

2nd Sunday of Advent

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Monday, December 10

7:40a.m....Morning Prayer

8:00a.m.... Don & Nettie Langley

Tuesday, December 11

7:40a.m.... Morning Prayer

8:00a.m....Robert & Gertrude Tragesser

2:00p.m....Ellen Goth @ Millers

Wednesday, December 12

7:40a.m.... Morning Prayer

8:00a.m....Elizabeth Moore

Thursday, December 13

NO MASS

Friday, December 14

7:40a.m.... Morning Prayer

8:00a.m....Ralph & Martha Langley

Saturday, December 15

4:00p.m. - 5:00p.m.Reconciliation

LORD'S DAY LITURGIES

5:30p.m.... Judy Ripberger

Sunday, December 16

9:00a.m.... Parishioners of St. John's

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR

December 15-16

ALTAR SERVERS

5:30p.m. Madison, David & Lydia

9:00a.m. Rachael, Chelsey, Joni

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

5:30p.m. Marita, Shelly, Mary & Rex, Lou

9:00a.m. Peter, Patty & Terry, Bob & Cathy

READERS

5:30p.m. Mary Elizabeth & Mike Enneking

9:00a.m. Dave Wilson & Christine Nichols

USHERS:

5:30p.m. Steve, Vince, Andrew

9:00a.m. Mike M. Mike P., John

This Catholic Life.....

Tipton is located on the planet such that we get to experience all four seasons. I almost wrote "enjoy" all four seasons, but the winter season might be questionable! None the less, winter has arrived and it looks like it's going to be a long, cold one.

According to ancient wisdom some folks divine the future weather by observing natural phenomena. For example, I have heard that the number of foggy mornings in September will be the number of snow storms in the winter. By my reckoning, we should have 1 ½ snow storms this year.

Other people say they can tell the kind of winter we are going to have by looking at the inside of a persimmon seed. If it shaped like a spoon, that means a hard winter. If it shaped like a fork, it will be a mild winter. I have heard of one report of a spoon shaped seed.

Wooly worms are often seen as guides to the coming winter. This year I saw a lot of black wooly worms, which is not a good sign.

Whatever happens, we will endure another winter in Tipton County, looking forward to spring and warmer weather.

Jesus chided those who opposed him by noting that they could forecast rain by looking at weather patterns. However, they could not see Jesus as the Messiah by the signs he was performing, and the message he was preaching.

Looking at the signs of the times today it seems that the world is not in a good place. We need Christ more than ever, and Advent reminds us that he will come again even as we celebrate his first coming. In a way we are always in advent, waiting for the Lord's second coming. St. Augustine said, "Let us not

Please remember in your prayers all of our St. John's family and friends who mourn the loss of a loved one, all who have no one to pray for them, those who have died through violence or natural disasters and all those who have died recently.

resist his first coming, so that we may not dread the second."

By welcoming Christ in our hearts this Christmas, and all year long, we will always be ready for his coming again in glory, and help make the world a better place. Let us be good signs in the world and people can see and interpret as Christ being in the world even now.

Fr. Dennis

Sacraments celebrated this week include:

Baptism of **Pauline Louise Short**, daughter of **Andrew & Katrina Short**

Area Penance Services

Mon, Dec 10, Holy Spirit, Geist
Tues, Dec 11, St. Maria Goretti
Wed, Dec 12, St. John's, Tipton
Mon, Dec 17, Our Lady of Mt Carmel
Tues, Dec 18, St. Alphonsus, Zionsville
Tues, Dec 18, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Wed, Dec 19, St. Joseph, Lebanon
Thu, Dec 20, St. Louis de Montfort, Fishers
Fri, Dec 21, St. John Vianney, Fishers

Upcoming Events:

- ▶ **Sacred Heart Study Club**, Monday @ 11:30 @ Autumn, Bring Christmas Poem or Story
 - ▶ **RCIA**, Monday @ 6:30p.m.
 - ▶ **Liturgy Committee**, Wednesday @ 6:30p.m.
 - ▶ **Mustard Seed**, Thursday @ 6:00p.m.
 - ▶ **K of C**, Thursday @ 8:00p.m.
 - ▶ **Jubilee Christmas**, Saturday
 - ▶ **Religious Education**, Sunday @ 10:10a.m.
 - ▶ **EDGE**, Sunday @ 12-6 p.m.
 - ▶ **Youth Alive**, Sunday @ 6:00p.m.
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Many inquiries by parishioners have been made regarding a purchase of a corpus for the large crosses made from the church wood. If you purchased one and are interested, The Littlest Angel Gifts Cabinet is taking orders for a 5 1/2 inch silver corpus with a gold halo, and silver INRI sign for \$18. They are easy to attach; you only need to drill four small holes. If needed, the Cabinet can drill the holes for you. The last day to place your order will be December 16th. Thank you, Bonnie

STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK

Good stewards believe that God, who has begun this good work in them, will carry it through to completion. In words and deeds, they can sing with the Psalmist, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!"

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Regular Collection Total: \$ 9,693.00
NEEDED WEEKLY: \$ 5,000.00

NEEDED YTD: \$ 240,000.00
ACTUAL YTD: \$ 280,486.86
DIFFERENCE YTD: \$ 40,486.86

New Church Building Fund: \$ 230.00
YTD Building Fund: \$ 72,382.95

May God reward you!

Thursday, December 27th, the **Fourth Annual "Cassock Classic" Basketball game**, priests from our diocese will play against the seminarians at Guerin Catholic High School in Noblesville. Doors open @ 5:30 p.m., Tip-off @ 6:30 p.m. \$5.00 per person or \$20.00 per family

PRAYER REQUEST CARDS RECEIVED:

Mark Baker, Anna Barr, Shelby Bell, Bruce Burnett, Janice & Bill Cornwell, Angie Crites, Mary Crowell, Donna Dawson, Ann Day, Mike Dinneen, Bill Dunbar, Amelia Friel, Chris Foster, Angela Gutierrez, Mary Harper, Bud Henry, Linda Hinkle, Melody Horn, Diane Hughes, Jennifer Humrichous, Joe Huneck, Amy Jarrell, Romelle Jones, Debbie Kimbler, Ted Knuckles, Ronnie Lambert, Sharon Lecher, Chris Mank, Helen Matthews, Brian McCormack, Jeannette Michel, MaryLee Mitchell, Patricia Ferguson Moore, Gary Neltner, Connie Paul, Lori Peachey, Ellen Weber Pyle, Stanley Shields, Liz Quakenbush, Randy Richter, Tonja Ryan, Jerry Simms, Vic Sowders, Ceal Stone, Martha Tebbe, Wendy Thomas, Betty Thornton, Dan Tragesser, Lori Tragesser, Nancy Tragesser, Carl Treaster, Marjorie Twilling, Carol Weber, Kenny Whisman, Kennedy Wittkamper, Betty Ziegler, Dave Ziegler