Third Sunday of Advent December 14, 2025

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10; Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom. They will bloom with abundant flowers, and rejoice with joyful song. The glory of Lebanon will be given to them, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the LORD, the splendor of our God. Strengthen the hands that are feeble, make firm the knees that are weak. say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared: then will the lame leap like a stag,

Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy; they will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee.

then the tongue of the mute will sing.

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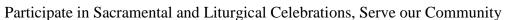
Our first **Catholic Podcast Resource** is the *Dynamic Catholic "Best Advent* Ever 2025" email program. You can sign up for it at the https://www.dynamiccatholic.com website. They will send you a video podcast for each day of advent.



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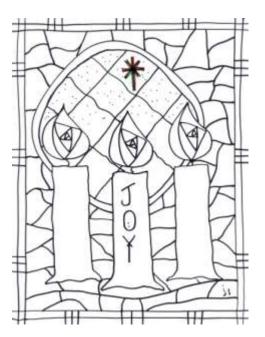


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Parish Council Chair: Becky Bowers Weekdays – Thursday 6:00 pm

Trustees: Steve Pobst, Matt Slife Sundays – 8:00 am



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Third Sunday of Advent

Schedule of Masses

SUNDAY 12/14 8:00 am Mass **THURSDAY** 12/18 6:00 pm Mass

SUNDAY 12/21 8:00 am Mass- David Zmuda Sr.

Liturgical Ministers

LectorGreeterEMServersUshersDec 14Madonna SlifeC. JohnsonM. NelsonA. Nelson*Frank DuekerB. PalmerM. PalmerA. Irby

Gift Bearers V. Anderson & P. Shallenberger Cantor C. Ross

LectorGreeterEMServersUshersDec 21Rhi SlifeK. PobstMatt SlifeC. Levesque*Jon SlifeS. WidowskiJ. Bergmann

Gift Bearers Cathy Kruep Family Cantor S. Pobst

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING December 07, 2025

General 1347.00 (22)

Loose 317.00

Dio Collection 190.00 (**Retired Religous**)

Flowers 210.00 Immaculate Conception 75.00

Total \$2139.00

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE: \$140.00 (4)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Frank Dueker Amanda Zmuda Elizabeth Zmuda

PSR STUDENT PROGRAM & BREAKFAST

Today after Mass, our *PSR Students* will present a program for the parishioners and then serve a pancake/ ham/ scrambled eggs breakfast. If you would like to bring fruit or a sweet treat to share at breakfast, you are most welcome to do so. Hope all parishioners can join the festivities.

CHRISTMAS CARD MAKING

Christmas Cards will be assembled **December 15**th at the **Senior Center**. Lunch will be at *11am for* \$3. Cardassembling to follow at 11:30 am. Questions call *Cathy Kruep 618-304-4841*.

OPEN HOUSE

Open House at the **Rectory at 2 pm on Sunday, December 21**st.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

2026 Contribution Envelope box sets are available. See Matt Slife

DIOCESAN CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

The 48th Annual Diocesan Christmas Collection will be taken up at all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Parishes and agencies throughout the diocese will request monies from this collection during 2026 to assist those who are in need with food, clothing, shelter, utility payments, healthcare and medications, funeral and burial expenses, transportation and emergency assistance of all types. Please consider giving if you are able; thank you so much.

THANK YOU

Thank you to our parishioners who assisted us December 4-6 at Faith Alive.

Thanks to everyone who donated gifts and monetary gifts for the Jesse tree. Gifts will be delivered to the area schools this week.

PRAYERS

Please keep the following list of Homebound Parishoneers in your prayers. *George Bell* (Hillview), *Sandy Belski, Dick & Midge Bigler, Larry Flamm* (Hillview), *Gertrude Henderson, Suzanne McHugh, and Susan Ward.*

LOOKING AHEAD

December 14 PSR program and breakfast after Mass

December 21 PSR after Mass- Choir Practice/ Open House 2pm

December 24 Christmas Eve Caroling Program before**Mass5:00 pm/ Mass5:30 pm**

December 25 The Nativity of the Lord

December 28 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

January 4 St. Paul CCWBreakfast Meeting after **8:30 am** First Saturday Mass.

Office Hours are M-F 8am-4pm at the rectory. Contact Theresa at (618)658-4501 or via email. Wednesday at 12pm is the deadline for any bulletin changes or additions.