

THE

# Benedictine



**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**DECEMBER 2, 2018**

SAINT BENEDICT

SAINT SCHOLASTICA



St. Scholastica Parish  
17320 Rosemont  
Detroit, Michigan 48219  
[www.stscholasticachurch.org](http://www.stscholasticachurch.org)

Fr. John Paul Bolger, 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. John Paul Bolger, 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

### PHONE NUMBERS

Parish Office .....	(313) 531-0140
Fax .....	(313) 531-0739

**FR. JOHN PAUL BOLGER, CC**



**REFLECTING ON GOD’S WORD**

How do you prepare a heart for Christmas? It is not all that different from how we prepare any room for the season. We move some things out and bring others in: lights, candles, and appropriate decorations. We can also apply this to our hearts, both our individual heart and our community heart. Today four voices offer direction.

Jeremiah calls us to remember the God who worked on the house of Israel and Judah, bringing “a just shoot” (Jeremiah 33:15) to flower from the old stump that Israel had become, replacing lifeless leadership with a new branch of the house of David. Justice would flourish for all the people. Jeremiah calls us to trust God’s designs that go beyond the surface.

Jesus’ words, however, seem to contradict all this, predicting signs that will dismay and perplex, with people dying of fright. What happened to security and justice? But all this frightening activity is not for those waiting on the Lord. Jesus’ words are strong: Don’t cower; stand erect. Don’t let your heart sink into sleep, dive into drink, or be corrupted by carousing. Redemption is in the room, a heartbeat away.

Paul reminds us that we best renovate our hearts by filling them with God’s love for others. We do this by how we treat each other. A new year offers time to bring healing to damaged relationships, to reach out to someone we have neglected. And God works along with us, pouring the Holy Spirit into our hearts.

—James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R.  
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**LIVING GOD’S WORD**

Advent is a time to enter more deeply into conversation with God. Pray with the words of the psalmist, who encourages us to turn to God, who will make known the way, teach us the right paths, and draw us into divine kindness, constancy and friendship.

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**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

During Advent, we prepare for Christ’s coming in three ways: as an infant who came into this world over two thousand years ago, as our Lord and Savior coming into our hearts right here and now, and as the Son of Man who will come into this world again at the end of time. We do not know when the last of these will occur, so this season is a good opportunity to focus on preparing our hearts for Jesus now, perhaps by looking for his face in those we encounter.

The Gospel on the First Sunday of Advent always concerns the end of the world, when Jesus will return to call us home. How should we prepare for this day that Luke calls an “assault”? Saint Paul’s words to the Thessalonians are no less apt today that they were then. “Conduct yourselves to please God.” May this season concentrate our attention on how we treat each other, for we know that what we do for the least of our brother and sisters, we do for the Lord.

*From Pastoral Patterns*

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**



The Parish Annual Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 9th at 3:30 p.m in the Convent. A flyer is in this week’s bulletin that has more information. Sign up sheets are available at the doors of the Parish.

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**



Volunteers are needed to assist in decorating the Church for Christmas. We will meet on Saturday, December 15th at 9:00 a. m. We need your help to make the Church beautiful for the Christmas Season.

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**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**



How can I prepare myself for the coming of Jesus, at Christmas and at the end of time?

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**Tuesday, December 4, 2018**

8:00 a.m. † E. Napoleon Burton by Mary P. McDougall

**Wednesday, December 5, 2018**

8:00 a. m

**Thursday, December 6, 2018**

8:00 a.m. † Patrick and Mary McDougall by Mary P. McDougall

**Friday, December 7, 2018**

8:00 a.m. Special Intentions of Stephanie Chika by Joan Chika

**Saturday, December 8, 2018**

8:00 a. m. Special Intentions of Mary, Trudy and Rita  
4:30 p. m. The Ellisin Family by Mary P. McDougall

