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DECEMBER 11, 2022 | THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



The desert and the parched land
will exult; the steppe will rejoice
and bloom.

*They will bloom with abundant flowers,
and rejoice with joyful song.*

~ Isaiah 35:1-2

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MASS SCHEDULE

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays: 8:30 am;

Wednesdays: 6:30 pm;

Saturdays: 4:30 pm; Sundays: 8:30 & 10:30 am

PARISH SCHOOL

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PARISH OFFICE

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING

Call parish office to request a hospital visit or
the Sacrament of Anointing.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Bethalto Council #4688, 4th Degree #203

Grand Knight: Ryan Frazier

Email: bethaltoknight@gmail.com;

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SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturdays: 3:30 pm—4:15 pm & by appointment.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Third Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions

Sat., Dec. 10	Advent Weekday
4:30 pm	John Perkhiser
Sun., Dec. 11	Third Sunday of Advent
8:30 am	For the Parishioners
10:30 am	Edward & Marguerite Clark
Mon., Dec. 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe
8:30 am	Brooke (Randolph) Carden (L)
Tues., Dec. 13	St. Lucy
8:30 am	Brooke (Randolph) Carden (L)
Wed., Dec. 14	St. John of the Cross
6:30 pm	Jeff Ray
Thur., Dec. 15	Advent Weekday
8:30 am	Pat Devine
Fri., Dec. 16	Advent Weekday
8:30 am	Rudy Papa
Sat., Dec. 17	Advent Weekday
4:30 pm	Noah Rogers (L)
Sun., Dec. 18	Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:30 am	Jerry Durbin
10:30 am	For the Parishioners

Prayer Requests

The sick: Conor Vogel, Keita Salantai, Mary Wagner, Charlie Mattingly, Noah Rogers, Becky Gray, Marguerite Hufker, Maxine Calhoon, Gloria Matthews, Vi Perkhiser, Robert and Pauline Lange, Elli Wiemers, Toni Stanford, Peggy Ruhmann, Bea Albarado, Audrey Wolff, Lisa Curtis, Brooke Randolph Carden, Pam Kaizer, Karen Simpson, Jenniffer Stout, Brittany Witt, Greg Weber, Ken Mauro, Deborah Walker, Deborah Walker, Ron & Renee Harshbarger, Sandi Goodman, Lizzie Malmevik, Pat Friedel, Mary Friedel, Nancy Tiek, Kristin Brunstein, Mark Jordan, Kevin Saul, Joyce Ventimiglia.

For prayer requests in the bulletin, call the parish office, 377-6519. For prayer requests to the email prayer chain, send to Marie at rejoy128@gmail.



Purchase SCRIP For Christmas Gifts

We keep over 40 different retailers on hand, and there are hundreds more available to order. **The deadline to order for Christmas is quickly approaching, Dec. 15.** We also offer 'generic' gift certificates in any amount you choose. Flyers listing all the cards we keep in stock and information on hundreds more available for order, can be found in the back of the church or in the parish office. Purchase after weekend Masses or in the parish office Monday thru Thursday (8:30-4:00 pm), until Dec. 22.

Prayer Group

Next Gathering: January 10, 2023, 6:30 pm in church

Flower Memorials

Memorial donations to purchase poinsettias for the altar may be made to the parish office. Jot down the name for which the memorial is being made and by whom and drop it in the Sunday collection basket. Usual offering, \$10.



Do You Know Your Faith?

(The New Testament)

1. Which Archangel came to Mary with the request from God to be the mother of Jesus?
2. Who did Mary visit after hearing the message of the Archangel?
3. What was the diet of John the Baptist?
4. How did John the Baptist die?
5. Who asked King Herod for the death of John the Baptist?

Fr. Tom

Sacrament of Confession

Father Tom will be available for Confession as follows:

Wed., Dec. 14: 5:30 pm—6:15 pm

Mon., Dec. 19: 7:45 am—8:15 am

Tues., Dec. 20: 7:45 am—8:15 am

Wed., Dec. 21: 5:30 pm—6:15 pm

Thurs., Dec. 22: 7:45 am—8:15 am

Fri., Dec. 23: 7:45 am—8:15 am

Knights of Columbus Vocations Raffle Update

We want to thank everyone who purchased a vocation raffle ticket recently. We had the drawings for 20 prizes on Saturday, 12/3/2022 at our State Council District Deputies' meeting. We were able to raise over \$113,000 for the Illinois State Council to support seminarians. The Bethalto Council raised over \$1,100 for our support of seminarians in this area. The Bethalto Council had a drawing for a \$50 gift card for all the people who purchased a book of tickets. The lucky winner of the \$50 gift card was Jimmy Albarado. Again, we want to thank everyone who helped support the vocation raffle. We are sorry that we did not bring back winners directly to Bethalto, but out of the 20 prizes drawn, there were two winners from Alton and two winners from Aviston. The other 16 winners were further away throughout the state of Illinois.

