The Faith Communities of Remsen - Marcus - Oyens

3rd Week of Advent

For the Weekend of December 11 & 12, 2021

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From Fr. Tim’s Desk

This weekend we celebrate Gaudete Sunday or Sunday to Rejoice. I pray that we begin to find ourselves filled with more and more joy as we anticipate the coming of the Lord at this mid-point of the four-week Advent season. The first two weeks of Advent have had a penitent theme in our readings and the liturgical color of purple adds to the darkness of the season, but as we draw closer to the Nativity of our Lord, the light of Christ, our anticipation grows. The liturgical color of the day is rose. May the rose color we light in the third candle of the Advent season and see today help us to build up our hearts in hope and run well the last few steps to the Christmas feast! St. Paul says it best, Brothers and sisters: Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near!! Blessings on your week!

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Congratulations to the 8th and 9th grade students of our parishes who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Sunday afternoon!! It was a prayerful and celebratory liturgy led by Bishop Nickless as he called down the Holy Spirit to enrich the lives of these young men and women with the seven gifts of wisdom, knowledge, understanding, fortitude, counsel, piety, and fear of the Lord as they continue their spiritual journeys.

I would especially like to thank the faculty at St. Mary Schools, Mary Arens and Paul Ahlers, and Family of Faith Formation Catechist, Robin Jenness, who prepared the students to receive this sacrament in recent months that completed the grace of their baptisms. I am certain there are more supportive helpers that I am not aware of, so I say to them too, “Many thanks!”
Liturgical Schedule

12/14 Tues 8:00 AM - Holy Name
**Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church**
Joan Cronin, Eugene Weber

12/15 Wed 8:15 AM - St. Mary’s
**Third Week of Advent**
L&D Dale Loutsch Family, Paul Pick
-Adoration Following Mass till 4:00 PM

12/16 Thurs 8:00 AM - Holy Name
**Third Week of Advent**
Pat Cronin, Ray Essick
-Adoration Following Mass till 12:00 PM

12/17 Fri 8:00 AM - St. Mary’s
**Third Week of Advent**
L&D Lloyd & Phyllis Wolf Family,
L&D Larry Ruhland Family

12/18 Sat 4:00 PM - St. Mary’s
**Third Week of Advent**
L&D James & Jeanette Boever Family,
L&D Lou & Peg Arens Family

12/19 Sun 8:00 AM - St. Mary’s
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**
Robert L Arens, Parish Families
10:00 AM - Holy Name
Jack Clarkson, Denny & Betty Moser

Liturgical Ministry

Saturday, Dec 18, 4:00 PM, Remsen, St. Mary’s
Lector: Alan Loutsch
EMHC: Sue Klein, Dorie Kolker, Rick Loutsch
Altar Servers: Beau Johnson, Cael Ortmann,
Brady Koenck
Gift Bearers: Mickey & Judy Koenck
Advent Candles: Trevor & Lydia Donovan Family

Sunday, Dec 19, 8:00 AM, Remsen, St. Mary’s
Lector: Cindy Harpenau
EMHC: Dean Harpenau, Vicki Heeren, Mike Klein
Altar Servers: Braxten Kneip, Allie Nacke,
Mia Matgen
Gift Bearers: Sharon Homan, Mary Van Dam
Advent Candles: Joe & Kristine Mohning Family

Sunday, Dec 19, 10:00 AM, Marcus, Holy Name
Lector: Austin White
EMHC: Barb Rosener, Austin White
Altar Servers: Youth
Gift Bearers: Youth
Ushers: Youth

Prayers Please

Please pray for the following people: Hannah Harpenau, Eli Biezuns, Jameson Heidesch, Linda Harris, Rosemary Wibe, Mike Thiel, Nathan Galles, Barb Brady, Quinn Goodburn, Sue Petersen, Gloria Treinen, Eleanor Dreckman, Mary Vaske, Callie Beeck, Marge Schiltz, Dave Plathe, Marge Sanow, Doug Schiltz, Duane Sanow & all those who serve our country.
Please call 786-1437 or 376-2628 to add a loved one’s name to the list.

RSM
Adult Support.......................... $ 10,273.00
Loose................................. $ 483.75
Candles................................. $ 65.00
Donations.............................. $ 670.00
Weekly Income........................ $ 11,491.75

MHN
Adult Support.......................... $ 3,174.00
Loose................................. $ 219.05
Grain Donations....................... $ 1,200.00
Weekly Income........................ $ 4,593.05

Collection for Bishop*.............. $ 400.00
*Traditionally a collection is taken when the Bishop visits parish(es) for his discretion to help those in need in our Diocese.

