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Third Sunday of Advent
December 12, 2021



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St. Theresa of Avila & St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Churches Welcome you to our celebration of the Holy Mass on The Third Sunday of Advent—Sun., December 12, 2021

St. Theresa 5:00 pm Mass (S), Sat., December 11 ~ Deceased of Tobiasiewicz Family
 St. Elizabeth 8:00 am Mass (K), Sun., December 12 ~ +Mary Sulga
 St. Theresa 10:00 am Mass (S), Sun., December 12 ~ +Sergio Rubio

Monday, December 13

No Mass

Tuesday, December 14

No Mass

Wednesday, December 15

St. Theresa 6:00 pm (S) ~Penance Service

Thursday, December 16

No Mass

Friday, December 17

No Mass

Saturday, December 18

St. Theresa 5:00 pm Mass (S) ~ +Cindy Rust & +Joseph Clarke

Sunday, December 19—Fourth Sunday of Advent

St. Elizabeth 8:00 am Mass (K) ~ +Mary Sulga
 St. Theresa 10:00 am Mass (S) ~ +Donald Phillips (Avila)

Last Weekend's Offering

Thank you!

From Sat., Dec. 4 & Sun., Dec. 5, 2021

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton:

Envelopes:	\$555.00
Loose:	\$00.00
Total contributions for the week:	\$568.00

Mission Outreach:	\$83.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$145.00
Immaculate Conception:	\$10.00
Solemnity of Mary:	\$10.00
Retirement Fund Religious:	\$25.00
Christmas:	\$50.00
Needy:	\$65.00

St. Theresa of Avila:

Envelopes	\$1370.00
Loose:	\$56.20
Online Giving:	\$1060.00
Total contributions for the week:	\$2915.09

Capital Campaign:	\$100.00
Building/Maintenance:	\$70.00
Needy/Poor:	\$275.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$188.00

Next weekend,

Sat., December 18 & Sun., December 19

Liturgical Ministers-

Saturday 5:00 pm—St. Theresa

Lectors: D. Steele

Euch. Min.: M. Aldag

Greeter: M. Smith, B. Shawn

Sunday 8:00 am—St. Elizabeth

Lector: D. Sigrist

Euch. Min.: K. Kramer

Sunday 10:00 am—St. Theresa

Lectors: Ethan Crouse

Euch. Min.: Aaron Wilzbach

Greeter: Volunteer, Volunteer

Music Ministers-

Saturday 5:00 pm—St. Theresa

J. Javier

Sunday 10:00 am—St. Theresa

A. Wilzbach, L. Husk

Homebound & Nursing Home Ministers:

Sun., Dec. 12: Larimer

Tues., Dec. 14: Twin Willows: D. & M. Steele

Third Sunday of Advent

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/121221.cfm>

Reading 1 **Zephaniah 3:14-18a** Shout for joy, O daughter Zion! Sing joyfully, O Israel! Be glad and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has removed the judgment against you he has turned away your enemies; the King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst, you have no further misfortune to fear. On that day, it shall be said to Jerusalem: Fear not, O Zion, be not discouraged! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior; he will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love, he will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals.

Reading 2 **Philippians 4:4-7** Brothers and sisters: Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Gospel **Luke 3:10-18** The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?" He said to them in reply, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He answered them, "Stop collecting more than what is prescribed." Soldiers also asked him, "And what is it that we should do?" He told them, "Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages." Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people.

Baptism

We welcome Ronan Husk, son of Brian & Laura Husk into the Catholic Faith Community. Ronan was baptized last Sunday at St. Theresa of Avila Church. May God bless Ronan and his Family.



K of C Blood Drive

Thank you to all who donated blood at the Knights of Columbus Blood Drive! Our goal was 24 units, we collected 31 units!

St. Theresa PSR Class

The last PSR class for 2021 will be on December 12. PSR class begins again on January 9, 2022.

St. Elizabeth Christmas Decorating & Santa

St. Elizabeth will have their annual Church Christmas decorating, soup supper, and Santa visit on Sunday, December 19 at 4:00pm. The meal will include chili or chicken noodle soup as done in previous years.



~Santa

Advent Penance Service

Wednesday, December 15
6:00 pm
St. Theresa of Avila Church

Advent Penance Services

St. Francis, Aviston	Dec 12, 3:00 PM
St. Ann, Nashville	Dec 14, 4:00-5:00 PM
St. Ann, Nashville	Dec 14, 6:30-7:30 PM
St. Rose, St. Rose	Dec 14, 7:00 PM
OLPH, Posen	Dec 15, 6:30 PM
St. Theresa, Salem ***	Dec 15, 6:00 PM
St. Anthony, Beckemeyer	Dec 16, 7:00 PM
St. Mary, Centralia	Dec 16, 12:00 PM
St. Mary, Centralia	Dec 19, 2:00 PM

If you or your child is seeking the

Sacrament of Confirmation

Please contact

Denise McCormack or the Parish Office.

