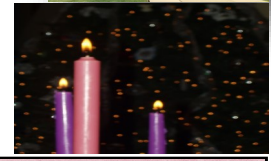


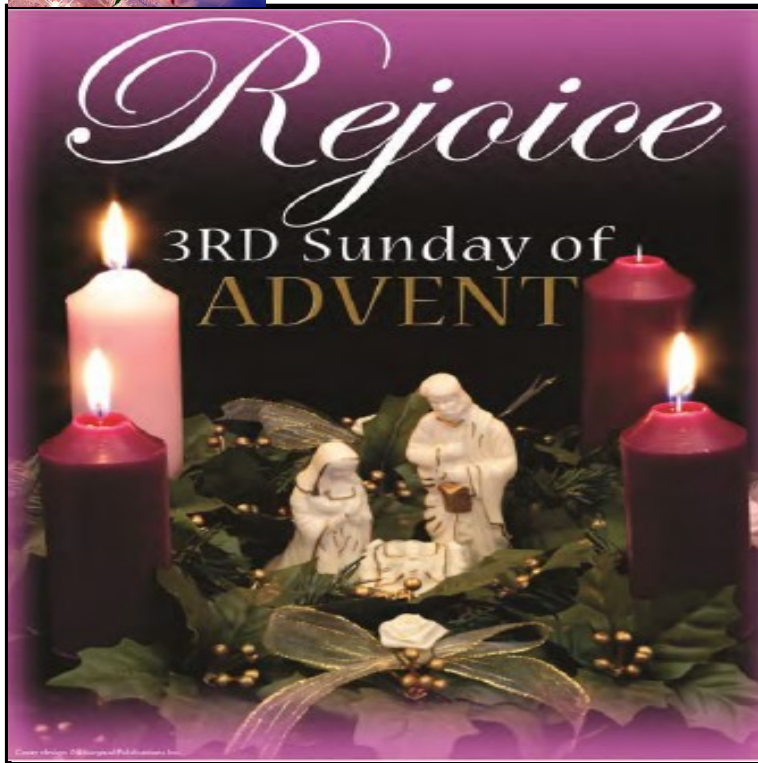


THE MESSENGER

Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, Year C
December 12, 2021



Serving the Catholic Parishes of
*Sacred Heart, Villa Grove, Illinois &
St. Michael's, Hume, Illinois*



*John answered them all, saying,
“I am baptizing you with water,
but one mightier than I is coming.*

*I am not worthy to loosen
the thongs of his sandals.*

*He will baptize you
with the Holy Spirit and fire.*

~Luke 3:16~

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday — Friday: 8:30 am — 1:30pm
(Closed on Holidays and Holy days)

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass at Sacred Heart
Tuesday—Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday Vigil at Sacred Heart: 4:00 p.m.

In person Mass + Online Streaming

Sunday Mass at St. Michael's: 8:00 a.m.

Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart: 10:00 a.m.

CONFESSION





Saturday at Sacred Heart: 3:15 p.m.

Or by appointment

HOLY DAY MASSES

6:30pm: Vigil Mass at St. Michael's

8am & 6:30pm Holy Day Masses at Sacred Heart.

