



**St. Dominic  
St. Francis Xavier  
Catholic Church**

*Our Lady of Snows Shrine*



**December 16, 2018**

**The 3rd 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

**REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD**

'Tis the season for bell choirs and brass renditions of beloved carols. Church musicians are rounding up trumpeters and French horn players to rehearse for Christmas liturgies. What would a Christmas television special be without pealing bells in the closing sequence? The joyful sounds of brass instruments herald the good news that the Lord of the universe has entered into human history once and forever in the poor infant Jesus.

There is another kind of bell that seems to follow us wherever we go at this time of year—the Salvation Army bells. They remind us that not everyone has experienced the good news of salvation yet. There are many who suffer while others wallow in abundance. Today's scriptures remind us that the Lord is with us to save us from our sinfulness, so that justice, love, and peace might reign at last in the world. Then all God's people will be able to rejoice.

—Virginia Stillwell

**LIVING GOD'S WORD**

When we pray the Our Father at Mass the priest voices a prayer that asks the Lord to free our minds of worry as we look forward to Jesus' coming. Joyful hope gives us the spirit and the confidence to do all that we can, expecting that Christ's saving power will be present in our midst.

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**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

**December 9, 2018**

**St. Dominic:**

Envelopes\* \$ 1,680.00  
Plate \$ 391.50  
Total: \$ 2,071.50

Week of Dec. 2 \$ 6,797.72  
Week of Nov. 25 \$ 1,467.00

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

**St. Francis Xavier:**

Envelopes\* \$ 1,780.00  
Plate \$ 99.47  
Total: \$ 1,879.47

Week of Dec. 2 \$ 1,584.64  
Week of Nov. 25 \$ 1,248.00

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

**Thank you for your  
continued generosity**

Eucharistic Ministers for the weekend of Dec. 22-23th  
Homebound: Pat Doyle  
Nursing Homes: Paula Morris

**Ministry Schedule for the  
The 4th Sunday of Advent**

St. Dominic Dec. 22nd~ 5:30 pm	St. Francis Xavier Dec. 23rd~ 8:00 am	St. Dominic Dec. 23rd~ 10:30 am
<b>COMMUNION</b> Alberta Lierz	<b>COMMUNION</b> Mike McClaskey	<b>COMMUNION</b> Keri Bausch
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**LITURGY SCHEDULE AND MASS INTENTIONS**

**The Third Sunday of Advent**

SATURDAY, December 15th~  
 St. D 5:30 PM Harriet Buchholz (D)  
 SUNDAY, December 9th~  
 St. F 8:00 AM For All Parishioners  
 OLS 8:30 AM  
 St. D 10:30 AM Kay McAntee (D)  
 TUESDAY, December 18th~  
 St. F 8:00 AM Alma Sack (D)  
 WEDNESDAY, December 19th~  
 St. D 8:00 AM Garrett Klahr (D)  
 THURSDAY, December 20th~  
 St. F 8:00 AM Special Intentions  
 FRIDAY, December 21st~  
 St. D 8:00 AM Patricia Levings (D)

**The 4th Sunday of Advent**

SATURDAY, December 22nd~  
 St. D. 5:30 PM Madison Taliaferro  
 SUNDAY, December 23rd~  
 St. F 8:00 AM Beam/Stuke Famkileis  
 OLS 8:30 AM  
 St. D 10:30 AM For All Parishioners

**CHURCH CLEANERS:**

Dec. 17-23 Reith Family  
 Dec. 24-30 Gary & Annette Schreiber  
 Dec. 31-Jan. 6 Karen Lieker, Kay Ludvick  
 Jan. 7-13 Bertulfo Family  
 Jan. 14-20 Gail Schmitz, Robin Sides

**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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Our actions are the best witnesses of our thoughts.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

ST. DOMINIC:

- RelEd Classes, Dec. 19th, PreK-8th, 6:30-7:45pm, 1st Reconciliation and Gr. 3-4th
- NO RelEd Classes, Dec. 26-Jan. 3rd. Christmas Break, Classes Resume Jan. 9th

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER:

- NO RelEd Classes, Sunday, Dec. 23rd and 30th. Classes resume Jan. 6th.

**RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.** Tuesday, December 18th, 6:30-8:00 pm. Topic for the evening: The Four Last things. Everyone welcome!

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

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES**

St. Dominic: Wednesday, December 19th 6:30 pm  
 St. Francis Xavier: Thursday, December 20th 6:30 pm

**REJOICE!**

Today has traditionally been called “Gaudete Sunday.” The Latin tag is derived from Paul’s appeal in the second reading to “rejoice always in the Lord,” and the Latin Mass text based on that reading. The irony and paradox of this Christian joy is underlined by the fact that Paul wrote those words in prison. But from there he could see the progress of God’s work.

Is it obvious to us? We feel that this is not the time for joy when there is so much suffering and moral evil. It is interesting, then, that the first reading is from the prophet Zephaniah, who is almost exclusively concerned with gloomy visions of Judgment Day. Today the Church selects the only optimistic text in Zephaniah, in which the prophet has been touched by the spirit of joy.

This, we are assured on all sides, is “the season of joy.” Let us recapture that feeling of joy in our lives and reflect it to those who are joyless.