Hat, gloves & Scarf Drive

Please bring your new or gently used hats,



gloves, scarves and socks to benefit the cold and needy. Please put your donations in the boxes at the entrances to St. Theresa Church. The collection will go till the end of January.

Sponsored by PSR.

Thank you!

Stained-Glass Window Fund

The current balance in the Stained-Glass Window Fund is \$19,301.17.

Thank You for your generous donations!

Restroom in the gym

Need to use the restroom? The key to the gym is available at the back of Church.

St. Theresa Food Pantry

Schedule for weekend items to be brought...

For the week of Dec 18/19-soup

For the week of Dec 25/26-pancake mix & syrup

For the week of Jan 1/2-canned vegetables

For the week of Jan—cereal

The Food Pantry is open the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 10am-11am. Donations can be dropped off in the Church at Mass times. Thank you very much for your donations! Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus (Council #6985).



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Christmas Mass:



Friday, December 24:
5:00 pm St. Theresa of Avila

Saturday, December 25:
8:00 am St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
10:00 am St. Theresa of Avila

Solemnity of Mary Mass:

Friday, December 31:
6:00 pm St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Saturday, January 1:
9:00 am St. Theresa of Avila

Retirement Fund for Religious

Help aging religious. Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others-educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously to today's collection.

Turkey Dinner Profit

Total from dinners purchased	\$2579.00
Donations/tips	<u>\$377.13</u>
Total profit	\$2956.13

Thank you to Bob Lafenhagen for donating all the turkeys for the dinner!

Third Sunday of Advent –

Exhorting and Expecting. Even in these troubled times, we are urged to rejoice this day, this week, this season. The question posed by nearly everyone to John the Baptist – What should we do? – is also our question. Saint Paul reminds us that the Lord is near. While we actively wait for Jesus Christ to come again, we are told to be merciful and just.

What in my closet can be given to clothe someone in need?

What actions in my job or my retirement can be fairer and more just?

What words from my mouth will speak only truth?



The Third Sunday of Advent symbolizes *Joy* with the “Shepherd’s Candle” reminding us of the *Joy* the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus.

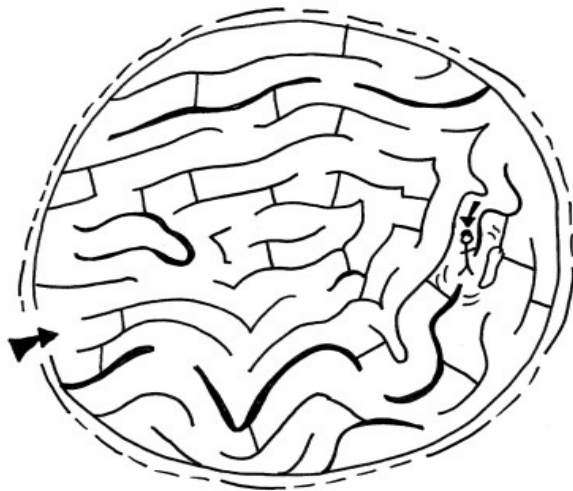
Vocation Corner –

On this Third Sunday of Advent we are called to prepare our interior life for Jesus’ coming. John the Baptist challenges all to share their goods (their two cloaks), for tax collectors to charge fairly and for soldiers to be honest and not grumble about their wages. The birth of Christ wasn’t just something that happened in history 2000 years ago, but must take place every day for us to be true disciples. Our preparation is necessary to receive Jesus and allow Him to flourish within us. In the same way, a vocation is our encounter with God who comes down not only to earth, but into our hearts.

Obituary

St. Theresa’s Parish Family prays for the repose of the soul of +Dorothy Marie Nuss, mother of LuEllen Conrad and +Tim Kane, son of +Charlie & Phyllis Kane. May the souls of our dearly beloved rest in peace.

Saint Francis Xavier



Saint Francis Xavier traveled all over the world taking care of the poor and teaching about Jesus.

Year C: Third Sunday of Advent



Catholic Kids

December 12, 2021
Advent
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Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

GLADNESSWPFORK

AMONGYOUISTHEGREATANDHOLY



Today is Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means, "To rejoice." The pink candle reminds us to rejoice because Jesus is coming.



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Countdown to Jesus' Birthday...

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Sundays!

Gospel



John the Baptist was a great man and people thought he might be God. He told them that a greater man was coming. They were waiting for Jesus!

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Painting the Way to Jesus

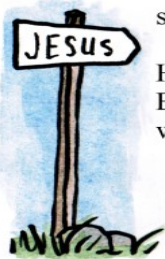


In today's Gospel reading we hear about the people being filled with expectation for the coming of the Messiah. Saint John the Baptist told the people how to prepare for his coming- by doing good and repenting of their sins.