 Mass Intentions		Ministry Schedule 
Dec 11	4:00 pm	RoseMarie Marlatt by Joe Marlatt
Dec 12	8:00 am 10:00 am	Harold Stone by Doris Stone & family Ruth Schweighart by Brent & Kathy Holmes
Dec 13	8:00 am	NO MASS
Dec 14	8:00 am	John Schumacher by Sharon Wood
Dec 15	8:00 am	Brigit Pegeen Kelly by Michael Madonick
Dec 16	8:00 am	Ursula Calvert by Belinda Beccue
Dec 17	8:00 am	Barb Legner by Tony Kramer
Dec 18	4:00 pm	Rolland Sprague by Amy Walch
Dec 19	8:00 am 10:00 am	Charles & Clella Barrett by Phyllis Stone John Dee Hawkins by Steve & Martha Williams
 Mass Intentions Requests		<p>December 18th and December 19th, 2021</p> <p><u>4:00 pm</u> LECTORS: Mike Stauder COMMUNION: SERVERS: JoBella Crafton</p> <p><u>8:00 am</u> LECTORS: Brian Smith USHERS: John Barrett COMMUNION: SERVERS: Jacoba Harcar GIFTS: Jacoba Harcar</p> <p><u>10:00 am</u> LECTORS: Marci Howard</p> <p>COLLECTION COUNTERS: Mary Burgett & Tom Schuett SERVERS: Ella Schweighart</p> <p>Sacred Heart: <i>Saturday, 4:00 p.m. & Sunday, 10:00 a.m.</i></p> <p>St. Michael's: Sunday, 8:00 a.m.</p>
Submit Mass Intention requests to the Parish Office and prayer chain requests to Amy Walch: a.walch65@gmail.com		
 Prayer Requests		
We pray for: Geneva Allen, Teresa Balmer, Kay Barrett, Verna Bennett, Doris Birkner, Judy Cler, Pat Dillon, Tita Fleener, Malea Fonner, Kim Franzen, Peter Frank, John Gilles, Faith Grave, Denise Griffith, Daphne Grise, Vicki Harmon, Julie Harrison, Bob Jones, Christina Kappes, Tyler King, Debbie Koberlein, Marge Koeberlein, Kiley Kramer, Meghan Kramer, Tony Kramer, Dorothea Lasley, Albert Ledford, Ann Maxwell, Sally McNamara, Doris Miller, Amy Mitsdarfer, Yair Flores Molina, Mark Mooney, Ezinne Theresa C. Ndeanaefo, Michael N. Ndeanaefo, Lara Nguyen, Christopher and Nicholas Nolte and their families, Rosemary Raeske, Phyllis Rund, Mary Margaret Rund, John Rothecker, Betty Smith, James Smith, Joseph Smith, Matt Smith, Rosemary Sprague, Mary Tipsend, Barbara Waymire, Susan Wilkey, Cathy Weatherford, and Mike Webb.		
Daily Scripture Readings		<p>Weekly Collection</p> <p><i>Week Ending Sunday, December 5, 2021</i></p> <p></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sacred Heart Church Weekly Collection: \$ 1493.00 \$805.00 Loose Cash: \$89.00 Building Fund: \$ 125.00 Retired Religious: \$20.00 Christmas Offering: \$20.00 Christmas Flowers: \$250.00 \$50.00 Children's Home : \$ 20.00 Immaculate Conception \$40.00 PCT: \$ Justice & Hope: \$ 50.00 Online Giving: \$ 1030.00 Total Deposit: \$2962.00 plus \$30.00 for Masses St. Michael's Church Weekly Collection: \$ 1025.00 \$100.00 Loose Cash: \$25.00 Maintenance Fund: \$ Christmas Flowers: \$160.00 Hall Rental: \$ PCT: \$ 25.00 Online Giving: \$125.00 Total Deposit: \$1335.00 <i>All collections OTHER than the Diocesan Collections may be tithed Diocesan Collections will be denoted here in a different color.</i>
Dec 11: R1: SIR 48:1-4, 9-11 Gospel: MT 17:9a, 10-13 Dec 12: R1: ZEP 3:14-18a R2: PHIL 4:4-7 Gospel: LK 3:10-18 Dec 13: R1: NM 24:2-7, 15-17a Gospel: MT 21:23-27 Dec 14: R1: ZEP 3:1-2, 9-13 Gospel: MT 21:28-32 Dec 15: R1: IS 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25	Gospel: LK 7:18-23 Dec 16: R1: IS 54:1-10 Gospel: LK 7:24-30 Dec 17: R1: GN 49:2, 8-10 Gospel: MT 1:1-17 Dec 18: R1: JER 23:5-8 Gospel: MT 1:18-25 Dec 19: R1: MI 5:1-4a R2: HEB 10:5-10 Gospel: LK 1:39-45	
St Michael's Parish Tithing Goal		Sacred Heart's Parish Tithing Goal
The Parish Tithing amount for October collections was calculated at \$414.00 or 10% of the monthly collection which was \$4135.00 and a check was sent to the diocese. To date the PCT payments have totaled \$1637.00 .		The Parish Tithing amount for October collections was calculated at \$1174.00 or 10% of the monthly collection which was \$11742.00 and a check was sent to the diocese. To date the PCT payments have totaled \$3805.00

Pastoral Reflections

Scripture Reflection (3rd, Sun in Advent, Year C)

This prophetic book began with oracles of judgment against a prideful people who chose to go their way rather than God's way. Perhaps the most recognized oracle of judgment is the famous Dies Irae of Zephaniah 1:15-16. In this final oracle, however, the prophet has a message of hope for a people who have at last made the choice to serve God's purpose in this world. All the Gospels affirm that John the Baptist engaged in preaching, one of the ways that he prepared the people for the coming of the Messiah. However, it is only in Luke's Gospel that the content of John's preaching is described. It addressed three areas: 1) the coming judgment (3:7-9); 2) ethical reform (3:10-14); and 3) the announcement of the coming of the Messiah (3:15-17).