**ADVENT FACTS:**

Why is the rose-colored candle lit on the third Sunday of Advent?

The third Sunday of Advent is known as *Gaudete Sunday* because in Latin, the first words of the opening antiphon for that day’s Mass are *Gaudete in Domino semper* (Rejoice in the Lord always) from Philippians 4:4-5. On this Sunday a rose-colored candle is lit as a reminder that we are called to rejoice.

**Jesus Comes in Our Hearts:** Alive and among us through the Holy Spirit, Jesus continually reaches out to us. Advent renews our desire for the daily coming of Jesus as we recall the story of our salvation and look forward to the coming of the kingdom. We “wait” in joyful hope.” as the Eucharistic liturgy says, for the coming of that kingdom.

## 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; Alan Fund ( brother of Karen McClaskey); 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)*

### Scripture Insights~

Good news! Let us rejoice in anticipation! This theme is evident in today's readings. In the First Reading, we hear that on that final day when God's justice is fully manifest, he will take away Jerusalem's shame and give her cause for great rejoicing. "Daughter Zion" is a personification of the ideal city of Jerusalem where God, the king of Israel, can dwell as its savior and lover. Today's Responsorial Psalm closely parallels this notion of the exultant "Daughter Jerusalem,": even though the phrase is not used.

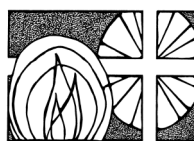
Likewise, in the Second Reading, Paul exhorts his readers to rejoice in the nearness of the Lord and not to be anxious, but always to act with kindness (Greek *epieikes*, meaning "mildness, forbearance, fairness, moderation"). Then, when they make their requests known to God, they will experience the fullness of God's peace.

Today's Gospel describes a scene in which John the Baptist preaches repentance in anticipation of the coming messiah. When John tells the crowds that they must live righteously, they are so enamored of his words that they think he is the long-awaited messiah. He lays that idea to rest, saying, "one mightier than I is coming...He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." The Greek *baptizo* means "to dip or submerge, as in a ritual." With that, John continues to preach the "good news" to the people. One may wonder how the crowds could consider a baptism "with the holy Spirit and fire" to be good news?

- What does the First Reading tell us about the nature of God and God's relationship toward the chosen ones?
- As you reflect on the Second Reading, consider how acting with kindness and offering gratitude to God in prayer has brought you a sense of God's peace.
- What does it mean to you to be baptized "with the Holy Spirit and fire"?



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The King of Israel, the LORD,  
is in your midst,  
you have no further misfortune to fear.  
— *Zephaniah 3:15b*

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Years ago, the trick question on religion quizzes would be to name all the liturgical colors, or the colors of the vestments worn at Mass. Rose is a color seldom seen, used at most two days a year. Today, "Gaudete Sunday," is one of those days. The name of the day is drawn from an opening verse in the old Latin Mass texts: *Gaudete* is Latin for "Rejoice!" This year's Gospel certainly reflects that mood as Elizabeth feels her infant within her leaping for joy at the presence of Mary. Mary's visit to her aged cousin is an act of compassion between women, as two kinswomen who are bearing children into the world share their joy.

Some churches retain the custom of having the priest wear rose vestments today, and many will use a rose candle in the Advent wreath. Violet is the official color for Advent and Lent, but many parishes employ different hues for each season, trying to keep them distinct. In medieval times, dye was costly, and poor parishes used unornamented plain cloth for vestments. Dyes were expensive and some colors, particularly purple, difficult to achieve. In England, purple dye was made from mollusks, yielding at best a deep indigo or blue and not the desired violet. Thus, the color of Advent in the British Isles has long been a deep blue, reminding many people of Mary's presence at the heart of the Advent mystery. That theology is largely unplanned: it's all because of the clams!

A child's life is like a piece of paper on which  
every passerby leaves a mark.  
—Ancient Chinese proverb

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, Dec. 17th		Tuesday, Dec. 18th		Wednesday, Dec/ 19th		Thursday, Dec. 20th	
St. Dominic	K of C Meeting~ 7:00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration 2-6:00 pm RCIA 6:30-8:00 pm		8:00 am Mass RelEd Classes PreK-8th Advent Penance Service 6:30 pm			
St. Francis Xavier		8:00 am Mass				8:00 am Mass Eucharistic Adoration 2-4:00 pm Advent Penance Service 6:30 pm	
Friday, Dec. 21st		Saturday, Dec. 22nd		Sunday, Dec. 23rd		Monday, Dec. 24th	
St. Dominic	8:00 am Mass	5:30 pm Vigil Mass		10:30 am Mass Decorate Church for Christmas following Mass- Volunteers welcome.		Vigil of Christmas 11:00 pm Mass	
St. Francis Xavier				8:00 am Mass No RelEd Classes 8:30 am Mass OLS		6:30 pm Mass	
Tuesday, Dec. 25th		Wednesday, Dec. 26th		Thursday, Dec. 27th		Friday, Dec. 28th	
St. Dominic	Christmas Day 10:30 am Mass No Eucharistic Adoration No RCIA	NO AM Mass No RelEd Classes				No AM Mass K of C Blood Drive 2-6:00 pm St. Dominic Hall	
St. Francis Xavier				8:00 am Mass Eucharistic Adoration 2-4:00 am			

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