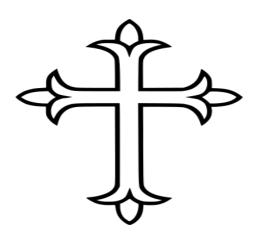
St. Aloysius, Gate of Heaven & Sacred Heart Church

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DEC 23, 2018



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Mass schedule

Saturday 4:00 PM St. Aloysius Sunday 9:00 AM St. Aloysius 11:00 AM Gate of Heaven

Weekday

Mon, Tues, Fri 8:15 AM St. Aloysius Thursday 12:00 PM St. Aloysius Adoration on Mon, Tues, Fri 7:30 to 8.15 AM Adoration on Friday 9.00 AM to 12.00 PM

Holy Day of Obligation

Eve of Holy Day: 5:30 PM. at Gate of Heaven Holy Day: 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM at St. Aloysius

Sacraments

Confession: before all mass

Baptism: call the rectory for the arrangement **Marriage**: call the rectory to schedule your

Wedding and pre-Cana classes.

Pastoral Visitation: when confined at home, please call the rectory to arrange for a visit and Holy Communion. Please call the rectory if you are facing surgery or hospitalization and would like the Sacrament of Sick.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

As a parish, we strive to bring our communities of Catholic Christians together, as we have for over 100 years, by loving and serving God and Each other through Worship, education and service.

MASS INTENTIONS: Dec 22 - Dec 30, 2018

Saturday, Dec 22 Sunday, Dec 23

4:00 PM - Hanna Przyborowski(Living) 9:00 AM - Ivan & Ellen Krajcowic(Living)

11:00 AM - Anna & Margaret bier

Mon, Dec 24 Tues. Dec 25

8:15 AM - Molly Obertlik & Lilly & Charlotle 11: AM - James Halvey

5.00 PM-

12.PM- People of the parish

Thurs Dec 27 Fri. Dec 28

12.PM - Maureen Lee 8.15 AM- Sam Harbeson

Saturday, Dec 29 Sunday Dec 30

4:00 PM - Marian & Matthew Gadziala 9:00 AM- Russ Vanput 11:00 AM- James Halvey

NOTE: No Gifts can replace offering a mass to departed soul or welfare of living. We have openings for weekdays and weekend masses. The first come will be served first. The mass stipend per mass is \$15.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK & DECEASED

For the Sick: Jim Engelhardt, Kevin & LarryMcHugh, Joni & Vinny

Salvatore, LilianCoy, Colleen&JerrilynnO'Neill;Nora Fernandez,

Mary Jones, James Knack, Laurene Symanski, Lisa Grieco, Ken Duffy; Laurie &

William McMichael, Carol Faughn, Christopher Merklin, Jack

Tempel, Robert Ackerly, Sr. Grace, Maureen Connolly, Dave Tucker, Shannon

Bruning, Patty Lewis, Lynne Hyzer, Beth Marie Martin, Kristi Romolo, Erma-Carlson,

Linda Bonin, Jim Wilbur, Dom Formato, Darren Steele, Jonell Dalton, Carrie Neer-

Molinari. Mary Muhlig. Scott Branning. Easton Gorr. Joyce conroy.

For the Deceased: Pete DeVantier, Candy Misner, Barbara Ferris, Richard Marchino, George Weber, Teodozja Przyborowski, Lillian Foster, Judith Herbst, Bill Smith, Jack Salvagin, Nick DeVito, Richard Costello, Christopher Canonico, Berta Endriss, JoAnn Carlino Lewis Kleingardner, George Weber, Rita Jeanne Schwarz, Charles Irace, Ann M.Klein, Romina Migliorini. Mary Ann Regan, Sean A.Fredenburg.

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Is in need of spaghetti sauce, soup, tuna fish and jelly

Collection for last Week

Total: \$1430 Thank you

Readings for Next Sunday 1Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

1 john 3:1-2, 21-24 Luke 2:41-52

BIBLE STUDY

Good Soil Bible Study Group will not meet this week.

Christmas' Decoration

Christmas decoration will take place on December 23 after 9.am mass at St. Aloysius. All the volunteer are welcome to decorate the church. We are informing you in advance so that you can spare sometime to beautify the church for Christmas.