**Sunday, December 9, 2018**

10:00 a.m. For Parishioners

**MASS ASSIGNMENTS**

**Saturday, December 8, 2018**

4:30 p. m. Lector: Deacon Daniel Sweeney  
Blood of Christ: Gubbie Bey

**Sunday, December 9, 2018**

10:00 a.m. Lector: Maria Fetizanan  
Jonathan Jackson  
Body of Christ: Marianna Bailey  
Blood of Christ: Robert Pavlik  
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, Willie Beale, Jean Geran, Betty Kell, Gloria Seacord, Fermon Sanders, Diverna Stephenson, William Walker, Albert Jackson, Daisy Allen. Victoria Crowe, Dennis Lund, Gertrude Strale, Matthew Onwudingo, Irma Gisstennar, Justin Doucette, Ellen Casey, Denise Goodine, Jonathan Jackson, Gwendolyn Dickerson, and Yolanda Stephens.

**Parish Calendar:**

**December 8, 2018**

**The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary**

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

**December 9, 2018**

Rosary—9:30 a. m.  
Mass— 10:00 a. m. – Church  
Parish Christmas Party –3:30 p.m.-Convent

**REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE**

Making a Report of Sexual Abuse

To inform the Archdiocese of Detroit regarding the sexual abuse of minors by priests, deacons and other Church personnel and/or to speak to the Victim Assistance Coordinator contact: (866) 343-8055. A caller will be requested to provide his or her name and telephone number. All calls regarding complaints of sexual abuse will be returned in a timely manner. This toll-free number has been established as part of an effort by the Detroit archdiocese to protect children, young people and other vulnerable people in our schools, parishes and ministries. This line is for reporting suspected sexual misconduct or child abuse within archdiocesan institutions and ministries only. Persons with such complaints are also encouraged to directly contact law enforcement authorities.

You may also report abuse to the Michigan Attorney General's office at 844-324-3374 or E-mail at <https://www.michigan.gov/ag> and select "Learn More"

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**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

**October, 2018**

**Collected: \$5,053.57**



**CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL  
YOUTH MINISTRY**

**December 1/2: Youth Ministry**

A workshop focused on “How to Run a Youth Retreat” will be held at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit on Thursday, December 13.

Mary Wilkerson and Mike Chamberland of BOLD Ministries will share their best practices and tips for planning and executing dynamic retreats. Participants will gain new skills, resources, and renewed confidence to prepare their own youth retreats.

Your CSA gifts allow the Archdiocese of Detroit to minister to those who foster the spiritual and personal growth of our youth and young adults and empower them to become disciples of Jesus Christ and actively witness their faith.

For more information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, go to [aod.org](http://aod.org).

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**HELP FAMILIES IN NEED THIS  
CHRISTMAS**

Won't you help to make Christmas a little brighter for needy families in southeast Michigan this year? Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan's **Saint Joseph Perpetual Help Fund** will help nearly 200 families this season, all nominated by Catholic parishes and Catholic organizations throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit. The more donations the fund receives by December 7, the more we can give to each family this Christmas!

Donate in one of two ways:

- Send a check made payable to CCSEM with “Saint Joseph Perpetual Help Fund” in the memo line to our CCSEM main office at **15945 Canal Road, Clinton Township, MI 48038**.
- Donate online at [ccsem.org/donate](http://ccsem.org/donate). Select the box stating: “I would like to designate this donation to a specific fund.” Then scroll down the list and select the “Saint Joseph Perpetual Help Fund.”

Donations received after the donation deadline of Dec. 7 will be used to help families throughout the year. Questions? Contact Kelly Luttinen at (248) 548-4044 x3621 or [luttinenk@ccsem.org](mailto:luttinenk@ccsem.org)



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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.**

**TODAY'S HYMNS ARE FOUND IN THE  
“WE CELEBRATE HYMNAL” AND THE “SEASONAL  
MISSALETTE”**

	<u>WC</u>	<u>SM</u>
<b>OPENING HYMN:</b> “Emmanuel”	494	209
<b>OFFERTORY:</b> “O Come Divine Savior”	497	198
<b>COMMUNION:</b> “This is My Body “	661	
<b>CLOSING HYMN:</b> “Proclaim the Joyful Message “	511	225