

The Week Ahead

Sat / December 15

4pm - Vigil Mass: Lynne Colles - SI by B Edmonds
National Retired Religious Collection
Parish Christmas Party

Sun / December 16 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

9am - Mass: *People of the Parish*
National Retired Religious Collection
Coffee & Donuts after Mass, in the Parish Hall
Rosary Makers after Mass, in the Parish Hall
10:30am - CCD Classes
12pm - Mass (L): *Holiness in Families* by G Pellant
1pm - Potluck to follow Mass, in the Parish Hall

Mon / December 17

9am - Mass: *Gordon Hickert †* by L Hickert

Tue / December 18

Wed / December 19

9am - Mass: *Bud Buescher †* by R & T Borman
12pm - Altar Society Card Party, in the Parish Hall

Thu / December 20

9am - Mass: *Pres. Donald Trump - SI* by M & M Winston
6pm - *B--I--N--G--O*

Fri / December 21 - St. Peter Canisius

9am - Mass: *Max Barrack †* by M Barrack

Sat / December 22

3-3:45pm - Confessions
4pm - Vigil Mass: *Marie Wilson †* by J Wilson

Sun / December 23 - 4th Sunday of Advent

9am - Mass: *People of the Parish*
Coffee & Donuts after Mass, in the Parish Hall

Altar Flowers *this week* are compliments of:

- Lila Hickert *in memory of Gordon †*

Tabernacle Roses *this week* are compliments of:

- Cavileers/Pellant *in honor of the Divine Infancy*

Coffee & Donuts *next week*, December 23rd, will be served by Anne Kootz & group # 4.

Deadline for Bulletin Articles

Please submit articles for both 12/23 & 30 by **DEC. 19th**.

Attention Adorers

Please remember the Adoration Chapel is open through the holidays. Please arrange for a substitute if you will be away or busy with family and unable to come adore. Thank You!

Advent Prayer

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ever faithful to Your promises and ever close to Your Church: the earth rejoices in hope of the Savior's coming and looks forward with longing to His return at the end of time. Prepare our hearts and remove the sadness that hinders us from feeling the joy and hope which His presence will bestow, for He is Lord for ever. Amen

New in January

Sign-up to be Gift Bearers at Mass

Would you like to be a Gift Bearer at Mass but feel like you never get called upon? You now have the ability to sign-up to be Gift Bearers, beginning in January. Sign-up sheets are available now on the bulletin board by the Sacristy (next to the flower and rose sign-up sheets). Pick the Vigil or Sunday Mass on the date you prefer and put your name down. You may sign-up as an individual, as a couple (friends or spouses), or as a family. Fr. Amal asks that you wear reverent attire to Mass on the weekend you have chosen. Also, please introduce yourselves to the ushers when you arrive at church so they know you are there and can give you any needed instructions before Mass begins.

Birthdays Next Week:

17-Dean Graves
18-Anthony DiIorio Jr, Sean Taylor
19-Catherine Fay, Ruth Klinge
23-Marty Barrack, Dean Beardslee
We wish you many blessings on your birthday!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

**Choosing Joy
is being able to see God's
Goodness even when life
is hard and messy.**

☺ *Wishing you a happy week!* ☺

Our Holy Day Mass Schedules

December 25th - Christmas

Mon./Dec. 24: 4pm Children's Mass

Tue./Dec. 25: 9am Mass

Christmas is a "Holy Day of Obligation"

*Each Christmas we have a 2nd collection for the **Diocesan Clergy Welfare Fund**. Our diocesan priests have dedicated their lives to ministering and serving our families. This fund allows us to give back by providing care for our retired, senior & infirm priests.*

January 1st - Mary, Mother of God

Mon./Dec. 31: 4pm Vigil Mass

Tue./Jan. 1: 9am Mass

January 1st is also a "Holy Day of Obligation"

We will have one collection this day which remains in the Parish.

2018 CASA Update

So far we have collected **\$14,185.00** in gifts and pledges toward our parish goal of **\$18,743.55**. Don't forget to follow through with your pledges. If you have not donated yet, it is not too late. The sacrificial amount you give is not as important as the fact that you do choose to participate. *Please remember to include our CASA #7215 on your check before mailing.*

2019 Altar Flower and Rose Charts

The 2019 Altar Flower & Tabernacle Rose Charts are up on the bulletin board by the Sacristy. There are 2 charts, one for the Altar Arrangements (\$45 ea.) and one for the Tabernacle Roses (\$15/pr), so make sure you are signing-up on the correct chart. There is no need to pre-pay, you may wait till that date. Donations may be placed under the Office door, please do not place in the regular collection.

Mass Intention Openings

There are many Mass Intention openings for January and all of 2019. What a beautiful way to remember a deceased loved one, to have a Mass offered on the date of their birth or Anniversary of their death. Call the Church Office to schedule a date. The usual stipend is \$10.

Attention Parishioners

The Ushers are requesting your help at the end of each Mass: Before leaving your pew, please put your kneelers up and straighten the hymnals and missalettes in the pew racks with the bindings up. There should be two sets of books in each rack, so if you took a book from another rack, please return it there. The small booklets are best when placed in front, otherwise, they fall through the crack when placed in the back and end up on the floor. Please take any trash with you; there is a trash bin as you leave the nave of the church on the right beside the cabinet, there are others in the vestibule. The Ushers are anxious to go home, or down for coffee too, so they appreciate your attention to this.

Eternal Rest

We received word this week that former parishioner, Kay VerHagen, passed away in late November. She and her husband moved back to Wisconsin several years ago. May she rest in Eternal Peace.

Subiaco Academy

Subiaco Academy, a Catholic, Benedictine boarding and day school for young men in grades 7 - 12, located just east of Fort Smith, is now accepting applications for the 2019-2020 school year. For information, or to schedule a visit, please call the Admissions Office, 479-934-1034, or email admissions@subi.org. You can also visit their website for more information, www.SubiacoAcademy.us.

2019 Calendars

Our 2019 calendars are in the vestibule; one per family, please. We are grateful to Wortham Funeral Home for sponsoring our calendars again this year.

2019 Contribution Envelopes

For those who have signed up to use church envelopes, you will find a box with your 2019 envelopes on the table in the vestibule. If you have not signed up but would like to begin using envelopes, stop by the Church Office.