…” In Jesus, God has fulfilled His promise of long ago, to find us and bring us back to Him by His grace. It is our choice now to receive Him.

O Come! Emmanuel! Jesus, Come and get me!

Thank you to all who submitted a volunteer sign up form during the Volunteer Ministry Weekend. We had a total of 42 volunteer forms submitted, 31 from adults and 15 from youth. The area of the highest volunteerism was for Baking for Special Events. The majority of the selections were in the area of Christian Service.

If you are interested in the detailed results, feel free to contact me at claeydsdl@aol.com and I will be glad to send you the report.

Our parish is a community of people serving each other. Your contribution, even in a small way, contributes to our community. Often times people don’t like to sign up for something due to the extended commitment. There are many things that can be a one-time basis. Keep that in mind if you hear an announcement during mass or see an article in the bulletin.

Upcoming volunteering opportunity: We will need several people to help with the Christmas masses. Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Music Ministry and Greeters will all be needed to help make our Christmas services most holy. Contact the parish office if the Holy Spirit is calling you to help.

Readings for the Week of December 3, 2017

Sunday First Sunday of Advent
Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Monday Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday Saint Nicholas, Bishop
Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Saturday Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
**Weekly Offertory**

**November 19, 2017**
- Weekly Budget/Goal: $17,260.00
- Regular Weekly Envelope: $10,256.00
- Regular Weekly Loose Donations: $1,276.00
- Weekly E-Donations*: $1,435.00
- *E-donations averaged weekly for month
- Weekly Overage/(Shortfall): ($4,293.00)
- Envelopes Issued: 1466
- Envelopes Used Last Week: 234
- Percent of Envelope Donations: 16%
- Electronic Contributors: 41
- Mass Attendance: N/A

**FISCAL YEAR TOTALS**
- Offertory Budget to Date: 362,460
- Actual Offertory Received to Date: 318,440
- Over/Under For Fiscal Year 2017: ($44,020)

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**OFFERTORY FIGURES**

Thank you to all those that have chosen to receive a monthly envelope. We have had 170 parish families change their envelope mailing to monthly. With this move to monthly, we are under budget many times compared to where we should be in offertory for a specific week. Unfortunately, the amount we are over budget at the first of the month, (when we receive the monthly contributions) does not make up for the shortfall the rest of the month. The offertory continues to lag behind what has been budgeted. Reductions have been made in spending to compensate for less income with every effort made to not affect programs.

Thank you for your continued generosity and commitment to St. Thomas More Parish.

Lois Sokolowski
Business Manager

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**Blankets for Beaumont Children’s Hospital**

Being in the hospital is very traumatic for children. At Beaumont Children’s Hospital the staff attempts to provide a fleece blanket to every child in the hospital. The blankets help to decrease the children’s anxiety due to their illness.

To assist Beaumont Children’s in their efforts, I am seeking donations of fleece that I along with other students at Notre Dame Prep can use to make blankets. The blankets will be donated to the hospital on behalf of St. Thomas More.

Requirements for one blanket:
- *2 yards of fleece fabric-patterned
- *2 yards of fleece fabric-solid color
  (to coordinate with the pattern)

Can be purchased at Joann’s, Michael’s or any fabric store. I would greatly appreciate if you would consider purchasing fleece and bringing to the church over the next several weeks, to benefit the children. While any theme of fleece is accepted, the patterns most needed are popular titles and teen appropriate.

Thank you!

Alec Gaboury
Parishioner

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**Weekly Offertory**

**November 26, 2017**
- Weekly Budget/Goal: $17,260.00
- Regular Weekly Envelope: $12,501.00
- Regular Weekly Loose Donations: $1,185.00
- Weekly E-Donations*: $1,435.00
- *E-donations averaged weekly for month
- Weekly Overage/(Shortfall): ($2,139.00)
- Envelopes Issued: 1466
- Envelopes Used Last Week: 275
- Percent of Envelope Donations: 19%
- Electronic Contributors: 41
- Mass Attendance: N/A

**FISCAL YEAR TOTALS**
- Offertory Budget to Date: 379,720
- Actual Offertory Received to Date: 333,531
- Over/Under For Fiscal Year 2017-18: ($46,189)

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**Our Choir will be singing at the following Christmas Masses:**

- **December 24 – Christmas Eve**
  10:00 pm—Adult Choir
  Prelude begins at 9:30 pm
- **December 25 - Christmas Day**
  9:30 am - Adult Choir

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**Weekly Offertory**

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**FISCAL YEAR TOTALS**
- Offertory Budget to Date: 362,460
- Actual Offertory Received to Date: 318,440
- Over/Under For Fiscal Year 2017-18: ($44,020)
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MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday at 4:30 p.m.
Sunday at 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday at 9:00 a.m. - Rosary before Mass
Holy Days: 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday at 3:00 p.m.

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