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720 Liberty Street
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Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning - 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Holy Days - 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

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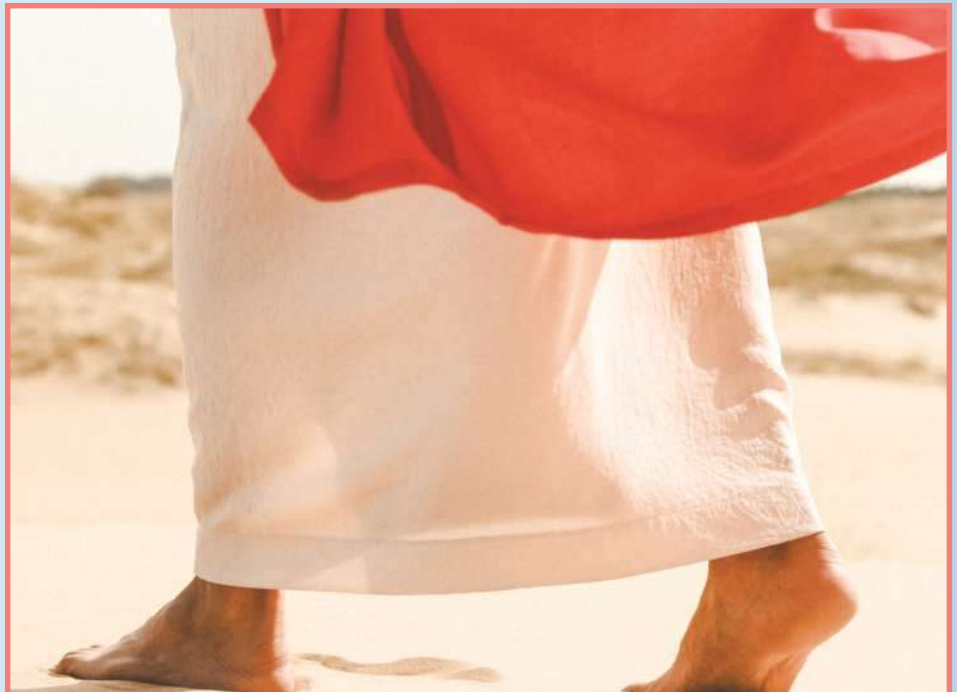
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Parish Membership

Membership includes active participation in the sacramental life of the Church, involvement in the activities of the faith community and financial support of the parish.

New members are welcome to register by calling the parish office.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE GOOD NEWS
PROCLAIMED
TO THEM.

— MATTHEW 11:5 —

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

What We See in the Desert

I've always wanted to see a real desert.

I know all about frigid, snowy winters and warm, wet summers. I grew up on rich soil that yields lush vegetation and bountiful harvests. But I've never experienced a desert, not in my own country or abroad, and I'm curious.

I know there must be something magical about the desert for it to feature so heavily in Scripture, for it to provide a backdrop to so many crucial moments of salvation history. The Israelites following the cloud, the temptation of Christ, the voice crying out: "Prepare the way for the Lord."

Why do these moments have to happen in a desert? Why do they make so much less sense in a tropical rainforest or a verdant forest?

I think it's because the desert doesn't have anything to offer us, at first glance. No one longs for the physical sensation of a dry heat and a beating sun. But the vast emptiness and the almost mystical harshness — even if we don't desire and delight in it, this is a setting that we understand, somehow, intrinsically. We know it deep within our soul. God is there.

We go to Mass. We go to Confession. We pray. We read Scripture. In doing all these things, again and again, we go out to the desert.

Why? What are we expecting to see?

If we expect to be entertained, we will be disappointed. If we expect reassurance, we will be disappointed. If we expect to feel pleasant and safe and sheltered, we will be disappointed.

The desert is there to challenge us. The desert is there to show us who we are, and who we can be.

So go.

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PRAYER FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dear Lord, Give us boldness as we move through the motions of the holiday season, to reflect and remind those around us of Your deep and abiding love for them.

Allow them to encounter Your love, through us.

Amen.

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK FOR FAITH SHARING

Third Sunday of Advent

Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

(Matthew 11:11)

Adults: How do you prepare yourself to meet Christ in those around you?

Kids: What good thing have you done so far during Advent to be like Jesus?

