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Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm, 6:00pm
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SUNDAY OF ADVENT
John wore clothing made of camel’s hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. - Mt 3:4

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
7:00AM For People of the Parish (living & deceased)
8:00AM For People of the Parish (living & deceased)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10
7:00AM Joan Fattlar
8:00AM Mr. & Mrs. William A. Smith

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11
7:00AM Charles Pichelmayer
8:00AM Malinak - McGinty Family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe.
7:00AM Andrea Kolo
8:00AM Judy Mladsi

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr.
7:00AM All Souls Day Intentions
8:00AM Joanne Yakubik

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church.
4:30PM Duraney - L’Huillier Family
6:00PM Elaine Hammond

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, Third Sunday of Advent.
8:00AM Stephanie Novak
10:00AM For People of the Parish (living & deceased)
12:00PM Kenneth Marsik


SUNDAY THOUGHT
Matthew 3:1-12

On this Second Sunday of Advent John the Baptist reminds us that if we are to be prepared to receive Jesus into our lives, changes may have to be made. This need to change our behavior must always be tempered by a deep sense of hope that things really can become better with the grace God gives us. Hope is one of the great themes that runs throughout this holy season. We must cherish a hope for the future – the future when God’s Kingdom will be fully established on earth. We must cling to the hope for the present future – our own personal future that God can and indeed will change us. One hope lives with the other hope, like concentric circles. Ultimately, one day these two hopes will be joined together to form one sure thing – eternal life with God forever.
CELEBRATING THE SAINTS
Saint Irenaeus of Lyon, Bishop (+ c. 203)

Saint Irenaeus was probably born in Smyrna (modern day Izmir, Turkey) and was mentored by Saint Polycarp, who himself had been a disciple of the Apostle John. Irenaeus testified that he cherished Polycarp’s words “not on paper, but in my heart,” for “the things we learned in childhood are part of our soul.”

Eventually, Irenaeus went to Lyon, France, as a missionary. He was ordained under Bishop Pothinus. In the year 177, Irenaeus was dispatched to Rome carrying a letter from the Church in Lyon. While he was there, a fierce persecution was mounted against the Christians of Lyon, and Bishop Pothinus was martyred. Upon his arrival home to Lyon, Irenaeus was appointed Pothinus’ successor.

Irenaeus threw himself into missionary work and energetically countered the Gnostic heresy that was troubling Christians at this time. He authored a five volume treatise in defense of the Faith, -- Adversus Omnes Haereres. This very important document is the first Christian theological work in which Irenaeus bears witness to the Church’s teaching on the Apostolic Tradition, papal primacy, and the Eucharist. And he testifies to the reverence the early Christians had for the Heart of Jesus. “The Church,” says Irenaeus, “is the fountain of the living water that flows to us from the Heart of Christ.”

We know nothing of Irenaeus’ death. Some later traditions hold that he was martyred. The Church celebrates Saint Irenaeus’ feast day on June 28th.

BLOOD DRIVE
The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a blood drive next Sunday, December 15, 2019 from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm. The Vitalant bloodmobile will be in front of the school for the event. K of C members will be in the lobby after all masses this weekend, December 7/8, 2019 to register donors. Walk in donors are also encouraged on the day of the drive. Please give the gift of life.

PRAYERS FOR LIFE
St. Anthony's Knights of Columbus are having an Advent Prayers for Life service on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 in church. The program will be at 7:00pm with the Holy Rosary and continue with a Prayer service at 7:30pm. The program should end no later than 8:00pm. Please consider joining the Knights for an evening in Prayer this Advent season.

FIFTH SUNDAY ROSARY
The Knights of Columbus have made it a goal to pray the rosary prior to the 10am mass that happens to fall on the Fifth Sunday of the month. December 29th is our next Fifth Sunday rosary at 9:15am just prior to the 10am mass. This is open to the entire parish and we encourage you to participate with us. We will be meeting on the side of the church near the Blessed Mother’s statue. Please come and pray with us.

PLEASE DONATE
As in the past, the Knights of Columbus are collecting jars of peanut butter to help support All Faiths Pantry. All Faiths Pantry serves communities in our area by delivering groceries to seniors and people with limited mobility once a month at no cost. The peanut butter has a long shelf life and provides a good source of protein. Please place your donated peanut butter jars in the marked Knights of Columbus box located in the gathering room in the back of the church. We will be collecting peanut butter from now until December 22nd. Thank you for your support and for helping those in our community.
**CHRISTMAS WAFERS**
Christmas Wafers (Oplatki) are available after masses this weekend as well as following weekends, while supplies last. They also may be purchased at the rectory office during regular business hours. The cost remains $3.00 for a package of four (4) wafers.

**CHRISTMAS MASS CARDS**
Christmas Mass Cards will be sold after most Masses this weekend, and next weekend, December 14/15. Cards for the living are $2.00 and prayer cards for our deceased love ones are $1.00. Cards may also be purchased at the rectory during regular business hours through Friday, December 20.

**GIVING TREE**
Thank you to everyone who has turned in their gifts for the Giving Tree. We have a few items which have not yet been returned, but there is still time to get them to us. Please bring your gifts to church or the rectory office no later than Monday, December 9th. Items not returned by that date will have be purchased by the committee to fulfill the wish list of the recipients. We are very thankful for all the generous parishioners who have participated this year. Thank you for helping to make the holiday season happier for our needy families.