Today's Gospel focuses especially on the second and third areas. Ethical reforms. Once John the Baptist has captured the attention of the crowds by calling them a brood of vipers and warning them about the coming wrath, they want to know how they should respond. John's very clear response focuses on ethical reforms. Clothing and food must be shared with those deprived of such essentials. Tax collectors are

to carry out their functions honestly and according to the tenets of justice. Even the soldiers are seeking instruction. John admonishes them to act justly and honestly, to be content with their pay scale.

The announcement of the coming of the Messiah. Given the nature and content of John's preaching, many people were concluding that John himself was the Messiah, a misperception that John wants to clear up immediately. He clearly contrasts the Messiah with himself, for in every way John is lesser than the coming Messiah. John baptizes with water, but the Messiah will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire.

This probably refers to the Pentecost event of Acts 2:1-4, which included purifying and refining those who received it. John preached the Good News. The final verse in today's Gospel briefly summarizes John's preaching. In many ways John the Baptist preached what Jesus would preach, showing how John prepared the way for Jesus. Luke will compare John with Jesus in the infancy narrative. In every case, Jesus is portrayed as superior to John. Whatever John does, Jesus does it better.

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Saint Lucy ~283-304~



St. Lucy was accused by a disappointed suitor of being a Christian. She was executed in Syracuse, Sicily, in the year 304. One can easily imagine what a young Christian woman had to contend with in pagan Sicily in the year 300. If you have trouble imagining, just glance at today's pleasure-at-all-costs world and the barriers it presents against leading a good Christian life. Her friends must have wondered aloud about this hero of Lucy's, an obscure itinerant preacher in a far-off captive nation that had been destroyed more than 200 years before. Once a carpenter, he had been crucified by the Romans after his own people turned him over to their authority. Lucy believed with her whole soul that this man had risen from the dead. Heaven had put a stamp on all he said and did. To give witness to her faith she had made a vow of virginity. What a hubbub this caused among her pagan friends! The kindlier ones just thought her a little strange. To be pure before marriage was an ancient Roman ideal, rarely found, but not to be condemned. To exclude marriage altogether, however, was too much. She must have something sinister to hide, the tongues wagged. Lucy knew of the heroism of earlier virgin martyrs. She remained faithful to their example and to the example of the carpenter, whom she knew to be the Son of God. She is the patroness of eyesight. Her feast day is observed on December 13th.

Coming Soon ~19, December, 2021~

Micah 5:1-4a. Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19. Heb 10:5-10. Lk 1:39-45. **Leaping for Joy.** Let us take our cue from the six-month gestating baby in the womb of Elizabeth leaping for joy on encountering the Lord and the one who brings him. Let us sing again and again all week the antiphon of the psalm: "Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved."

- *How can I keep looking for the face of Christ in those around me?*
- *Whom will I visit, even virtually if needed, to help in some way?*
- *How can I get to Christmas Day in peace?*

St. John of the Cross ~June 24, 1542-Dec 14, 1591~








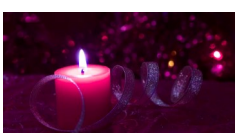


*It is best to learn
to silence the faculties
and to cause them to be still,
so that God may speak.*

*~Saint John of the Cross~
Feast Day: December 14th*

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Announcements, Events and Activities

