

The Third Sunday of Advent (A) - December 11th, 2022 - "Gaudete Sunday"



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Finance Council Chair: Larry Bandi Building & Property Chair: Bob Smith Development Committee Chair: Matt Padden SVS School Advisory Board: Anne Ricci <u>First Reading</u> - Isaiah 35:1-6, 10 In the day of the Lord, all sorrow and mourning will cease.

<u>Responsorial Psalm</u> - Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 The Lord will save his people.

<u>Second Reading</u> - James 5:7-10 Be patient, and be ready; the coming of the Lord is near.

<u>Gospel Reading</u> - Matthew 11:2-11 Jesus tells John the Baptist of the signs of the kingdom that are being worked through him and praises John as more than a prophet.

Liturgy / Holy Mass Schedule:

* Rosary 30 minutes prior to each Mass

Sunday: 9:00 am and 11:30 am * 10:30 am at OLSD 1st Sunday of the Month Tuesday: 5:30 pm Wednesday: 5:30 pm Thursday: 8:00 am Friday: 8:00 am

Saturday: 8:00 am / 5:00 pm (Vigil)

* Reconciliation every Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 pm * Reconciliation 1st Saturday of the Month after morning Mass

Readings for the Week

DECEMBER 12 - FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE - ZEC 2: 14-17 OR RV 11: 19A; 12: 1-6A, 10AB / JDT 13: 18BCDE, 19 / LK 1: 26-38 OR LK 1: 39-47

DECEMBER 13 - **MEMORIAL OF SAINT LUCY, VIRGIN AND MARTYR** - ZEP 3: 1-2. 9-13 / Ps 34: 2-3. 6-7. 17-18. 19 AND 23 / MT 21: 28-32

December 14 - **Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church -** Is 45: 6c-8. 18. 21c-25 / Ps 85: 9ab and 10. 11-12. 13-14 / LK 7: 18B-23

DECEMBER 15 - IS 54: 1-10 / PS 30: 2 AND 4. 5-6. 11-12A AND 13B / LK 7: 24-30

DECEMBER 16 - Is 56: 1-3A. 6-8 / Ps 67: 2-3. 5. 7-8 / JN 5: 33-36

DECEMBER 17 - GN 49: 2. 8-10 / Ps 72: 1-2. 3-4AB. 7-8. 17 / MT 1: 1-17

DECEMBER 18 - THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - IS 7: 10-14/Ps 24: 1-2. 3-4. 5-6 (7c. 10b)/Rom 1: 1-7/Mt 1: 18-24

<u>Next Mass at OLSD</u> Sunday, January 1st at 10:30 am



St. Vincent de Paul Parish School



Education for Your Child's Mind, Body, & Soul

127 Key Avenue, Wheeling, WV 26003 (304) 242-5844 Jarett T. Kuhns, M.Ed., Principal Julie Peroni, Assistant Principal Tracy Thomas, Office Manager & Administrative Assistant to the Principal

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SVS - A LOOK AHEAD			
Sunday, December 11th	3rd Sunday of Advent Refreshments and Family Ornament Making after 9:00 am Mass - Marist Centre		
Monday, December 12th	Holiday Spirit Week Begins sponsored by PSA * (<u>Merry Monday</u> - Wear as Much Red and Green as You Can) Breakfast with Santa Reservation Forms Due!		
Tuesday, December 13th	Holiday Spirit Week Continues sponsored by PSA * (<u>Tacky Tuesday</u> - Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest) Middle School Advent Eucharistic Adoration Service - 10:00 am PSA Meeting - 6:00 pm - Marist Centre		
Wednesday, December 14th	Holiday Spirit Week Continues sponsored by PSA * (<u>Wacky Wednesday</u> - Silly Santa Hats, Reindeer Ears, Crazy Socks- Holiday Fun)		
Thursday, December 15th	Holiday Spirit Week Continues sponsored by PSA * (<u>Thankful Thursday</u> - Dress to Impress in Your Best Christmas Church Attire) School Mass - 9:15 am SVS Christmas Program - 6:30 pm - Church Sanctuary		
Friday, December 16th	 Holiday Spirit Week Continues sponsored by PSA * (<u>Festive Friday</u> - Dress for a Cause - \$1 or more Donation - Dress like Your Favorite Character from Your Favorite Christmas Movie) 7th & 8th Grade Dance - 7:00 to 8:30 pm at Corpus Christi 		
Sunday, December 18th	4th Sunday of Advent Breakfast with Santa - 10:00 am to 11:30 am - Marist Centre		
Monday, December 19th	Holiday Spirit Week Continues sponsored by PSA * (<u>Movie Monday</u> - Christmas PJ's and Holiday Movie in Class) Classroom Christmas Parties!		
Tuesday, December 20th	Holiday Spirit Week Concludes sponsored by PSA * (<u>Twinkle Tuesday</u> - Light up Like a Christmas Tree) Noon Dismissal - No Lunch Served		
Wednesday	, December 21st through Tuesday, January 2nd - Christmas Break		