At first the people thought that John the Baptist might be the Messiah. But Saint John was only a messenger. We can think of him as a sign-post pointing the way to Jesus. People came to see and hear him, and he



showed them the way to God.



How can you be like Saint John the Baptist and show other people the way to Jesus?

Answers to Crossword Puzzle:
Across: 1. peace 3. shall 5. thanksgiving 9. near 11. all
Down: 1. petition 2. again 4. have 6. kindness 7. guard 8. God 10. your 12. Lord 14. at 15. to

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The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday of Advent
December 12, 2021

MY BAPTISM I AM
WITH WATER, BUT ONE
MIGHTIER THAN I IS COMING

I AM NOT THE
ONE TO LIGHT THE
CANDLE OF HIS
ADVENT

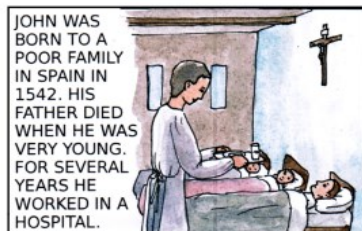
HE WILL BRING THE
SPIRIT AND FIRE
WITH HIM



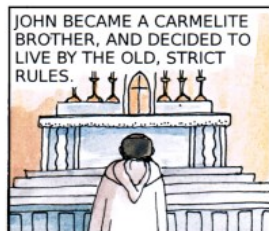
Luke 3:10-18

God sent Saint John the Baptist to prepare the people for the coming of Jesus.
What did he say when some of the people thought that he might be the saviour?
Look in the mirror to find out!

Saint John of the Cross December 14



JOHN WAS BORN TO A POOR FAMILY IN SPAIN IN 1542. HIS FATHER DIED WHEN HE WAS VERY YOUNG. FOR SEVERAL YEARS HE WORKED IN A HOSPITAL.



JOHN BECAME A CARMELITE BROTHER, AND DECIDED TO LIVE BY THE OLD, STRICT RULES.



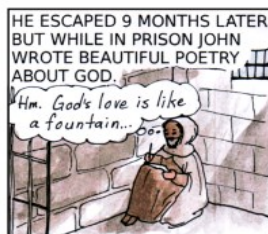
HE MET ST. TERESA OF AVILA, WHO WAS A CARMELITE NUN.



WE'D LIKE TO JOIN YOU.



BUT SOME OF THE CARMELITES DISAGREED WITH HIM AND PUT HIM IN PRISON!



HE ESCAPED 9 MONTHS LATER, BUT WHILE IN PRISON JOHN WROTE BEAUTIFUL POETRY ABOUT GOD.

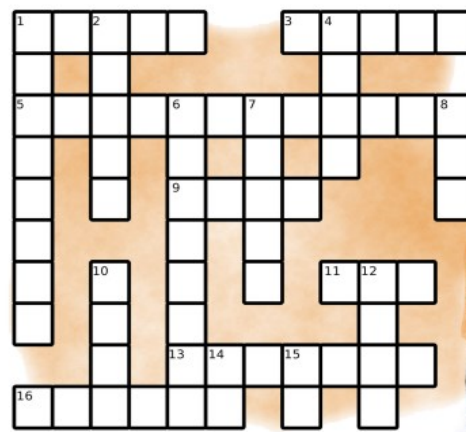


BY THIS TIME, JOHN WAS QUITE SICKLY. HE WAS TREATED BADLY AT FIRST, BUT BY THE TIME HE DIED EVEN HIS ENEMIES REALIZED HIS HOLINESS.

TODAY SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS IS BEST KNOWN FOR HIS WRITINGS. HE TAUGHT THAT WE WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO BE PERFECTLY HAPPY HERE ON EARTH BECAUSE WE ARE MADE FOR GOD IN HEAVEN. NEXT TIME YOU FEEL UNHAPPY, REMEMBER THAT PERFECT HAPPINESS IS WAITING FOR YOU IN HEAVEN!

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Philippians 4 Cross-Word



Fill in the blanks with the words at the bottom and fit them into the puzzle.
a=across
d=down



Brothers and _____ (13a): Rejoice in the _____ (12d) always. I _____ (3a) say _____ (14d) _____ (2d): rejoice! Your _____ (6d) should be known _____ (15d) all. The Lord is _____ (9a). _____ (4d) no anxiety at _____ (11a), but in everything, by prayer and _____ (1d), with _____ (5a), make _____ (10d) requests known to _____ (8d). Then the _____ (1a) of God that surpasses all understanding will _____ (7d) your hearts and minds in _____ (16a) Jesus.

GOD SHALL TO LORD YOUR
CHRIST ALL KINDNESS SISTERS
THANKSGIVING PEACE IT PETITION
NEAR AGAIN GUARD HAVE

Please pray for the sick, their caregivers, residents in nursing homes
and the homebound...**

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God Bless Our Service Men & Women!

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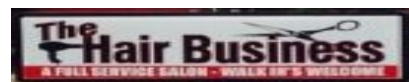
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