



Church of NOTRE DAME



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**SUNDAY
DECEMBER 13
2020**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**PUBLIC ENTRY BY
APPOINTMENT ONLY
MASS SCHEDULE
(TEMPORARY)**

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4 pm & 6 pm

Sunday: 8 am, 10 am & Noon

Weekday Masses

Monday: 7:30 am

Tuesday: 9:00 am

Wednesday: 7:30 am

Thursday: 9:00 am

Friday: 9:00 am

Saturday: 9:00 am

PARISH STAFF

Pastor

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Mrs. Gretchen Wagner

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Mrs. Carrie Hannah

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Mrs. Mary Lou Hornyak

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Mrs. Ann Miller

Third Sunday of
ADVENT



WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 13, 2020

- SUN 12/13** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
- MON 12/14** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27
- TUE 12/15** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32
- WED 12/16** Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23
- THR 12/17** Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17
- FRI 12/18** Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
- SAT 12/19** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25
- SUN 12/20** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 13, 2020

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Advent
- Monday:** St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Advent

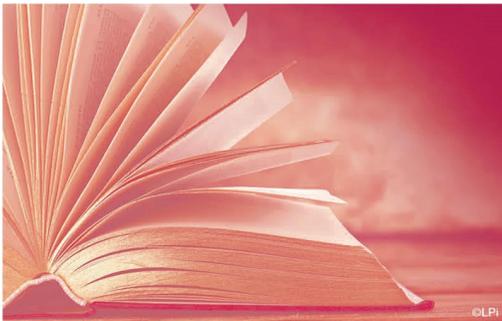
LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

What gives you joy? Joy is discovered when we connect with something or someone very deeply and experience a dimension of ourselves that material or secular possessions cannot bring. Joy is stumbled upon when we see our newly born child for the first time, get caught up in the vastness of a mountain landscape, and are led out into infinity gazing at an ocean's horizon, or being lovingly present with someone when they are vulnerable and in need. Joy is a profound experience that in its uniqueness grounds us in ultimate truth. Did you know that all authentic, profound, and memorable moments of joy mirror the eternal joy we desire from God? We can have glimpses of this eternal Divine joy as we embark upon our earthly journey, mirrored in our human connections with joy, but experienced directly during moments of deep prayer. God is the joy of my soul. Ponder those intense words! You will know moments of true and real joy by paying attention to your response to the experience. You will find yourself rejoicing and saying thank you.



*The desire
for God
is written
in the
human
heart.*

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

I rejoice heartily in the LORD,
in my God is the joy of my soul. (Is 61:10a)



PSALM

My soul rejoices in my God. (Is 61:10b)



SECOND READING

May the God of peace make you
perfectly holy
and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body,
be preserved blameless for the coming of
our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thes 5:23)



GOSPEL

"I am the voice of one crying out in the desert,
'Make straight the way of the Lord.'" (Jn 1:23)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Did you ever stop and realize that there is no earthly gain that can ever really satisfy us? Think of winning the Lotto. On this side of the winning ticket, it's all about the money, the new car, house, vacations, bank accounts, and infinite pleasures. The possibility of acquiring all of these earthly securities brings us back again and again to the purchase of a ticket. Then, one day we win! Our dreams are fulfilled, and happiness is on the horizon. Then one day, we wake up and realize that nothing has really changed, and I am not as satisfied as I thought I was or would be. I find myself living in my incompleteness and with my profound sorrow and grief. I did not find joy.

Glimpses of joy are possible but not by material means. They are brought to us through incredible experiences of connection that bring us face to face with real and authentic faith, hope, and love. And, they are glimpses and do not last. The moment we find ourselves looking back at them, they are gone, and we find ourselves remembering the moment in memory. To carry joy within us is to realize that it is not something I create, manufacture or even acquire. It is not able to be purchased. It is a gift. My need for joy mirrors my need for eternity, for a Creator who has a claim on the very essence of who I am and desires a home within me. As C. S. Lewis discovered, joy is a surprise that speaks to my very soul and is given as gift by the God who loves me.

The beauty of Advent is found in discovering the beauty of the gift of joy. God has visited his people for no other reason than to show them where and how to find joy! All of our human and earthly joy experiences are always only glimpses. They never satisfy us, sustain us or fulfill us. It is only God who is the joy of my soul. Real, Divine experiences of joy catch us off guard, make us stop and become aware, bring a feeling of awe and rightness and have an eternal Otherness about them. Nothing created by humans can ever come close to this. We probably will not fully realize the truth of all of this until we actually meet God face to face in heaven one day. Then, in that sacred moment when our hearts leap for joy we will understand what we have been tirelessly searching for all along. Intense gratitude will most surely follow.



