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Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2018

LiturgySunday Masses

Sunday Masses Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 7:30 am, 10:30 am, 4:30 pm

Weekday Masses

Monday-Friday: 6:30 am, 12:10 pm

Saturday: 8:00 am

Holy Day Masses (weekdays) Vigil Mass: 5:10 pm (day prior)

Holy Day: 6:30 am, 12:10 pm, 5:10 pm

Holiday Masses

Weekday & Saturday 8:00 am

Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving.

For Holy Week, Easter & Christmas schedules call the Rectory, see bulletin or go to online website www.cathedralsjworkman.org

Sacrament of Penance

Weekdays: 11:30-11:55 am

Saturdays: 7:15-7:50 am, 3:15-3:45 pm

Holy Days: 11:30-11:55 am

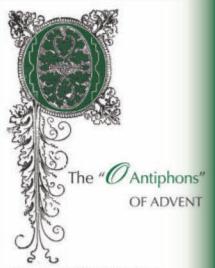
First Friday Devotions

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is held each First Friday after the 12:10 pm Mass until 2:40 pm. Simple benediction at 2:40 pm.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Monday Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26.
Tuesday Isaiah 40:1-11; Matthew 18:12-14.
Wednesday Zechariah 2:14-17 or Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Luke 1:26-38 or Luke 1:39-47
Thursday Isaiah 41:13-20; Matthew 11:11-15.
Friday Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19.
Saturday Sirach 48:14, 9-11; Matthew 17:9a, 10-13.
Sunday Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Philippians 4:4-7;

Luke 3:10-18.

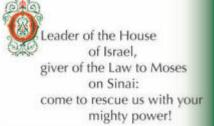


The Roman Church has been singing the "O" Antiphons since at least the eighth century. They are the antiphons that accompany the Magnificat canticle of Evening Prayer from December 17-23. They are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah.

DECEMBER 17

Wisdom of our God
Most High,
guiding creation with power
and love:
come to teach us the path
of knowledge!

DECEMBER 18



Also see our website: www.cathedralsjworkman.org

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 10

6:30 am Mass (Andy Hayden)

12:10 pm Mass (The Reinhard Hoch Family)

Tuesday, December 11

Memorial of St. Damasus I, Pope

Mass (Bernard Capaul) 6:30 am

12:10 pm Mass (George Myer)

Wednesday, December 12

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

6:30 am Mass (Helen Dick)

12:10 pm Mass (Marion Hoch)

Thursday, December 13

Memorial of St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

6:30 am Mass (Douglas Walters)

Mass (Virgil & Evelyn Scheckel) 12:10 pm

Friday, December 14

Memorial of St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church

6:30 am Mass (Dave Wolfert)

12:10 pm Mass (Marie Doherty)

Saturday, December 15

8:00 am Mass (Elaine Allen)

Mass (Intention of the Cathedral Parish Family) 4:00 pm

Sunday, December 16

Third Sunday of Advent a.k.a Gaudete Sunday

7:30 am Mass (Roger Reichert)

Mass (Living & Deceased Members of the John Stellflue Family) 10:30 am 4:30 pm Mass (Living & Deceased Members of the Hoeschler Family)

CALENDAR REMINDERS & BUSINESS

| Dec | 9 | Marriage Prep - 8:00 am - 2:00 pm Undercroft |
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| Dec | 10 | Knights of Columbus - 7:00 pm Undercroft |
| Dec | 13 | Cathedral Book Club - 9:00 am Gathering Area |
| Dec | 25 | Solemnity of Christmas |
| Jan | 1 | Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God |
| Jan | 1 | New Year's Day |

Cathedral PCCW Meeting - 6:00 pm Gathering Area lan 14

Jan 14 Family Life Committee Meeting - 6:00 pm Rectory

Knights of Columbus - 7:00 pm Undercroft lan 14

Jan 19 Sacred Worship Committee Meeting - 8:45 am Bishop's Vestry

Cathedral Book Club - 9:00 am Gathering Area Jan 31

Feb 10 Men's Club Pancake/Omelet Breakfast - 7:30 am to Noon Undercroft

Feb 11 Knights of Columbus - 7:00 pm Undercroft Pastoral Council Meeting - 7:00 pm Undercroft Feb 25 Feb 28 Cathedral Book Club - 9:00 am Gathering Area Mar 2 First Confession - 10:30 am

Knights of Columbus - 7:00 pm Undercroft Mar 11

Mar 17 Men's Club Pancake/Omelet Breakfast - 7:30 am to Noon Undercroft

Mar 28 Cathedral Book Club - 9:00 am Gathering Area Cathedral PCCW Meeting - 6:00 pm Gathering Area 8 Apr

8 Knights of Columbus - 7:00 pm Undercroft Apr

Apr 24 Confirmation - 6:30 am

Apr 25 Cathedral Book Club - 9:00 am Gathering Area Apr 27 First Holy Communion Practice - 10:30 am

Apr 28 First Holy Communion - 10:30 am

6 Family Life Committee Meeting - 6:00 pm Rectory May

May 11 Sacred Worship Committee Meeting - 8:45 am Bishop's Vestry

Knights of Columbus - 7:00 pm Undercroft May 13

May 20 Pastoral Council Meeting - 7:00 pm Undercroft

Cathedral Book Club - 9:00 am Gathering Area May 30

10 Knights of Columbus - 7:00 pm Undercroft Jun

Knights of Columbus - 7:00 pm Undercroft Jul

Knights of Columbus - 7:00 pm Undercroft Aug 12

Sep Knights of Columbus - 7:00 pm Undercroft

Sep 14 Sacred Worship Committee Meeting - 8:45 am Bishop's Vestry

Oct 14 Knights of Columbus - 7:00 pm Undercroft

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARISHIONER?

