

2nd Sunday of Advent Dec 4, 2022

Is 11:1-10; Psalm 72 Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Leadership is solidarity with those who are led, a focus on the needs of the governed. The readings today address the challenges inherent in the exercise of authority.

The first nine verses of Chapter 11 of the Book of Isaiah may come from a coronation ceremony. The crowning of a new king gives people hope that this leader will be genuinely interested in their plight. The reading pleads for peace. The king's zeal for peace is so great that even predatory animals are no threat. Such a ruler could bring international security in place of military oppression.

Psalm 72 was probably recited on the occasion of a coronation or its anniversary. Borrowing from the court style of the ancient Near East, it emphasizes justice, peace, long life, and a worldwide kingdom. Like the first reading, it expresses the deep aspirations of the governed that the king will be concerned about their problems. Peace is much more than the cessation of hostilities. It embraces the celebration of life because people's needs are met.

Matthew presents John the Baptist as the first Christian preacher. Wearing the clothes of a latter-day Elijah (see 2 Kings 1:8), John solemnly proclaims that God is undertaking a new involvement with humankind.

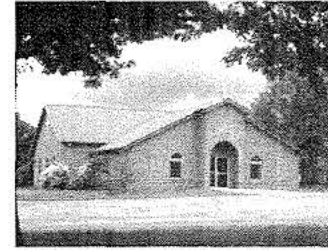
John's is a baptism of repentance requiring the convert to adopt a new way of thinking and acting. The unlikely combination of Pharisees and Sadducees in this passage is evidence of this desire to reform. Calling upon Abraham is not enough; one must live according to the demands of the coming King. This King embraces the hurting: "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).

Baptism is a share in the royal messianic mission of Jesus. Anyone who shares this mantle also shares royal responsibilities, in particular, care for the afflicted and the hurting. -- John Craghan, Th.D., S.S.L. Copyright 1997, Liguori Publications / Liguori, MO 63057-9999

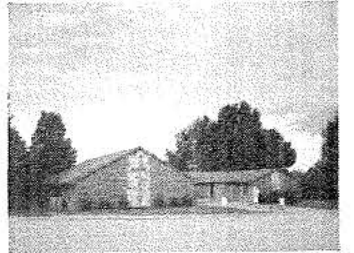
3rd Sunday of Advent – Dec 11, 2022

Isaiah 35:1-6,10; Psalm 146; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

VOCATION CORNER December 4 – “The priestly vocation is essentially a call to sanctity, in the form that derives from the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Sanctity is intimacy with God; it is the imitation of Christ, poor, chaste and humble; it is unreserved love for souls and self-giving to their true good; it is love for the Church which is holy and wants us to be holy, because such is the mission that Christ has entrusted to it. Each one of you must



be holy also in order to help your brothers pursue their vocation to sanctity.” – St. John Paul II, October 9, 1984.



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Sundays – 8:00 am
Weekdays – Fri 6:00 pm



2nd Sunday of Advent
Schedule of Masses

Sun Dec 4 8:00 am Mass Dalton Smith
Thu Dec 8 6:00 pm Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary
Sun Dec 11 Retired Religious collection
8:00 am Mass Sherry Miller

No Birthdays this week

Liturgical Ministers

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Dec 4	J Nelson	C Johnson	P Widowski <u>Cantor</u> C Ross	M & C Bergmann	*J Slife, D Zmuda Sr

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Dec 11	M Slife	L Coleman	F Dueker <u>Cantor</u> C Ross	M Palmer, E Zmuda	*M McMahan S Widowski

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING Nov. 27 2022

General (17)	\$680.00
Loose	\$47.00
CCHD (2)	\$150.00
Thanksgiving (4)	\$70.00
Masses	\$20.00
Candles	\$6.00
Total	\$1003.00

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sun Dec 4 8:00 am Mass Dalton Smith
9:00 am Adult Bible Study
Thu Dec 8 9:00 am-3:00 pm Faith Alive Work days by our parish.
Thu Dec 8 5:30 pm Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary
Fri Dec 9 9:00 am-3:00 pm Faith Alive Work days by our parish.
Sat Dec 10 9:00 am- Noon Faith Alive Work days by our parish.
Sun Dec 11 Retired Religious collection
8:00 am Mass Sherry Miller
9:00 am Pancake breakfast and Children's Christmas Pageant

1ST SUNDAY SOCIAL IS TODAY! JOIN US AFTER MASS IN PARISH HALL.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION IS THIS THURSDAY DECEMBER 8.

We celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin. Mass is 4 p.m.

LOOK FOR THE "JESSE "ANGEL TREE IN THE CHURCH FOYER.

School counselors from our area school have helped us identify children that need items that are often overlooked with other available local Christmas charity drives. Please consider taking a child's tag from the tree in the foyer and registering on the sign-up sheet next to the tree. Remember to place the tag attached to your gifts under the tree. **Deadline for returning gifts is December 11, so we can get them to the schools in time for school counselors to distribute to family for children.**

PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND CHILDRENS' CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

is next week following mass.

FAITH ALIVE WORK DAYS ARE THIS WEEK ON DECEMBER 8,9,10

A sign-up sheet is in foyer. We appreciate volunteers. This is a great place to shop for Christmas!

RETIREMENT FUND FOR THE RELIGIOUS IS NEXT WEEK.

Lighten the load. An abbot writes, "Your gift helps ease our worldly burdens and allows us to continue living out our mission of seeking God and serving the Church." Donations to next week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection help hundreds of US religious communities to provide for their aging members. Please give generously

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LOOKING AHEAD

Dec 16 Advent Reconciliation Service 6 pm
Dec 21 Parish Council Meeting 6 pm following 5:30 pm Mass
Dec 24 Christmas Eve Mass starting at 5:30 with Christmas carols
Dec 25 Christmas Day Mass at 8:00 am