

Third Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2025

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 15

7:30 AM OSF Hospital (Chapel)

Tuesday, December 16

10:10 AM For Phyllis Randall from the Randall Family

Wednesday, December 17

8:00 AM For Vernie Thomas by Cathy & Jim Cox

Thursday, December 18

8:45 AM For Robert Ruskin by Ann Ruskin (South Campus School Mass @ St. Paul's)

Friday, December 19

8:00 AM For Kari & Luis Gonzalez by Logan Gonzalez

Saturday, December 20

5:30 PM For the People of St. Paul's

Sunday, December 21

7:30 AM For Manuel E. Misterio by the Barcinello Family

10:00 AM For William Hicks by the Ladora Long and Family

Prayer Devotions

Rosary

Monday 9:30 AM For Our Country

Monday 6:30 PM at Holy Family for Cancer Patients

Confessions

Saturday 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Church Open for Prayer

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM



Sunday Collection for Sunday, December 14, 2025



\$0.00 Sunday Collection

2,233.00 Online Giving

\$0.00 Total

Third week of Advent

Third Week of Advent: Joy

Prayer to Light the Candle

God of Goodness, we ask you to bless our Advent Wreath, and that the sharing of our gifts at this time may be a source of joy. Amen.

Reflection

During Advent, our faith invites us into a time of waiting and preparation to celebrate the birth of Jesus, and the coming of a more just and loving world promised by him. A world in which each of us must participate in its construction.

The joy of Advent is not a superficial happiness; it is a deep joy that arises from hope and anticipation of positive change.

In the midst of this season of joy, we are called to reflect on the difficult realities of the world, such as hunger and climate change. World hunger is a sad contradiction in an age that should be filled with generosity and compassion. Climate change, meanwhile, threatens to exacerbate food insecurity and increase the number of people in need.

The connection between Advent and these global challenges lies in the call to action. The joy of Advent invites us to share with people who have less, to be light in the darkness for those who suffer. It reminds us that every act of kindness and every step toward sustainability reflects the divine love we celebrate. Thus, as we rejoice in the joy of Advent, we also commit ourselves to being agents of change, working to alleviate hunger and protect our common home, the Earth. In this season of Advent, may our joy be translated into concrete actions that bring hope and relief to those who need it most, and may our care for the planet be our gift to the child born among us, promising a better future for all.

Closing Prayer

Lord, your angel announced to the shepherds that the Messiah had been born and gave them as a "sign" to find him: "an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." Filled with joy, they went to seek you. Today, you give us as a sign of your presence our sisters and brothers who are hungry, thirsty and seeking refuge. Help us to reach them with the joy of shepherds. Amen

Coffee and donuts Sunday, Today, December 14th



ADA Update

As of 9/30/25 we have had 72 donors

Pledged \$22,464.64

Goal: \$62,487.00

GIVING TREE

St. Paul's 2025 Giving Tree is up in the vestibule. Please consider taking a name of a local child in need to buy Christmas gifts for. The gifts will be due on December 18th or December 19th at St. Paul's Church (Main Entrance) 1303 N. Walnut from 4:00 to 6:00 on the 18th and 9:00 to 11:00 on December 19th. We will also be accepting gift cards, checks and cash. Special donations can be made in the collection basket. Please mark the envelope "Giving Tree". Checks should be made out to St. Paul. These donations will be used to purchase additional gifts for children or household items for families such as laundry soap and cleaning supplies. Thank you for your generosity in caring for our less fortunate brothers and sisters. Please contact Tricia Peoples with questions at 217-390-2651.

Formed (about this series) <https://pp.formed.org/app/collections/1452578>



Advent sometimes just feels like that time that is sandwiched between Thanksgiving and Christmas – life is hectic with Christmas shopping, parties, the

school year ending, and so much more. But as Catholics – we really ought to enter into this season of joyful anticipation with purpose and intention! In How to Advent, we will discover the rich traditions that mark this season and how they aid us in preparing our hearts for the birth of the child Jesus at Christmas. Guided by priests, religious, professors, and a charismatic host, you will gain practical tips and spiritual reflection on the practices of the Advent calendar, Advent wreath, Jesse tree, and nativity scene

There are four episodes in this show that are between 12 and 15 minutes.

Advent Confession Times St. Mary's, Westville, Thursday, December 18th at 6:00 PM

St. Isaac's, Georgetown, Monday, December 15th at 6:00 PM

St. Paul's, Danville, Tuesday, December 16th at 6:00 PM

Advent Penance Service Tuesday, December 16th at 6 PM. Many priests will be available for confessions.

Christmas 2025:

-Wed, Dec 24 Mass @ 4 PM and 7 PM

-Thurs, Dec 25 Mass @ 8:30 AM

A **#Savior** is born to us

PEACE IN THE WOMB

We are planning to have "Peace in the Womb" Christmas caroling on Tuesday, December 23rd from 11 a.m. - noon in front of Affirmative Care Solutions, 600 N. Logan, Danville, IL. "Peace in the Womb" originated in 2003 and is organized by the Pro-Life Action League. This is a different way to bring a peaceful presence in front of an abortion facility. Please mark your calendars, invite your friends and join us!



St. Paul Food Pantry, We are in need of cereal, fruit, pasta sauce, canned soup (not chunky). We accept all non perishable items. **Thank you for all your generous donations during this time in need for many families they are greatly appreciated.**

Remember our Sick & Homebound † Sissy Romack, Paul Gilbert, Nyla Neal Hicks, Rowan Huffman, Taylor Huffman, Sue Wells, Kristen Federmeier, Hart Williamson, Libby Beninati, Kasi Mitchell, Wil Buse, Christy Lowery, Donna Kennedy, Jayne Donahue, Lily Harden, Karen Selvin, Carol Koebrich, Neil Newman, Faye Williamson, Keaton Wilkerson, Ron Masengale, John Beninati, Terry Koebrich, Brigit Kleiss, Pam Lane, Lynn Ingrum, Jim Reuther, Francis Lane, Janet Elliott, Mike Roark, John Roark, Jeffery Sparks, Bill Dressler, Michael Miller, Lincoln Downing, Scott Burgess, Mary Ann Merchen, Harvey Bryant, Piaternella Jenkins, Traca Shahan Zorns, Chase Rouse & family, Jay Huffman, Vicky Simons.

Contact the office to be placed on this list, to add someone other than yourself, and please ask permission of the person or their family .



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