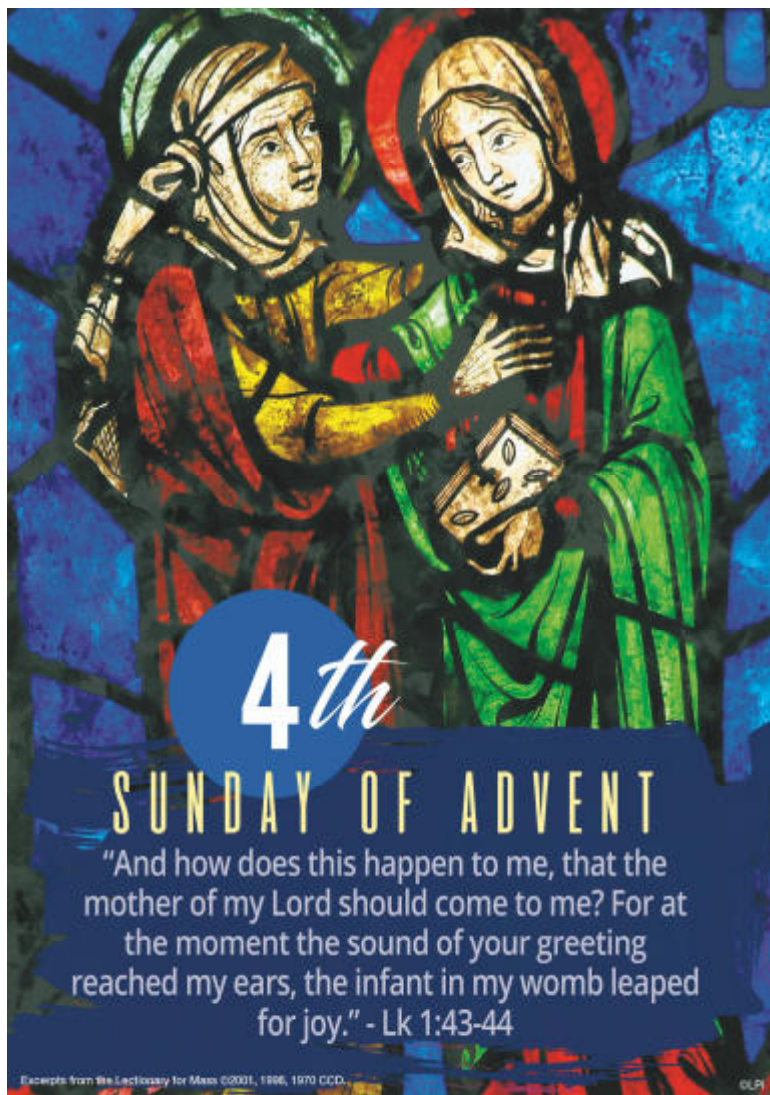




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EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 10:00 AM

Tuesday: 9:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:15-3:45 PM or by appointment

PARISH MINISTRY TEAM

Deacon Dick Thiesen — Parish Life Director

E-mail: deacondickcol@gmail.com

Sacramental Ministers

Rev. Anthony J. Chiaramonte and Rev. James Kane

Staff

Ann McCauley, Pastoral Associate for
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Kari Kurtz, Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation,
Youth Ministry & Evangelization: Ext. 15

Music Ministry

Shirley Myers

Trustees

Stephanie Cogan

From Deacon Dick

Advent 2021

The Path to Healing - Paved with Mercy

Over the last three weeks, we have unpacked briefly the virtue of mercy as a gateway to healing. Mercy is brought to life through the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy (Bulletin Nov 28) whose foundations are based in both the Hebrew Scriptures as well as the teachings of Jesus in the Gospels. Today, let's take a look at some other perspectives on mercy.

