

## The Week Ahead

### Sat / December 8

4pm - Vigil Mass: *Marty Barrack - SI* by *M Barrack*  
Monthly Maintenance Fund Collection

### Sun / December 9 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

9am - Mass: *Gerald Stehno †* by *I & D Wiest*  
Monthly Maintenance Fund Collection  
Coffee & Donuts after Mass, in the Parish Hall  
10:30am - CCD Classes

### Mon / December 10

9am - Mass: *Pres. Donald Trump - SI* by *M & M Winston*  
5:30pm - KC Rosary and Meeting

### Tue / December 11 - St. Damasus I, Pope

### Wed / December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

6pm - Mass: *Dan Speir †* by *R & M Wargo*  
Confessions to follow Mass  
6:45pm - RCIA, in the Parish Library

### Thu / December 13 - St. Lucy

9am - Mass: *Fr. Daniel Brandenburg - SI* by *B & R Brandenburg*  
12Noon - Pastoral Council Meeting, in the Library  
6pm - *B--I--N--G--O*

### Fri / December 14 - St. John of the Cross

9am - Mass: *Magnificat Ministry*

### Sat / December 15

3-3:45pm - Confessions  
4pm - Vigil Mass: *Lynne Colles - SI* by *B Edmonds*  
National Retired Religious Collection  
Parish Christmas Party, see announcement

### Sun / December 16 - 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Pelland*  
1pm - Potluck to follow Mass, in the Parish Hall

### Altar Flowers this week are compliments of:

- Al Czech & Mary Jack † *Ray Ast*

### Tabernacle Roses this week are compliments of:

- For a Special Intention

Coffee & Donuts next week, December 16<sup>th</sup>, will be served by Gale Orosz & group # 3.

## Advent Prayer

*All-powerful God, Your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of Your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces His glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for His coming. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen*

### **PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The Parish Christmas Party will be held Saturday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, following the Vigil Mass. Meat and drinks will be provided by the Parish; parishioners are asked to bring the following:

#### **A-R Side Dishes / S-Z Finger Desserts**

*Sign-up sheets are in the vestibule. Please let us know how many from your family will be attending, as well as the names and ages of your children. (Only those children present will receive gifts.)*

*For more information or questions, call Glenn Harris, 710-2692.*

### **Birthdays Next Week:**

- 10-Ruth Kathman
- 12-John Heuser
- 13-Gerald Catton, Gail Demarest
- 14-Rita Predergast
- 15-Briana DiIorio, Mary McPherson
- 16-Mary Wargo

*We wish you many blessings on your birthday!*

### **PC Mtg - Thursday - 12Noon**

Parishioners are invited to attend.  
We meet in the Parish Library.

#### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...**

**Life is beautiful,  
Let us wait for it with Hope!**

☺ *Wishing you a happy week!* ☺

**The KC Breakfast this Sunday is  
CANCELLED** due to expected bad weather.

## Upcoming Collections

December 15/16

Today, religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Share your gratitude for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week's collection for the **National Retirement Fund for Religious**.

December 24/25

Each Christmas we have a 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.

## THANK YOU

We thank you for your continued generosity to the work of the St. Vincent DePaul Society! The quarterly collection will provide us with the means to continue to help the destitute in our area with basics - especially heat, food, and medicine. Your generous response to the "Christmas Blessings" program enabled us to let several households know of our parish's love and concern. In addition to the monetary help, 304 items were collected this month for the food pantry. Thank you for all your generous and consistent help in continuing this mission of serving the needy in our area. May our Savior Jesus Christ bless each of you in this holy season and in the coming year. ~ St. Vincent de Paul Society

## 2019 Calendars

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

## Altar Society News

The Altar Society will not have a December meeting, instead, we will meet for a Luncheon on Tuesday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>, at 12noon, at the Artisan Restaurant. Thank you. Any questions call Mel Hettinger - 257-2375.

## 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.

## Inclement Weather Policy Reminder

We want to remind every one of our winter weather policy: **Weekend Mass** is rarely canceled, but we ask that you please use prudent judgment, according to your own particular circumstances and road conditions, as to whether it is safe for YOU to drive. In the case of severe snow or ice when Mass needs to be canceled, we will communicate with you through our email/phone tree, as well as have it announced on the local radio station. If you are elderly and there is snow or ice on the roads, please stay home, you don't need to be out and take the chance of falling. (Even if you can get here, we can't guarantee what condition our side street/parking lot/walkways will be.) Please use caution and be safe!

**Adorers** - If school would normally be in session but is canceled due to bad weather, then the chapel will also be closed. If you have questions, call your coordinator.

**Weekday Mass** - If weekday Mass is canceled, the Text/Phone tree will be activated. If you want to be part of this communication, let Diana know in the Office.

## 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.

## Jesse Tree Meaning

Some have asked about the meaning of the "Jesse Tree" in the Sanctuary. Please refer to the "Dear Padre" section on the back of last weekend's bulletin. If you don't have it anymore, we posted a copy on the bulletin board by the Sacristy.

## Rosary Blanket of Prayer

Please join the Ladies of the Magnificat in praying the Rosary the **15<sup>th</sup>** of each month for the Church, New Evangelization, priesthood/vocations, Magnificat, the sanctity of life, marriage & family life, our country and world peace. Bless you!