

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

**LITURGY SCHEDULE**

**Monday, December 17**

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

8:00a.m.... Marlene Purvis

**Tuesday, December 18**

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

8:00a.m.... Monica Moore

**Wednesday, December 19**

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

8:00a.m....Nora Lee & Paul Ripberger

**Thursday, December 20**

NO MASS

**Friday, December 21**

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

8:00a.m....Charles & Rita Mote

**Saturday, December 22**

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

**LORD'S DAY LITURGIES**

5:30p.m.... Parishioners of St. John's

**Sunday, December 23**

9:00a.m.... Clarence & Mary Ripberger

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR**

**December 22-23**

**ALTAR SERVERS**

5:30p.m.Mary Elizabeth, Madelyn, & Sydney

9:00a.m. Gracie & Abby, Noah

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

5:30p.m. Camille, Christina, Becky & Joe, Kathy

9:00a.m. Colette, Janice, Gary, Andi, Toby

**READERS**

5:30p.m. Mike Smith & Mary Compton

9:00a.m. Paul King & Frank Giammarino

**USHERS:**

5:30p.m. Vince, Kenny A., Joe F.

9:00a.m. Bob, Calvin, Travis

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.

**This Catholic Life.....**

This weekend the church celebrates Gaudete Sunday – Rejoice Sunday. We light the third candle on the Advent wreath, the rose candle, symbolizing the nearness of Christmas, and the joy we should know that the Messiah is near.

As a Catholic tradition, the Advent wreath is relatively new. It began in Germany in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, and was brought to America by German immigrants. The evergreens symbolize life, while the circle represents eternity. The four candles are for the four Sundays of Advent, a time when the nights are longest in our part of the world. Lighting a new candle each week tells us that light will overcome darkness, and that Jesus, the light of the world, will triumph over evil.

Liturgically the theme moves from the second coming of Christ, to His first coming. The Messiah has come, and is still near through the Holy Spirit. For ourselves, we can live in the light, or choose to live in the darkness of sin and death. By living in the light we choose to work with Jesus to enlighten the world with the Good News of His life, death and resurrection. By doing so we will be prepared for His second coming in glory.

May God bless your Advent.

Fr. Dennis

## Upcoming Events:

- ▶ **TCMA**, Wednesday @ 10:00a.m.
- ▶ **Prayer Shawl** meets Wednesday, @ 1:15p.m.
- ▶ **Choir Practice**, Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m.

### Mark your calendars

Choir will start singing carols @ 10:00p.m. on Christmas Eve. Come sing along

### Save the Date

4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly Steak Fry January 26<sup>th</sup> 5-7:30p.m.

### STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK

Today's Gospel provides a blueprint for good stewardship: "Let the man who has two coats give to him who has none. The man who has food should do the same."

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Regular Collection Total: \$ 5,706.00  
NEEDED WEEKLY: \$ 5,000.00

NEEDED YTD: \$ 245,000.00  
ACTUAL YTD: \$ 286,192.86  
DIFFERENCE YTD: \$ 41,192.86

*New Church Building Fund: \$ 90.00*  
*YTD Building Fund: \$72,472.95*

May God reward you!

### Area Penance Services @ 7:00 p.m.

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



### 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, Bill Gall, 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

Thursday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, 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

## Exciting announcement!!

Remember the good ole yellow trash bags the school used to sell? We are happy to announce that they are coming back!! St. John's will be selling yellow, pink and a few red 39 gallon trash bags and white 15 gallon trash bags for the same price as 2012. \$9.00 a roll. Available at the business office during office hours.