



ST. ROMUALD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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December 8, 2019 - Second Sunday of Advent

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CRY OUT

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John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey.

MATTHEW 3:4

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Masses for the Week

December 9 - 8th

Mon	8:00 am	No Mass
Tues	1:00 pm	No Mass (Extended Care)
Wed	5:00 pm	No Mass
Thur	9:30 am	No Mass (Medco)
Fri	9:00 am	Joe Hess
Sat	5:00 pm	Tom Priest
Sun	7:00 am	St. Romuald Parishioners
	10:00 am	Clare & Frankie Sulpa (MW)

Stewardship of Finance

REGULAR COLLECTION (Envelopes and Loose)
Amount needed Weekly\$9,500.00

November 23rd & 24th Collection
 Sunday Collection..... \$7,788.79
 Campaign for Human Development \$65.00
 St. Vincent de Paul \$1,103.00

Special envelope in your packet for Funeral Meals on December 15th

Worship and Sacrament

Anointing of the Sick: Anointing of the Sick is celebrated with the parish community every first Wednesday at 5:00 pm Mass. Yet, anytime, anointing is available for illness, preparation for surgery or for recovery, by calling Fr Tony.

Baptism: Congratulations on the birth of your child! Your Church Family is excited about your family growing and our family growing! We look forward to celebrating your child's baptism! Preparation for new parents or those new to the parish is held by appointment. Call Fr Tony.

Marriage: Congratulations on your engagement! Your Church Family wishes to help you fully prepare spiritually and walk with you into this lifetime commitment to each other. In order to allow sufficient time, couples must contact the parish office at least 6 months before the anticipated wedding date.

Confession/Reconciliation: Every Wednesday 4:00-4:45 pm; every Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm, every first Saturday after 8:00 am Mass, or anytime by simply asking or calling Fr Tony for appointment.

Visitation of the Sick: Please notify Father or the office upon admission of a family member into nursing homes or hospital. Often we rely upon word from the family about illnesses of a member. Please call.

RCIA: Interested in the Catholic Faith? The RCIA process is a "spiritual journey" that fully initiates those who are not baptized or who have baptism from another tradition and wish to join fully the Catholic Church. Classes are offered through the year culminating at Easter! Please call the office for details!

Membership in the Parish: Welcome to all new families or persons moving into our parish. We are glad that you are joining the parish community. We want to visit with you and help you settle into the church. Please register in the parish office as soon as possible.

Ministers of the Liturgy - December 14th & 15th

	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ushers	Servers	Rosary Leaders	Music Ministers
5:00 pm	Janet O'Reilly Pat O'Reilly	Dayle Riley Christi Tivitt	C-Eric Barr C-Evan Barr S-Jamie Barr S-Alex Bertschman	Benjamin Barr John Bertschman	Angie Bertschman	Pippa
7:00 am	Anne O'Reilly Whitney Roach	Janet Board	C-John Roach C-Greg Wethington S-Leo Wheatley S-Tony Critchelow	Brianna Laslie Trey Laslie	Margie Wethington	
10:00 am	Sandy Horsley Sheila Sills Rhonda Walz Kathryn Ables	Kathy Kiper Carlos Matthews	C-Joey Walz C-Justin Arnold S-Patrick Critchelow S-Raymond Critchelow	Ava Phillips	Laura Frank	Shannon

Radio Minister: Training Session for New Volunteers

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Parish News and Events

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MINISTRY SCHEDULE: We need several volunteers to fill the ministry schedule for Christmas and New Year. If you can volunteer please call the office (270-756-2356).

