

# Holy Innocents Catholic Parish

December 17, 2023

*Gaudete Sunday— Third Sunday of Advent*

Holy Innocents Church

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***2023 Wreath Making and Caroling Party***

## Mass Times:

**Sunday: 8 am & 10:30 am** — 8am at [www.holyinn.org](http://www.holyinn.org)

**Daily Mass: Tue, Thur & Fri 9 am, Wed 6pm**

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## Mission Statement

*The Catholic Community of Holy Innocents Church is called to continue the mission of Jesus Christ by:*

- Enhancing Spiritual Growth;
- Reaching out and serving those in need;
- Educating our community in Christ's teaching
- Creating and maintaining a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

## Celebrate Christmas at Holy Innocents



**Fourth Sunday of Advent— Next Sunday  
Morning December 24th - 9am ONLY**

**Christmas Eve Masses  
5pm & 10pm**

**Christmas Morning Mass  
9am**

**Feast of the Holy Innocents—Sunday December 31, 2023  
8am & 10:30am**

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
Monday, January 1st —9am**



### Company is Coming for Christmas “Paving the Way from the Parking Lot to the Pew”

At Holy Innocents, we are known for our hospitality. In fact, one of our goals stated in our mission invites us to “create and maintain a warm and welcoming atmosphere.” Below are a few tips on how we can all help to create a warm and welcoming place for everyone who will worship with us this Christmas. Thank you for your participation.

- Consider parking in the far parking spots when you arrive to make room up close for visitors
- Consider sitting up front to allow more room in back of Church
- Consider welcoming those whom you find sitting in your regular spot in the pew
- Communicate the Love of Christ by being as welcoming to visitors at Mass as we would be to visitors in our own homes.
- Recognize that one way to evangelize is to accept people as they are, especially those who only show up once or twice a year.
- Finally, **pray for our parish family here at Holy Innocents**, that our hearts would be broken open with kindness and generosity as we welcome our visitors this Christmas and **pray that the Holy Spirit would inspire those people with courage who are feeling called to come worship with us .**



**St Vincent DePaul 5th Sunday  
Second Collection  
Sunday December 31st**

Please support the work of Holy Innocents Chapter of St. Vincent DePaul by donating at our online giving page.



## Holy Innocents Calendar

### Sunday December 17

Mass- 8 am & 10:30am  
F.U.T.U.R.E.s 9:15am  
Youth Ministry 6pm

### Tues

Mass 9am  
Pantry — 3 pm-6:30 pm

### Wed

Pantry — 10 am—12 pm  
Mass 6 pm  
Choir Rehearsal 7 pm

### Thur

Mass 9 am

### Fri

Sacrament of Confession 6 pm  
Adoration 7 pm — 8pm

### Sat

Choir Rehearsal 10am

## Prayer Requests:

**Call the Office (425)788-1400**

At the celebration of the Eucharist this week and in your prayers, please remember those from our parish family for whom we have been asked to pray.: For all who are sick, and for all those have died.

Mary Lou Kittridge, Linda McCormick, James Magill, Shirley Bushy, Teresa Swedman, Michael Gordan, BethAnn Willits, Leila Edwin, Helen Sexton, Paul Beard, Audrey Lawton, Alfred Harke, Rex Harke, Tess Buchthal, Michael Barroga-Hulett, Cyndi Uhlenkott, Kristi Douglas, Jo Ann Douglas, Tom Dabov, Michelle Kendrick, Kimberly Smith, Marcia Evans, Gina Howell, Xavier Charbonneau-Teece, Lisa Hackett, Krystal Noga-Styron, Renate Oestreich, Ed Majerle, Anne Lavigueure,, Kimo Bell, Bev Harke,, Mary Borgobello, Joan Celix

## HI TIP: Together in Prayer

For the abused, lonely, abandoned, and homeless, and for those who work to serve them and advocate for them: Catholic Community Services, Lazarus Day Center, our St. Vincent de Paul Conference, and HopeLink. In this time when traditionally families gather together for celebrations, let us remember those who are rejected, alienated, or depressed. St. Vincent de Paul, pray for us.

