



St. Dominic St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church



Our Lady of Snows Shrine

December 9, 2018

The 2nd Sunday of Advent

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SACRAMENTS

WEEKEND MASSES

5:30 pm Sat. Vigil @ St. Dominic
8:00 am Sun. @ St. Francis Xavier
10:30 am Sunday @ St. Dominic

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue. 8am @ St. Francis Xavier
Wed. 8am @ St. Dominic
Thu. 8am @ St. Francis Xavier
Fri. 8am @ St. Dominic
No Mass Mon. or Sat.. Morning

RECONCILIATION

30 Minutes prior to
5:30 pm and 8:00 am Mass
Anytime by appointment

MARRIAGE

Contact the parish 9 months prior to
preferred wedding date

BAPTISM

Contact the office after
birth of the child

R E F L E C T I N G O N G O D ' S W O R D

On most days since early October, the students in the college residence in which I live have been eagerly and insistently bouncing Christmas carols off walls and into hallways. It began with occasional songs on the piano. Soon after, the Christmas CDs were brought out, and a week later one of them came upon an old turntable and some Sinatra Christmas LPs. As they left for Thanksgiving vacation, they each reminded me that the radio would begin playing Christmas music all day long on the day after Thanksgiving. As a result of all this I've found myself wondering what it is that's driven these twenty-year-olds toward such early visions of Christmas sugarplums.

I've come to believe that beneath all the glitter draped and swagged with ribbons and bows over these days, deeper longings are at play, longings beyond desire for the newest iPod or the latest cell phone, longings for community or healed relationships, longings too for peace among nations and for some sort of equality among people.

Curiously, such deepened longings are never marketed by any hype. Yet like Christmas spirit, they just seem to sprout wherever the human spirit finds a niche. I suppose one could make the observation that a twenty-year-old's longing for Christmas is little more than leftover nostalgia for childhood Santas and once-upon-a-time daydreams. Maybe so. Yet Paul once wrote to the Philippian community that such urgings for goodness all begin with God and that ultimately "the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 1:6). In other words, these deeper longings, they seem to be God's doing. and who are we to put them on a timetable?

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

December 2, 2018

St. Dominic:

Envelopes* \$ 6,570.00
Plate \$ 227.72
Total: \$ 6,797.72

Week of Nov. 25 \$ 1,467.00
Week of Nov. 18 \$ 2,024.44

Average weekly expenses for this fiscal year: \$2,719.11

St. Francis Xavier:

Envelopes* \$ 1,490.00
Plate \$ 94.64
Total: \$ 1,584.64

Week of Nov. 25 \$ 1,248.00
Week of Nov. 18 \$ 1,128.00

Average weekly expenses for this fiscal year: \$1,971.04

**Thank you for your
continued generosity**

Eucharistic Ministers for the weekend of Dec. 15-16th
Homebound: Alberta Lierz
Nursing Homes: Gene & Maggie Schiefelbein

**Ministry Schedule for the
The 3rd Sunday of Advent**

St. Dominic Dec. 15th~ 5:30 pm	St. Francis Xavier Dec. 16th~ 8:00 am	St. Dominic Dec. 16th~ 10:30 am
COMMUNION Tom Heideman	COMMUNION Larry Larkin	COMMUNION Gail Schmitz
LECTOR Barb Heideman	LECTOR Ray Zeller	LECTOR Dave Schmitz
ACOLYTE Abigail Schlodder Elizabeth Schuster Jordan Reith	ACOLYTE Colin Everts Abigail Everts Victor Organista	ACOLYTE Jake Zeller Austin Zeller Madeline Bontrager
MUSIC Jenea Chariter Joann Walker	MUSIC Joan Hood Marguerite Mzhickteno	MUSIC Charlene Herbers Tena Brucken
GREETERS / USHERS Rick Heinen Katie Heinen Rick Heinen Tom McAsey	GREETERS / USHERS Larry Reilly Marceta Reilly Bob Butts Steve Devlin	GREETERS / USHERS Olivia McAsey Jackie McAsey Roger McAsey Mike Meerpohl

LITURGY SCHEDULE AND MASS INTENTIONS

The Second Sunday of Advent

SATURDAY, December 8th~		
St. D	5:30 PM	Mark Ingenthrow (D)
SUNDAY, December 9th~		
St. F	8:00 AM	Ethan Everts (D)
OLS	1:00 PM	
St. D	10:30 AM	For All Parishioners
TUESDAY, December 11th~		
St. F	8:00 AM	Andy Zeller (D)
WEDNESDAY, December 12th~		
St. D	8:00 AM	Larry Eskew (D)
THURSDAY, December 13th~		
St. F	8:00 AM	Bob Bausch Special Int.
FRIDAY, December 14th~		
St. D	8:00 AM	Bill Lutz (D)
<u>The 3rd Sunday of Advent</u>		
SATURDAY, December 15th~		
St. D.	5:30 PM	Harriet Buvholz (D)
SUNDAY, December 16th~		
St. F	8:00 AM	For All Parishioners
OLS	8:30 AM	
St. D	10:30 AM	Kay McAntee (D)

CHURCH CLEANERS:

Dec. 10-16	Becky Grollmes, Clara Child
Dec. 17-23	Reith Family
Dec. 24-30	Gary & Annette Schreiber
Dec. 31-Jan. 6	Karen Lieker, Kay Ludvick
Jan. 7-13	Bertulfo Family

Please contact the office ahead of time and let us know when you are planning on cleaning so that the church will be unlocked and the lights can be turned on for you.