ADVENT FAMILY ORNAMENT MAKING

Advent Family Ornament Making and Morning Refreshments, (originally scheduled for November 27th,) has been **rescheduled** after the 9:00 am Mass on **Sunday, December 11th**.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Breakfast with Santa, (originally scheduled on December 3rd,) has been **rescheduled** for **Sunday, December 18th**, from 10:00 am - 11:30 am. The event is sponsored by the 6th grade class.

WINTER WARMER ITEM DRIVE

We will be celebrating a reverse advent calendar for those in need. All items will be donated to the homeless and needy in the Wheeling area. Each school week of Advent, we will collect a different winter warmer item:

12/11 - 12/17: Lightly Used or New Coats/Jackets

Parish Information Liturgy and Minister Schedule						
Date	<u>Time</u>	Mass Intentions	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>		
Saturday, December 10th	8:00 am 5:00 pm	+ Judy Goudy + Leo Bleifus Sr.	Larry Bandi	Michelle McFadden		
Sunday, December 11th Second Sunday of Advent	9:00 am 11:30 am	+ Bertha Turkaly All the People of the Parish	Team McKeets! Gwen Porter	Mary K Bell Susie Newmeyer		
Tuesday, December 13th	5:30 pm	+ Sue Hohman	ALTAR SERVERS (WEEKEND MASSES)			
Wednesday, December 14th	5:30 pm	+ Lou Thomas	Logan Buchannan, Charlie Carr, Georgia Carr, Riley Chiazza, Patrick Childers, Mallory Connlley, Emma Deam, Ava Dominquez, Lydia Koval, Landon Kazemka, Billy Looney, Sarai Macias, McKenzie Looney, Luke Minor, Angelene Ricci, Austin Schwanker, Ava Thomas, Emma Thompson, Justin Wilson			
Thursday, December 15th * School Mass	5:30 pm * 9:15 am	+ Brant Family + Hazel Hudock				
Friday, December 16th	8:00 am	+ Edna Foose & All the Members of the Thomas Flatley Family				
Saturday, December 17th	8:00 am 5:00 pm	+ Bernard, Helen and Brenda Murphy + Patrick Clutter	Team McKeets!	Nancy LaBrosse		
Sunday, December 18th Second Sunday of Advent	9:00 am 11:30 am	+ Bob Battista + All the People of the Parish	Dennis Beiter Richard Oswald	Laura Dominquez Dave Soloninka		

Today is the third Sunday of Advent.

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called **Gaudete Sunday**. Gaudete is the Latin word meaning **"Rejoice."** This Sunday is so named because **"Rejoice"** is the first word in the entrance antiphon for today's Mass taken from Philippians 4:4,5: **"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near."**

> We mark this Sunday on the Advent wreath with a rose candle instead of a purple candle. This Sunday serves as a joyful reminder that our salvation is near!

Attendance Update - December 3rd & 4th

SVDP 5:00 pm - 112 SVDP 9:00 am - 101 SVDP 11:30 am - 89 Total Attendance: - 302

Offertory Update - December 3rd & 4th

Collection: (SVDP) - \$8,360 Collection: (OLSD) - \$2,771 Collection: (WeShare) - \$7,177.17 **Total Collection: - \$18,308.17**

<u> Attendance Update - December 8th</u>

SVDP 9:00 am - 160 SVDP 5:30 pm - 88 Total Attendance: - 248

Upcoming Second Collection - December 10th & 11th Retirement Fund for Religious

When writing checks for any collection, please make all checks payable to **St. Vincent's Church.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUAL PARISH SUPPORT!



<u>Please Pray for:</u>

Jim Baller, Richard Blatt, Patricia Bock, Mary Kay Britt, Shirley Carter, Bill Childers, Gerald Cook, Mary Cook, Holly Custer, Clark Dixon, Allison Dunlap, Melissa Hipkiss, Ginny Johnson, Jenna Russell, Isaac Salva, Nancy Shalvey, Marlene Trischler, Ann & Charlie Wolfe, John Zumpetta, All Homebound, Sick and Shut-Ins

If you would like to add the name of a friend or loved one to our prayer list, please contact the Parish Office at (304) 242-0406.

Catholic Sharing Appeal

St. Vincent's CSA progress is currently at **150%** of our goal having raised **\$57,984** of \$38,720 with **95** gifts.

