Mass Intentions

Monday, December 16, 2019
8:00 am  Thanksgiving to St. Jude

Tuesday, December 17, 2019
8:00 am  Vocations

Wednesday, December 18, 2019
8:00 am  Those that will go without this Christmas

Thursday, December 19, 2019
8:00 am  People of the Parish

Friday, December 20, 2019
8:00 am  Homeless

Saturday, December 21, 2019
St. Peter Canisius
4:00 pm  † Doris Hughes
         † Don Whelan
         † Evelyn Weigel
6:00 pm  Spanish Mass

Sunday, December 22, 2019
Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:00 am  Spanish Mass
10:30 am  † Darryl McClung
          † Adolph J. Cleary & Family
          † Pamela Gatela & Beato Cagalawan

Remember in Prayer…Our Sick and Shut-In

Rehab/Nursing Home/Hospital:  Frances O’Reilly, Jake Peace, Rose Thompson, Bill Barker

In Our Parish

Sunday, December 15, 2019
2:00 pm  Bingo (J-Town Bingo Hall)

Tuesday, December 17, 2019
9:00 am  Senior Game Day (Barth Hall)

Friday, December 20, 2019
3:00 pm  Adoration 3:00-5:00 pm (Chapel)

Saturday, December 21, 2019
Barth Hall - Rental

The parish office will be closed Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday December 24 through 26. We will be open Monday and Friday December 23 and 27.

Prayers for Our Women and Men in Military Service
Matthew Cleary, Brian M. Thomas, Chad Cheshire, Shawn Farnsley, Paul Yaden, Patrick Pugh, Angela Hayden, Corey Marshal, Roy Sublett, Jr., Gregory VonBokern, Katie Kohrs, Justin Martin, Michelle Williams, Trevor Storey
Lord, hold our Troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen

Readings for Next Sunday
Fourth Sunday of Advent
1st Reading  Isaiah 7:10-14
2nd Reading  Romans 1:1-7
Gospel  Matthew 1:18-24

Collection Report
Weekly collection December 8  $8,499.06
Weekly Sunday collection budget  8,521.00
Shortage of weekly collect budget  (21.94)
Retired Religious  918.00
Immaculate Conception  570.00
SEAM  100.00
Maintenance  75.00

Today is known as Gaudete Sunday. The term Gaudete refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice". Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near, and we also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath.
Third Sunday of Advent

Christmas and New Year Mass Schedule
Christmas Eve  
4:00 pm  
8:00 pm Spanish  
11:00 pm  
10:30 pm Choir  
Christmas Day  
10:30 am English  
New Year’s Eve  
7:00 pm Spanish  
New Year’s Day  
9:00 am English

Belated Birthday Wishes
Louise Heil celebrated her 97th birthday on November 14. She isn’t letting a number slow her down. She served 40 people Thanksgiving dinner and didn’t break a sweat. Ask her age; she isn’t shy about sharing. Congratulations and Happy Birthday, Louise! Have a wonderful year!

“Status of S.E.A.M.”
“See letter inserted regarding the closing of S.E.A.M. As the letter reports, Highland Community Ministries and Fern Creek Highview Associated Ministries are helping those in need in the 40218 area at this time. Therefore, this Christmas season, St. Bartholomew has made a donation of $500.00 to HCM and to FCHUM from our S.E.A.M. fund to assist families of our area. We felt this was an appropriate use of some of your donations until a permanent alternative comes about.”

“END of YEAR DONATIONS”
“Please have any St. Bartholomew donations to us by the morning of December 30th if you want them to be included on your 2019 donation report. Thank you for your support!”

2019 Catholic Services Appeal – Bringing Christ to Others  
Our Parish Target: $29,500  
Thanks to those who have already responded with a gift to the 2019 Catholic Services Appeal. To date we have raised $19,325 (66%) toward our goal. There is still plenty of time to respond with a gift to this year’s Appeal. Gifts can be made through our parish office, or online at www.ArchLou.org/CSA.

Thank you to all those who participated in the American Red Cross Blood Drive here at St. Bartholomew on December 2, 2019. We had 21 people who came to give blood and 19 successful donations. We sincerely appreciated all the donors, helpers, callers and all who helped in any way. Together, we have helped to give the gift of LIFE! If you were unable to donate here, please remember the Holiday Donorama which is held every year during the Holidays or call the American Red Cross for the next nearest blood drive. Our blood supply is especially critical during the Holidays. Thank you no matter the part you played – it was important!

Las Posadas will begin at 7:00 pm December 16 and end Christmas Eve, December 24. Please join us in Barth Hall. Prayer, singing and good food.

A Big thank you to everyone that volunteered for the senior dinner. The meal was delicious. Your donations made nice gift bags delivered by none other than Santa himself while the choir sang carols. It was a great night!