

December 14, 2014

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent



3rd Sunday of Advent, Year B,

## Pastor's Note(s):

Rejoicing Sunday: The Gospel for today combines a brief passage from the prologue to John's Gospel with a report about John the Baptist. As in Mark's Gospel, the Gospel of John contains no birth narrative. Instead, John's Gospel begins with a theological reflection that has come to be called the "prologue."

This prologue places the story of Jesus in its cosmological framework. It speaks of Jesus' existence with God since the beginning of time. In John's Gospel, Jesus is presented as the fulfillment of the Old Testament and the culmination of the Word, the light that is coming into the world's darkness.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete, a Latin word which means "rejoice," is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass. This theme is echoed in today's second reading from the first Letter to the Thessalonians. It is a reminder that Advent is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand. (Loyola Sunday Connection)

**United Catholic Appeal:** we are nearing our assessment goal but we still need your help to make it happen. Why not consider a Christmas gift to UCA or for that matter to the Parish, in addition to your usual donation? And if you're not in the habit of giving at all, please accept this invitation and continue doing so. Advent Blessings on all our donors. *Fr. Michael*



**Decorators are needed** on Sunday, December 21st after Mass to prepare the church for Christmas. We need to set up the Christmas trees, put up the wreaths and the crèche.

**Christmas Poinsettias:** Parishioners wanting to donate Christmas flowers should bring them to the church no later than December 23rd. We are also accepting cash donations towards purchasing poinsettias. Thank you for your help in making our Church beautiful this Christmas season.

## Masses at Christmas

Christmas Eve: Holy Spirit Two Harbors at 4.00 pm  
St. Mary's Silver Bay at 7.00 pm  
Christmas Day: Holy Spirit Two Harbors at 9.00 am

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

(Holy Spirit Two Harbors)  
Wednesday Dec 17 Confirmation Students at 7.00 pm  
Saturday Dec 20: from 10 to 11 am and from 3 to 4 pm  
Tuesday Dec 23: from 7 to 8 pm

**Religious Retirement Collection:** Support religious communities. "Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry," writes a religious sister. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious provides vital support for the retirement needs of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure that younger members can continue the good works of their elders!

**Toy Drive:** Cooperative Light & Power (CLP) is working with the Salvation Army to bring joy to children this holiday season. From now until December 16, CLP is accepting new, unwrapped toys for the Caring Loving People Toy Drive. CLP will accept any gift for boys and girls ages birth to 18. If you choose to donate cash, checks can be made payable to CLP Toy Drive, and CLP will do the shopping to purchase needed and requested items. Purchased items can be left in the bin located at the back of the church.

For 11 years, the generosity of this community has been overwhelming. Our friends, neighbors and fellow parishioners that have landed on hard times have been able to enjoy a holiday season so many of us take for granted. Our sincere gratitude goes out to all that have helped in the past, and plan to support us again this year.

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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>SAINT NICHOLAS</b>	<b>12/13/14</b>
3:30 p.m.	<b>Reconciliation</b>	
4:30 p.m.	<b>Mass—Intention † Dorothy, Vern Springer &amp; Family</b> Reader: Harold Ek Chalice: Deacon Tim Egan & Liz Scheidt Servers: Kate & Miles Thomasen	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	<b>12/14/14</b>
9:30 a. m.	<b>Religious Education, Grades Pre, K-4</b>	
11:00 a.m.	<b>Mass —Intention for All Parishioners</b> Reader: Kate Ferrari Plate: Deacon Tim Egan Chalice: Linda Hoffman & Shari Hendren Servers: Ariana Sitra & Sid Hendren	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>WEEKDAY DURING ADVENT</b>	<b>12/15/14</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>WEEKDAY DURING ADVENT</b>	<b>12/16/14</b>
10:00 a.m.	<b>Mass at Scenic Shores Nursing Home</b> —Intention † Burt Magnusen	
5:45 p.m.	<b>Choir Practice</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>WEEKDAY DURING ADVENT</b>	<b>12/17/14</b>
8:15 a.m.	<b>Mass—Intention † Laurie Miller</b>	
6:45 p.m.	<b>Religious Education, grades 5-11</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>WEEKDAY DURING ADVENT</b>	<b>12/18/14</b>
8:15 a.m.	<b>Mass at St. Mary's</b>	
6:30 p.m.	<b>Men's Prayer Group</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>WEEKDAY DURING ADVENT</b>	<b>12/19/14</b>
8:15 a.m.	<b>Mass—Intention † Delores Burger</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>WEEKDAY DURING ADVENT</b>	<b>12/20/14</b>
3:30 p.m.	<b>Reconciliation</b>	
4:30 p.m.	<b>Mass—Intention † Tommy, Eddie &amp; Theresa Springer</b> Reader: Gloria Uremovich Chalice: Carol Anderson & Beth Egan Servers: Karly Fleischer	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	<b>12/21/14</b>
11:00 a.m.	<b>Mass —Intention for All Parishioners</b> Reader: Michelle Thewis Plate: Laura Lien Chalice: Jeannie Shaw & Nancy Olsen Servers: Hayley & Megan Larson	
1:00 p.m.	<b>Youth Christmas Program</b>	

**United Catholic Appeal**

Total to date  
**84%**

**REMINDER:** Gifts for the Giving tree need to be turned in by December 19th. Gifts should be unwrapped with tags attached.



† **PARISHIONERS:** Please pray for Arthur Barthman, Patty Broadbent, Pat Harrison, Toni Johnson, Joanne Ostendorf and Ron Kor.

† **FRIENDS & RELATIVES:** Please pray for Bill Carlson, Patty Harrison-Isakson, Jim Kioski and Ray Weeks.

† **MILITARY PERSONNEL:** Please pray for Garrett Aho, Nate Berger, Keith Dahl, James Mickle, Craig Moe, Ryan Ray and Christopher Uremovich.

*Please call the church office if you'd like to submit a prayer request; these requests will run for 3 weeks. If continued prayers are needed after that time, prayer requests can always be renewed – just call the church office to let us know that you would like to renew the request.*

**Youth Happenings**

**Check out our Youth Bulletin Board**  
**'Like' us on Facebook: Holy Spirit Youth Group**

**Wednesday Religious Ed. Meals.** Nobody has signed up to provide dinners for the remainder of the school year. Unfortunately, without the necessary volunteers, we will have to cancel the dinner program all together.

**Christmas Cookie Bake:** Please join us on Saturday, December 20th @ 2:00 to bake Christmas cookies for our local Food Shelf. All ages are welcome to join in the fun! Bring your favorite Christmas cookie dough and bake it here at the Church. For more information call Connie at 834-4433.

**Youth Christmas Program:** Sunday, December 21st. @ 1:30. Students please arrive by 1:00 to prepare.

**Heavenly Scent Cookbooks:** We still have cookbooks available for purchase. Look for them before and after Mass. Great gift idea!

**Last Week's Contributions**

<b>Weekend Collection</b> .....	<b>\$2,382.50</b>
<b>Bldg. Fund</b> .....	<b>\$300.00</b>
<b>UCA</b> .....	<b>\$195.00</b>
<b>CCHD</b> .....	<b>\$5.00</b>
<b>Rel. Retire.</b> .....	<b>32.00</b>