



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

Dec 16 – Dec 17, 2017

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3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DRESS FOR SUCCESS



"I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul." —Isaiah 61:10

The third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday, or Rejoice Sunday. Turn off the football games; put off that trip to the mall; set aside the Christmas decorations. It's time to "rejoice in the Lord"! (Phil 4:4)

On Christmas, many people receive various articles of clothing as presents: ties, socks, sweaters, and warm winter clothes. Today, God has better clothes to give us: garments of praise. He puts a crown on our heads to cast off grief (Is 61:3). To get us in that Christmas rejoicing spirit, God gives us a shirt of justice and a robe of salvation (Is 61:10). He gives us a winter coat, a "glorious mantle" which gets rid of any "listless spirit" of complacency over Jesus' Christmas coming (Is 61:3). Because it is God Who gives us these garments of praise, everything is just the right size. Our rejoicing clothes are custom-made by God to fit perfectly. Now, with Mary, we can sing: "My spirit finds joy in God my Savior" (Lk 1:47).

When Jesus comes this Christmas, we must be wearing the right clothes to greet Him. Once Jesus told a parable about the heavenly wedding feast. A man was found who was "not properly dressed" (Mt 22:11). He was cast outside, to wail and grind his teeth for eternity. So, we'll be making noise forever. Will we be wailing in hell or rejoicing in heaven? Decide today. Put on God's clothes and "rejoice heartily in the Lord" (Is 61:10).

Masses & Information

Monday, Thursday, Friday.....7:30 a.m.
 Saturday:.....5:30 p.m.
 Sunday:.....8:30 a.m.
 Wednesday:.....6:00 p.m.
 Confession: Saturday.....4:30-5:15 p.m.
 Sunday:.....7:55-8:15 a.m. or by appointment
 First Wednesday Adoration.....7:00 – 10:00 p.m.
 MARRIAGE PREPARTION: Contact Father Raj at least six months in advance.

BAPTISMS: Call the rectory for an appointment.

COMMUNION to shut-ins or the ill, call Fr. Raj at 248.7584 or 316.4146

Anyone who cannot come to the communion rail during Mass should let Father Raj know before Mass. Those who are ill or shut in should contact Bill Homer, if you would want communion brought to your home during the week or on weekends.

Masses Intentions

Sunday, December 17----- 8.30 a.m.---
 +Sambo Kotara By Robert Bichsel
 Monday, December 18-----7:30 a.m.----
 +Crosier Family
 Wednesday, December 20----6:00p.m.----
 +Crosier Family
 Thursday, December 21-----7:30 a.m-----
 +Crosier Family
 Friday, December 22-----7:30a.m.----
 +Mr.Bowling by Msgr. Raymond
 Saturday, December 23-----5:30 p.m---
 +Sambo Kotara By Robert Bichsel

Church Cleaning for December

Sandie Hickey, Marcia Conrad, Donna Barnett, Melanie Britten, Janice Koetting, Michele Bohr, Rita Lister, Connie Britten, Susan Britten, Rita Poor, Vanessa Eugea, Krista Johnson, Marissa Clement, Melanie King Britten, Lucita Hinson, and Dayna Britten

Pray for Our Sick

Brandi Sustaire, John Detten, Emma Detten, Tammy Bivens, Celeste Connelly, Conner Homer, Daniel Hinson, Schellon Major, Ralph Hutsell, Shamara Husemann, Bill Becker, Jim Eakin, Charlene Weller, Leonard Koetting, Alina Becker, Anna Marie Wink, Gary Collins, Juanita Stacy and Willie Mae Barnett

Family Chalice Program

December 16/17 Alice Kuehler
 December 23/24 Krista Johnson Family
 December 30/31 Krista Johnson Family
 January 6/7 Mike and Rita Lister
 January 13/14 Nick and Cara Ashford
 January 20/21 Johnny and Doris Homer

Birthdays

Dec 16th David Britten and Barrett Ingram
 Dec 19th Amanda Martin
 Dec 20th Linda Bohr
 Dec 21st Thane Barkley

Anniversaries

Dec 21st Doug and Joannie Kling

Stewardship Reports

12/08/17 Stewardship Report-Immaculate Conception
 Individual \$ 210.00
 Loose \$ 181.00
Total \$ 391.00

12/10/17 Stewardship Report-Sunday Mass
 Individual \$1,615.00
 Loose \$ 257.00
 Children \$ 9.00
Total \$1,881.00

12/10/17 Share in the Care Retirement Fund for Religious
 Individual \$ 495.00
 Loose \$ 223.00
Total \$ 718.00

12/10/17 Building Fund
 Individual \$ 150.00
 Loose \$ 30.00
Total \$ 180.00

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, Dec 16, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Derek and Ryan

Lectors: Cari Weineimer

Extraor. Com. Minister: Nick Weinheimer

Sunday, Dec 17, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Kate and Wesley

Lectors: Kay Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Joanie Kling, Michelle Bohr, Nicole Kuehler

Saturday, Dec 23, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Braxton and Zadyn

Lectors: Kevin Brown

Extraor. Com. Minister:

Sunday, Dec 24, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers:

Lectors: Cliff Britten

Extraor. Com. Minister: Susan Britten, Jan Britten and

Monday, Dec 25, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Derek and Ryan

Lectors: Ron Kuehler

Extraor. Com. Minister: Cari Weinheimer, Michele Bohr and Joannie Kling

Saturday, Dec 30, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Ali and Madison

Lectors:

Extraor. Com. Minister:

Sunday, Dec 31, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: K'Leigh and Carrigan

Lectors: Marcia Conrad

Extraor. Com. Minister: Jan Britten

Announcements:

We need servers for Christmas Eve and Christmas day Masses.

We will be singing Christmas carols 15 minutes before Christmas Eve Mass. Choir members please joins us. No practice, thanks in advance.

Christ Child shower will be donations to Snak-Pak 4 Kids collections will during the Christian Mothers party and all through December.

Faith Formation Calendar:

Dec 20th Mass @ 6pm Grades K-6 choir and Christmas program practice after mass until 8pm. TYM for grades 7-12!

Christmas Program Jan 7th following 11am Mass

*Christmas Masses: Sunday, Dec 24th at 5:30pm and Monday, Dec 25th at 9am

*New Year Masses: Sunday, Dec 31st at 5:30pm and Monday, January 01st at 9am

*Christmas & Year End Giving: Christmas and Year end giving is not only a Catholic tradition but Christmas marks the beginning of the Ultimate Gift- God's gift of His only son, Jesus Christ. Christmas of course, celebrates the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ. Tradition holds that the three kings or wise men followed the star to bring gifts to the newborn king, beginning a tradition of gift giving to the Christmas season we enjoy each and every year. But what about the gifts that God has bestowed upon each and every one of us during the year and throughout our life time? We are merely stewards of these gifts. Christmas and year's end is a spiritual opportunity to make a return to God of His many blessings at Christmas and year's end...