Especially amid the COVID-19 pandemic, we hardly need a reminder that we live in an era of change. Yet Pope Francis is fond of saying that *we live not merely in an era of change, but also in a change of era*. We are experiencing a seismic shift in consciousness that goes to the core of the Gospel ... it's a shift that from our tendency to project the pain of our lives onto someone else (It can't be my fault!) to a stance of mercy and compassion. Pope Francis says further: "Mercy is the Lord's most powerful message ... let us be enveloped by the mercy of God ... then we will feel God's wonderful tenderness ... feel God's embrace. Then, from that experience we can then be more capable of mercy, patience, forgiveness, and love."



Fr. Thomas Keating observes that if we truly understood (stood under) God's mercy, we would see how we've gotten everything upside down and backward. Many of us think and act as if God is a God of retribution and eternal punishment. But the Bible, Jesus, and our longstanding Christian tradition reveal that God is infinite Love. Once we deeply experience Divine Love, then our moral behavior (our goodness, as it were) is merely an outflowing of God's mercy.

One last image from Fr. Richard Rohr, OFM: Love has two lovely daughters ... twins called grace and mercy. Often we can't distinguish them. *Grace is the inner freedom to be merciful ... Mercy is grace in action ... Both are children of Love.*

So on these few days prior to Christmas, may we nurture these children of Love and, in so doing, bring to birth the Christ among us ... Emmanuel! And let the Church say ... AMEN!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021 / FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WEEKLY PRAYER

SUNDAY'S READINGS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUN 12/19 Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45
MON 12/20 Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38
TUE 12/21 Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45
WED 12/22 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56
THR 12/23 Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66
FRI 12/24 **Vigil:** Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
SAT 12/26 **Morning:** Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
SUN 12/27 Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or
 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

QUESTION FOR THE WEEK

Adult: When was it hardest for you to trust in God's plan for you, as Mary did?
 What can help you at such times?

Children: When is it hardest for you to obey a parent or teacher? What can help
 you obey with more trust?

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Dear Jesus, help me to trust you and to remember that you are the reason we celebrate
 Christmas. Amen.



FIRST READING

You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah too small
 to be among the clans of Judah, from
 you shall come forth for me one who is
 to be ruler in Israel. (Mi 5:1)

PSALM

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see
 your face and we shall be saved.
 (Ps 80)

SECOND READING

"Then I said, 'As is written of me in the
 scroll, behold, I come to do your will,
 O God.'" (Heb 10:7)

GOSPEL

"Blessed are you among women, and
 blessed is the fruit of your womb. And
 how does this happen to me, that the
 mother of my Lord should come to
 me?" (Lk 1:42-43)

DECEMBER 21

Tuesday 9:00 AM

Adelia Luciano; req., Adel Luciano
 John Ieronimo; req., wife, Eva & Family

Living Mass intention

Fernandez Family; req., Pilar Eldridge

DECEMBER 24

Friday 4:00 PM & 6 PM

For Deceased Members Of Our Parish Community

DECEMBER 25 & 26

Saturday 10:00 AM

For Deceased Members Of Our Parish Community

Sunday 10:00 AM

Michael Keane; req., wife, Mary Keane
 Arthur F. Gallotti; (Anniv Remb), req., daughter, Joann
 Edward Morgan; (Anniv Remb), req., Family
 Vincent Zumbo; req., Children
 John DelPozzo; req., Arnold & Martha Proskin
 Theresa Harte; (Anniv Remb), req., husband, Patrick & Family



SANCTUARY LAMP ~ IS LIT THIS WEEK FOR Marie & Anthony Morelli; req., daughter, Teri

The Sanctuary Lamp in the Chapel is a beautiful way
 to remember a loved one. Please contact the
 parish office at 518-459-6635 if you would like to make
 arrangements to remember a loved one in this special way.



"O COME, LET US ADORE HIM"

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION ~ WEDNESDAYS 9:30 AM-8:30 PM

"Our Holy Hours of Eucharistic Adoration make us
 more sensitive to the needs of our fellow man."
 (St. John Paul II)

**We presently have a need for Adorers
 at all Hours on Wednesdays.**

Please call the parish office at 518-459-6635 if
 you are able to make this weekly appointment with God.



