

Third Sunday Of Advent

December 14, 2014

"Among you stand one whom you do not know."

– John 1.6-8, 19-28

When there is a funeral at "either" Holy Trinity or St. Joachim's, our regular 12 noon Mass will be cancelled and the Mass intention rescheduled for another day.

MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Wednesday	December 17	12 noon
Friday	December 19	12 noon
<u>Saturday</u>	December 20	4:00pm
<u>Sunday</u>	December 21	11:00am

MASS INTENTION

Gerard & June McGraw
Sally & Charles Bezeau
Donald A.J. Sharkey (A)
For All Parishioners & Their Intentions

Last Week's Offertory Collection

65	Regular Envelopes	\$1,278.00	
	Loose Donations	\$435.60	
	Pre-Authorized Debit	\$846.92	
19	Debt Fund	\$455.00	
7	Flowers	\$155.00	
16	Pro Life	\$210.00	
1	Food Bank	\$10.00	
		\$3,390.52	Last Week's Total

Amount needed to pay only "<u>our regular weekly bills</u>":	\$4,500.00 per week
Amount needed to "<u>also include</u>" repaying the parish debt:	\$5,500.00 per week

Christmas / New Year's Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve	Wednesday, December 24 th	4pm & 8pm
Christmas Day	Thursday, December 25 th	9am
New Year's Eve	Wednesday, December 31 st	4pm
New Year's Day	Thursday, January 1 st	11am

Adult Religious Education - Thursday 7 - 8:30pm

A 1 hour DVD presentation of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, followed by a question-answer / discussion period every Thursday from 7 - 8:30pm at St. Joachim's Parish Hall. This week's topic is the **"Faith: Response To God's Love"**.

Lighthouse CDs

Just in time for Christmas we have a whole new batch of Advent-themed titles to choose from on the rack in the foyer of the church. We encourage you to check out some of these great titles, which are perfect to spend an hour listening to over the holidays.



Communion

Our Christmas celebrations will be the last time we have communion under both species. We will be discontinuing the cup because of the difficulty in getting enough ministers, and the need to call on some of the same people almost on a weekly basis.

Christmas Flower Memorial

Again this year we are asking for your assistance as we decorate Saint Joachim's for Christmas. We encourage you to make a donation towards our Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one. Simply write the name(s) of those you would like to remember on the outside of an envelope and drop it in the collection. **Deadline for submission of names is today, Sunday, December 14th.** Please also indicate that the envelope is for "Flowers", and include your envelope number.

New Year's Eve Fun Night

K of C Council 8364 is throwing the biggest party in Saint John on December 31st, and everyone is invited. The evening goes from 9pm - 1am, at Saint Joachim's, featuring entertainment from DJ Leo McIvor and light refreshments. Tickets are only \$10! Get your tickets, or more information, by calling Evelyn Pierce (696-7017), Don LeBlanc (696-7956) or Ron Smith (696-1731).

Bulletin Announcements

Due to the Christmas holiday schedule, any announcements for the December 28th & January 4th bulletins must be received **no later than 8am on Friday, December 19th.**

PAD Sunday Envelopes

PAD Users please note: Your envelopes are not in the small green boxes used in previous years. Instead, your boxes are the same size as everyone else's (but with fewer envelopes in the box). As previously announced, we didn't put out envelopes for PAD users who did not pick up their envelopes last year.

Food Bank

In recent weeks, several parishioners have placed cheques made out to the "Food Bank" in the collection. While we are happy to forward these cheques along to the food bank, please be aware that any income tax receipt that you receive for those donations will have to come from the Food Bank because the cheques were made out to them. Cheques must be made out to "Saint Joachim's" in order for us to give you a tax receipt.

Parish Greeters Needed

Anyone who is interested in joining a team of greeters to welcome our visitors and parishioners to weekend Masses at our church entrance each week is asked to contact Fr. Peter (653-6842). A mini workshop will be provided for those interested.

Sunday Missal Covers

Do you have your Sunday Missal and/or Living With Christ (Daily Mass) book covers? They are available for only \$5; and \$1 from each book cover sold will be donated to the church. See Anne-Marie Wilkes before and after each weekend Mass, or call 696-6337.

Mass For Those Living With Cancer

Mass will be celebrated on Monday, December 15th, 6:30pm, at the Cathedral, Waterloo Street. Mass will be offered for the intention of people living with cancer and for their families and friends. The Sacrament of Anointing will take place following Mass for those who request it.

Concert

The Saint John High School Choir, directed by Trish Gallagher, will present a concert at the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception on Sunday, December 21st at 2pm. The choir is accompanied by Danny Han and the SJHS String Ensemble directed by Ali Leonard. Tickets: \$5 Students; \$10 Adults.

The Catholic Bookstore

As you shop for Christmas, please keep our Catholic Bookstore in mind for gift-giving ideas. The bookstore is located at 48 Waterloo Street, and carries a wide range of items, including tree ornaments.

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated on the first Sunday of the month at 12:30pm for parish families and those living within the boundaries of our parish. To make arrangements, please contact the office.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE / RECONCILIATION

Confessions are celebrated in the church every Saturday from 3pm - 3:30pm, or at other times if you would like to make an appointment by speaking with Father Peter.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

To reserve our church for a wedding, couples must first make an appointment with our pastor to discuss their plans and complete the pre-nuptial investigation forms. At least a six month notice and taking a marriage preparation course is a requirement. Because of our Pastor's schedule for two parishes, weddings cannot be celebrated any later than 1pm on Saturday.

SACRAMENT AND MINISTRY TO THE SICK

If there is a family member or relative in the hospital who would like to receive a visit from the Pastor, please inform Father Peter. Also, please let Father Peter know if there is someone sick or confined to their home who would like to receive a visit, receive Holy Communion, or be anointed with the Sacrament of the Sick.