



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2018

**Sunday, December 23 Fourth Sunday in Advent**

BW 8:30 Special Intentions of the Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

BW10:30 Robert Joseph Carle from Mom and Steve

BW12:00 Fritzi Heidt from Barbara Juengling and Family

**Monday, December 24**

12:10 Purgatorial Society

**Christmas Eve**

CW 3:00 Special Intentions of the Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

BW 5: Intentions of the Celebrant

BW 7:00 Deceased members of St. Rose Church

BW10:00 William and Helen Kurtinitus

**Tuesday, December 25 Nativity of the Lord**

BW 8:30 Purgatorial Society

BW 10:30 Michael Ryan from the Sheil Family, Carol and Bob

BW 12:00 Diane Zuk from the Zuk Family

**Wednesday, December 26**

*Saint Stephen, The First Martyr*

12:10 Eloise Sharpe from Marie

**Thursday, December 27**

*Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist*

12:10 Special Birthday Intention for Derek Joseph from Mom

**Friday, December 28**

*The Holy Innocents, Martyrs*

12:10 Bill Earls from Peggy and Bill Jackson

**Saturday, December 29**

12:10 Dorothy Krumme from Martha Johnson and Family

**BW 7:00** Joyce Dacey from Gertrude A. Straub

**Sunday, December 30 Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

BW 8:30 Special Intentions of the Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

BW10:30 Stan Ober from Howard and Elaine

BW12:00 Jerry Stoeckle from his wife

*From the Pastor's Desk*

**Hunter Benjamin Bradley** and **William Gregory Cowles** were welcomed into the Catholic Church and Christian Community through the sacrament of Baptism December 16th here at St. Rose Church.

On December 16th **William Joseph Ragland** received his First Eucharist and Reconciliation here at St. Rose

**William Spangler** and **Dorothy Hogston** were united in the holy sacrament of Matrimony December 15th here at St. Rose Church.

In the charity of your prayers please pray for the soul of **Alice Kitzmiller** whose memorial mass was December 15th here at St. Rose Church.

**In the back of church are your envelopes and gift for 2019. If you have any corrections on the name or address or cannot find your envelopes, please call RoseAnn @513- 871-1162.**

We are excited to present our fourth annual **Christmas Concert** today, **December 23rd** at 4:00 PM. The Choir of St. Rose will be joined by chamber orchestra and featured soloists for a **Christmas** spectacular celebrating the true meaning of the season. We warmly invite you and your family and friends to join us for this one-of-a-kind, free concert. Tickets are not required.

Lectors/Lay Distributors for December 24th and December 25th  
Per Fr. Barry

**December 29th and December 30th**

:00 Joe Christmann, M. Luehrmann, W. Russ, L. Solimine, Joe Keller

8:30 Jon Hemmer, Matt Howland, Tom Perrino, Tim Smullen, Lenny Diaspro

10:30 Roland Becker, Bob Sheil, Joe Sonnefeld

12:00 Patrick Homan, Matt Schwietering, Shawn Gillette

*Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb...."*

Luke

### This Weekend's Hymns

*All hymns can be found in the Seasonal Missalette.*

Opening Hymn: #202

Closing Hymn: #317

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### CHRISTMAS 2018

**Monday, Dec. 24th Christmas Eve 3PM, 5PM, 7PM, 10:00 PM**

**Tuesday, Christmas Day 8:30AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM**

**Mary, Mother of God—Holy Day of Obligation**

**Dec. 31 5PM & 7PM Jan. 1st 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM and 12PM**



**Opening Prayer**

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.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Reflecting on Living the Gospel**

We are only days away from Christmas when we celebrate the fourth Sunday of Advent this year. This season is especially short and can make for a hectic, frenetic pace as we consider all that needs to happen before the holiday. Some are preparing homes to receive guests, others are preparing meals, and many are doing both! Still others are setting out on their travels to see loved ones during these holy days. We are busy with many tasks.

We might imagine Mary and Elizabeth sharing these feelings in this reading from Luke. Mary visits her cousin and Elizabeth has certainly been preparing for her guest. The greeting is joyful; Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. For Luke the evangelist the Holy Spirit is active not only in Jesus' ministry but before Jesus was born, in preparation for it. So it is significant here that Elizabeth, too, is filled with the Holy Spirit. Not only that but essentially she proclaims the baby in Mary's womb to be "Lord." Here again Luke is displaying his theological insight that Jesus was not merely Lord at the moment of his baptism (as Mark might have it) but he could rightfully be called Lord before he was even born. Even the baby John in Elizabeth's womb shares the joy.

This gospel passage calls to mind for us how important human relationships are. Amidst all the travel, preparation, meals, and general business, the bonds of human love bind us together. When we consider the holiday season with its pressing demands let us recall the ultimate reason for our cares and concerns. We have in mind those we love and care for. May the relationships we celebrate this season, especially the relationships we have in Christ, inspire us to live in a meaningful way.

**Closing Prayer**

Lord Jesus Christ, as one who lived among us you know the power and meaning of human relationships. May our loved ones know the care and concern we have for them, by our living lives of authenticity and transparency. We ask this in your holy name. Amen.

**For Reflection:**

• Mary and Elizabeth share each other's joy and offer strength to one another. How might we cultivate this kind of spiritual friendship with those dear to us?

**Suggestions for group and individual use:**

1. Pray aloud the "Opening Prayer" (in *The Roman Missal* called the "collect").
2. One person read aloud the gospel.
3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer.
4. Share together responses to "For Reflection."
5. Pray the "Closing Prayer."

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**Gospel**

Luke 1:39-45

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When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."



**Readings for the week:**

**4th Sunday of Advent**  
Mk 6:1-6a  
Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19  
Hab 1:2-10  
Luke 1:39-45

**Monday**  
2 Sam 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16  
Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29  
Luke 1:67-79

**Tuesday Christmas**  
Isa 62:7-10  
Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6  
Hab 1:1-6  
John 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

**Wednesday St. Stephen, First Martyr**  
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59  
Ps 31:23d-4, 6 and 8b, 16bc and 17  
Matt 10:17-22

**Thursday St. John, Apostle and Evangelist**  
1 John 1:1-4  
Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12  
John 20:1a, 2-8

**Friday Holy Innocents**  
1 John 1:5-22  
Ps 124:3, 4-5, 7cd-8  
Matt 2:13-18

**Saturday**  
1 John 2:1-11  
Ps 92:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6  
Luke 22:27-35

**Sunday Holy Family**  
1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28  
Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10  
1 John 3:1-2, 21-24  
Luke 2:41-52 (or other readings)