



**December 20, 2020
Fourth Sunday of Advent**

<u>Our Lady of the Holy Spirit</u>	<u>Mass Intention</u>
Monday, Dec. 21 8:00 am	Sarah Shipley
Wednesday, Dec. 23 5:30 pm	All Souls
Thursday, Dec. 24 4:00 pm	All Parishioners
Friday, Dec. 25 9:00 am	Special Intention
Sunday, Dec. 27 10:30 am 5:30 pm	All Parishioners Doug Compton
<u>St. Isidore</u>	<u>Mass Intention</u>
Tuesday, Dec. 22 8:00 am	Eli Reedy
Thursday, Dec. 24 Midnight	Kathleen Reedy
Friday, Dec. 25 7:00 am Latin	All Parishioners
Saturday, Dec. 26 8:00 am	Special Intention
Sunday, Dec. 27 8:00 am	Dick & Jeanette McCabe

Offerings		
Our Lady of the Holy Spirit 12/13/2020		
	<u>10:30</u>	<u>5:30</u>
General collections	\$2,779.	\$298.
Christmas Flowers	370.	10.
Preschool	<u>375.</u>	
	\$3,524.	
Capital Campaign	\$365.	
Retired Religious	326.	291.
Other Diocesan collections	43.	
<u>Attendance</u>		
10:30 am	92	
5:30 pm	39	
St. Isidore		
General collections	\$ 590.	
Retired Religious	317.	
<u>Attendance</u>		
8:00 am	29	
Thank you for your dedication to our parishes		

Parish Connections and Suggestions
Mobile App: Our Lady of the Holy Spirit
Website: www.mtzolhs.org
Facebook: Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Catholic Church and St. Isidore Catholic Church – Bethany
Email: pastor@mtzolhs.org secretary@mtzolhs.org
faithformation@mtzolhs.org youthministry@mtzolhs.org

ONLINE GIVING Go to www.mtzolhs.org and set up online giving. Or go to OLGapp.com and click on the app store for your device. There is a video that walks you through how to set up one-time or recurring online giving. The link address is: <https://youtu.be/kWIs4AvfMo4>
FORMED.org The Catholic Faith on Demand. Go to www.mtzolhs.formed.org

Are you new and need to fill out parishioner forms? Call the office at 864-3467.

Life threatening emergencies please call 217-264-2868.

Make your church an “extra child” in your will.
Parish Council A parish council is a consultative body that serves to advise the parish about pastoral/parish issues. Call the office to reach a member of parish council.

A locked dropbox is located by the parish office door for 24/7 drop off of paperwork, registrations, collection envelopes, etc.

Two Items from the Bishop

We have two new things from the Bishop. First, I would direct your attention to his column in the Dec. 13 number of *Catholic Times*. In it, Bishop Paprocki explains his decision to begin offering the 10:00 Sunday Mass at the Cathedral *ad orientem*, which means that the priest faces the same direction as the people when they worship God together.

Second, Bishop Paprocki has issued an instruction on giving blessings during communion, ordering that the practice should stop effective Jan. 1. He has issued an explanatory document with his instruction. I will make these available after Mass next weekend. If you would like to see them before then, please e-mail the office, and I will send them to you. To summarize all thirteen pages in one sentence: only communicants ought to be in the communion procession (and little children who cannot be left by themselves); a special blessing for non-communicants is an innovation from the 1980’s that is found nowhere in the liturgical books; and the whole congregation is blessed together at the end of Mass. (It is worth noting that Bishop Lucas also issued a document stating that the communion procession is only for communicants.) Rev. Jason P. Stone



The Pastor's Corner

A Quiet Moment

Beloved, in the run-up to Christmas, we can hardly prevent getting distracted by all the things that, truth to tell, do not matter a bit.

To help you keep your focus, I offer you a poem about Christmas by a clergyman of the Church of England. It is from about a hundred years ago, and its author founded an Anglican religious order called the Society of the Divine Compassion. When I was organist and choirmaster at Trinity Church, Hannibal, I wrote a musical setting of it.