Our Lady of Seven Dolors CSA progress is currently at **5%** of our goal having raised **\$265** of \$5,225 with **5** gifts.

Prayer & Worship

DAILY MASSES

We are now celebrating daily Masses on **Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 5:30 pm** and on **Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 am**.

We will be taking Mass Intentions for any Mass. If you would like to offer a Mass for a loved one or for your intention, please contact the Parish Office.

The offering for any Mass on weekdays is \$10. For Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation \$20.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Tuesdays from 10:00 am - 5:30 pm.

We will be praying the Miraculous Medal Novena at 5:00 pm, followed by Rosary, Benediction and Mass at 5:30 pm.

Helpers are needed for Eucharistic Adoration, especially between the hours of **12:00 - 1:00 pm**. Please call **Joann Dmach** at **304-238-6534** to sign up.

ROSARY

We will be praying the Rosary **30 minutes prior to** each Mass. The Rosary is also prayed each Friday at **4:00 pm** in the Mary Mother of Mercy-Chapel.

If you would like to lead the Rosary before Mass, please contact the Parish Office to sign up.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word returns to St. Vincent de Paul! Children's Liturgy of the Word is designed to make the gospel message and the celebration of the liturgy relevant to the lives and experiences of young children.

During the 9:00 am Sunday liturgy, Pre-K through 2nd Grade parishioners (those that have not yet received first communion) will be invited to be dismissed before the first reading and will return before the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

For more details, contact Derek Dimmey!

MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND, SICK & SHUT-INS

The Parish is updating our Pastoral Care and Communion to the Sick ministry. Please call the parish office if you or a family member would like a visit or communion.

SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE

If you would like to have your child Baptized, contact **Fr. Jeeson**, or the **Parish Office** to make arrangements.

Engaged couples should contact **Fr. Jeeson**, or the **Parish Office** preferably six months prior to the desired wedding date.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Individual reception of the sacrament can be arranged by contacting **Fr. Jeeson**, or the **Parish Office.** Anyone who is anticipating surgery is encouraged to request this sacrament prior to entering the hospital.

BECOMING CATHOLIC (RCIA)

RCIA still has space available! It is ideal for anyone interested in joining the Church, or simply learning about the Catholic faith. We meet on **Thursday evenings at 6:30** pm in the Youth Room. Contact **Cynthia Dimmey** at **cdimmey2015@icloud.com** or **304-650-5857** (call or text) for more information.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)

Classes meet every Sunday from <u>10:15 - 11:15 am</u>. Registration forms are available in the vestibule of the Church. For more details, contact **Derek Dimmey.**

ANGELUS PRAYER

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary, **R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord, **R. Be it done unto me according to your Word.** Hail Mary...

> V. And the Word was made flesh, **R. And dwelt among us.** Hail Mary...

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts: that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.

Through the same Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Parish Outreach

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

"It is better to give than receive."

This Catholic lay organization leads women and men to join together to service those who are needy and suffering. If you would like to attend a meeting, call Mary Lou Kent at (304) 242-1019.

Attention Riesbecks Shoppers!

If it seems like you never accumulate enough points to earn a good reward, consider donating your shopping points to the St Vincent de Paul Society.

You can donate your points by putting in the SVdP telephone number (**304-242-8868**) when checking out. When we accumulate at least 5000 points, we will be able to get \$10 in cleaning supplies for the SVdP closet. Every little bit helps! Thank you for your continued support of our neighbors in need!

OLSD ALTAR SOCIETY

The Altar Society of Our Lady of Seven Dolors will be having their Christmas Party on **Thursday, January 5th**, **2023** at **12:00 noon** at Seven Dolors Church.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES' NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

C.C.N.C. is looking for volunteers to deliver meals! Each day, the Neighborhood Center feeds approximately 180 people through its meal delivery program. Our clients are homebound and unable to prepare their own meals.

Volunteers are urgently needed to deliver meals to individuals receiving this service. It would be greatly appreciated if you could support and help us. Please contact **Jodi Fogle at 304-650-4937** or **jfogle@ccwva.org** if you are able to assist.

THE GABRIEL PROJECT

The Gabriel Project is in need of volunteers! The Gabriel Project is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm. and located in the St. James Lutheran Church at 1409 Chapline Street.

Please contact Jenny Matz by phone at **304-639-5039** or email at **J.MatzNPGP@gmail.com** if you are able to help!

ST. JOHN'S BEREAVEMENT GATHERING

Grief from a Faith Perspective:

If you or someone you know has lost a loved one and may benefit from a gathering for those grieving, please join us at **6:00 pm** on the **last Monday of each month** at St. John's Fellowship Hall in Benwood, WV.

