



*December 17, 2017*

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*A man named John was sent from God.  
He came for testimony, to testify to the light,  
so that all might believe through him.*

*He was not the light,  
but came to testify to the light.*

*John 1:6-8*



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# IPRF NEWS

Inter-Parish Religious Formation

## No IPRF Classes on December 20 or 27!

Thank you to all of our students and parents for your donations of blankets, canned goods, and hygiene products to our Advent collection. They will benefit St. Anthony Parish in Neopit, Wisconsin. Your generosity is truly appreciated!



Thank you to the family of Jeanne Gabert, who remembered St. Mary Parish with memorial funds in Jeanne's name. We are blessed to be the recipient of this gift that will honor a wonderful lady.



Baptized in water, these precious children have been clothed in Jesus.

**Mikenna Mae**, daughter of Nicholas & Cassandra Laszewski  
**Miles Arthur**, son of Benjamin & Megan Santkuy!

## IT'S ALMOST TIME

The "Midwinter Makeover" project in church will begin after Christmas. Don't worry—thanks to many wonderful & dedicated volunteers, our church will be as beautifully decorated as it always is for all Christmas Masses! Starting on December 27, all Masses will take place in the Community Room while we restore paint, pews, and Stations of the Cross and improve lighting and flooring in the church. These exciting improvements to our church will maintain its history and character and prepare us for many years to come.

### Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues

Please join us for this video series by Bishop Robert Barron. We set the dates for the series using the model from the past which provided both a morning and evening opportunity for participants. The dates and place are as follows:

- Session I: Pride and Humility
  - Jan. 8 - 6:30-8:00 PM St. Joseph Parish
  - Jan. 12 - 10:00-11:30 AM St. Mary Parish
- Session II: Envy and Admiration
  - Jan. 15 - 6:30-8:00 PM St. Joseph Parish
  - Jan. 19 - 10:00-11:30 AM St. Mary Parish
- Session III: Anger and Forgiveness
  - Jan. 22 - 6:30-8:00 PM St. Joseph Parish
  - Jan. 26 - 10:00-11:30 AM St. Mary Parish
- Session IV: Sloth and Zeal
  - Jan. 29 - 6:30-8:00 PM St. Joseph Parish
  - Feb. 2 - 10:00-11:30 AM St. Mary Parish
- Session V: Avarice and Generosity
  - Feb. 5 - 6:30-8:00 PM St. Joseph Parish
  - Feb. 9 - 10:00-11:30 AM St. Mary Parish
- Session VI: Gluttony and Asceticism
  - Feb. 12 - 6:30-8:00 PM St. Joseph Parish
  - Feb. 16 - 10:00-11:30 AM St. Mary Parish
- Session VII: Lust and Chastity
  - Feb. 19 - 6:30-8:00 PM St. Joseph Parish
  - Feb. 23 - 10:00-11:30 AM St. Mary Parish

The cost for materials is \$15.00. If you would like to join a group please contact Mary Ann Otto at 739-5119 or [motto@stmaryparish.org](mailto:motto@stmaryparish.org). Be sure to state which time and place works for you.

**CIA-Faith Mission Operatives** invites you to

**Celebrate Advent!**  
We await the birth of our Savior!



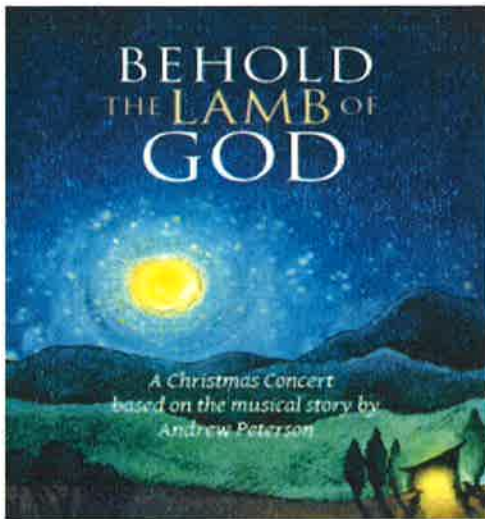
Artist Brian Keliher sets the stage with his inspiring personal story and "Art for God."

----- Then enjoy local artists' performance of -----

**A Musical Story of the Coming of Christ**  
  
An ADVENT celebration enjoyed across the USA for more than a decade!

**Monday, Dec. 18, 7 p.m.**

**Xavier Fine Arts Theatre**



No tickets/reservations needed/Freewill offering accepted  
For details, google CIAFMO or call Susan at 920-450-3025

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# Christmas Worship SCHEDULE

Note: Sunday, December 24 is the Fourth Sunday of Advent as well as Christmas Eve.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23**

**4:30 PM (Fourth Sunday of Advent)**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24**

**8:00 AM (Fourth Sunday of Advent)**

**Christmas Eve Masses**

**4:00 PM, 6:30 PM, 10:00 PM**

**Lessons & Carols Sacred Concert 9 PM**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 (Christmas Day)**

**8:30 AM & 10:30 AM**



## Weekly Mass Schedule

Mon., Dec. 18	12:05 PM	Mass at St. Joseph
Tue., Dec. 19	8:30 AM	For all cancer patients
Wed., Dec. 20	12:05 PM	Bill Hoffman
Thurs., Dec. 21	12:05 PM	For safe holiday travels
Fri., Dec. 22	8:30 AM	Ralph Kaufman
Sat., Dec. 23	4:30 PM	Thomas P. Maney, Sr.
Sun., Dec. 24	8:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Mary
	4:00 PM	Geraldine & Arnold Van Handel
	6:30 PM	Fisher & Davies Family
	10:00 PM	Art & Marie School
Mon., Dec. 25	8:30 AM	Fr. Mike O'Rourke
	10:30 AM	Frank & Lois Olson

## PRAYER NEEDS

Contact Mary Jo Zilisch (734-1182) or Laurie Richter ([lauriejrichter@gmail.com](mailto:lauriejrichter@gmail.com)) if you have a prayer need. Please remember the needs in our prayer baskets.