“Behold thy King cometh unto thee meek”

by Fr. Andrew, S.D.C.

In lowliness, long years ago

Thou cam’st to men ;

The golden straw, the silver snow,

Thy portion then.

But some could pierce their Lord’s disguise,

The pure, the penitent, had eyes

To see Thee then.

And Love with lowliness content,

To-day as then,

Faith’s Bethlehem—

Love, angel-led, hath skill to see,

Though meekness veil Thy majesty,

Thy diadem.

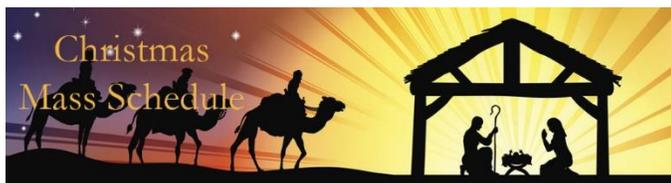
I hope you will take some time each day until Christmas, even five minutes, to lift up your hearts and minds to the Lord, to remember Who it is that is coming to us, and to give thanks.

Rev. Jason P. Stone

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2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16. Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29. Romans 16:25-27. Luke 1:26-38.

How Can This Be? Words of a visiting angel: Do not be afraid; God has this plan; you are full of grace. Mary speaks aloud what we all are thinking: “How can this be?” God makes it possible because God makes us holy! What should I stop fearing? What is God’s plan for me just for this day? What will I do this week as God’s holy person that benefits someone else?



Our Lady of the Holy Spirit:

Christmas Eve 4:00 pm

(Sign up on Facebook or call the office 864-3467)

Christmas Day 9:00 am (Sign up on Facebook or call the office)

St. Isidore: Christmas Eve Midnight Mass or Christmas Day 7:00 am Latin. Call the office to sign up 864-3467.

*NOTE: OLHS Christmas Eve Mass is FULL in the church, we will be live-streaming into the parish hall if you wish to attend Christmas Eve. Christmas DAY is another option at 9am.

Exposition and Benediction on Wednesdays at OLHS is cancelled for the remainder of the month of December. Confessions will continue to be heard as usual at 4:15 p.m., and Mass will continue to be said as usual at 5:30 p.m.



Please pray for the sick: Shannon Barker, Edie Cox, Sandy Nicholson, Carol Jacoby.

Please call the office at 864-3467 to add or remove names. Or email to secretary@mtzolhs.org

Dear St. Isidore and OLHS Parishioners,

Greetings and Happy Advent to you and yours! I hope this finds each of you well. It has been so good to see so many of you at Masses over these past few weeks. Due to COVID-19, my Seminary decided to end the semester online following the Thanksgiving Break, so I have been home since then. It is always a joy to be present in both of our parishes, and I am grateful for your warm welcome home! Thanks as well for the prayers, well wishes, cards, and gifts. I am so blessed by all of the prayers and support that I receive from all of you. Truly, I am grateful.

A number of you have asked how to get in touch with me, so I have included my contact information below. Even when I'm away from the Seminary, it's best to send my mail there as they forward it to wherever I am. The Seminary is good at keeping tabs on us! :)

I have also been frequently asked about my status in the Seminary, so I wanted to provide a quick update. I just wrapped up my fifth year of Seminary at Saint Meinrad Seminary & School of Theology in St. Meinrad, IN. Saint Meinrad is a truly special place and I have so enjoyed my time there. The final year and a half of my Seminary Formation will be action packed. This coming April, God and Bishop willing, I will be ordained a Transitional Deacon at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield, IL. Deacons can preach at Mass, Baptize, witness Marriages, Bury the Dead, and perform other works of charitable service. Following Ordination, I will serve the Church as a Deacon while finishing up my last year of classes at Saint Meinrad. Then in May of 2022, God and Bishop willing, I will be ordained a Priest! Keep an eye out for invitations to these events in the coming months. Please pray for my classmates and I as we prepare for our Diaconate Ordinations, and know of my prayers for each of you.

May the joy of the coming Christmas Season bring you solace and peace!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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