Thank you for your service to your parish. You can still volunteer by calling the office at 364-3262

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ST. DOMINIC:

- RelEd Classes, Dec. 12th, PreK-8th, 6:30-7:45pm, Reconciliation Gr. 5-6th
- RelEd Classes, Dec. 19th, 1st Reconciliation & 3-4th Grade.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER:

- RelEd Classes, Sunday, December 16th~ Reconciliation Gr. 3-4th
- NO RelEd Classes, Sunday, Dec. 23rd, classes resume Jan. 6th.

ST. DOMINIC

Altar Servers Training Session
 Saturday, December 15, 2018
 9:30-11:30 am

Training is for ALL SERVERS 4th Gr. and above. Please fill out and either return or bring your registration forms.

RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Tuesday, December 11th, 6:30-8:00 pm. Topic for the evening: Mary and the Communion of Saints. Everyone welcome!

Rite of Acceptance

This Sunday at St. Dominic's Church we celebrate the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens with Frederick Mahkuk who is preparing for initiation into the Christian faith by baptism, confirmation and Eucharist. We also celebrate the Rite of Welcoming with Robert Atkinson, Emily Hegemann and Donald Sunday who, already one with us by baptism, now wish to complete their Christian initiation to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church. Please pray for them as they join with us in prayer and continue in their spiritual formation.

ST. FRANCIS MUSIC practice for Christmas Eve Mass will be on Wednesday December 12 and 19th at 6:00 pm.

Many thanks to everyone who donated pasta for the Christmas Bureau. Since it is the "season of giving" please consider making a donation the food pantry. They are in need of everything. There is a container at the church entrance.

LITURGICAL CALENDARS are available at the church entrances to anyone interested.

ADVENT FACTS:

Was St. Nicholas Real?
 Yes, St. Nicholas (270-343) was the Bishop of Myra (now Demre in southwest Turkey). He was imprisoned during Emperor Diocletian's persecution (303-5) and attended the first ecumenical council at Nicaea (325). Famous for his pastoral care, the many legendary stories of his charitable deeds became the basis for the figure of Santa Claus.

Riches are the instrument of all vices, because they render us capable of putting even our worst desires into execution.

—St. Ambrose

PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

Kent Askren (nephew of Cletemae Brown); Carol Barton (Friend of Dean & Ramona Robinson); Sonya Bergman; George Bolz; Angela Brewer; Estelle Danner; Dick DeVader (Brother of Ramona Robinson); Francis DeVader; Sharon DeVader; Steve Devlin; Sheila Fernkopf; Brad Fiedler; Dennis Fiedler; Warren Fiedler; Sam Gerry; Brad Gould; Carly Grant (great granddaughter of Joan Hood); Mary Ann Grollmes (mother of Vic Grollmes); Jenny Harigan; Jared Harris (grandson of Mary Harris); Mary Harris; Pat Hasenkamp; Jerry Huftles (father of Jackie McAsey); Charles Kennedy; Adrian Koch; Rheva Korte; Shari Lott (sister-in-law of Russell Schuetz); Rita Martin; Mike McClaskey; Mary Morford; Don Morris; Lynne Mulroy; Luisa Munoz (sister of Anna Alvarez); Erin Norwood and daughter Bailey (Larkin Family Members); Kristina Oates (granddaughter of Gene Schiefelbein); Calvin Page; Carolyn Reicherter; Cameron Renfro; Amy Reese (daughter of John & Susan Stallbaumer); Mary Riniker (Sister of Regina Butts); Ronna Rowe (Family Member of Hilda Hrenchir); Shelly Russell (daughter of Karen McClaskey); Peggy Sanderson (friend of Mary Morford); Lonnie & Helen Sands (brother and sister-in-law of Joan Hood); Brad Schiefelbein (son of Gene Schiefelbein); Chris Schiefelbein (brother of Gene Schiefelbein); Laura (daughter of Gene Schiefelbein); Emma Schirmer; Easton Shelton (son of Eric and Stephanie Shelton); Special Intentions of Sheila Springer; William Steinlage; Nancy Versch Stereit; Evelyn Sullivan; Madison Taliaferro; Janie Teetzel; Melinda Wareham; James Wecker

We pray for those among us who are ill, their families and for their care-giver, those experiencing a hardship or difficulty; and for those in the Armed Forces protecting our freedom.