**PARENT BAPTISM CLASS**
The next parish Baptism Class for parents having their first child baptized is scheduled for Thursday, December 12, 2019 in the parish rectory. The diocese requires parents who are having their first baby baptized attend a pre-baptismal class. This class provides the parents the opportunity to recall the meaning of having their child baptized and prepares them for the actual celebration of the sacrament. The program lasts about an hour and begins at 6:30 p.m. There is no pre-registration. Just come.

**PLEASE SUPPORT CARMONA CARAVAN**
Next week, December 14 and 15, Carmona Caravan #75 of the International Order of Alhambra, a Catholic organization, will be outside the church doors collecting donations to support our mission of assisting developmentally disabled children. Thank you for your generosity to this important cause.

**PRESCHOOL**
Classes are held on Sunday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the school. Registration forms are available in the gathering area of the church and online at www.stanthonypaduaparma.org.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 9**
6:30PM  PSR - School / CH
7:00PM  RCIA - Rectory

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10**
6:00PM  Ladies Guild Christmas Party - CH/HR
7:00PM  The Way - CM

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12**
5:00PM  Children’s Christmas Choir Practice - CH
6:30PM  Parent Baptism Class - Rectory
6:45PM  Bingo - H
7:00PM  Secular Franciscan Meeting - ch/HR
7:30PM  Mixed Choir - CH

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15**
8:00AM  Donut Sunday - HR
9:1:30PM  Blood Drive - Front of School
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This online platform is free to parishioners of the St. Anthony of Padua community. Please take advantage of the online Study programs, books, movies and audio content available for all ages. December 9 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Formed Recommendations: Study, Why Believe? Season 1 Episode 13, Mary, Queen Mother.
Watch, Blessed Duns Scotus – Defender of the Immaculate Conception.

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PRAYER FOR FAMILY COMMITMENT
“Loving and merciful Father, who instituted the family as an instrument of your fruitful love and raised it to be a sacrament of your son for his Church, send forth your Holy Spirit to forgive us for our sinful failures, to heal the personal and social wounds that afflict us, to bring consolation to the vulnerable among us, and to enable us to reach out in compassionate care to all those families in need. Make possible within us and for us what only you can do. Through Christ our Lord.

AMEN

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FEED NEIGHBORS IN NEED BY PURCHASING DISCOUNTED CAVS TICKETS TO THE DECEMBER 20, 2019 GAME
The Cleveland Cavaliers have teamed up with the St. Vincent de Paul Society’s Hunger Centers to help feed the hungry this Christmas season. The CAVS are offering discounted tickets to the Friday, Dec. 20th home game @ 7PM against the Memphis Grizzlies. In addition to your ticket purchase benefitting our hunger centers, all attendees will receive a Whammer Bobblehead. The fun-filled evening includes a free throw on the court after the game - a great photo opp for all! Order tickets at svdpcle.org or https://go.rallyup.com/svdp-cavs Ticket sales end 12/19/19 @ 5 PM

OUR TOWN & ALL-AROUND DINING
St. Columbkille 50+ is offering the Our Town & All-Around Dining book with numerous money-saving coupons for fine dining, fast food, pizza, wineries, West Side Market, grocery, golf, and numerous leisure activities. A real value at $28.00. Great for your own use or as a gift for Christmas and other occasions. Call Lil Jirousek at 216 524-7394 or Linda David at 216 520-1727.
CONFESSION SCHEDULE
The Advent Season is a very important opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before the celebration of Christmas. The sacrament is celebrated every Saturday afternoon from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Our annual Advent Communal Penance Service will be held Sunday, December 15th at 4:00 p.m. An additional opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Penance will also be provide on Wednesday, December 18th from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Don’t wait. Make your plans now to receive the Sacrament of Penance.

SUNDAY MISSALS
Copies of the 2019-2020 edition of the Living with Christ Sunday Missal can be found on the bookrack in the lobby. The cost for the Sunday Missal is $4.00.

A final reminder that our Christmas party is this Tuesday, December 10, 2019. Mass is at 6:00PM followed by dinner and socializing...And maybe a few surprises! See you there!!

ADVENT FACT
The purple candles of the Advent wreath symbolize the prayer, penance, and sacrifices made during the season.

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA
Please check out the new selections on our display. The selection of CDs will help prepare you for Advent and Christmas. Listening to the CDs are a great way develop and grow your spiritual life.

CONTINUING IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS
The Women’s Faith Ministry invites all women to participate in a special project on Wednesday, January 15 at 7 p.m. in the Hospitality Room. At that time we will be assembling purses (for women) and bags (for men) to include winter weather and personal items to be distributed to the homeless.

If you have gently used or new purses or drawstring (cinch) bags that you no longer want or need, consider donating them. Also, we’ll be collecting clothing and personal items specific to the needs and convenience of the homeless, including:

CLOTHING (warm)
- knit scarf
- gloves or mittens
- socks
- hat or headband/ear warmer
- hand warmer

PERSONAL CARE
- dry shampoo (travel size)
- hand sanitizer (pocket size)
- Kleenex (small purse size)
- comb or brush (small/purse size)
- Chapstick

Only the above donations can be accepted due to limited storage, and can be dropped off in the Hospitality Room the weekends of January 4 and January 11 on the tables marked “WFM DONATION DROP OFF”. Thank you.