CONGRATULATIONS to Kyler and Emily (Brazil) Groves who received the Sacrament of Marriage at St. Mary’s Church on Saturday, December 4. May they enjoy many happy years together.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Confirmand from our Faith Communities who received the Sacrament of Confirmation by Bishop R. Walker Nickless on Sunday, December 5:
Sunday, December 12: MHN Christmas Program Practice 8:30 AM, MHN Choir Practice After 10 AM Mass
Monday, December 13: RSM KC Meeting Bavarian Meadows 7 PM, MHN CDA Meeting
Wednesday, December 15: MHN Christmas Program Practice 5-6; RSM Advent Eucharistic Adoration 6-7 PM; RSM Schools Christmas Concerts PK-4th Grade 6:00 PM and 5-12th Grade 7:00 PM; MHN KC Meeting; CYO; FFF 7th Grade Confirmation; RSM KC’s Euchre Tournament VFW Hall 7 PM
Thursday, December 16: RSM School Board Meeting 5:15 PM; RSM Finance Board 6:30 PM
Sunday, December 19: FFF/First Reconciliation Classes 8:30 AM; MHN Choir Practice 9 AM; FFF Christmas Program; CYO Luncheon; Faith Communities Advent Penance Service 1-2 PM RSM and 3-4 PM MHN

Upcoming Events

Parish News

Please take one of the limited number of Advent/Christmas books with you to read during these liturgical seasons. Living Joy is a wonderful narrative by Chris Stephanick that introduces you to 9 rules to live out joy every day of your life. Enjoy! - Fr. Tim

Poinsettias for Holy Name Church and St. Mary’s Church, please call your local florist. This year the poinsettias will be red in color, pots wrapped in gold foil with a white ribbon.

ADVENT EUCHARISTICADORATION - In addition to our weekly Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration we will have Adoration on Wednesday evenings December 15 and 22 from 6-7 PM, at St. Mary’s Church. Please consider spending some time with our Lord Jesus Christ in the season of preparation and anticipation of His coming.

End of Year Giving: With the year end approaching, there are two options available to ensure that your contribution will be deductible for 2021 taxes. 1) If mailing, make sure the envelope is postmarked by Friday, December 31. 2) Drop your contribution in the weekend collection baskets during the weekend Masses up to December 26th or 27th. To comply with the federal law, we CANNOT accept donations in 2022 for the 2021 tax year. Thank you for understanding and your generosity!

St. Mary’s Parish and Schools

Christmas Environment Church Décor - If you are interested in helping decorate for the Christmas season, please contact the parish office. Many hands make light work!! Thank you - Fr. Tim.

Mission Honduras - A small group of RSM students are planning on participating in Mission Honduras in the spring of 2022. They will be selling raffle tickets at the church after Mass on Saturday, December 11 and Sunday, December 19. Please consider donating to this faith-building service project.

RSM Activity Club will be hosting a soup and sandwich supper on Tuesday, December 21, during the St. Mary’s and Gehlen basketball game. The meal will be served starting at 4:30 and going till 6:30. Free will donation. The Activity Club is also asking for ice cream pails with lids for any left over soup.

St. Mary’s Schools

Holy Name Parish

Deacon Jerry is organizing a choir to sing at the Christmas Eve Vigil on Friday, December 24, at 6 PM. Traditional Christmas hymns and carols will be sung. The rehearsal schedule is:
Sunday, December 12, after the 10:00 AM Mass
Sunday, December 19, 9:00 AM, with the Children’s Christmas Program after Mass.

The 2021 Knights of Columbus Christmas Party is Wednesday, December 15. The party will be held in the church basement starting with refreshments at 5:45 PM with dinner being served at 6:15 PM. Please RSVP Alan Hoefling at 712-389-2228 with the number that is coming. You are still welcome the day of the party. A short meeting and card playing will follow afterwards. Come out and enjoy the evening with your fellow knights.

CDA will meet Monday, December 13 at the Church Hall. Rosary at 5:45 PM with a pot luck supper to follow. There will be a short business meeting and a Christmas party. If you wish, bring an ornament to exchange.

Family of Faith will once again be presenting “The True Meaning of Christmas” after the 10 AM Mass on Sunday, December 19. Practices will be Sunday, December 12, 8:30 AM; Wednesday, December 15, 5-6 PM and Sunday, December 19, 8:30 AM. All are encouraged to participate or stay and enjoy.

CYO will be having a soup and cinnamon roll luncheon and bake sale immediately after the 10 AM Mass on Sunday, December 19, until 1 PM.

Advent Penance Service
Sunday, December 19
1:00 - 2:00 PM - St. Mary’s, Remsen
3:00 - 4:00 PM - Holy Name, Marcus

Christmas Mass Times
Friday, December 24
4:00 PM - St. Mary’s, Remsen
6:00 PM - Holy Name, Marcus

Saturday, December 25
12:00 AM - St. Mary’s, Remsen
10:00 AM - Holy Name, Marcus
10:00 AM - St. Mary’s, Remsen

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