December 24 - December 25

	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Usher	Altar Server	Radio
Tuesday, 4:00 PM Christmas Eve	Lori Carwile Jean Oelze Robynn Brown NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Pete Anthony Danny Shain	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Cloey Anthony Cole Anthony	
Tuesday, 8:00 PM Christmas Eve	Karen Huddleston Ort Critchelow NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Ann Denton NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED
Wednesday, 9:00 AM Christmas Day	Shirley Bland Lou Ann Whitworth	Melissa Oelze Denise Smith	Jimmie Whitworth Dayve Duggins NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	

Music 4:00 pm NOT FILLED 8:00 PM - P.J./CHOIR CHRISTMAS DAY 9:00 AM - PIPPA

December 31 - January 1

	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Usher	Altar Server
Tuesday, 6:00 PM New Year Eve	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED
Wednesday, 9:00 AM New Year's Day	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED

Bulletin Deadlines:

Articles for December 15th bulletin must be turned in by December 9th by 8:00 am

December 22nd bulletin articles must be turned in by December 12th by 12 noon.

December 29th Bulletin articles must be turned in by December 17th by 12 noon.

January 5th Bulletin articles must be turned in by December 26th 12 noon.

Stewardship Update

Stewardship Forms Mailed	536
Stewardship Forms Returned	220
Stewardship Forms Still Out	316
Catholic School Families	62
Catholic School Forms Returned	55
Catholic School Forms Still Out	7

We are in need of **ALL** families to return their Stewardship Forms. We need Radio Ministers, Lectors at 7 am Mass, Eucharistic Ministers for 10 am Mass and Ushers for all Masses.

Parish News and Events

RCIA/Adult Education

RCIA and Adult Education will resume on January 15, 2020

RCIA Update: Last Sunday at the 10:00 am Mass we celebrated the Rite of Welcome.

Tammy Bostrom, Kristen Carwile and Kyle Nixon were welcomed during this Rite. We look forward to walking with these individuals as they continue to become one with us.

We promise our love and prayers!

7-12 Religious Ed and Youth will meet on December 8, 2019. We will start at 11:30 am in the parish hall and fix our meals for food delivery. We will travel with them also to deliver the meals and pray with/visit with the shut ins. Father Gary Clark will be at St. Romuald Church that evening and I would like to encourage the youth to stay for this. Typically it takes us several hours to deliver the meals due to visiting with each also. Please text me if you have any questions.
Gayle Pool



Wreath Across America Wreath Laying Ceremony Sunday December 15th at 9:00 am at the Veterans Memorial in the Saint Romuald Cemetery. Please contact Pam Pollock for more information at 270-945-2980

Celebration

BIRTHDAYS:

JUDY HARDESTY, DECEMBER 11TH
MARY ANN JOHNSON, DECEMBER 12TH
JOELLEN MCGARY, DECEMBER 16TH
MARY TRENT, DECEMBER 16TH
LAURINE WILLIAMS, DECEMBER 16TH

Make Up for Liturgical Training

It is very important that those who have signed up to be an Eucharistic Minister, Lector or Usher attend a training session! In order to be on the schedule you must attend. I have already had 2 sessions but not all have attended, therefore I will have a make-up session

December 22 11 am Ushers
 12 am Eucharistic Ministers
 1 pm Lectors

This Week at St. Romuald

Mon	8:00 am	No Mass
	1:00 pm	Blue Army Rosary
Tues	1:00 pm	No Mass (Extended Care)
	4:00 pm	Rosary
	5:00 pm	Altar Society Meeting
	7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus
Wed	5:00 pm	No Mass
Thur	9:30 am	No Mass (Medco)
Fri	9:00 am	School Mass
Sat	4:00 pm	Confessions
	5:00 pm	Mass
Sun	7:00 am	Mass
	8:15 am	K-6 Religious Education
	10:00 am	Mass
	5:00 pm	Evening Prayer with reception

The Gathering: Come join us on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 for a day of fun and games as the SRIS Beta Club will be joining us for the day. The Beta Club will be hosting the day for us, activities will include fun and games and prizes. They will also bring soups and sandwiches and desserts for us to enjoy. Our saints of the month are St. Eligius, St. Bibiana, St. Sabas and St. Nicholas of Bari. So come on out and enjoy a day of fellowship with the Beta Club, you're sure to have a good time.

