

## The Week Ahead

### Sat / December 4

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

### Mon / December 6 - St. Nicholas

9am - Mass: Triumph of the Immaculate Heart by Winstons

10am - RCIA, in the Parish Hall

### Tue / December 7 - St. Ambrose

### Wed / December 8 - Sol. of the Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation / Church Office CLOSED

9am\* - Mass: Dec. Members of SVDP by SVDP

6pm\* - Mass: People of the Parish

\*The Collection today will remain in our Parish

7pm - "Into the Breach" Presentation, in the Parish Hall

### Thu / December 9 - St. Juan Diego

9am - Mass: Bishop Fulton Sheen † by KCs

6pm - B--I--N--G--O

### Fri / December 10

9am - Mass: End to Abortion & Euthanasia by M Barrack

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

3-3:45pm - Confessions, in the Library

4pm - Vigil Mass: Marty Barrack - SI by M Barrack

Maintenance Fund Collection

### Sun / December 12 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

9am - Mass: People of the Parish

Maintenance Fund Collection

KC Breakfast after Mass, in the Parish Hall

10:30am - CCD

**Altar Flowers** this week are compliments of:

- Al Czech & Mary Jack in memory of Ray Ast †

**Tabernacle Roses** this week are compliments of:

- Terry Phelps in memory of Garland Liles †

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

**To trust God in the light is nothing,  
But trust Him in the dark - that is Faith.**  
~ Charles Spurgeon

🙏 Wishing you a blessed Advent! 🙏

## Christmas Party

We will have our Christmas Party on Saturday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>, after the 4pm Vigil Mass. A sign-up sheet is in the vestibule; please let us know how many to prepare for, as well as the ages of your children (only those present will receive a gift). Meat and drinks will be provided by the parish; parishioners are asked to bring a dish (according to your last name):

**A - H Vegetable Dish or Casserole**

**I - Q Salad**

**R - Z Dessert**

## Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

December 8<sup>th</sup> is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be at 9am and 6pm. Please see the flyer included with this weekend's bulletin for other upcoming Holy Day Masses, including Christmas and Mary, Mother of God (Jan. 1).

## 2022 Calendars

Our 2022 calendars are in the vestibule; one per family, please, for now. We are grateful to Wortham Funeral Home and Master's Bouquet for sponsoring our calendars again this year.

## 2022 Altar Flower and Rose Charts

The 2022 Altar Flower & Tabernacle Rose Charts are up on the bulletin board by the Sacristy. There are 2 charts, one for the Altar Arrangements (**\$55 each**) and one for the Tabernacle Roses (**\$15/pair**), so make sure you are signing up on the correct chart. There is no need to pre-pay, you may wait until that date. Donations may be placed under the Office door, please do not place them in the regular collection basket. Thank you for your continued support of our flower and altar decorations!

**Join Us NEXT Sunday for an  
All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast after Mass!**

Adults/\$8; children 6-12/\$4, under age 6/free

## **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.

## **Birthdays Next Week:**

6 - Petr Oberding, Michael Reddick

7 - Lori Templet

8 - Brooke Orwoll

10-Joe Waggoner

12- Johnny Heuser

*We wish you many blessings on your birthday!*

## **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.*

## **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.*

## **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, and candles. Please cut out the code from the labels and place them in the basket on the counter in the vestibule.

## **Diocesan Collections**

**Please note** the date for diocesan collections as they are published in “The Week Ahead” column in the bulletin. The amount collected is sent to the diocese two weeks after the collection date. If you donate to a second collection after the money collected has been sent to the diocese, your money will stay in our general account.

## **Liturgical Schedules**

*The December Schedule, including our Christmas Masses, is available on our website and in the vestibule. The cut-off date to request not to be scheduled in January, including Masses on Jan. 1, is THIS Monday.*

## **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.

## **Inclement Weather Policy Reminder**

**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 calling system, 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!*

**Weekday Mass** - If weekday Mass is canceled, the calling system will be activated, calling only those who asked to be called. If you wish to receive last-minute notifications when weekday Mass is canceled, please let Diana know in the Church Office.

**Adoration Chapel** - If the public schools would normally be in session but are canceled due to bad weather, then the Chapel will also be closed. If you have questions, call your coordinator.