

December 7, 2014

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent



2nd Sunday of Advent, Year B,

## Pastor's Note(s):

**Preparing the Way:** The Gospel this Sunday is taken from the beginning of Mark. Mark's description of the appearance of John the Baptist highlights John's continuity with the Jewish prophetic tradition. Mark combines quotations from the Old Testament books of Malachi, Isaiah, and Exodus. Mark's description of John as an ascetic, living in the desert, clothed in camel hair, and eating locusts and wild honey, is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah found in Second Kings. The people of Judea and Jerusalem flock to him, listening to his message of repentance and forgiveness; they also come to him to be baptized. Mark's Gospel is clear, however, that John the Baptist's role is only to prepare the way for another who will come, one who is greater than John. (Loyola Press)

**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception:** Monday December 8. A Holy Day of Obligation. Join us for the Mass of the Solemnity at 9 am to honor Our Lady, patroness of the United States.

With every blessing! *Fr. Michael*



**Christmas Poinsettias:** Parishioners wanting to donate Christmas flowers should bring them to the church no later than December 23rd. Thank you for your help in providing Christmas flowers.

**Parish Envelopes:** Your assigned packet of envelopes is available at the back of Church for the coming year. Envelope usage is very important as it helps support intentional stewardship by everyone. I urge you to use your envelopes, it makes our record keeping much easier when you do. If you need envelopes, please let us know.



**Parish Events Planning:** Please join us after mass on this Sunday, December 7, in the parish hall as we continue to brain-storm, plan and finalize our parish community activities and events for 2015. We had an enthusiastic group for our first meeting which generated many great ideas. It is time to implement those ideas and we can use your help! Be the first to know what your parish community has planned for the new year. If you need more incentive, coffee and Christmas Cookies will be served. Call Laura Lien at 834-9549 if you have questions or can't attend.

**Please take a name from the Christmas Tree** This year all of the names on the Giving Tree are for seniors and one family through the Good Shepherd program. Please bring the gifts unwrapped to the church by December 19th. Any questions please contact Shari Hendren at 834-4074.

**Little Blue Books:** The Advent Season Little Blue Books will be available, in the back of Church, starting the first Sat/Sun of Advent. Please take one for your spiritual enrichment, to prepare for the Holy Christmas Season. In addition to the books, we will be having a Blue Book Discussion Group. We will meet, downstairs, after Mass on Friday mornings to discuss the reflections of the week from the Little Blue Books. Breakfast and coffee provided. Come and enjoy, feeding your mind and body. See you there, starting Friday, 12/5, after Mass. All are welcome!!

**Calendars for 2015** are available for you to take home. The liturgical calendars help you to know when the Church is celebrating a special day such as a Holy Day of Obligation or the memorial of a Saint. Thank you again to our sponsors. Their names and phone numbers are on the bottom of the calendar. These are the people who provide this calendar to us

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<b>Saturday</b>	<b>SAINT NICHOLAS</b>	<b>12/06/14</b>
3:30 p.m.	<b>Reconciliation</b>	
4:30 p.m.	<b>Mass—Intention † Helen &amp; William Burke</b> Reader: Paulette Moreland Chalice: Shawn & Kathy McMahon Servers: Duke Gilbert & Spencer Ross	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	<b>12/07/14</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: Mike Hoffman Plate: Chris Lemke Chalice: Gina Lemke & Nancy Olsen Servers: Nathan Campbell & Hayden Johnson	
12:00 p.m.	<b>Parish Events Planning—Parish Hall</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>	<b>12/08/14</b>
9:00 a.m.	<b>Mass</b> Reader: Linda Hoffman Chalice: Deacon Tim Egan & Liz Scheidt	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>SAINT JUAN DIEGO CUAUHTLATOATZIN</b>	<b>12/09/14</b>
5:45 p.m.	<b>Choir Practice</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>WEEKDAY DURING ADVENT</b>	<b>12/10/14</b>
8:15 a.m.	<b>Mass—Intention † Bob Zapolski</b>	
6:45 p.m.	<b>Religious Education, grades 5-11</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>SAINT DAMASUS I</b>	<b>12/11/14</b>
8:15 a.m.	<b>Mass at St. Mary's</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE</b>	<b>12/12/14</b>
8:15 a.m.	<b>Mass—Intention † Erna &amp; August Illg</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>SAINT LUCY</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: Confirmation Student Plate: Deacon Tim Egan Chalice: Linda Hoffman & Shari Hendren Servers: Ariana Sitra & Jasmyn Uremovich	

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



† **FRIENDS & RELATIVES:** Please pray for Lily Brown, Bill Carlson, Patty Harrison-Isakson 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

**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!

*THERE ARE MANY WAYS FOR OUR YOUTH TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE...*

### **United Catholic Appeal**

Total to date

**84%**

\$21,092.07 of \$25,172.74

**\$4,080.67 still owed**

### **Last Week's Contributions**

Weekend Collection.....	\$2,512.00
Bldg. Fund.....	\$60.00
UCA.....	\$1,105.00
CCHD.....	\$292.00