

# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## DECEMBER 9, 2018

### LIVING GOD'S WORD

Advent is about the very place from which all of our dreams begin-in God. It's where gorges of human pain and suffering are filled and where mountains of injustice are brought low. It's the way God begins to lead the people home to where it all began.

#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK DECEMBER 10, 2018

Monday, December 10,  
8:15AM Intention of Catholic Extension Donor  
Tuesday, December 11, St. Damasus I  
8:15AM Thomas F. Gross  
Wednesday, December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe  
10:30AM Communion Service  
Thursday, December 13, St. Lucy  
NO MASS  
Friday, December 14, St. John of the Cross  
8:15AM Barb Derickson by Florence Kane  
Saturday, December 15  
5PM Steve Kickham by Willie  
Sunday, December 16  
9AM For the Parish

#### CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK DEC. 9 THRU DEC. 16

Sunday	9AM Mass PSR Class after 9AM Mass till 11:15AM 2PM Penance Service at Ruma Motherhouse
Monday	8:15AM Mass (Grades 5-8) 11AM-1PM K of C Luncheon Pork Sausage & Kraut/Fried Chicken 7PM Red Bud PSR Confessions
Tuesday	8:15AM Mass 6PM School Christmas Program 7PM Advent Penance Service-Chester
Wednesday	10:30AM Communion Service at Three Springs
Thursday	Fr. Gene's Day Off 4PM Diocesan Finance Council Meeting
Friday	8:15AM Mass (Grade 5 & 6 Liturgy) 2:50PM Dismissal-NO BUS SERVICE
Saturday	5PM Mass
Sunday	9AM Mass PSR Class after 9AM Mass till 11:15AM

**NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:** In today's Gospel Luke situates John the Baptizer in a specific historical place, the region of the Jordan. The Messiah's work was specific. He would set things right: raising valleys, lowering mountains, and making crooked paths smooth so that the saving love of God could be accessible to all. The One whose coming John announced began to fulfill the promise voiced in Baruch, gathering all God's children back to Jerusalem, the city of peace. There will God's all-inclusive mercy reconcile any who have gone astray. There will God restore justice, that is, right relationship with God and all creation. That promise continues to be fulfilled in our day. Baptism unites us with Christ Jesus. We committed to doing our part to complete the work of fulfillment begun by Jesus in his day and time. When we live Jesus clearly, his coming is made known and we prepare the way of the Lord in our specific moment of history.

#### TITHE WEEK OF DECEMBER 2, 2018

Mary Help of Christians: \$7,023.00  
\$594.00 Cemetery; \$130.00 Improvement Fund;  
\$35.00 Sr. Anne; \$94.05 Child Env.; \$11.00 Votives  
WEEKLY Budget Need: \$7,000.00  
YTD Average Weekly Tithe: \$6,870.13  
Fiscal Year Week: 23  
YTD Actual Giving: \$158,013.00  
YTD Budget Need: \$161,000.00  
YTD Budget Difference: (\$2,987.00)  
YTD Weekly: (\$129.87)

**SERVERS SCHEDULE** for Dec. 15 & 16: 5PM, Grace Welborn, Camryn Wolff; 9AM, Jared Landeros, Paige Vasquez, Gene Bicket

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** What obstacles-valleys, hills, or rough ways-need removing for you to experience and see God's saving love today?

**AGING RELIGIOUS NEED YOUR HELP.** Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

**DEAR FR. GENE & FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S,** Best wishes of hope and joy for the coming of our Savior and King, Jesus Christ! Thank you for your most recent check of \$437.00 for the people of St. James, Camata, Bolivia. The monthly pastoral visit of the Mission Team will surely be a beautiful celebration for Advent & Christmas. There will be hot chocolate and the special Christmas sweet bread for all! A priest will celebrate the Eucharist in a central place so that all 26 communities have a chance to participate. Thank you for your donation at this very special time. Three of the catechists of Camata will be participating in a special Symposium in Lima, Peru in January 2019. It is sponsored by the Precious Blood Fathers there. Thank you for helping with the expenses of travel, food, and the cost of the Symposium. All the communities of Camata will benefit from this formation in Peru. The participants from Bolivia travel by bus, which is over rough roads and takes 27 hours of travel. I am sure they will enjoy every minute! During this time of Advent, I wish you blessings of peace and hope for you and your families. Very gratefully, Sr. Anne Irose, ASC

**ANGEL TREE TIME:** To purchase a crocheted angel for \$10 or renew your angel from past years for \$5 to decorate the Christmas trees in the back of church, place your money, the memorial name, and your name in an envelope marked "ANGEL" and drop it in the collection. You may also give your money to Donna Ritter. All proceeds are donated to the church. Last year we raised \$595.00.

**GIVING TREE:** If you are not able to deliver your gifts to Three Springs or Craig Manor, please return your gifts to church by Sunday, Dec. 16. Please remember that the diapers for the Food Pantry DO NOT need to be wrapped.

**CHURCH STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN: A FRINDLY REMINDER.** Contributions and pledges are rolling in. Thank you! Please try to return your self-addressed stamped pledge card in the next few weeks. Also, please make any edits to your address or comments on the back of the card.

**YOU'RE INVITED:** St. Boniface, Evansville, 11AM-2:30PM Chicken & Dumpling Dinner, Crafts, Vendors

**IT'S TIME** to place your offering for a Poinsettia & Votive Lights in Memory of Family Members.

POINSETTIA OFFERING: \$25.00

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

VOTIVE OFFERING: \$5.00

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_