To place someone's name on the prayer list or to remove a name, please call the Parish Office (364-3262)



God has commanded
that every lofty mountain
be made low.
— Baruch 5:7

Scripture Insights~

In today's First Reading, the author of Baruch addresses personified Jerusalem, who is grieving over her people in exile in Babylon. He attempts to console her, telling her to take off her mourning garments and wrap herself in the robe of God's justice. The crown of God's glory that she receives is probably Aaron's priestly crown with its engraving, "Sacred to the Lord" (Exodus 28:37). In addition, she will receive a new name, "the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship." In other words, Jerusalem will become the priest of God's temple, and she will rejoice as her people come back to her in pilgrimage. What an amazing image of God's care and protection!

The Gospel describes a scene in which John the Baptist is called by God in the wilderness and responds by proclaiming a "baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." This is not the Baptism that those becoming Christian seek. Rather, John is calling the people to commit themselves to an immersive experience of repentance. Yet God is a gracious God, and the reward will be great for those who accept the challenge. Quoting Isaiah, John says that the valleys will be filled and the mountains made low to make straight the way so all may know God's salvation.

The Second Reading echoes many of the same themes, especially joy at the recognition of God's care and protection and the call to be pure and blameless when at last we stand before God when Christ returns in glory.

- How does the author of the First Reading show God extending consolation?
- When you have needed consolation, how were paths made straight and valleys filled so that you could feel whole again?
- Following the pattern of today's Responsorial Psalm, write a personal prayer of lament-turned-to-trust.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Look around most Catholic churches, and you will discover an image of John the Baptist, often in the old baptistery, or in a window near where the font is or was located. He has two feast days in the calendar: one commemorating his birth, and the other his death. There are only three natiivities in our calendar: for Jesus, for Mary, and for the Baptist. John's birthday is reckoned according to the schedule given in Luke's Gospel of the angel's announcement to Mary. The angel tells her that her cousin Elizabeth is in the sixth month of pregnancy, and so Mary hastens to help her. Reckoning Christmas as December 25, we count backwards nine months to March 25 for the Feast of the Annunciation. Then we count forward three months to June 24 for John the Baptist's birth. Halfway to Christmas, his nativity gives ample reason for rejoicing in the summer, and his symbols of fire and water are used playfully in bonfires and dives into the sea. Even at the polar opposite of Christmas in the calendar, the energy of Christ's birth in the Incarnation provides cause for rejoicing.

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AWAITING THE SALVATION OF GOD

The world does not seem big enough to contain the jubilation of the first reading. In the Gospel reading, the Roman empire isn't big enough, either. The great powers of Rome are named and made to stand waiting for the arrival of God's salvation. And we find Paul meditating joyfully on what really matters.

According to Baruch, the city of Jerusalem is like a person standing on tiptoe looking for God's salvation, which is coming from the east. Those who were led away on foot, heads down, now come back, a proud people. Why, the very way is smoothed out. The path is lined with fragrant, lush trees.

It can't get any better than this, can it? Well, yes, it can. For a voice calls out in the desert. Here is the beginning of the salvation of God.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, Dec. 10th		Tuesday, Dec. 11th		Wednesday, Dec. 12th		Thursday, Dec. 13th	
St. Dominic	Altar Society Meeting~ 6:00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration 2-6:00 pm RCIA 6:30-8:00 pm		8:00 am Mass RelEd Classes PreK-8th 6:30-7:45pm			
St. Francis Xavier		8:00 am Mass				8:00 am Mass Eucharistic Adoration 2-4:00 pm	
Friday, Dec. 14th		Saturday, Dec. 15th		Sunday, Dec. 16th		Monday, Dec. 17th	
St. Dominic	8:00 am Mass	Acolyte Training ~ All Acolytes 9:30 am 5:30 pm Vigil Mass		10:30 am Mass		K of C Meeting~ 7:00 pm	
St. Francis Xavier				8:00 am Mass RelEd Classes PreK-8th 8:30 am Mass OLS			
Tuesday, Dec. 18th		Wednesday, Dec. 19th		Thursday, Dec. 20th		Friday, Dec. 21st	
St. Dominic	Eucharistic Adoration 2-6:00 pm RCIA 6:30-8:00 pm	8:00 am Mass RelEd Classes PreK-8th 6:30 pm Advent Penance Service 6:30-8:30 pm				8:00 am Mass K of C Blood Mobile 2-6:00 pm St. D. Hall	
St. Francis Xavier	8:00 am Mass			8:00 am Mass Eucharistic Adoration 2-4:00 pm Advent Penance Service 6:30-8:30 pm			

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