MON 12/14 7 ³⁰ AM	Roxanne Pagliaroli [Nina McGinty]
TUES 12/15 9AM	Barbara Oleskey [Geri & John Jurko]
WED 12/16 7 ³⁰ AM	Emory Beal [Steve & Fran Kusmus]
THU 12/17 9AM	Ellen & Jeff Hudson [Daughters, Marybeth & Kathleen]
FRI 12/18 9AM	Barbara Oleskey [Eucharistic Adorers]
SAT 12/19 9AM	Ellen & Jim Feeney [Jo & Ned Feeney]
SAT 12/19 4PM	Dennis Sheehan [Peggy & Kelly]
SAT 12/19 6PM	John R. Ford
SUN 12/20 8AM	Mass for the People
SUN 12/20 10AM	Anne Durisko [Husband, John]
SUN 12/20 12PM	Mary Chmielewski [Wible Family]



SAT 12/19 4PM	Lector M. Petrillo	Eucharistic Min. D. Boller or D. Boller
SAT 12/19 6PM	Lector NOT FILLED	Eucharistic Min. NOT FILLED

SUN 12/20 8AM	Lector B. Lackey	Eucharistic Min. T. Brandenstein or T. Pagliaroli
SUN 12/20 10AM	Lector K. Higgins	Eucharistic Min. M. Ballish or K. Davenport
SUN 12/20 12PM	Lector NOT FILLED	Eucharistic Min. NOT FILLED

***ATTN VOLUNTEERS!**
PLEASE CHECK-IN WITH FR. ALLEN PRIOR TO MASS

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Thursday, December 24th
4PM, 7PM and 10PM

Christmas Day

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Friday, December 25th
9AM and Noon

New Year's Eve

Thursday, December 31st
4PM and 6PM

New Year's Day

- Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
9AM

MINISTRY SCHEDULER

The next scheduling period will be from January 1, 2021 through March 31, 2021. Please remember to inform us of any dates you will not be available to serve in this period **before Friday, December 18, 2020**. Please use the following link to update your availability.

https://secure.rotundasoftware.com/msp/webterminal/myProfile.php?user=notre_dame.

You may also notify either the parish office at (724)981-5566 or Frank Hannah by email: notredamehermitage@gmail.com

YOU ARE A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF THIS PARISH AND WE THANK YOU!

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Today's gospel reports "I am the voice of the one crying out in the desert." Who in your family is crying out with their crazy schedules, suppers that start too late and end too early, cars that don't start, misunderstandings, piles of laundry, unmatched socks and stretched food budgets? Although the list feels endless, there is one who hears you. The words spoken at mass, "The Lord is with you," are not just a hope, they are a fact.

PARISH REGISTRATION

If you would like to join our parish and become part of the Notre Dame Church family, please complete this form and return by mail or drop in the collection basket.

REQUEST FOR PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ City/State _____ Zip _____

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS:

Wendell August Christmas Ornament

This 2020 year's annual ornament, Angel of Peace order form will be found in the church foyer. The ornament will have our Notre Dame Church stamp on the back. Many of our parishioners continue to decorate their tree yearly with this beautiful handmade metal ornament. The price will be Aluminum \$11.00 or Bronze \$14.00. This is a savings of \$1.00 from the store.

Christmas Wafer (Oplatki)

This eastern European tradition for Christmas Eve will be offered again and the Christmas wafers can be found in the church foyer. One package (4 wafers) costs \$1.25.

NOVEMBER 2020 FINANCIAL REPORT

	Budgeted	Received
Reg. Offertory, 5 Sundays, and Maintenance Fund	\$57,200	\$48,173
Catholic Campaign for Human Development		\$590

2020 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Number of Pledges	272
Amount of Pledges	\$112,380
Amount Received to Date	\$85,250

INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

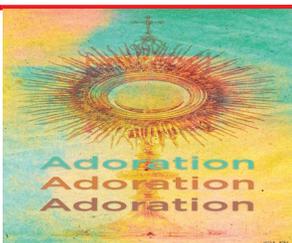
WHAT IS RCIA? THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

IS RCIA FOR ME?

If you answer yes to any of the following questions, then Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults may be for you.

- A non-baptized person?
- Baptized as Catholic but were never confirmed or received Holy Communion?
- Baptized, made First Communion but never had any religious instruction beyond these sacraments?
- Non-Catholic interested in knowing more about the Catholic Faith?

For more information, please call Kathy Higgins at 724-981-5566, ext. 109.



Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday
9:00 AM—11:00 PM
For more information call:
Jo Feeney 724-699-3340
Rosalee Beal 724-981-2645



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Wash your hands at least 20 seconds with soap & water.