Gate of Heaven will be decorated on December 23 after 11am mass. Everyone is welcome to decorate the Church.

Choir for Midnight Mass

Anyone who would like to sing in the Choir for Midnight Mass is welcome - please come up to the choir loft either before or after the 9:00 mass and see Judy Van Put. A list of Christmas Carols will be available; all music will be provided in our Breaking Bread hymnals.

The choir will meet and practice on Christmas Eve at 11:30 pm just prior to Midnight Mass.

by Judy Van Put

THE MASS BOOK FOR 2019 IS OPEN

The mass book for 2019 is open. All those who want to have mass said for your beloved ones either dead or living, please pick up mass registration form the church, fill and give it to me as early as possible or call the rectory. The forms are available at the back of the church. First come will be served first. If you want to have mass said on particular days, please make a reservation at the earliest.

by Fr. Antony David MMI

ST. PETER'S CLOTHING CLOSET SEEKING

bonations Our Parish Clothing Closet is in great need of donations of men's coats, jackets, sweatshirts and winter boots. Donations may be dropped off during our hours of operation:

Wednesdays 10am-1pm and Saturdays 10am-12pm, or to the Rectory. Thank you for your generosity!

THE MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS.

Christmas Eve
December 24, Monday
St. Aloysius at 5. PM
Midnight Mass
St. Aloysius at 12.AM
Christmas day
Gate of heaven at 11. AM

Dear parishioners

I am sure that we are all preparing worthily for the celebration of Christmas. This Tuesday we will be celebrating the joyous celebration of Christ's birth. I most sincerely extend my prayers and best wishes to all of you and your families for a most blessed and joyous Christmas season and a prosperous new year!. We have Christmas pageant on Christmas Eve mass at 5.00 pm. It is presented by religious education children. At this point I would like to thank religious education coordinator, Sunday school teachers and our children for making this event memorable. It is the right time to thank all the volunteers who are decorating and cleaning the church. You make me happy by all your good works. May God bless you all with good health and long life.

by Fr. Antony David MMI

Reflection on Sunday's Readings

Scripture lessons summarized: In the first reading, the prophet Micah gives assurance to the Jews that God is faithful to His promises and that from the unimportant village of Bethlehem He will send them the long-expected ruler. The third stanza of today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 80), is a prayer for God's blessing on the Davidic king. The second reading, taken from Paul's Letter to the Hebrews, reminds us to be thankful to Jesus Christ who offered the perfect sacrifice of obedience that liberated us from sin. By his willingness and eagerness to do God's will, ("Behold, I come to do your will"), Christ gave Himself in the place of all the other ritual sacrifices offered as the means of sanctification. In the Gospel, Luke tells us how two seemingly insignificant women met to celebrate the kindness and fidelity of God. It shows us how sensitive Mary was to the needs of Elizabeth, her older cousin who had miraculously become pregnant in her old age. For Luke, discipleship consists in listening to God's word and then carrying it out, and Mary does both, to become the most perfect disciple.

Life messages: 1) We need to carry Jesus to others as Mary did. Christmas is the ideal time for us to be filled with the spirit of Christ, allowing his rebirth within us. Once Christ is reborn in us, He enables us to share his love with all whom we encounter by offering them humble and committed service, unconditional forgiveness and compassionate, caring love. Let us take the time to visit others this during Christmas season, especially the sick and shut-ins, to bring some inspiration into their lives, and hopefully to bring them closer to God.

- 2) We need to bless and encourage the younger generation. Elizabeth demonstrates the responsibility of the older generation to inspire the younger generation. Grandparents, parents, teachers, and leaders have the responsibility of encouraging those around them. By complimenting and encouraging one's spouse, children and friends, let us make them know how valuable they are to us and to God.
- 3) We need to recognize the Real Presence of the *Emmanuel* (God is with us) in the Holy Eucharist, in the Bible, in the Sacraments, and in the praying community. The hill country of Judea is right here in our surroundings. Let us convey Jesus to people around us by our acts of love, kindness and forgiveness.