Attention Bakers

Family Life and Youth Group will be collecting home baked cookies, snacks and treats for the "away from home" college students. Please drop off your donations to the church basement by Thurs, Dec 15th! Call Amy or Norm for any questions 618-444-7715.

Sunday Offerings

Week 23	Dec. 3-4, 2022	Total to Date
Loose	\$567.00	\$10,664.88
Envelopes	\$7,849.00	\$201,640.35
On Line Giving	\$4,718.00	\$75,074.00
Young People	\$1.00	\$60.93
Total	\$13,135.00	\$287,440.16
Operating Budget	\$14,545.47	\$334,545.81
Tithe to Diocese	\$1,384.62	\$31,846.26
Difference	(\$2,795.09)	(\$78,951.91)
Total Envelopes Received: 159		
Building Maintenance Fund Donations: \$570.00		
Other Charitable Donations: \$757.00		

Liturgical Roles

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4:30 pm

Rosary
Lector
E. Ministers
Ushers

Dec. 17

Tim Zacha
Pat Beiermann
Dan Perkhiser, Joe Gulash
Rich & Sue Hayes
Cathy Gulash, Dee Zakrzewski

Servers

Music

Need 2 Volunteers

Craig/Kris/Becky

8:30 am

Rosary
Lector
E. Ministers
Ushers

Dec. 18

Carol Beste
Joe Grabowski
Marce & Brenda Tebbe
Dan & John Stutz
Paul & Cindy Stutz

Servers

Music

Conner Stutz, Need 1 Volunteer

Folk Group

10:30 am

Lector
E. Ministers
Ushers

Dec. 18

Sonya Hagaman
Kateri Dance, Teresa Wilson
Don & Terri Militello
Kathy Murphy, Deana McDonough
Josie & Grant Hagaman
Praise Team

Servers

Music

SCRIP Sellers—Dec. 17-18

4:30: Fran Nappier
8:30: Mary Cain
10:30: Amy Frisch

Smorgasbord Results!

MANY, MANY THANKS to everyone who contributed in any way to our Annual Smorgasbord & Bazaar. The way that all our parishioners come together to make this day a success is amazing! **Cash Raffle Winners:** \$500.00—Sharon Dulle; \$250.00—Jack Leverich; \$100.00—Mary Steinberg; \$100.00—Judy Griffith; \$50.00—Matt Zykan. **Craft Raffle Winners:** Quilt—Stephany Dooley; Joy Silhouette—Linda Zacha; Advent Calendar—Connie Cramer.

Gross Receipts: \$ 9,681.75

Expenses: \$ 4,974.04

Net Profit: \$4,707.71



A Meditation

The following reflection is from a recent meditation in the devotional book, 'Word Among Us'.

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord' will enter the Kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 7:21)

We all know that talk is cheap. If our actions don't back up our words, our words don't mean much. So when we say, "Jesus is Lord," we have to back it up by the way we live. Yet we all struggle with living out this truth every moment of every day. So what hope do we have of entering Jesus' kingdom if our words are not enough?

We can place our hope in Jesus! He has given us the gifts we need to build our spiritual house on a solid foundation. These are the gifts that enable us to live out the words we say every time we call Jesus our Lord and Savior.

First and foremost, he has given us the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, which cleanse us of original sin and empower us through the Holy Spirit. Second, he has given us the Scriptures and the teachings of the Church, which are the "blueprints" for our spiritual house. We also have the gift of the Eucharist, Jesus' own Body and Blood, to fill us with his life and strengthen our hearts for the calling God has for us.

With all these gifts, you would think that building our house on the solid rock of Jesus' word would be easy. But we know that's not always true. Temptation is never far away, and we sometimes give in. When this happens, our spiritual house can become weakened or fall into disrepair. If it happens too often, we risk seeing our house collapse altogether.

What a good thing, then, that Jesus has also given us the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which can help repair our spiritual foundation. Confession can be a wonderfully freeing experience! As you lay your sins at the foot of the cross, you can find yourself refreshed and renewed. As you listen to the words of forgiveness and consolation from the priest, you can find the strength and encouragement to get back to building your life on the most reliable and trustworthy foundation ever: Jesus himself. So try to get to Confession before Christmas, and see what God does in your heart as a result.

Important Note

If you brought pictures to the parish office for the 75th Anniversary Parish Celebration, you may now pick them up in the parish office. Thank you!!!

Do You Know Your Faith Answers

1. Gabriel
2. Elizabeth
3. Locust and wild honey
4. Beheading
5. His step daughter, the daughter of his wife Herodias



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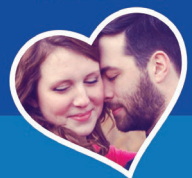


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