



THE

Benedictine



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SAINT BENEDICT

DECEMBER 17, 2017

SAINT SCHOLASTICA



St. Scholastica Parish
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Fr. James Lowe, CC, Pastor

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday through Friday	8:00 a.m.
Saturday	8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m.
Holydays	8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

MARRIAGE

Parish priest must be contacted six months prior to date of intended marriage.

BAPTISMS

Contact Fr. James Lowe, CC

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday - Saturday Mornings: Immediately Following Mass

Saturday Evening Mass: 3:45 p.m. until 4:15 p.m.

Sunday: 9:15 a.m. until 9:45 a.m.

All other times - Call Parish Office For Appointment

ROSARY

Sunday 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel

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FR. JAMES LOWE, CC



Dearly Beloved Parishioners,

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thes 5:16ff)

Our Archbishop, Allen Vigneron, gives us this same message in his pastoral letter, *Unleash the Gospel*. He indicates that **“the Archdiocese, following the call of Pope Francis, is resolved to undergo a “missionary conversion,” a change in our culture, such that every person at every level of the Church, through personal encounter with Jesus Christ, embraces his or her identity as a son or daughter of God and, in the power of the Holy Spirit, is formed and sent forth as a joyful missionary disciple.”**

How do we **“rejoice always”**? How do we **“pray without ceasing”**? How do we **give thanks “in all circumstances”**? How do we **become a joyful band of missionary disciples**? Through a **personal encounter with Jesus Christ!**

What are some of the most powerful ways to have this personal encounter?

The Church calls us to increase our **prayer, fasting, and sacrificial giving during Advent**. We are reminded of the message of John the Baptist to prepare for the coming of the Lord. He tells us **“I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, ‘make straight the way of the Lord,’”** (John 1:23) *These penitential practices help us to let go of the people and things to whom we have developed disordered attachments and to turn our gaze upon Jesus. Jesus is the source of happiness. To Jesus, we give thanks for all things in all circumstances. Jesus transforms us into Joyful missionary disciples.*

How does Jesus most powerfully lead us to repentance and conversion?

He gave us Himself in the **Word** and the **Sacraments!** **Listen to His voice!** Take advantage of every opportunity to encounter Him in the preaching of the Word! **Participate in the Eucharistic sacrifice of the Mass as often as possible!** Approach Him as he sits in His seat of Mercy in the **Sacrament of Reconciliation!**

This week, we will have extra opportunities to both **go to confession** and **Holy Mass**. Don’t allow busyness get in the way of encountering the love and mercy of the Father poured out through the Sacraments.

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Tomorrow night, Monday, December 18th at 7 pm, all 12 parishes in the Trinity Vicariate will be coming to St. Scholastica for the opportunity to go to confession. Don’t miss out on this chance to encounter Jesus.

Next weekend, we celebrate **BOTH** the **4th Sunday of Advent** and **The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord!** Resist the temptation to think **“do I have to go to Mass twice in one weekend?”** Instead we ought to be thinking, **“praise the Lord! I will have the opportunity to encounter Jesus twice in one weekend!”** Once on Saturday evening or Sunday morning for the 4th Sunday of Advent and once on Sunday evening or Monday morning for Christmas! Come Holy Spirit, as we prepare to encounter Jesus through the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist, prepare us to become a band of Joyfull Missionary Disciples!

Fr. James Lowe, CC



LIGHTHOUSE MEDIA KIOSKS

Advent and Christmas materials have arrived and are available at the Lighthouse Media Kiosks located in the Church and Chapel. The books are titled **Joy to the World** and **Saints for Our Times**. The suggested donation is \$3.00 per book or CD. We also welcome free-will offerings. Stop by soon; the supply is limited.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

“Keep Christ in Christmas”

Celebrate at St. Scholastica Parish

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

Sunday, Dec. 24th at 4:30 p.m.

Children: Bring a Bell to the 4:30 p.m. Mass to ring during the Gloria

Monday, Dec. 25th at 10:00 a.m.

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Joseph and Mary

Saturday, Dec. 30th at 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec 31st at 10:00 a.m.

**Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord:**

Monday, Jan 1st at 10:00 a. m

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Tuesday, December 19 , 2017

8:00 a.m. † David and Marcella Neaton by Vickie Burkholder

Wednesday, December 20, 2017

8:00 a. m. † Mary Harrison (10 Years) by Marianna Bailey

Thursday, December 21, 2017

8:00 a.m. † David Neaton by Tim Neaton

Friday, December 22, 2017

8:00 a.m. St. Scholastica Parish, POLOV, Companions of the Cross, Benedictines and Cornerstone High School by Joe Mauer

Saturday, December 23, 2017

8:00 a.m † Norman Murphy by Kathleen O’Flaherty
4:30 p.m. † Ruth and Eric Cordeiro

Sunday, December 24, 2017

10:00 a.m. For Parishioners

MASS ASSIGNMENTS

Sunday, December 24 , 2017

10:00 a. m. Lectors: Jonathan Jackson
Belinda Hernandez
Blood of Christ: Gloria Pernell
Blood of Christ: Mary P. McDougall

Eucharistic Ministers



Sunday, December 24, 2017

4:30 p.m. Lectors: Belinda Hernandez
Maria Fetizanan
Blood of Christ: Gloria Pernell
Blood of Christ: Jay Fetizanan



We continue to pray for our sick and homebound parish members, Bruce Henderson, Elma Thorpe, Annie Laurie Shannan, Courtney Atlas, Eileen Clark, Sandra Moulton, Christopher Staff, Mary Madigan, Margaret Porath, Drew Lund, Roland Martin, Marian Hubbard, Madelyn Smith, Willie Beale, Jean Geran, Betty Kell, Gloria Seacord, Fermon Sanders, Diverna Stephenson, E. Napoleon Burton , William Walker , Albert Jackson, Daisy Allen. Victoria Crowe , Gertrude Strale, Mary Christian, Matthew Onwudingo , Irma Gisstennar, Justin Doucette, Ellen Casey, and Denise Goodine.

Parish Calendar:



December 23, 2017

Men’s Group—6:30 a.m.—Chapel
Mass—8:00 a.m. Followed by Adoration
Mass—4:30 p..m.

December 24, 2017

Rosary—9:30 a.m.
Mass— 4th Sunday of Advent
10:00 a.m. –Church

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

Carols—4:00 p.m.
Mass—4:30 p.m.
Mass—Midnight

December 25, 2017

Mass—10:00 a.m.



That chairs with kneelers were installed in the Chapel on December 14th ?

That there will be brass and string instruments playing along with our musicians at the 4:30 Mass on December 24th? That you should not miss this celebration? That there will be caroling at 4:00 p.m. and you are invited to sing along? That Children should bring a bell to ring during the singing of the Gloria?

That the December 24th Mass will begin St. Scholastica’s 90th year as a parish? That we will be planning celebrations over the next year to commemorate this landmark event?

SUNDAY COLLECTION

November, 2017

Collected: \$5,767.40



STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

“Rejoicing in the Lord” connects today’s Scripture readings. The Prophet Isaiah proclaims, *The spirit of the Lord is upon me ... I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul.* In St. John’s Gospel, John the Baptist testifies to the Light that is Christ; that through Christ, all people may believe. St. Paul, in his First Letter to the Thessalonian community, exhorts them, and us, to *rejoice always, never cease praying, render constant thanks; such is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.* How do we, as baptized stewards in the Lord, respond in gratitude for this tremendous gift — our life in Christ Jesus? Before retiring each night, express in prayerful gratitude to the Lord five blessings you received from Him that day.

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CTND

The Catholic Television Network of Detroit (CTND) is featuring programming this month focused on the true meaning of Christmas, helping families throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit truly prepare for the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ.

Thanks to your gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal, CTND has broadcast faith-filled programming since 1985 that informs, educates, inspires, and entertains to 900,000 homes in southeast Michigan. Since 2011, CTND has been an affiliate of Boston-based CatholicTV Network.

CTND’s program schedule can be found on the Archdiocese of Detroit website and in The Michigan Catholic newspaper.

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IN THIS SPACE ARE THE HYMN SELECTIONS FOR THE DAY. PLEASE LIFT YOUR VOICES AND JOIN IN THE CELEBRATION OF THE MASS.

THIS WEEK’S HYMNS ARE FOUND IN THE “WE CELEBRATE HYMNAL”

OPENING HYMN: “O Come Divine Messiah”	497
OFFERTORY: “ On Jordan’s Bank”	501
COMMUNION: “One Bread, One Body”	687
CLOSING HYMN: “People Look East”	490