



ST. ROMUALD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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December 22, 2019 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

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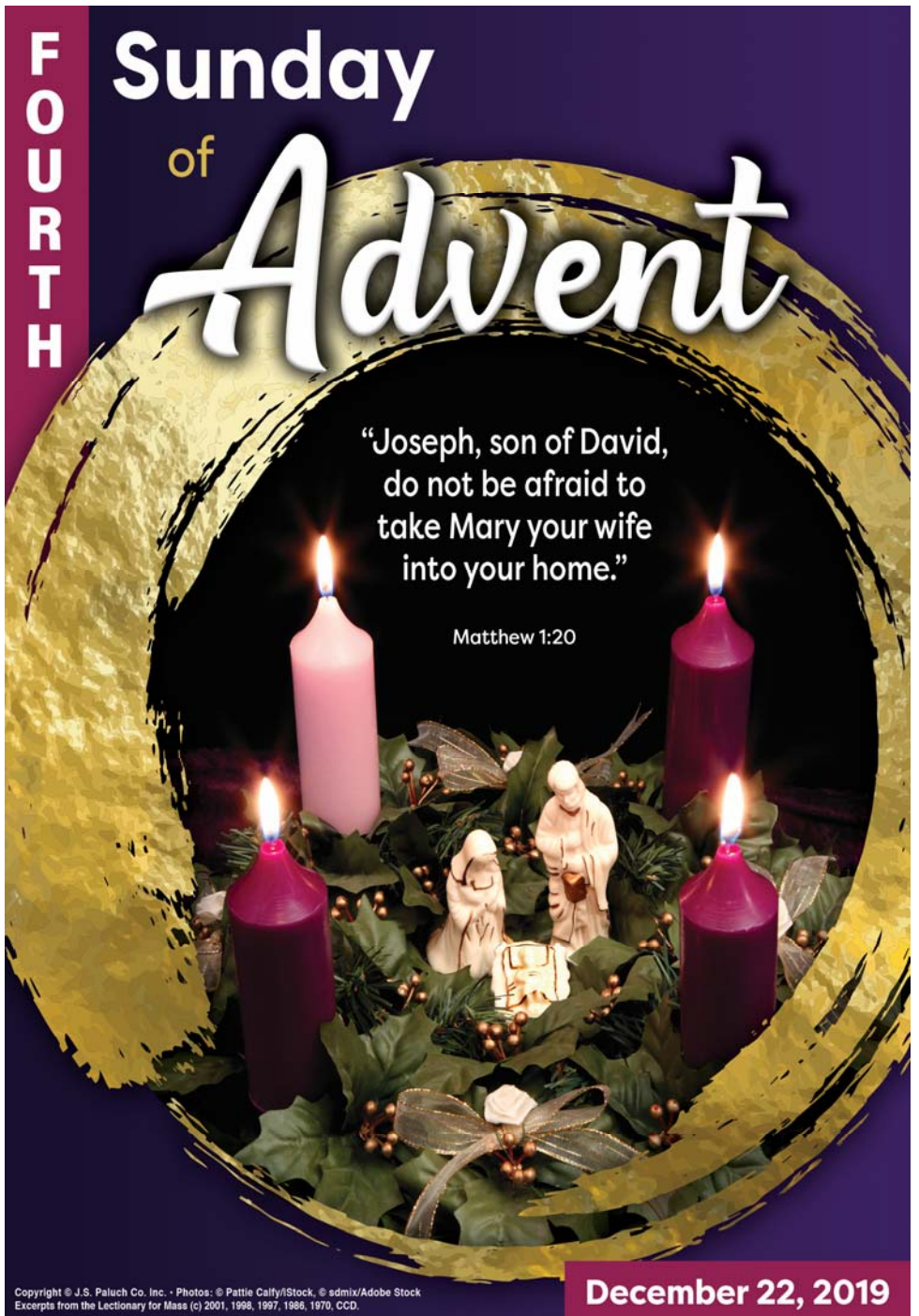
Sunday

of

Advent

"Joseph, son of David,
do not be afraid to
take Mary your wife
into your home."

Matthew 1:20



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December 22, 2019

Masses for the Week

December 23rd - 29th

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| Mon | 8:00 am | NO MASS |
| Tues | 4:00 pm | Richard Whitfill Family |
| | 8:00 pm | Todd Newby |
| Wed | 9:00 am | St. Romuald Parishioners |
| Thur | 9:30 am | Donnie Vessels (Medco) |
| Fri | 9:00 am | Victor Henning |
| Sat | 5:00 pm | Joe Hess |
| Sun | 7:00 am | St. Romuald Parishioners |
| | 10:00 am | Roy H Bennett (MB) |

Stewardship of Finance

REGULAR COLLECTION (Envelopes and Loose)

Amount needed Weekly\$9,500.00

December 14th & 15th will be published next week

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| Sunday Collection..... | \$ |
| Capital Improvements..... | \$ |

