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# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, December 15

10:00 a.m. Carlos Villegas +

### Tuesday, December 16

8:00 a.m. Karen J. Orlicki +

### Wednesday, December 17

6:30 p.m. Leo & Sophie Dobrzykowski +

### Thursday, December 18

8:00 a.m. Rose Mary Fox +

### Friday, December 19

8:00 a.m. No Public Mass

### Saturday, December 20

4:00 p.m. Jeanette Jasinski +

### Sunday, December 21

8:00 a.m. People of Parish

10:00 a.m. Daniel Dobrzykowski +

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE - December 15 - 21

### Lectors:

4:00 p.m. Dolores Sullivan

8:00 a.m. Jerry Skelly

10:00 a.m. Matt Florian

### Servers:

4:00 p.m. T.B.A.

8:00 a.m. Joe and Henry Sarver

10:00 a.m. Anthony Meyer

### EMHC:

10:00 a.m. Gina DeMeyer

**Counters for December: Renita Jaworski  
Carol/Jim Marshall**

## December Dates for Christmas Masses

During December, the following dates for Masses will be:

**Christmas Eve**— 12/24/2025—Mass 4:00 p.m./  
10:00 p.m.

**Christmas Day**—12/25/2025—Mass 10:00 a.m./

### Please Pray For:



Leona Doms, Carolyn Tuszynski, Sharon Strieter, Edmund Kaplon, Ann Marie Osgood, Connie DeCocker, Dawn Reid, Linda Maxwell, Haley Huton, Gloria Ferick, Gene Smith, Mark Stone, Alexa Montenaro, Alan Tobolski, Mary Montenaro

## Third Sunday of Advent — December 14, 2025

Brothers and Sisters,

The third week of Advent focuses on Joy. It begins with Gaudete Sunday, where we are told to Rejoice in the Lord always.

Rejoicing in the Lord is essential for our mission of evangelization. Sharing our joy in the Lord is what will draw people to Christ. Pope Francis made this point in his encyclical *The Joy of the Gospel*. And my spiritual director is always reading me of the importance of not losing my joy.

Joy must not be confused with bliss or fun. When my alarm goes off after having had 4-5 hours of sleep, bliss is not my reaction. But I take joy in knowing that the Lord has given me another day, and with that day the ability to grow in a deeper relationship with him. Similarly, I tell people being a priest is not always fun. It is hard work, and most of it not the work I envisioned when I entered seminary. But I take joy in being a priest. That joy comes not primarily from the work or job description. By way of example, last weekend when I got a call to anoint someone during the IU-OSU football game. Being taken away from the game did not bring me bliss. It was not fun. My selfish side wanted to watch the game. But I know the Lord well enough to know he was doing this for a reason. He was inviting me away from the game, away from my self-interest, and into a deeper relationship with him.

Giving up something of myself, to do something for the Lord, did not bring me pleasure, but it did bring me joy. And that is important to my life. That joy is what motivates me to get up when I'd rather sleep. That joy is what makes me seek to serve the Lord when I'd rather watch a football game (although I'm now refusing to watch college football until August 2026).

Taking joy in the Lord is not always what we want to do, but it is what we need to do. The things we frequently seek to find joy in are usually temporal and fleeting. They come in and out of existence. The Lord is the only one in whom we can rejoice always. He does not decrease as our stock portfolios do. He does not become outdated as our iPads and Xboxes do. He is eternal; therefore, we can rejoice in Him always. So, rejoice in the Lord always, and share that joy with others, so that they too can become disciples and rejoice in the Lord.

Fr. Brian

## St John the Baptist Giving Tree 2025

Return all the **unwrapped gifts in a bag with the tag attached** by Monday, **December 15th**. **Keep store tags on the clothing.**

Thank you and God bless you.

**DUE BY Monday, DECEMBER 15, 2025  
IF BOX IS FULL, BRING BAGS TO OFFICE.**



An offering has been made for the Sanctuary Lamp  
in memory of:

**Cravalho & Czeck Families**

12/14/2025

12/20/2025





*"He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully." - 2 Corinthians 9:6*

### Mass Schedule

- Mon., Dec. 15 - Rosary 7:30 a.m./Mass 8:00 a.m./
- Tues., Dec. 16 - Rosary 7:30 a.m./Mass 8:00 a.m./
- Wed., Dec. 17 - Mass at Miller's Merry Manor 10:00 a.m./ Mass 6:30 p.m./Holy Hour with Confession 7p.m. - 8 p.m./
- Thurs., Dec. 18 - Rosary 7:30 a.m./Mass 8:00 a.m./
- Sat., Dec. 20 - Confession 3:00 p.m./Mass 4:00 p.m./
- Sun., Dec. 21 - Mass 8:00 a.m./Mass 10:00 a.m./

**Parish Office is open Monday — Thursday - hours will vary - please call (574-654-3781) to confirm someone is in the office.**

### STEWARDSHIP IN OUR PARISH

As of December 8th

Weekly Mass Collection.....	\$5,800.00
Actual Month to Date.....	\$5,800.00
Month to Date Budget .....	\$3,500.00
Variance .....	\$2,300.00
YTD Actual .....	\$103,643.51
YTD Budget .....	\$80,500.00
Variance.....	\$23,143.51

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### REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US.



It is time to renew your family and friends in the monthly mass of remembrance. **Cost is \$30 for enrollment**, which will provide two individual Masses, enrollment in the weekly Memorial Mass intentions, All Souls Day, and a candle for the sanctuary lamp. Please contact Paula in the parish office to enroll your loved ones.

### Women's Faith Program at Holy Family Catholic Church

The women's group at Holy Family Catholic Church is sponsoring a program called "SHE shall be called Women", a program for women and young adults designed by Paradisus Dei ministry. Come grow in your faith!

For More Information Call

Contact Kathy Heying at

574-850-9388 for more information

### Religious Education Schedule

**December 21 - Winter Break - No School**

**December 28 - Winter Break - No School**



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those who have gone before us.

