



**December 2, 2018 –
1st Sunday of Advent**

HYMNS FOR TODAY'S LITURGY-

**Entrance: #38 vs. 1 & 2, Offertory: #40,
Communion: #75, Recessional: #52 vs. 1**



RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES (K-Grade 8) - Classes resume TODAY. No classes for High School or Confirmation – Youth Mass today at 5:00 pm.

Today is Our Daily Bread Sunday. Nonperishable food items may be placed under the table in the foyer; monetary donations may be placed in the container on the table. Thank you for your generosity! This Wednesday, Dec. 5 is our day to serve at Our Daily Bread in Canton. Please meet at 313 W. Franklin St. at 11:30 am if you can help.



REMINDER: Our only Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be a Vigil Mass this Friday, December 7, 6:00 pm in the Church.

CHRISTMAS "GEBEN BAUM" 2018 (Christmas Giving Tree)

– TODAY the Giving Tree will be in the foyer of the Church. You will have the opportunity to select an ornament(s) with a specific gift request(s). You, then, make your purchase(s), wrap the gift(s) using the ornament as the gift tag, and **return** it/them to the Church foyer on **Sunday, December 16**. Any questions, call Susan Beebe at (601) 605-2131 or Lisa Crout at (601) 953-6643.



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: WAITING WELL - Today we begin Lectionary Year C, when the Gospel readings are frequently from the Gospel of Luke. Luke wrote for a community that wrestled with questions about what had happened and what had not (yet) happened. Some in the community had anticipated the promised return of Jesus during their lifetimes. In today's Gospel, Jesus does not offer a timetable for his coming, but asks us to watch and wait. We can learn to wait faithfully, not knowing what will happen next, but living in trust. Advent is a time to learn again about waiting well. Many of the events we most cherish in life involve waiting: the birth of a child, graduation, a new job, retirement. How we receive these events often depends on how well we have waited and prepared. Waiting well is not passive. We often work hard to prepare for life's big events, both externally and in our hearts. We ready ourselves, but allow for surprises. Advent's preparation for Christmas mirrors our many waitings, knowing that God may come into our lives by surprise, without a timetable. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

PLEASE PRAY for members of our parish, our families and friends who are in need of prayer, especially Paul Aubin, Sandy Brignac, Earlyn Carmody, Warren Davis, Doris Degenhardt, Abbie R. Dupont, Geraldine Dupont, Robyn Dupont, Earlene Fletes, Bernice Fontenot, Peggy Gauthier, Thomas Guest, Beverly & George Kehle, Lacey Madden, Nicole McDonald, Arleen Mink, Martha Faye Minninger, Mike Minninger, Robin Morris, June Schmidt, Maverick Schwartzenburg, Jan Smith, Hazel Strong, Linda Sullivan, Sheila Yeck, Matt & Amanda Cobb family, Patsy Hubert, Catherine Bratton, Breanna Halley, Rob Edward, Kristen Campbell, Ava Martinez, Joe Jones, III, Jimmy Justice, Olivia Scott, Dan Riesenbeck, Joe Forsythe, John Boudreaux, Finn Blaylock, Diane Beasley, Lisa Barajona, Germaine Pruden, Robert Endris, Chami Kane, Carl Welsh, Beth Gaston, JoAnn Hartley, Bryan J. Coate, Alan Henderson, Henry Weissenborn, Trevor Lott, Kenny Webb, Paul Byrd, JL Moody, David Doggette, Wayne O'Bannon, Donna Dennery, Teresa Jefcoat, Phil Waltman and our loved ones serving in the military.



OUR DIOCESAN SEMINARIAN THIS WEEK IS RYAN STOER: Contact Ryan with your prayers and best wishes at his email: ryanstoer@nds.edu. Our seminarians need and appreciate our continued prayers!



FONTANINI NATIVITY SET RAFFLE: Our Knights of Columbus will be selling tickets after all Masses today for a chance on a beautiful Nativity starter set. This set makes a lovely addition to your Advent/Christmas decorations or as a gift to someone. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20, proceeds benefit The Carmelite Monastery in Jackson.

PARISH CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & CHILI SUPPER: Practice for our Christmas pageant will be held this Wed, Dec. 5 at 6 pm in the church. "Sing a Song of Christmas", to be held this Saturday, Dec. 8, followed by our Chili Supper. This is a long-standing tradition at St. Joseph and we encourage all families to join us!