Special envelopes in your packet for Christmas & Diocesan Good Works on December 25th

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 28th & 29th

| | Eucharistic Ministers | Lectors | Ushers | Servers | Rosary Leaders | Music Ministers |
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| 5:00 pm | Janet Bland Amy Flood | Jennifer O'Reilly Alex Bertschman | C-Jeremy Hinton C-Steve Metcalfe S-Mark Rhodes S-Jonathan Coleman | Alaina Taul Madeline Taul | Jamesetta Whitfill | Shannon |
| 7:00 am | Gabe Carwile Tobias Curran | Jim Heavrin | C-Kenny Glasscock C-Greg Hardesty S-Michael Kennedy S-Kevin Oelze | Andrew Carwile Joseph Curran | Mary Vessels | |
| 10:00 am | Ort Critchelov Sandra Hinton Sandy Horsley Kathryn Ables | Jessica Phillips Kathy Kiper | C-Greg Hinton C-Dustin Whitworth S-Ricky Moore S-Danny Flood | Ava Phillips Layne Carwile | Laura Frank | P.J./Choir Cantor: Carlos |

Radio Minister: Melissa Oelze

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Parish News and Events

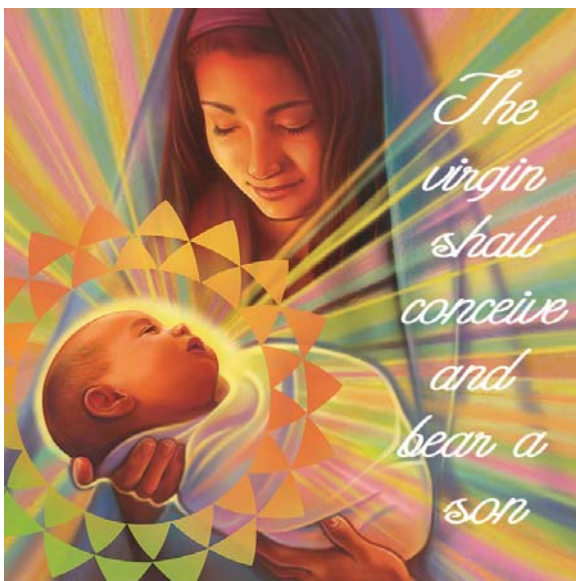
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MINISTRY SCHEDULE: We need several volunteers to fill the ministry schedule for Christmas and New Year. If you can volunteer please call the office (270-756-2356).

December 24 - December 25

| | Eucharistic Minister | Lector | Usher | Altar Server | Radio |
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| Tuesday, 4:00 PM Christmas Eve | Lori Carwile Robynn Brown Sandy Horsley 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 Jean Oelze Tracy Laslie NOT FILLED | Ann Denton Jessica Phillips | Tom Winchell Justin Brown Joey Walz NOT FILLED | Ava Phillips Brianna Laslie | NOT FILLED |
| Wednesday, 9:00 AM Christmas Day | Shirley Bland Lou Ann Whitworth NOT FILLED NOT FILLED | Melissa Oelze Denise Smith | Jimmie Whitworth Davye Duggins Kenny Glasscock 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 |
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| Tuesday, 5:00 PM New Year Eve | Lisa Kennedy 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 | Kathy Kiper NOT FILLED | Kenny Glasscock NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED | NOT FILLED NOT FILLED |



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Stewardship Update

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| Stewardship Forms Mailed | 536 |
| Stewardship Forms Returned | 230 |
| Stewardship Forms Still Out | 306 |
| Catholic School Families | 62 |
| Catholic School Forms Returned | 58 |
| Catholic School Forms Still Out | 4 |

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

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

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



Rosary for Vocations

Matthew 9 Mission| Matthew 9:38 "Ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." The Office of Vocations invites your parish to be a part of the Matthew 9 Mission. The **Matthew 9 Mission** is a response to Christ's call to pray for vocations. Participants will choose at least one day a month to pray the Rosary specifically for vocations to the priesthood.

More than one person may pray on a particular day and you may choose more than one day a month to pray. The goal is to have someone in all 78 parishes in the Diocese of Owensboro praying the Rosary for vocations to the priesthood every day of the year.

Each month we will have a calendar for sign-ups. More information to follow.



