

PARISH EVENTS and LITURGIES

Sunday, December 14

8:30 am Christian Initiation for Adults, FLC
 9:00 am Religious Ed. For Grades K-12, FLC & SH
10:30 am Mass - John & Richie Mihans †
 10:30 am Preschool, FLC
 11:30 am Children's Choir
 11:30 am Olive Branch Open
 12:00 pm Franciscans, SH & FLC

Monday, December 15

12:00 pm Mass - Linda Tucciarone †
 6:30 pm Knights of Columbus, SH

Tuesday, December 16

11:00 am Confessions
12:00 am Mass - Fr. Danny Cogut (Intentions)
 5:00 pm Confessions and Eucharistic Adoration
 7:00 pm Valleywide Reconciliation Service,
 Basilica of St. Andrew

Wednesday, December 17

11:30 am JOY Lunch & Games, SH
 12:00 pm Valleywide Reconciliation Service,
 St. Gerard
 3:00 pm Adoration (3pm - 6:15 pm & 7pm -9pm)
 4:00 pm Olive Branch Open
 5:00 pm Confessions
6:30 pm Mass - Maria de Guzman Mungal †

Thursday, December 18

10:30 am Bible Study, FLC
12:00 pm Mass - Fr. Danny Cogut (intentions)
 7:00 pm OLPH Choir

Friday, December 19

Saturday, December 20

8:30 am Dominicans, FLC
 3:00 pm Olive Branch Open
 3:30 pm Confessions
5:00 pm Vigil Mass - OLPH Parishioners

Sunday, December 21

8:30 am Christian Initiation for Adults, FLC
10:30 am Mass - Michael Dilling †
 11:30 am Children's Choir
 11:30 am Olive Branch Open

**Second Collection
 December 21
 Is for Capital Improvement**

| | December 20 Saturday Mass 5:00 pm | December 21 Sunday Mass 10:30 am |
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| Altar Servers | Elijah Buchanan | Haylee Gillinger Ivan Barlow |
| Lectors | Leah Fame Tom Fame | Vicky Rowland Susan Thompson |
| Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion | Robin Underwood Dennis Kafura Parish Deacon | Jan Hoffman Yaw Asirifi Janie Christian Steve O'Connell Parish Deacon Nathan Johnson Christine Johnson |
| Linen Washer | | Teadora Andrare |
| Ushers | Bogdan Czachor Jerry Ferguson Scott Kuhn Jack Miller | Jay Fukumoto Dave Hafey Greg St. Clair Bill Thompson |
| Bus Driver | | Alex Juarez |

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

December 14 - December 21, 2025

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (see Is 35:4)/
 Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/
 Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and
 23/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt
 1:1-17

Thursday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

Friday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk
 1:5-25

Saturday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/Rom
 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

***Please pray for our sick, that they may be
 strengthened by the love of Christ.***

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| Rob Ahlers | Johanna Espelage | Joseph Mukuni |
| Joe Birkenmaier | Placido de Guzman | Mary Anna Page |
| Emanuel Clements | Jennifer Jarvis | Judith Perrine |
| Fr. Danny Cogut | Larry Keyes | Jackie Richards |
| Lois Conn | Bernie Langheim | Sue Thompson |
| Patricia Dopp | | John Wizorek |

THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 is the collection for the retired religious. Many of our elderly religious have served with little or no pay, and now unfortunately, today many U.S. religious orders lack adequate retirement savings due to the dwindling numbers in religious life. Check out the poster on the bulletin board in the Commons to see some of those who have given for a lifetime. Thank you for your support.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Season That Gives Back

**I don't have anything left to give.
You can't pour from an empty cup.
All I do is give. Who is giving to me?**

Raise your hand if these thoughts have ever run through your head. I'm sure they occur to all of us from time to time. We can become so easily depleted by the fast pace of life and whatever vocation God has called us to, whether that's parenthood, a demanding professional career or the caretaking of friends and family (or as so often happens, a hybrid of all three). Many of us also undergo certain seasons — seasons of the year, but also seasons of life — that seem to sap us of energy and leave us totally empty.

In these times, it seems impossible to continue in the spirituality of Everyday Stewardship. Graciousness, mindfulness, prayerfulness, gratitude, accountability — maintaining some semblance of these characteristics in our daily life feels not only overly optimistic, but totally impossible.

The Church gives us certain liturgical seasons that are meant to fill us up, almost like spiritual pit stops. Advent is one such season, and the Scriptural passages we reflect on at Mass during these four weeks are filled with images of nature defied. We see the dry steppe blooming. We see the weak made firm. We see the frightened made strong. We see the lame walk. We see the Virgin give birth.

If you think you don't have anything left to give this Advent, think again. This is the season of miracles when what we thought was depleted brings new life.

~Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

| WEEKLY OFFERING | November 30th - 31st | JULY YTD |
|------------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Sunday - Holy Days | \$ 16,040.00 | \$260,608.00 |
| Total Income Budgeted | \$10,710.00 | \$231,200.00 |
| Better or Worse | \$ 5,330.00 | \$ 29,408.00 |
| Capital Improvement | \$ 2,420.00 | \$ 43,613.00 |

Thank you for your continued support.

THE LITURGY COMMITTEE is requesting help in decorating our worship space for the celebration of **"The Nativity of the Lord."** We will be gathering to decorate Monday, December 22 at 2:00 pm and again on Tuesday, December 23 at 1:00 pm. Thank you for your help.