## Parish Stewardship as of 12/3

### Operations YTD

### Building YTD

**Goal: \$218,942**

**\$128,446**

**Actual: \$201,180**

**\$123,836**

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

Meets 2nd Monday of each month, 7 pm

Contact: Harry Oestreich h.oestreich@frontier .com

### Knights of Columbus

Meets 2nd Thursday of each month, 7 pm

Contact: George Doty 360-668-2224; Dotyga@aol.com

### Holy Innocents Food Pantry

Tuesdays 3-6:30pm and Wednesday , 10am—noon,

**AA Meeting:** Fridays 7:30 pm down in the Parish Hall

**TODAY SUNDAY DECEMBER 17TH, 2023**



## Help Decorate the Church for Christmas

Today, Sunday, December 17 11:30—1:00pm

We need help to prepare the church for Christmas. This year because of the way the calendar falls, we will decorate the church today after the 10:30 mass. We especially need people willing to climb up on ladders to hang the wreathes, and put lights on the trees. Sign up at the back of the Church or reach out to [Debby@holynn.org](mailto:Debby@holynn.org).



## Christmas Flowers

Donations in memory of:

- Terry Freburg
- Linda Emeanson
- Maurice & Judy Durand
- Bud & Margaret Baunsgard
- Dianne M. Zimmer
- Duane M. Durand

In Honor of :

- Shirley Matthews
- Lorine Bush
- Kay Branelt



## Baptism

The celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism for infants is scheduled after the baptismal preparation for the parents is completed. Baptisms are normally celebrated at a Sunday mass in the parish where the parents live. Adults (7 years or older) seeking baptism or confirmation are invited to inquire at the parish office for information about adult preparation.

## Marriage

Couples seeking marriage in the church are asked to contact the parish at least four months in advance of their proposed wedding date. For those with prior marriages, additional time may be required. Marriages are celebrated in the parish in which one of the Catholic parties lives.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Private confession is available every Friday evening 6:00 pm — 6:45 pm.

**Pastoral Care for the Sick and Dying** In the case of serious illness or failing health due to old age, parishioners should ask the church for the Sacrament of Anointing. This sacrament is administered by a priest and is celebrated by appointment as necessary. When a parishioner is near death, they should receive Holy Communion, called Viaticum (food for the journey). This sacrament can be administered by a priest or deacon or Eucharistic minister.



## December Food Pantry Collection

### 5 pound Bags of Flour & Sugar!

'Tis the season of baking so we'd like to hand out extra flour and sugar in the food pantry this month. We invite you to pick up extra bags of flour and sugar when you shop this month and drop them at the display in the Narthex.



## Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

December 17, 2023

Third Sunday of Advent

[IS 61:1-2A, 10-11; LK 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 THES 5:16-24; JN 1:6-8, 19-28](#)

Today we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday. "Gaudete" is a Latin word, meaning "rejoice." The Christian steward should be characterized by a spirit of rejoicing.



Our First Reading, from Isaiah, expresses a fitting motto for us. "I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul." It is God Who is the source of our joy and contentment — not things or achievements or comfort, but our relationship with God.

This is why stewards can share so freely of their time, talents and material possessions — because ultimately, we are not attached to these things. We recognize them as good gifts from our loving Father, but we are attached to the Giver of the gifts, not the gifts themselves. This allows for great freedom in life and the capacity for great joy in the Lord.

In fact, we can become like John the Baptist, in today's Gospel passage from the Book of John. We read this description of the prophet: "He came for testimony, to testify to the light... He was not the light but came to testify to the light." This is our calling too — to testify to the Light, our wonderful Savior — by the way we make use of the time, talent and treasure He has entrusted to our care.

When God Himself is the source of our joy, it cannot be taken away from us. There is still time, this Advent season, to clear away any "clutter" in our lives that may take our focus away from Him. Let us strive to detach from any of these things so that we can be free to truly rejoice in God on Christmas Day.

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