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

This Week at St. Romuald

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| Mon | 8:00 am | No Mass |
| | 9:00 am | Finish Decorating for Christmas |
| | 1:00 pm | Blue Army Rosary |
| Tues | | OFFICE CLOSED |
| | 4:00 pm | Christmas Eve Mass |
| | 8:00 pm | Christmas Eve Mass |
| Wed | | OFFICE CLOSED |
| | 9:00 am | Christmas Day Mass |
| Thur | 9:30 am | Mass (Medco) |
| Fri | 9:00 am | Mass |
| Sat | 4:00 pm | Confessions |
| | 5:00 pm | Mass/St. Vincent de Paul Collection |
| Sun | 7:00 am | Mass/St. Vincent de Paul Collection |
| | 10:00 am | Mass/St. Vincent de Paul Collection |

Celebration

ANNIVERSARIES:

DON & SUE FORD, DECEMBER 26TH, 55 YEARS
PAUL & ANNE O'REILLY, DECEMBER 27TH, 53 YEAWRS
STEVE & JENNY CRITCHELOW, DECEMBER 29TH, 47 YEARS
ORT & BARBARA CRITCHELOW, DECEMBER 29TH, 47 YEARS

BIRTHDAYS:

CARL JARBOE, DECEMBER 25TH

PRAYER REQUESTS

We Pray For:



Hella Ables, Noretta 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, **Cathy Lucas**, Michael Manning, Danika Mattingly, Leonard Mattingly, Janie Maysey, Donnie Mercer, Bevan Michael Miller, **Sharon Morgan**, 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, Ashley Smith, John Sosh, Joe Speaks, Casey Sturgeon, Pam Sturgeon, Lucy Tate-Stupak, Margaret Surrell, 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

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, Sherley Gene Basham

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.



Our Deepest Sympathy
We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Sherley Gene Basham (David Basham's Father). You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY



GOSPEL MEDITATION

**4th Sunday of Advent
December 22, 2019**

Each Advent season, we prepare to welcome Jesus into the inns and stables of our hearts. But Jesus' coming wasn't welcomed by everyone with choirs of angels. For St. Joseph, the first coming of Jesus was a bit more complicated. *"When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit."* For Joseph, opening his heart (and home) to Jesus meant, at best, appearing to all the world like a man who had impregnated his wife out of wedlock. At worst, he appeared a cuckold, raising the child of another man. God doesn't always appear the way we expect.

For some of us, the birth of Christ is a bit relationally complicated. Perhaps over the past few months, a loved one has died. This Christmas, you're taking it upon yourself to keep up the traditions and hold the family together. Welcoming Jesus means welcoming grief. Perhaps it's a difficult relative (or two or three) and it's all you can do to bite your tongue and swallow your pride while they're under your roof. Welcoming Jesus means welcoming strife, discord, and tension.

Yet *"do not be afraid,"* the angel says. Do not be afraid. Why? Because we celebrate the birth of *"Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us.'"* Before Jesus' earthly ministry would begin, Jesus would lose his father, Joseph. God is with us in our grief. Wherever Jesus went, he stirred up controversy and faced down challenging personalities. God is with us in our stress. The trick is, like Joseph, to allow supernatural grace to prevail. Joseph was a good man, filled with natural virtue in that he didn't want to *"expose [Mary] to shame."* Yet he was prepared to *"divorce her quietly"* all the same. Our natural abilities only take us so far. Where is receiving Jesus complicated this Christmas season? Are you relying on your own strength to get you through, or are you truly ready to accept the grace of Emmanuel, God with us?

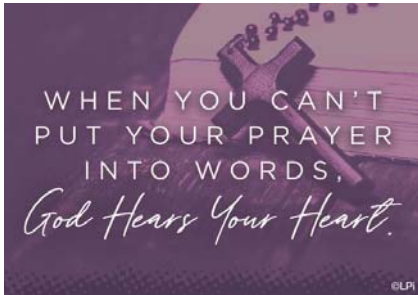
Around and About

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 22 5:00 pm Evening Prayer
Presider: Fr. Jason McClure



Thank You to Steve & Jenny Critchelow who donated the New Flags flying over the Veterans' Memorial in memory of the Critchelow & Carwile Families.

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.

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 76 women went into EMW Clinic for abortions at 2nd and Market Street in Louisville. **Please pray to end abortion.**

Bulletin Deadlines:

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 7:10-14/ Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

Wednesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22

Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/ Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Observances for the week of December 22, 2019

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. John of Kanty, Priest

Tuesday: Christmas Eve

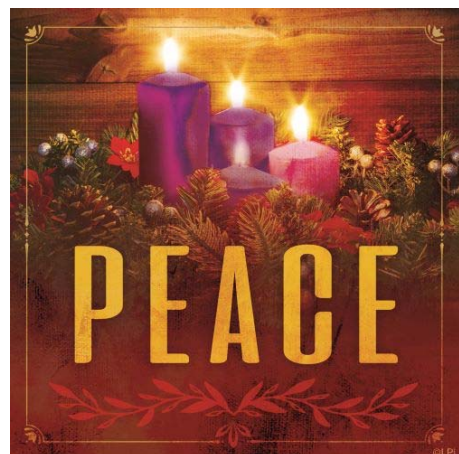
Wednesday: The Nativity of the Lord (holy day of obligation)

Thursday: St. Stephen, the First Martyr

Friday: St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

Saturday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Next Sunday: The Holy Family



Epiphany Party

Sunday, January 5, 2020

After the 10:00 am Mass in the Parish Hall

Soups, sandwiches, chips and desserts

*Activities for the Children
Or bring your favorite board game*

