



December
Month of The
Immaculate
Conception

December 11, 2022

Third Sunday of Advent

HH - Hitch Hall MH - Maher Hall
SB - School Basement
R - Rectory CH - Church
WH - Waldeisen Hall

Date	Observance	Mass Intention	Readings	Event
Mon Dec 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe	5:30 pm Howard "Ted" Clauss by Bea Clauss	Zec 2:14-17; Lk 1:26-38	
Tues Dec 13	Lucy, Virgin & Martyr		Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32	Free Store 4 - 7 pm SB
Wed Dec 14	John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor		Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Lk 7:18b-23	Church Decorating 6:30 pm CH
Thur Dec 15			Is 54:1-10; Lk 7:24-30	
Fri Dec 16		5:30 pm Candi Caruso by Family	Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Jn 5:33-36	
Sat Dec 17		5:30 pm People of the Parish	Gen 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17	Confessions 9 am CH Free Store 9 am - Noon SB
Sun Dec 18	Fourth Sunday of Advent	8:30 am Frank Powell by the Caruso Family 11 am Jerry Krummel by Pam & John Ciarliariello	Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24	

Sanctuary Lamp - Special Intention

Holy Family Candle - Special Intention

COLLECTION REPORT

Week Ending	Nov 27	Dec 4
Sunday Offering -	\$2,105.00	\$3,437.00
Daily Offering -		\$20.00
Holy Day -		\$70.00
Christmas -	\$50.00	\$160.00
Total	\$2,155.00	\$3,687.00
Weekly operating costs	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00
(Shortfall) Overage	(\$1,045.00)	\$487.00
YTD Over (short) -	\$5,723.50	\$6,210.50
St. Vincent de Paul -		\$140.00
Cap. Improvement -	\$50.00	\$3.00
Debt Reduction -	\$150.00	\$270.00
Other Gifts -	\$260.00	\$10,270.00
Diocese Designated -	\$50.00	\$100.00
KMA Thanksgiving Dinner -	\$50.00	
Envs used of 240 sent	44	59

Stewardship of Treasure: We know that budgets are very tight right now & the rectory budget is the same way. We depend on your stewardship through the use of your envelopes to pay staff a fair wage & pay our bills. Please continue to be good faithful stewards, If you visit another parish, be sure to send or drop off your envelopes here.

THANK YOU to all who made donations either on line or by check to our We Give Catholic Project. Because of your generosity and that of others, \$1600.00 was raised toward our project! We are very grateful.

100th Anniversary Events – Mark your Calendars!

- 100 Days of Prayer:** Parishioner Becky Plasity has composed a list of 100 intentions for which to pray ranging from parish ministries to world situations. We've had many different fun, community building events this past year, but prayer will bring us closer & build more community than anything else. Prayers are available at all doors of the church & we'll begin our prayer journey this Wednesday, December 14th - 100 days before our 100th anniversary which is March 23rd. We ask that you spend 1 minute in prayer for the intention of the day. 100 prayers, 100 days, 100 minutes!
- Christmas Cards for First Responders:** are at the back of the church. Sign multiple cards as there are many officers who patrol Kenmore. Put your signed cards in the basket on the table.
- Share your **favorite I.C. Memory** – ½ sheet forms may be found at all doors of the church. We have a great legacy so share a memory that stands out for you. Please return the sheets in the collection basket or to the rectory.
- Bowling:** January – stay tuned.
- Mark your calendars and be sure to invite family and friends to our **Night at the Races: Saturday, Feb. 18th**. Proceeds will benefit the parish Capital Improvement fund. Fliers are in this week's bulletin. **A ticket would make a great Christmas present!**
- Keep **Sunday, March 19th** open and watch for anniversary celebration information!

History of Popes

#260 – Venerable Pius XII - Pope from March 2, 1939 – death, Oct. 9, 1958. Eugenio Pacelli was a Roman by birth and came from a distinguished family with a history of serving the Church. Eugenio's grandfather, Marcantonio, helped found Vatican newspaper **L'Osservatore Romano**, his father was dean of the Roman Rota and his brother was a lay canon lawyer and legal advisor to Pius XI. Eugenio's early career was spent as secretary to Cardinal Gasparri, who codified the 1917 Code of Canon Law, but in 1917 Eugenio was made archbishop and sent as papal nuncio to Germany. From 1929 until his election, he was the Church's Secretary of State under Pius XI. He became Pope Pius XII on his birthday and his first half-decade as pope was wrapped up with the scourge of Nazism and the rest dealt with the growing threat of Communism. During his papacy, Pius wrote 41 encyclicals, gave over 1,000 public addresses and radio broadcasts, and in 1950 proclaimed **ex cathedra** the Assumption of Mary, infallibly declaring that the Mother of God was assumed body & soul into heaven. It was well-known that Pius fought bitterly against Nazi oppression of the Jews, Poland, and the Church at large. In 1935, while still Cardinal Pacelli, he called Nazis, "miserable plagiarists who dress up old errors with new tinsel." He continued after he ascended to the papal throne, despite the efforts of anti-Catholics to paint an alternate picture of him. His Nazi opposition has been made clear in the past several years due to declassified U.S. intelligence documents and Mark Riebling's landmark book, **Church of Spies**. Not only did Pius actively work to save hundreds of thousands of Jews, often giving asylum to hordes in his own summer residence; he also played a clandestine part in a plot to assassinate Hitler. Seven years after his death, Pius' cause for canonization was opened by Pope Paul VI. He was declared a Servant of God by St. John Paul II in 1990 & made "Venerable" by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI in 2009. What else was going on in the world at the time? In 1955, medical researcher and virologist Dr. Jonas Salk developed the polio vaccine, allowing the disease to be prevented in children for the first time.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

