

December 13, 2020

ADVENT

Third Sunday of Advent



The God of Our Joy

Each of the readings for this *Gaudete Sunday* calls forth our joy. Unlike happiness, which is a temporary response to circumstances in our lives, joy is a keen awareness of the presence of God. True joy retains composure, a peaceful smile in fortune or misfortune. Joy looks at Christ and knows he is here.

Today's Bulletin is sponsored
in memory of Victor Schoenfeld by his family.

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, December 16

8:00 a.m. Janie & Edward Hajek

Friday, December 18

8:00 a.m. Bob Olle, Marian Ludwig Mikes,
Justin Traylor

Saturday, December 19

6:30 p.m. Annie & Herbert E. Anderle

Sunday, December 20

6:30 a.m. The Deceased of the Dr. Hugo Streider
Family

9:30 a.m. Agnes Jasek

Individual Confessions in Moulton and Praha

- Available anytime by appointment. Call the office.
- On Fridays in the Family Room after Mass in Moulton.
- On Thursdays after the 4:30 p.m. Mass in Praha.
- During Advent/Christmas season and in Lent.

PREPARING FOR THE SUNDAY LITURGY

Next weekend is *The Fourth Sunday of Advent*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 89

Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38



Remember the sick in your prayers this week,
especially Janet Darilek.

Parish Advent Penance Services



Moulton - December 14, 4:00 p.m. - ??

Praha - December 17, 5:00 p.m. - ??

Come express your desire for holiness by embracing your brokenness. Join us celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Come and experience

God's mercy.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY - Altar Society Meeting Canceled.

- Parish Advent Confessions, 4:00 p.m. until ??

TUESDAY - CDA Cookies to the Homebound.

WEDNESDAY - KC Christmas Party, 6:30 p.m. Social, 7:30 p.m. Meal, George's Hall. Masks required to enter. Catholic Daughters invited to attend. Ladies are asked to bring desserts.

THURSDAY - KC Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Moulton Oaks Hall
- Christmas Pageant Practice, Parish Hall, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY - Parish Office closed on Fridays. For any Pastoral emergency, call the Parish Office at any time.

REFLECTION

The God of Joy Comes To Save Us

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11 Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28

John the Baptist is featured in John's gospel today. His identity, his role, his mission are clarified yet again. John was a witness to the light who is Jesus. Jesus dispels darkness and empowers us to find joy in God. As we gather to worship our hearts may be cynical and devoid of a sense of eager expectancy. We may have no reason to smile, let alone rejoice. We may be looking for a sugar-coated pill to swallow to make us feel better. The Church has a different cure for this condition. It is called HOPE. With hope, we are able to see and move beyond present difficulties because we are grounded in Jesus. We hope and rejoice and deal courageously with the present because we know that the future does not simply consist in more of the same, but is an eternal communion with the *one whom we have heard, whom we have seen with our eyes ... and touched with our hands ... the Word of Life, Jesus* (1 John 1:1).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Dec. 13 – Christine Wenske
Dec. 15 – Damian Kloesel, Jodie Raabe
Dec. 16 – Amy Klmitchek
Dec. 17 – Niki Chaloupka, Jill Moore, Angie Rothbauer
Dec. 19 – Margaret Hoepfl Berckenhoff,
Margaret Molnoskey

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Dec. 17 – Kenneth Fishbeck (Diaconate Ordination)
Dec. 18 – Jamie & Thomas Dornak

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Today – Breakfast with Santa.
Dec. 16 – 9th-11th Grade C.C.D.
– 10th & 11th Grade Confessions
Dec. 17 – Christmas Pageant Practice
Dec. 20 – No C.C.D. (Christmas Holidays)
Dec. 23 – Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal
Dec. 27 – No C.C.D. (Christmas Holidays)

Youth Ministry Center Re-opens January 11.
Registration forms were distributed this week.

See Inserts

**Protocols For Receiving Holy Communion
The Sacrament of Reconciliation**

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Retired Fund For Religious - Be generous.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS BULLETIN BOARD

Gaudete! Rejoice!

This Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent is called *Gaudete Sunday* after the Latin word *gaudere*, to rejoice. Rejoicing is the theme of the day. Today's Entrance Antiphon says:



*Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I say, Rejoice.
Indeed the Lord is near.*

– Philippians 4:4-5

It reminds us of the tone of joy that permeates the entire Season of Advent. The basis of our joy is this: "THE LORD IS NEAR". The use of rose vestments and the rose candle on the Advent Wreath underlies this day's special character. It expresses our joy.

Advent / Christmas Schedule

Dec. 13 – Breakfast with Santa
Dec. 14 – Parish Advent Confessions
Dec. 15 – CDA Christmas Cookies to the Homebound
Dec. 16 – KC Christmas Party
Dec. 17 – Christmas Pageant Practice
Dec. 23 – Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal
Dec. 24 & 25 – Second Collection For the Poor

Christmas Flowers: Those who wish to make a donation toward the purchase of Poinsettias for the Church could do so in memory of their loved ones. Extra Christmas Flower envelopes available at the main entrance to the Parish Hall.

CDA Christmas Cookies For The Homebound: Each member is asked to bring 2 dozen homemade cookies to the Family Room kitchen, by Tuesday morning, December 15. Put your name and *CDA Cookies for the Homebound* on the container. The cookies will be packaged and delivered on December 15.

Christmas Pageant Practice Schedule



***Dec. 17 – 3:30-5:30 p.m.**

Dec. 23 – Dress Rehearsal 5:00-6:30 p.m.

*** Parents are reminded to send a note to the school informing the school officials that their child(ren) will be going to the**

Church after school on Dec. 17.

The Christmas Pageant will be part of the Vigil Mass. A second collection will be taken up during Mass for the Poor.

Youth/Adult Christmas Choirs: Come sing with the Choir. Contact Sharon Etlinger.

Annual Christmas Collection for the Poor: A Special Collection For The Poor will be taken up at all the Christmas Masses. You may use your Special Collection envelope for this purpose. Drop the envelope in the collection basket, drop slot or mail any time during the month of December.