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<p>Dec 19: SH Parish/PSR Christmas Party to follow the 10 am Mass</p> <p>Dec 22 SM Advent Penance Service 6:30 pm</p> <p>Dec 23 SH Advent Penance Service 6:00 pm with final adult formation class to follow</p> <p>Dec 24th SH Christmas Vigil Mass 4:30 pm with carols at 4pm SM Mass at 6:30 pm</p> <p>Dec 25 Christmas Day Mass SH 9 am</p> <p><i>All Masses for Dec 25/26 will follow the regular weekend schedule</i></p> <p>Dec 31 SM New Years Vigil Mass 6:30 pm</p> <p>Jan 1 SH New Years Mass 9am</p> <p><i>All Masses for Jan 1/2 will follow the regular weekend schedule</i></p>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="width: 40%; text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="width: 60%;"> <p>~~ The Hat and Mitten tree is once again in the church vestibule for donations of both adult and child sized gloves, mittens, hats, and scarves. After Christmas these will be donated locally to those in need.</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="width: 40%; text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="width: 60%;"> <p>~~ The red wagon is also set up in the church vestibule for the Annual youth group food drive. Our young parishioners are asking that donations of nonperishable food items be placed in the little red wagon located in the vestibule of the church.</p> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="width: 40%; text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="width: 60%;"> <p>The Sacred Heart Fellowship Committee and the PSR program would like to invite all parishioners to their Parish Christmas Party next Sunday, Dec.19th, immediately following the 10 o'clock Mass. Pizza, salad and drinks will be provided. Everyone is asked to <u>bring a favorite dessert or Christmas treat to be shared.</u> Joe Landeck has graciously agreed to provide some holiday music as well as, a game or two for the children. The party will conclude with an anonymous gift exchange for all who wish to participate. Gifts should not exceed more than \$3.00 dollars in value and should be wrapped. All Covid precautions will be implemented. This promises to be a lot of fun, so please join us. ****In order to determine an approximate number of those attending this party and the amount of food and drinks needed a sign up sheet is located in the vestibule of the church. If you plan to attend the party please add your name and the number in your group to this sheet. ****</p> </div> </div>																																
Gaudete Sunday	Advent Penance Service & Adult Formation																																
<p>This weekend we celebrate Gaudete Sunday. What is special about the Third Sunday of Advent? For much of the Church's history, this Sunday had a special name: "Gaudete" Sunday. On Gaudete Sunday, the season of Advent shifts its focus. For the first two weeks of Advent, the focus can be summed up in the phrase, "The Lord is coming." But beginning with Gaudete Sunday, the summary might be, "The Lord is near." This shift is marked by a lighter mood and a heightened sense of joyous anticipation. The word "Gaudete" is Latin for "Rejoice." In times when the focus of our anticipation is often on the negative and fearful, this celebration is a reminder that God who loves us is still in charge and that we await his coming not with fear, but with tremendous joy.</p> <div style="text-align: right;"></div>	<p>Just a reminder that we have Advent penance services planned for each parish on Dec 22 and 23rd, both at 6:30 pm. There are also two Thursdays left of Adult formation at 7 pm at SH in the hall. The last two topics are Jesus Christ the Incarnate word of God and The church's teaching on Jesus Christ continued</p>																																

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i> StM 8a MI: Jodi Bosch SH 10a MI: Louise Schmidt	29 SH Mass 8a MI: Ursula Calvert	30 SH Mass 8a MI: Ursula Calvert	1 SH Mass 8a MI: Ruth Schweighart	2 SH Mass 8a MI: Brigit Pegeen	3 SH Mass 8a MI: Mike Pangburn	4 SH: Confess 3:15p Mass 4p MI: Jim & Connie Metford
5 <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i> StM - 8a MI John Sullivan SH - 10a MI: Bud Kappes PSR SM 8:45 - 9:30 am SH 9 - 9:45 am	6  Feast of St Nicholas SH - Mass 8a MI: Ruth Schweighart	7 SH - Mass 8a MI: Ruth Schweighart	8 SH - Mass 8a MI: Ursula Calvert	9 SH - Mass 8a MI Brigit Pegeen Kelly SH Advent Adult Formation 7 pm	10 SH - Mass 8a MI: Louise Schmidt	11 SH: Confess 3:15p Mass 4p MI: Rose Marie Mariatt
12 <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> StM - 8a MI Harols Stone SH - 10a MI: Ruth schweighart PSR: SM 8:45 - 9:30 am	13  Jesus SH Mass 8a MI: John Schumacher	14 SH Mass 8a MI: John Schumacher	15 SH Mass 8a MI: Brigit Pegeen Kelly	16 SH Mass 8a MI: Ursula Calvert SH Advent Adult Formation 7 pm	17 SH Mass 8a MI: Barbara Legner	18 SH Confess 3:15p Mass 4p MI: Rolland Sprague
19 <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i> StM - 8a MI: Charles & Ciella Barrett SH - 10a MI: John Dee Hawkins PSR: SM 8:45 - 9:30am SH 9 - 9:45 am	20  SH - Mass 8a MI: Ursula Calvert	21 SH - Mass 8a MI: Ursula Calvert	22 SH Mass 8a MI: Pat & Martha Carr	23 SH - Mass 8a MI: Mary & Henry Kramer SH Advent Adult Formation 7 pm	24 Christmas Eve Vigil 4:30 pm SH MI: Mike Pangburn SM 6:30 pm MI: Gloria Secore	25 Christmas Day Mass SH 9 am MI: All Parish Families <i>Merry Christmas</i> 
26 <i>Feast of the Holy Family</i> StM - 8a MI: George Carroll SH - 10a MI:	27 	28 SH - Mass 8a MI: Ursula Calvert	29 SH Mass 8a MI: Ruth Schweighart	30 SH - Mass 8a MI: Anicia Kramer	31 SH Mass 8a MI: Harry & Louise Schmidt	





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