INVITATION TO PRAYER: Join us Saturday, December 8 at 9:00 am in the Mary Garden for our Pro-Life Rosary. All are welcome!

PLANNING AHEAD: We will have the opportunity to receive the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** at **St. Joseph on Thursday, December 13 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm**. There will be 5 priests available during those times to hear confessions.

Weekly Readings

Mo, Dec 3: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Matt 8:5-11
Tu, Dec 4: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Luke 10:21-24
We, Dec 5: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Matt 15:29-37
Th, Dec 6: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Matt 7:21, 24-27
Fr, Dec 7: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Matt 9:27-31
Sa, Dec 8: Gen 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38



LOOKING TOWARDS ADVENT: Our annual St. Joseph Advent Concert will be Sunday, December 16, 6:00 pm (following the 5:00 pm Mass) in the church. The Choir will host a reception in the Library after the concert. All are welcome!!

Meetings & Events for the Week of Dec 2 – Dec 9

Sun, Dec 2 Religious Ed (K-Gr. 8) classes today, 9:30 am
Adult Faith Formation, 9:30 am, Parish Hall
5:00 pm Mass
RCIA today, 6:00 pm, Room 106
Tues, Dec 4 Mass, 6:30 am, Chapel
Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary, 9:15 am, Chapel
Ladies Bible Study, 10:00 am, Heritage Hall
Yoga Class, 6:00 pm, Parish Hall
Wed, Dec 5 Christmas Pageant Practice, 6:00 pm, Church
Mass, 6:00 pm, Chapel
Adult Faith Formation, 6:30 pm, Heritage Hall
Fri, Dec 7 Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass, 6:00 pm, Church
Sat, Dec 8 Jesus, Coffee & Yoga, 9:00 am, Parish Hall
Christmas Pageant, 5:00 pm, Church
Chili Supper, following Pageant, Parish Hall
Sun, Dec 9 Religious Ed (K-Gr.12), 9:30 am
Adult Faith Formation, 9:30 am, Parish Hall
5:00 pm Mass

JESUS, COFFEE AND YOGA: Continues Saturday, December 8 at 9:00 am in the Parish Hall. No charge for this series, and we welcome all ladies of our Parish. Also, every Tuesday we have Gentle Yoga and Lectio Divina in the Parish Hall at 6:00 pm. Donation is \$7 per week, all given back to our church. Every BODY is welcome!! Come join the fun! If you have any questions call Teresa Speer at (769) 233-1989.

I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land. -- Jeremiah 33:15

2ND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY, DEC. 9 - Retired Religious

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES MONDAY, DEC. 24 AT 4:00 P.M. AND 6:00 P.M. AND TUESDAY, DEC. 25 AT 8:15 A.M. IF YOU CAN SERVE AS AN EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF THE EUCHARIST, LECTOR, HOSPITALITY MINISTER OR ALTAR SERVER, PLEASE CONTACT PAM.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS: Anyone wishing to make a donation for the Christmas poinsettias in memory of a loved one may do so until December 16. Please put the donation in an envelope with the name of the person(s) to be remembered and give to Pam.

YOUTH NEWS

Religious Ed (9th-12th grade) this includes Confirmation Class – Do not meet today, Sunday, Dec. 2 (Youth Mass Sunday). Classes resume December 9.

Youth Mass & Bonfire "Take 2" – TODAY, 5-7:30 pm.

DCYC – "FAITH HOPE & LOVE" It's DCYC time again!! What is DCYC? It is our Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference that happens once a year to bring parishes together from all over the diocese to celebrate our Catholic faith. Registration for 9th-12th grades continues! This year's theme is "Faith Hope and Love", and will be held on **February 1-3 at the Vicksburg Convention Center. How much does DCYC cost?** Conference registration fee is \$75* by December 2nd (early-bird rate). After December 2nd the fee will be \$100 per participant. **Final registration deadline is December 12th.** *Registration fee includes hotel room, breakfast, lunch & dinner on Saturday, breakfast and lunch Sunday, t-shirt, Conference supplies and activities. Our conference hotel for 2019 is the newly opened Margaritaville Hotel and Resort in Vicksburg which is just a short walk to the Convention Center. To find out how to register, check out our webpage for more info or contact Patti by email patti@stjosephgluckstadt.com.

