

## The Week Ahead

### Sat / November 27

3-3:45pm - Confessions, *in the Library*  
4pm - Vigil Mass: *People of the Parish*  
Anointing of the Sick after Mass, *in the Church*

### Sun / November 28 - First Sunday in Advent

9am - Mass: *Anthony Dilorio, Jr † by the Dilorio Family*  
Anointing of the Sick after Mass, *in the Church*  
Coffee & Donuts after Mass, *in the Parish Hall*  
No CCD Class today

### Mon / November 29

9am - Mass: *Garry & Cathy Raikes - SI by R & C Laszacs*  
10am - RCIA, *in the Parish Hall*

### Tue / November 30 - St. Andrew, Apostle

### Wed / December 1

6pm - Mass: *Dexter & Gayle Meise † by P Kimball*  
7pm - "Into the Breach" Presentation, *in the Parish Hall*

### Thu / December 2

9am - Mass: *Mike & Kathy Gagne - SI by R & C Loszacs*  
6pm - *B--I--N--G--O*

### Fri / December 3 - St. Frances of Xavier

9am - Mass: *Kevin Manning † by B & A Kootz*  
*First Friday Confessions in the Library after Mass*

### Sat / December 4 - St. John Damascene

9am - Mass: *Triumph of the Immaculate Heart by Winstons*  
*First Saturday Confessions in the Library after Mass*  
3-3:45pm - Confessions, *in the Library*  
4pm - Vigil Mass: *Irene Barrack † by M Barrack*  
Food Pantry & St. Vincent de Paul Society Collections

### Sun / December 5 - Second Sunday in Advent

9am - Mass: *Joseph Wilson † by R & S VanderZyl*  
Food Pantry & St. Vincent de Paul Society Collections  
Coffee & Donuts after Mass, *in the Parish Hall*  
10:30am - CCD  
1:30pm - *B--I--N--G--O*

Altar Flowers *this week* are compliments of:

•Christine McCoy *for Nelson McCoy †*

Tabernacle Roses *this week* are compliments of:

•Bernie & Rose Brandenburg *for Deceased Family †*

Coffee Group Next Sunday: #4 - Michael Burton

## Advent and New Liturgical Year

It is sad to see the world has forgotten when the Christmas Season *begins*. The decorations are in the stores after Labor Day. Some have their trees up before Thanksgiving, only to be discarded the day after Christmas when the REAL Season of Christmas has just barely begun. (Christmas Season continues until the Baptism of the Lord.)

This Advent, let us all try more diligently to spend time preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ. We can commit to being more faithful to our daily prayers, including family prayer time; we can attend a weekday Mass and bring a family member or friend; we can go to Confession.

What does Christ want from *each* of us for His birthday this year? What can we give *Him*? The Psalms tell us, give "A heart contrite and humble." God bless us all this Advent!

*With the first Sunday in Advent we begin a new Liturgical Year - **Cycle C** will be used for Sunday Readings & **Year II** for weekday Readings.*

## Welcome to Our Visitors

*Thank you for joining us! May your time with family and friends be blessed, and may you return home safely.*

## Collection Baskets

*It was decided to pass the baskets again at Mass instead of leaving them at the entrance by the organ. Seeing we only have 2 ushers scheduled at each Mass, we are asking parishioners to pass the baskets behind them. There will still be an usher following along to assist where needed.*

## Next Week's 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for SVDP

The quarterly collections are different than the Christmas Blessings Project. With these funds, SVDP is able to help with the spiritual, emotional, & financial needs of the poor in our community. Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated. Please make checks payable to: St. Vincent dePaul.

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

*Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem.  
May we let ourselves be drawn  
By the Light of God made man.*

*- Pope Francis*



*Wishing you a blessed Advent!*



### Raffle

There will be a Raffle on the weekend of December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, sponsored by our Bingo Committee. Tickets may be purchased after Masses in the Parish Library. Tickets are 50¢ each or 12/\$5. All proceeds will be given to our St. Vincent de Paul Society. Please help with this great organization.

### Collection Counters Needed

We are in need of 2 volunteers to count our weekly collections. Our 4 “teams” of counters assist us with the collection counting for an entire month 3 times per year. The day and time each week are dependent on what is convenient for you. Please contact Anna in the Office if interested.

### Into the Breach

Inspired by the Apostolic Exhortation written by Bishop Olmsted of Phoenix, the Knights of Columbus produced a video series that seeks to answer the question of what it means to be a man and how to live as a man in today's world. Our KCs invite parishioners to join them for this Video Series Wednesday evenings in Advent, beginning Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

### CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX THANK YOU!

Because of your generous support of the Christmas Shoebox collection, 82 boys and girls will receive boxes from our church parish. Last year we totaled 57 boxes so this year we collected 25 more boxes. Thank you for participating in this much-needed endeavor so needy children worldwide can receive a Christmas gift. ~ Lori Templet

### New Missalettes

With the New Liturgical Year comes new missalettes for the pews. There are a few extras available in the Church Office for \$2.50 each (please see Diana, do not take one from the pews). Also, the USCCB has approved “*Breaking Bread 2022 eMissal*”, now available for Android and iOS smartphones and tablets (\$4.99/yr subscription). With the eMissal, you will have access to songs, daily Readings, and the Order of the Mass. This is a wonderful resource that you can use in preparing for Mass, participation in the Liturgy, and for personal devotion.

### For Your Kind Consideration Please

Our parish needs approximately \$3500 per week in donations to keep up with our bills. If everyone added just \$5 per week to their contribution, that would be enough. Let's all do our best. Thank You! ~ Fr. Amal

### Open Adoration Hours

Tue: 7-8pm

Fri: 12-1pm; 6-7pm; 7-8pm

If you are interested in one of the above hours (or any hour), call Rose, 870-994-2744, or Anne, 870-847-1985. Note: substitutes are always needed.

### Birthdays Next Week:

30-Paul Dudenhefer, Julie Milligan

3 - Greta Ishmael

4 - Annabelle Burton

We wish you many blessings on your birthday!

### Items Needed for Next Weekend's Food Pantry Collection:

Peanut Butter and Jelly; Canned Meats & Tuna; Instant Oatmeal; Dry Milk; Soup & Crackers; Canned Vegetables & Fruit; Boxed Dinners; Spaghetti & Sauce; Dry Cereal; Toilet Paper; Body Wash & Shampoo.

Thank you for your response to last month's Food Pantry Collection, 134 items were donated! God bless you!

### Wanted

The Altar Society redeems Best Choice UPC Labels (only) which help with their funding of items needed for the Altar, including altar linens, vestments, hosts, wine, & candles. Please cut out the code from the labels and place them in the basket on the counter in the vestibule.

### Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

**December 2021**

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.