## Contributions

Office Envelopes— \$5,579.00 Weekend— \$32,629.03  
Children's Collection—\$28.87

## St. Mary Weekly Calendar

**December 18 (Mon)**

- 9:00 AM Put up big Christmas trees/Church
- 5:00 PM Handbell Choir Christmas Potluck/Community Room
- 6:30 PM Handbell Choir Practice/Choir Loft
- 6:30 PM THEO/Community Room
- 6:30 PM Advent Inter-parish Communal Reconciliation Service at St. Joseph
- 8:00 PM Al-Anon Meeting/L6

**December 19 (Tue)**

- 8:30 AM Mass/Chapel
- 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl/SJL9
- 2:00 PM Rosary & Perpetual Help Devotions/Chapel

**December 20 (Wed)**

- 9:00 AM Mom's Group/Babysitting Room
- 12:05 PM Mass
- 6:00 PM Keeping the Church Lights on for Confession/Church
- 6:30 PM Adult Choir Practice/St. Anne Room

**December 21 (Thurs)**

- 12:05 PM Mass
- 6:00 PM Children's Nativity Practice/Church

**December 22 (Fri)**

- 8:30 AM Mass/Chapel

**December 23 (Sat)**

- 9:00 AM Confessions/Church
- 4:30 PM Mass

**December 24 (Sun) Fourth Sunday of Advent/Christmas Eve**

- 8:00 AM Mass—Fourth Sunday of Advent
- 4:00 PM Mass—Children's Nativity/Children's & Youth Choirs
- 6:30 PM Mass
- 9:00 PM Lessons & Carols Sacred Concert/Church
- 10:00 PM Mass—Adult and Handbell Choirs

**December 25 (Sun) Christmas Day**

- 8:30 & 10:30 AM Masses

The parish office will close at noon on Friday, December 22. We will be closed on December 25 & January 1.

## 2017 IRS Contribution Laws

We are very thankful for your financial stewardship gifts. As we approach the end of the year, please know that we are bound by IRS laws.

**The IRS requires donations to be received ON or BEFORE Dec. 31, 2017 to qualify for your 2017 deductions.**

Please note:

- ⇒ The parish office closes at noon on Friday, Dec. 29, 2017
- ⇒ Donations - cash or checks placed in the weekend collection (Dec. 30 & 31) will be posted to 2017
- ⇒ Checks intended for 2018 must be dated 1-1-2018 or after

## In Loving Memory

In the spirit of Christian charity, please pray for those who have lost a loved one. May fond memories comfort you during this time. If you have lost a loved one and would like to have him or her remembered in the bulletin, please call us at 739-5119.

## In Joy & Sorrow – Pondering Together the Treasures of our Faith

As I mentioned only two weeks ago, this year's Advent is the shortest the season can be. Instead of four weeks, it is only three weeks. So we have already arrived at that point in the season when our prayers of anticipation for the Nativity of the Lord Jesus become more intense. The liturgy indicates that by looking directly at Mary as the person whose trusting "Yes!" to the Father's will made the birth of Jesus, the Son of God, possible. So we pray the O Antiphons.

These prayers reach all the way back to the first century of our Church. They are antiphons that introduce the Magnificat (Mary's great prayer of "Yes!") at Evening Prayer from Dec. 17-23. Interestingly, something like a medieval crossword puzzle created by holy monks long ago, each Antiphon begins with an ancient Latin title for the Lord Jesus, and the first letters of those ancient titles, starting with the title for Dec. 23 and working back to Dec. 17, spell out *Ero cras*, which means, "Tomorrow I will be" or "I will be (there) tomorrow", which are references to the Incarnation of the Lord on Christmas morning. Without further adieu, here are the O Antiphons:

**Dec. 17 - O Wisdom (Sapientia)**, who come from the mouth of God, you extend to the ends of the earth, and order all things with power and sweetness, come and teach us the way of wisdom.

**Dec. 18 - O Lord (Adonai)**, leader of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush and on Mount Sinai gave him the law, come and free us with your powerful arm.

**Dec. 19 - O Root (Radix) of Jesse**, who stand as a sign for the peoples, the kings of the earth are silent before you and the nations invoke you, come to free us, do not delay.

**Dec. 20 - O Key (Clavis) of David**, scepter of the house of Israel, who open and no one may shut, who shut and no one may open, come, free from prison captive man, who lies in darkness and the shadow of death.

**Dec. 21 - O Star (Oriens) who rises**, splendor of eternal light and sun of justice, come and enlighten those who lie in darkness and the shadow of death.

**Dec. 22 - O King (Rex) of the nations and their desire**, cornerstone, who unite Jews and pagans into one, come and save man whom you formed from the earth.

**Dec. 23 - O Emmanuel (Emmanuel)**, our king and lawgiver, hope and salvation of the peoples, come to save us, O Lord our God.

You might clip these out and place in your prayer book for these final Advent days and hang on to them for next Advent. May Jesus come more nearly to us that our hearts and lives be filled with the peace, joy, strength, and healing that only Jesus can give to us!

Father Bill +



## Annual Parish Advent Project

### Week 4: FAITH

### Bring it home

Pick up a Jesse Tree ornament kit in the Marian Way. Put together the simple ornament with loved ones (no tools required!) for your tree at home.



Don't forget to add your good deeds to our Jesse Tree throughout the season of Advent!

Thanks to all who helped us spread JOY on the third weekend of Advent by decorating cookies for group homes! The delicious treats you prepared will bring joy to many!



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