FATIMA – THE FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTION: You are invited to become part of the Fatima message by fulfilling the request of Our Lady of Fatima to complete the Five First Saturdays Devotion. Scheduled dates for 2019 are: January 5, February 2, March 2, April 6 and May 4. Please see future bulletins for a detailed flyer with additional information.

SCHOOL HAPPENING?

OPEN HOUSE – Join us at St. Anthony Catholic School on Tuesday, December 4, 8:30 am – 10:30 am. Can't make it but interested in our school? Contact Michele Warnock to schedule a private tour, mwarnock@stanthonyeagles.org.

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL is hosting a Bruin Break Tour Day, Tuesday, December 4, 9 am - 2 pm. For more info or to schedule a time to visit our campus on December 4, please contact Tricia Harris, Coordinator of Special Events & Enrollment (601.898.4803 or tharris@stjoebruins.com).

GIFTS OF THE SEASON – St. Joseph Catholic School will host their annual Christmas Concert featuring the St. Joseph Bruin Band and Choir on Friday, Dec. 14 at 7:00 pm and Sunday, Dec. 16 at 2:00 pm in the Performing Arts Center. Come get into the Christmas Spirit with lots of traditional Christmas music!

ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC SCHOOL will present its 2018 Starry Night Gala on Saturday, December 8. To sponsor, donate auction items or learn more, please visit www.stanthonyeagles.org.

CARMELITE MONASTERY GIFT SHOP: Open House Weekends with Bake Sale thru December 24. Hours open are: Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm; Sat, 10am-5pm; Sun, noon-5pm, located at 2155 Terry Road, Jackson. Call (601) 373-3412 for additional information. See flyers at the back of the church.

PASTORAL COUNCIL – Alicia Baladi, Stephanie Brown, Frank Blossman, Jim Caskey, Louie Tran, Stephanie Word
FINANCE COUNCIL – Eddie Adkins, Thomas Agostinelli, Patrick Beasley, Susan Beebe, Tina Dancer, Monica Price

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, December 2–
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
(8:15) Dennis & Judy Strong
(10:45) Dara Bariola & Jeannie Barrier
Joe Best & Katrina Blossman
(5:00) Larry & Vicki Moorehead
LECTORS
(8:15) Matt Summers & Jack Price
(10:45) Norman Brown & Susan Brown
(5:00) Anna Crout & Anna Meyer
HOSPITALITY
(8:15) Stephen & Heather Muzzi
(10:45) Mike & Cathy Hepburn
(5:00) Alana Vice & Ruben Padilla
USHERS
(8:15) Ned Darbonne & Billy Endris
(10:45) Brad & Jane Turbeville
(5:00) Bailey Miller & Lizzie White
ALTAR SERVERS
(8:15) Riley Didion & Emile Picarella
(10:45) Meg Gordon & Preston Forrest
(5:00) Olivia Rabalais & volunteer
VOCATIONS
(8:15) Ned & Patti Darbonne
(10:45) Geoffrey & Eryn Yoste

Sunday, December 9 -
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
(8:15) Tricia Williams & Gracie Wilson
(10:45) Andrew Brown & Carolyn Callahan
Mike & Cathy Hepburn
(5:00) Traci Grubb & Susan Beebe
LECTORS
(8:15) Sara Weisenberger & David Wright
(10:45) Belinda Gordon & Katie Hair
(5:00) Cindy McGraw
HOSPITALITY
(8:15) David & Lissa Ruhl
(10:45) David & Lydia Holloway
(5:00) Volunteers needed
USHERS
(8:15) David Flood & Denton Hartlein
(10:45) Jason & Melanie Rice
(5:00) David & Mona Cobb
ALTAR SERVERS
(8:15) Cameron Miller & Colin Praytor
(10:45) Amanda Hair & Mabry Hirn
(5:00) Bella Alimot & Ava Spence
VOCATIONS
(8:15) Lennis & Mary Cook
(10:45) Chris & Penni Davis

Collection Report

Week of November 25, 2018
General: \$11,799.25 Bldg.: \$150.00
Diocesan Missions: \$15.00

2019 CALENDARS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH ENTRANCES – PLEASE TAKE ONE