CHRISTMAS TRIVIA

(mostly for the kids, but adults can play, too)

Answers on next page

1. Which popular Christmas beverage is also called "milk punch"?
2. What did the other reindeer not let Rudolph do because of his shiny red nose?
3. Where was baby Jesus born?
4. The movie *Miracle on 34th Street* is based on a real-life department store. What is it?
5. Elvis isn't going to have a white Christmas, he's going to have a...
6. In the classic Christmas movie, *How The Grinch Stole Christmas*, the Grinch was described with three words. What are they?
7. In which modern-day country was St. Nicholas born?
8. In the movie, *It's A Wonderful Life*, what happened every time a bell rang?
9. What words follow "Silent Night" in the song?
10. Which Hollywood actor played six different roles in *The Polar Express*?
11. Which real-life person is Santa Claus based on?
12. What did Frosty the Snowman do when a magic hat was placed on his head?
13. Which branch of the military runs "Toys for Tots"?
14. What do children get from Santa if they're on the "Naughty List"?
15. What is the name of Rudolph's girlfriend?
16. What is Ralphie's little brother's name in the movie *A Christmas Story*?
17. Which country started the tradition of putting up a Christmas tree?
18. In the movie *Elf*, what was the first rule of "The Code of Elves"?
19. According to the song, what did my true love give to me on the eighth day of Christmas?
20. How many gifts in total were given in "The Twelve Days of Christmas" song?
21. In the classic song, "We Wish You a Merry Christmas," what type of pudding is mentioned?
22. What is the name of the last ghost that visits Scrooge in *A Christmas Carol*?
23. Visions of which food danced in children's heads as they slept in the poem "'Twas The Night Before Christmas"?
24. What gift did the Little Drummer Boy give to the newborn Christ?
25. Three of Santa's reindeer's names begin with the letter "D." What are those names?
26. Who wrote, "Christmas doesn't come from a store; maybe Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more?"
27. In the movie *Elf*, how does Buddy get to the North Pole?
28. What did the Wise Men present to baby Jesus?

LOTTERY CALENDARS make excellent Christmas gifts for anyone on your list. Tickets are currently available from school families or in the school office. They will also be available to purchase after Masses. Calendars are \$20, giving you 365 chances to win in 2026! Just buy the ticket and watch your mailbox for a check with your winnings!



CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS – Bullying is defined as any unwanted aggressive behavior by another youth or group of youths that involves an observed or perceived power imbalance and is repeated multiple times or is highly likely to be repeated. 20% of youth ages 12-18 experience bullying. When adults respond quickly to bullying behavior, they send the message that bullying is not acceptable. There are ways parents can make a positive difference. Parents can educate themselves on the signs that a child is being bullied or is a bully. Parents should keep lines of communication open with their child and model for their child how to treat others. Encourage your child to be inclusive by welcoming others to join their activities and groups. For more information on how to prevent bullying in your community visit www.stopbullying.org. For additional resources visit www.eriecd.org/childprotection

TRIVIA ANSWERS:	13) The Marines
1) Egg nog	14) A lump of coal
2) Join in any reindeer games	15) Clarice
3) In Bethlehem	16) Randy
4) Macy's	17) Germany
5) Blue Christmas	18) Treat every day like Christmas
6) Stink, Stank, Stunk	19) Eight maids a-milking
7) Turkey (<i>originally Patara, a city in the ancient district of Lycia, in Asia Minor</i>)	20) 364
8) An angel got it's wings	21) Figgy pudding
9) Holy night	22) The Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come
10) Tom Hanks	23) Sugar plums
11) The Christian bishop St. Nicholas	24) He played a song for him on his drum
12) He began to dance around	25) Dancer, Dasher, Donner
	26) Dr. Seuss
	27) He hides in Santa's sack
	28) Gold, frankincense and myrrh

THIS WEEK

Monday, December 15

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Noon – 12:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 18

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Friday, December 19

Blessing of the Nativity via livestream/Facebook: 3:00 pm

Saturday, December 20

Fellowship Gathering: Following the 4:00 p.m. Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Following the 4:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, December 21

Fellowship Gathering: Following both Masses

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Following both Masses

MASS Intentions

Monday, December 15

7:30 a.m. Jane Russell (Janice Grunenwald)

Tuesday, December 16

— NO MASS —

Wednesday, December 17

— NO MASS —

Thursday, December 18

8:30 a.m. James Hartle (Judy Hartle and Family)

9:30 a.m. to Noon **AND** 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, December 19

7:30 a.m. Shannon Gilbert (Amy Bish)

Saturday, December 20

4:00 p.m. Delores Weaver (Jackie Bolents)

Sunday, December 21 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. Darl "Butch" Callen (Madelon Callen)

8:30 a.m. **RADIO MASS** – Ralph and Marian Lander (Lynne, Rob, and Blaise Fleisher)

11:00 a.m. For the People

Readings for the week of December 14, 2025

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

SPECIAL INTENTIONS – Please contact the church office with any Mass Intentions that you would like to have offered. They can be in memory of someone, in honor of someone or for a just need. Keep in mind that they are published.

Also, beginning immediately, you are welcome to offer the Sanctuary Lamp to be lit for a week at a time for the same above intention. A donation of \$10.00 per offering is appreciated.



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