Facilitators are Deacon Doug Breiding and Tom and Michelle McFadden. Call the parish at 304-232-6455

Next gathering will be December 26th

CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE

We are taking orders for the Cookie Sale now through this weekend (December 10th and 11th.) Extra order forms are available in the vestibule.

Reminder to our bakers - cookie drop off is Friday, December 16th, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

We will be selling the Cookies on Saturday, December 17th, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Marist Centre.

Thank you for all your support and helping to make our first Cookie Sale successful!

SVS CHRISTMAS SARRIS CANDY SALE

This is our first school fundraiser of the year, and we want to make it a great one. Sarris Candy is a holiday tradition for many families. It makes for great gifts, stocking stuffers, holiday entertainment pieces, office goodies, and more.

Don't miss out on this great opportunity to get your holiday sweet treats and support our school at the same time.

To order, go to <u>www.SarrisCandiesFundraising.com</u> and use Group ID#: 17-1717.

The Flat Rate Packaging Fee of **\$5** will be added and orders shipped directly to purchaser (ships anywhere in the U.S.)

OUR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SCHOOL will receive 25% profit on every order!

<u>The order deadline is December 15, 2022</u> THANK YOU and HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



<u>News & Announcements</u>

SVDP - A LOOK AHEAD			
Sunday, December 11th The Third Sunday of Advent	Choir Practice, 10:10 - 11:00 am (Mary Mother of Mercy Chapel) PSR, 10:15 - 11:15 am (All Meeting Spaces) Small Group (Drnach), 10:15 - 11:15 am (Youth Room) OLSD Altar Society will be selling pint jars of their famous pickles after all Masses. \$5.00 per jar.		
Tuesday, December 13th	Prayer Shawl Ministry, 1:00 – 3:00pm (Parish Library)Small Group (LaBrosse), 2:00 - 3:30 pm (Youth Room)Rotary Club (Bandi), 4:00 - 9:30 pm (Marist Centre)Stitching Group (McFadden), 5:00 - 7:00 pm (Parish Library)PSA Meeting 6:00 - 7:30 pm (Marist Centre)		
Wednesday, December 14th	Small Group (Mazzzocca), 6:00 - 8:00 pm (Parish Library) Small Group (McKeets), 6:00 - 8:00 pm (Caveney Room A)		
Thursday, December 15th	SVS Christmas Program - 6:30 pm - (Church Sanctuary)		
Friday, December 16th Advent Reconciliation	Cookie Sale (Bakers Drop-Off) - 10:00 am - 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm - (Marist Centre) Rosary (Mazzocca), 4:00 - 5:00 pm (Church Sanctuary) Advent Penance / Reconciliation Service, 6:00 pm		
Saturday, December 17th	Cookie Sale (Pick-Up) - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm - (Marist Centre)		
Sunday, December 18th <i>The Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	Choir Practice, 10:10 - 11:00 am (Mary Mother of Mercy Chapel) PSR, 10:15 - 11:15 am (All Meeting Spaces) Small Group (Drnach), 10:15 - 11:15 am (Location TBD)		

THE PURPOSE AND SYMBOLISM OF THE ADVENT WREATH AND CANDLES



The use of the wreath and candles during Advent are a longstanding Catholic tradition that was originally adopted by Christians in the Middle Ages as part of their spiritual preparation for Christmas.

The wreath and candles are full of symbolism tied to the Christmas season. The wreath itself, which is made of various evergreens, signifies continuous life. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life we find in Christ.

Even the individual evergreens that make up the wreath have their own meanings that can be adapted to our faith. The laurel signifies victory over persecution and suffering. The pine, holly, and yew signify immortality and the cedar signifies strength and healing. The pine cones that decorate the wreath symbolize life and resurrection. The wreath as a whole is meant to remind us of both the immortality of our souls and God's promise of everlasting life to us through Christ.

The candles also have their own special significance. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent, and one candle is lit each Sunday. Three of the candles are purple because the color violet is a liturgical color that signifies a time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice.

The third candle is pink and symbolizes joy. It is called the "Shepard's Candle," and is pink because rose is a liturgical color for joy. The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent.

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Advent Penance / Reconciliation Service - Friday, December 16th at 6:00 pm Christmas Eve Masses - Saturday, December 24th at 4:30 pm / 7:00 pm and 9:30 pm at OLSD

Christmas Day Mass - Sunday, December 25th at 9:00 am

New Years Eve Mass - Saturday, December 31st at 5:00 pm

New Years Day Mass - Sunday, January 1st at 9:00 am / 11:30 am and 10:30 am at OLSD



From the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston



To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800-352-6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888-434-6237 or 304-233-0880.