PARISH GIVING ~ SHARING GIFTS WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN

Weekly Offertory for December 4 & 5, 2021

Weekly Budget	\$ 7,450.98
Weekly Actual—Mail-Ins & Offertory	\$ 12,684.00
Overage/Shortfall	(+) \$ 5,233.02

YTD (July 2020-Present) Offertory

YTD Budget	\$171,372.55
YTD Actual	\$162,368.00
YTD Overage/Shortage	(-) \$ (9,004.55)

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Upcoming Collections:

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) ~ December 25



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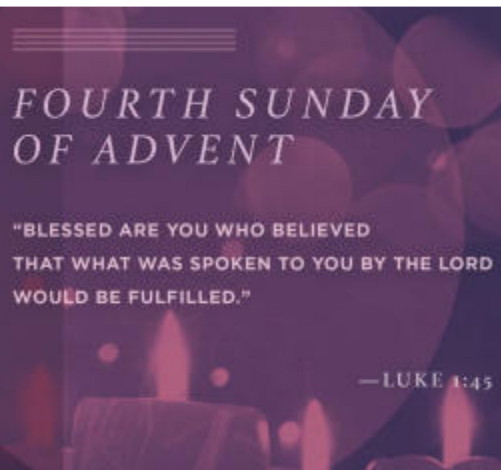
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The Holy Spirit inspires each of us to find a deeper sense
 of our individual missions and then to help one another
 to discover them to serve each other.



CATECHISTS NEEDED

If you would like to help in this ministry Kari would love to chat with you. No experience required—you just need a love for the Lord and a willingness to share. Come by the office or email Kari.kurtz@rcda.org

NOT SURE YOU CAN BE A CATECHIST?? Let's Debunk the myths!!

- I'm not that holy...I'm just a regular person—*That's what we want!*
- I don't if I have the time to teach - *We are meeting 13 times between October and May*
- I don't have any formal training to teach— *you don't need it! The best way to teach faith is just through conversations.*
- I'm not ready to be in person with Covid—*The younger grades are meeting via zoom..*

WEEKLEY EVENTS CALENDAR

Day	Date	Event	Time	Place
Sun.	19-Dec	Mass	10:00 AM	Church
		Prayer Shawl Group Meeting	11:00 AM	Hall
Mon.	20-Dec	COL Seniors	9:00 AM	Hall
Tue.	21-Dec	Mass	9:00 AM	Church
Wed.	22-Dec	Eucharistic Adoration	9:30 PM-8:30 PM	Chapel
		Rosary	6:15 PM	Chapel
		BLD Music Group	7:30 PM	CR 1
Thur.	23-Dec	No Events Scheduled For This Day		
Fri.	24-Dec	Holiday- Church and Office Closed		
		Christmas Vigil Masses	4:00 PM & 6:00 PM	Church
Sat.	25-Dec	Christmas Mass	10:00 AM	Church
Sun.	26-Dec	Mass - The Holy Family	10:00 AM	Church



**Pastoral Associate for
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General areas of responsibility include preparation of the weekly bulletin, creation of worship aids, maintenance of parish records and databases, and serving as a liaison to parish ministries and outside vendors.

Required skills include a pastoral approach to people across the entire age spectrum, the ability to multi-task with attention to detail, and a demonstrated proficiency with Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, and Publisher).

Interested candidate should submit a resume, a letter of interest, and references to: Richard.thiesen@rcda.org.



Holiday Hours

**In celebration of the
Nativity of the Lord, Jesus Christ,
the church and parish office will be closed on
Friday, December 24 and Monday, December 27.
Seniors will not meet on Monday, Dec. 27.**

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Mass	Friday, December 24 ~ 4:00 & 6:00 PM
Nativity of the Lord Mass	Saturday, December 25 ~ 10:00 AM (HDO)
Holy Family Mass	Sunday, December 26 ~ 10:00 AM
Solemnity of Mary Vigil	Friday, December 31 ~ 4:00 PM
Solemnity of Mary Mass	Saturday, January 1 ~ 10:00 AM
Epiphany of the Lord	Sunday, January 2 ~ 10:00 AM
Baptism of the Lord	Sunday, January 9 ~ 10:00 AM



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