This 3rd week of the New Year of Grace is a good time for some liturgical reminders so that we may be one in our worship. The word "liturgy" means "public service" or "work of the people." We're called to work at giving our full, active & conscious participation to our worship.

1. If you look at page 66 in the missalette, you'll find an important liturgical instruction for the Nicene Creed. As we say, "*and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man*", we are to bow in reverence as we remember this most miraculous moment. We've also been given updated instruction from our diocesan worship office about some changes.
2. After receiving the Eucharist we're to return to our pew, remain standing and, after consuming the Eucharist, continue to sing the Communion song until all the family has been fed.
3. When the last person has received the Eucharist, that's when we're to kneel/sit and give thanks to God for all our blessings; there's no need to wait until the Eucharist is reserved in the tabernacle. We all need reminders as we move through our lives & a new Year of Grace seemed like the perfect time for these liturgical reminders. Let's be good stewards of our Catholic faith.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Liturgical Needs: Please call Melissa at the rectory to share your stewardship

Christmas Eve 5:30 pm *Lector:* B. Langton *EMHC:* NEED *Server:* J. Langton *MofH:* NEED

Christmas Eve 10 pm *Lector:* J. Osolin *EMHC:* J. Osolin + NEED *Server:* M. Keegan, L. Morgan *MofH:* NEED

Christmas 10 am *Lector:* NEED *EMHC:* NEED *Server:* R. Baker, D. Cline *MofH:* NEED

Liturgical Ministry – We're in dire need of *Lectors*, *Altar Servers* and *Contemporary Choir members*. Training provided. Please help. Please call the rectory.

Free Store Help – Have a heart for those in need & like to work with friendly, faith-filled people? Stop by Tuesdays, 4-7 pm or Saturdays, 9 am-12, check it out & join the team!

CareCards – Let our shut-ins know they are not forgotten & are important to us. Buy or create cards of encouragement, add a short note & sign your name. Put the cards into the envelope (do not seal) & place into the basket. Please, no cards from charitable or religious organizations.

Bingo – We are in real need of Bingo help. Do you have even one Wednesday to give to call Bingo, sell Instant Bingo or learn the office from our amazing Bingo Manager, Lorie? We need more people to serve our clientele & to rotate workers. Bingo income is **critical** to our parish finances so come help, be part of a team, meet new people & help your parish.

Church Decorating: Come to the church this Wed., Dec. 14th at 6:30 pm to help decorate the church for Christmas!

Christmas Across the Pews: Extra fliers may be found at the doors of the church. Be sure to fill out & return the flier to the rectory by this Thursday, Dec. 15th so that your greetings may be enjoyed by your fellow parishioners.

Advent - Copies of *Journey through Advent* & *The Word Among Us* may be found at all doors of the church.

Confessions: Please note – there will be **NO** Confessions heard at I.C. on Saturdays, Dec. 24th nor Dec. 31st.

Masses – To schedule a Mass, please call the rectory; the stipend is \$10. Available dates: Weekdays, 5:30 pm: Jan. 2, 9, 13, 16, 20, 25. Saturdays, 5:30 pm: Jan. 7, 14, 28; Sundays, 8:30 am: Jan 8, 15, 22, 29, 11 am: Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29.

Other Events

• **Prayer Service:** Every Wednesday at 6 pm, Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic Church, Brown St., holds a prayer service for Ukraine. The service is about 30 minutes long and is in English. All are welcome.

• Fr. Jeremy Merzweiler (St. Francis de Sales) & Deacon Robin Adair (St. Augustine) are leading **a pilgrimage to the Holy Land** October 15-25, 2023. \$5,399 per person (from CLE) based on double occupancy. Hosted by 206 Tours. Check it out at www.pilgrimages.com/deaconadair.