

December 17 - Third Sunday of Advent



THIRD SUNDAY OF
Advent

*"My Soul Proclaims
the Greatness of the
Lord.*

*My Spirit Rejoices in
God My Savior."*

*"Rejoice!" Mary's
prayer echoes the
psalms of praise that*

*would have been so familiar in Jewish
households, and also the prayer of praise
and joy of Hannah, at the arrival of her
son Samuel, who would be the one to
anoint the King, David. This joy has it's
foundations in recognition and gratitude
for the work of God in their lives.*

*Especially now, as we look forward to the
coming of Jesus, with the Blessed Mother,
we delight in the Father's love in sending
His Son to us, and in our salvation.*

*Prayer - "Most Blessed Mother help us to
make your prayer truly our own, to help us
recognize and rejoice in the gift of Jesus,
and to delight in God's work in our lives,
and in the lives of those we serve in our
ministries. Amen."*

SET
YOUR
FAITH
ON FIRE

*Setting my faith on fire, to me, means
trying to be generous and forgiving,
patient and helpful, and making an effort
to set a good example for others.*

*My parents helped set my faith on fire,
one Catholic and one Protestant, both
living life as a faithful Christian.*

*Who helped set my faith on fire? A
number of missionaries around the world
whose work I read about on a monthly
basis, both religious and lay.*

PRAYER SERVICES

Wed., Dec. 20	7:45 AM	Morning Prayer
Fri., Dec. 22	7:45 AM	Morning Prayer

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Dec. 16	4 PM	Mike Fasbinder
Sun., Dec. 17	10 AM	Special Donor
Sat., Dec. 23	4 PM	Albert Schoettmer
Sun., Dec. 24	4 PM	Aloysius & Myrna Kohlman
Sun., Dec. 24	10 PM	Irene Barnhorst

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday – December 23 at 4:00 PM

Greeters: Nathan and Courtney Wagner
Bob and Mary Busch

Servers: Kara Merkel, Kayla Simon

Cantor: Rachel Toops

Lectors: Tara Ricke, Teha Merkel

Euch. Ministers: Roseann Wirth, Bill Deller
John Wagner, Janet Deller

Sunday – December 24 at 4:00 PM

Greeters: Daniel and Becca Harlemert - *back*

Mike and Janice Simon - *back*

Joe and Janet Wagner - *side*

Servers: Connor Toops, Jodie Muckerheide,
Blake Simon

Cantor: Scott Simon

Lectors: Ron Bauerle, Donna Harlemert

Euch. Ministers: Dana Newhart, Katie Spreckelson
Ben Harlemert, Judy Steuri

Sunday – December 24 at 10:00 PM

Greeters: Paul and Arlene Gehl

George and Mary Bultman

Servers: Lilly Simon, Shaylee Volz, Caleb Simon

Cantor: Sharon Miller

Lectors: Paul Gehl, Arlene Gehl

Euch. Ministers: Roseann Wirth, Patty Simon
Amanda Schutte, Susan Schutte

*Unless you are willing to do the ridiculous, God will not do
the miraculous. When you have God, you don't have to know
everything about it; you just do it. ~ Mother Angelica*

STEWARDSHIP – All of the people in today's readings -- the prophet Isaiah, the Virgin Mary, St. Paul, St. John the Baptist -- seemed to understand clearly and rejoice in what God was calling them to be and to do. Do I?

SANCTUARY LIGHT – The sanctuary light will burn December 17 through December 24 for Aloysius and Myrna Kohlman.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS – Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests send heartfelt thanks and prayers for your donation to last week's collection. May God bless you!

REST IN PEACE – St. Maurice parishioners extend sympathy to Linda Wagner and her family upon the death of her mother, Hazel Terry. May she join the angels this Christmas in singing her Gloria in excelsis Deo!

GIVING TREE – If you forgot your gifts today, you can bring them to the parish office this week. If no one is there, place them on the back porch. And thank you for all your giving ways!

CAROLING – Thank you to our youth, Emma Wagner, Layla Miller and Elena Leemans, and adults, Sharon Miller and Joyce Muckerheide, for bringing the gift of joy to some of our homebound with their Christmas caroling.

REMEMBER – There will be NO Sunday morning Masses on December 24th. All three parishes will have a Saturday evening Mass, 4:00 PM here and at Millhousen, 6:00 PM at Osgood. Refer to the cohort page or the purple insert for the Christmas and New Year Masses.

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$2365.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 13.00
Loose Collection	\$ 228.00
Total Regular Collection	\$2606.00
Religious Retirement	\$1133.00
Immaculate Conception	\$120.00
Capital Improvement	\$20.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$50.00

May the God of Abundance Bless You!

CHURCH DECORATING – The Liturgy Committee will decorate church this Monday, the 18th, at 6:00 PM if you would like to help them.

UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL – We have surpassed our goal by 146%, with over \$14,000 being pledged. I am grateful for your response to this annual appeal!



EPIPHANY PARTY – Christmas continues with the Feast of the Epiphany. You are invited to an Epiphany Party on Sunday, January 7, 4:00 - 6:00 PM in our hall. Soup Supper, Singing, Live Tree Burning, and Children's Skit of the Arrival of the Three Kings.

BABYSITTING – The question has been asked if any of our youth would babysit with your children. Here is a list for you: Macey Moorman, Shaylee Volz, Elizabeth Newhart, Gracie Simon, Jodie Muckerheide, Elena Leemans and Grace Truesdell. You can call Joyce Muckerheide at 812/363-5929 or 812/933-5440 if you wish to have their phone numbers. If I had children, I would call on any of these young people!

MARRIED COUPLES – Have you been married **40+ years**? If so, call or e-mail the office with this information and let us know how many years. We'd like this information before March 1. Do it now or you might forget!

RELIGIOUS ED – Classes for Preschool through Grade 5, Wednesday, December 20, 6:45 PM. The children will have their Christmas Party this evening. No meal will be served.

No classes for Grades 6 through 11 next Sunday, December 24. Classes will resume January 7.

2018 CALENDARS – Calendars are available for your taking in the back and side entrances of the church. We thank Neal's Funeral Home, who sponsored them.

THE LORD'S LAUGHER – I gave my father \$100 and said, "Buy yourself something that will make your life easier." So he went out and bought a present for my mother. (Rita Rudner)