*"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."
Matthew 18:20*

PRAYER REQUESTS

We Pray For:

Hella Ables, Noreta Barton, Gene Bennett, Roy Bennett, Andrew Brumfield, Ava Bruner, Anna Carrico, Elias Carter, D.J. Clark, Tucker Dawson, HL DeJarnette, Bob Dowell, Debbie Dubree, Davye Duggins, Sammy Duggins, Tijuana Duncan, Chris Evans, Cara Franko, Donna French, Matt Gedney, Dorothy Greenwell, Linda Greenwood, **Joy Hall, Walter Harper**, Austin Harris, Kay Harris, JoAnn Henning, Kitty Himmelhaver, Bill Hinton, Jacqueline Huddleston, Don Jarboe, Mary Ann Johnson, Becky Keenan, David Lane, Robert Laslie, Michael Manning, Danika Mattingly, Leonard Mattingly, Janie Maysey, Donnie Mercer, Bevan Michael Miller, Joe Oelze, Paisley Oelze, **Earl O'Reilly**, Janet O'Reilly, Jenny Payne, Carl Phillips, Terry Pile, Bobby Potts, Marilyn Preher, Mary Jo Rankin, Dall Redmond, Alexandria Henning Reed, Erma Risley, Rita Roach, Shirley Robbins, Darcy Satterly, Luke Schulty, Dale Severs, Martha Severs, Max Sharp, John Sosh, Joe Speaks, Casey Sturgeon, Pam Sturgeon, Lucye Tate-Stupak, Margaret Surrrell, Adalee Taul, Jimmy Thurman, Rufus Tivitt, Marilyn Vessels, Jesse Watkins, Pat Watkins, Greg Wethington, Greg Weise, Raymond Wethington, Carrie White, Eddie Whitfill, Carolyn Wilcheck, Kevin Wilcheck, David Williams, Laurine Williams, Anne Wolfe, Tim Wright, Jackie Yates

Serving in the Armed Forces: Mandie Adams, Kevin Arnold, Fred Barham, William Barham, Austin Brown, Timothy Cashen, Cody Garst, Parker Findlay, James Hanor, Christian Hansen, Charles Kuhlman, Bradford O'Reilly, Jordan Pate, Paul Shalosky, Jeff Smith, Lane D. Taul, Kenny Tesmer, Chase Upchurch, Garrett Wadsworth, Eric Weatherholt



Remembering and Praying for the Deceased

Joe Hess, Bucky Barr, Maurice Payne, Ricky Brooks, Hubert Greenwood, Donnie Vessels, Brenda Sills Kelley, Keith "Butch" Androski, Rudy Brumfield, Sr., William Kannapel, Helen Fentress, Dorothy Jackson, Todd Newby, Wanda Jones, Darlene Greenwood, Mike Greenwood, Bobbi Adock, David Wayne Brumfield, Patsy Oelze, Margaret Barr, Lorene Barr, Clark Wold, Ray Himmelhaver, John Thomas Speak, Joseph Priest, Maria Wolf, Ginna Thornsberry

We will keep a name on this list for a year from the time of their death. If you have a family member not of this parish and you would like to have their name listed please call the office (270-756-2356).

Let us continue to pray for **ALL Families** who have lost loved ones. May Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

We have Journals and Resource Books available in the Church Office for anyone wishing to pick one up. Care Notes are available at the main entrance of the Church. Feel free to take which ever meets your needs.



The family of Ginna Thornsberry would like to thank everyone for the kindness shown during her illness and recent passing. To Fr. Bryan Johnson, Fr. Pat Reynolds, Deacon

Tony Anthony and Fr. Tony Jones thank you for fulfilling her wishes. To P.J. O'Donoghue, Alison Mattingly, Kathy Tabor and choir members, thank you. To the Funeral Meal team for the wonderful meal provided, it was much appreciated.

PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY



GOSPEL MEDITATION

**2nd Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2019**

What does it mean to be worthy? There are a few different ways to approach this question. Today's Gospel highlights two: the way of the Pharisees and the way of John the Baptist. Our faith values good works and discipleship. Perhaps, then, we "earn" our worth by adhering to the right doctrines and following the right pious practice. The Pharisees thought they were worthy. Due to their religious pedigree and proper procedures, they were self-satisfied. John the Baptist's words to them are strong. *"Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.'"* Of course, Jesus (and John) don't omit the responsibility for moral behavior. John gives the Pharisees quite a strong warning in that regard. *"Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance ... every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."*

It's a question of attitude. Of disposition. It's a matter of the heart. If anyone would be worthy in this scenario, it's John the Baptist. Jesus himself will name him the greatest of prophets and a great man. John, however, recognizes his own lowly place in the grand scheme of things. *"The one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals."* The Pharisees take pride in being "better" than others. John embraces humility in Christ being "better" than him. We don't self-generate our own worthiness. We receive it as a gift from God.

In a few short weeks, we'll celebrate the birth of Christ. Bishop Ven. Fulton Sheen wrote about the Nativity in his "Life of Christ": "Because [Jesus] was born in a cave, all who wish to see Him must stoop. To stoop is the mark of humility. The proud refuse to stoop and, therefore, they miss divinity." God invites us to prepare our hearts this Advent. When you consider your own life, where are you looking for your worth? This Christmas, are you prepared to stoop?

Around and About

Flags over the Veterans' Memorial will be replaced in December. If you would like to donate a new set in memory of a loved one please contact the church office at 270-756-2356.

ANGEL TREE

We ask that everyone taking angels to please sign out your angels so we are able to account for everyone!

All angels must be returned by **NO LATER** than **DECEMBER 15TH**.

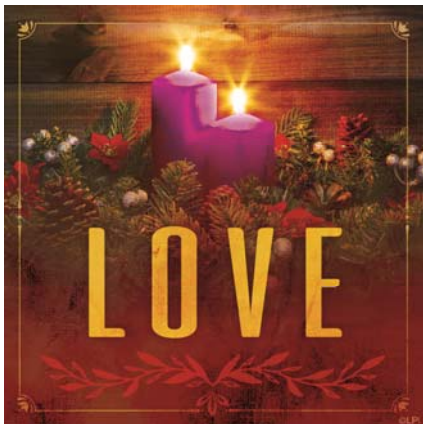
Advent 2019

Advent is the season that opens the Liturgical year of the Church. The liturgical readings and prayers place emphasis on the coming of Jesus Christ. This liturgical season features joy, hope, repentance, expectation, and preparation for the coming of Christ.

You and your family are invited to enter into this season of Advent by being part of the following:

December 8 5:00 pm Evening Prayer
Presider: Father Gary Clark

December 15 5:00 pm Evening Prayer
Presider: Father Will Thompson



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 19 / Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/ Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/ Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 [Is 35:4]/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

Observances for the week of December 8, 2019

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent

Monday: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday:

Wednesday: St. Damasus I, Pope

Thursday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Friday: St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

Saturday: St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Pray to end abortion: Join other Catholics and those from other faiths that gather each Saturday at 2nd and Market in Louisville from 7:00-8:00 am (EST) to pray for families entering the abortion clinic. Many children have been saved and mothers spared future grief by this prayer action and support. With God, all things are possible!

Abortion Update: Last week 75 women went into EMW Clinic for abortions at 2nd and Market Street in Louisville. **Please pray to end abortion.**

Al-Anon Meeting: Mondays 7:00 pm St Romuald Parish Hall. Come find support and understanding to recover a sense of serenity in your life.



POINSETTIA IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES
DECEMBER 2019

Anyone wishing to purchase a Poinsettia in memory of a Loved One may do so again this year for Christmas through the Church. Please complete the order form below. The deadline for placing our order is Tuesday, December 17th. Please drop your order and payment off at the Church Office or in the Collection in a sealed envelope with Poinsettia written on envelope.

Thanks!



_____ 6-inch Poinsettia @ \$10.00 each

In Memory of:

Donated By: _____