We welcome all new parishioners into our parish family. To register, please call 782-0322 to make an appointment at the parish office.



Please pray for the repose of the souls of Elaine Allen, Ivalyn Trucks, and Steven Halerz, who died recently, and for the comfort and consolation of their families and loved ones. May their souls and the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in eternal peace. Amen. &

MITTENS IN THE MANGER

On the First Sunday of Advent, the Cathedral placed a manger in the Holy Family Shrine where mittens, gloves, scarves and hats may be dropped off. During the winter months, many working men and women are in need of durable gloves to perform outdoor jobs and yet keep their hands warm. Winter can be brutal and not having adequate gloves can cause chapped, cracked and bleeding fingers and hands. The recipients of these donated mittens and gloves will be exceedingly grateful for new or gently used items. Donations may be made through Sunday ,December 23, which is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Join FIAT this Sunday, December 9, from 1:00-2:30 pm, for Christmas Caroling at Bethany St. Joseph's Nursing Home (2501 Shelby Rd) and at Benedictine Manor (2902 East Ave South) from 2:45-4:00 pm. Please wear festive red and green Christmas clothes. Music packets will be provided for everyone. Depending on the level of interest, FIAT may grab a meal following caroling and might even take in Rotary Lights at Riverside Park. Email Brook at bwhite06012@ gmail.com for details and if you plan to participate.

CALENDARS & ADVENT BLUE BOOKS

The 2019 calendars and information on Advent are available to pick up at the entrances to the Cathedral. Please take one copy of each per household. If there are calendars still left at the end of December, you are welcome to take more. A big thank-you to those who sponsored again the calendars!

CATHEDRAL BOOK CLUB

The Cathedral Book Club will meet on Thursday, December 13, at 9:00 am, in the Bishop's Vestry to view Won't You Be My Neighbor?

CATHEDRAL COOKING CLUB

Spice of Life Christmas is the theme for December 14, Cathedral Cooking Club Event at 6:00 pm. Call Karol for more information and a recipe. 769-1270.





Dear parishioners and visitors,

There seems to be an underlying push in our country moving towards socialism. It arose during the 2016 presidential election and it continues today. We hear some candidates propose to have free health-care, college tuition, etc.

That is wonderful but it comes down to one basic and fundamental question: Who will pay for it? Almost all who support it won't answer this question. They don't have to because silently they are saying it will be the rich.

Basically, socialism means there is no private ownership of property. The government takes a huge role in this theory which it runs just about everything that can be imagined. Taxes are very high because it supports the government to take care of most things. It sounds very good in theory but it has drawbacks. It has worked in several nations but it failed in many others.

Before we want to embrace this theory, people should understand what it means. It appears to me some of those in our nation who are purporting it are wealthy. I don't believe they will give much or all of their wealth to the government. They were either born or worked to get it. I don't think they will be as willing to give it away unless they have a vested interest.

Thank you and God bless you.

Msgr. Stoetzel

The intercession this week is to pray our nation and all others that work for freedom.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

If you have not returned your pledge card for the Diocesan Annual Appeal, please do so soon. We are just shy in reaching the parish target. It has started off very well, and we need the response from all our members to meet and exceed our target. Please be generous.

Also, please do not forget your parish family this Christmas with your financial support. We need all our parishioners to support the work we do in our community. It is easier to give to specific causes but we have a greater cause here doing the work of the Church.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

There are two holydays of obligation that will be celebrated within a month: Christmas on December 25th, and Mary, Mother of God on January 1st. Please watch for the Mass times in the bulletin. To servers, lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: we need your assistance. The sign-up sheets are in the Sacristy, and sign-up as soon as possible.

IANUARY & FEBRUARY LITURGICAL SCHEDULES

On Tuesday, December 18, preparation for the January and February 2019 Liturgical Schedules will begin. The submission cut off for dates you plan to be away is Monday, December 17. Away dates may be emailed to office@cathedralsjworkman.org. Thank you.

SCRIP NEWS

The holidays are just around the corner and most everyone's thoughts are about celebrating and feasting following Mass on Christmas Day. There is nothing more welcoming than freshly baked pies, bread, cakes, cookies, confectionaries and Yuletide drinks to be shared with loved ones and friends. What is better than sitting down to a holiday spread consisting of turkey, ham and other delectable dishes and to share stories, traditions and recall the humble estate in which Jesus was born into.

Our Scrip box is bursting with gift cards to area grocers and specialty shops for all of your festivities. We love special orders; however, we do ask for a week's lead time to ensure on time delivery. Those who use PrestoPay are encouraged to use reloadable cards and ScripNow for those last minute purchases. Did you know that ScripNow can be sent electronically as a gift 365 days a year? Simply click on the red exclamation mark (ScripNow e-card) and then check mark the box marked, *Make this a gift?* and and fill in the information which appears below gift options.

Our cheerful Scrip volunteers are always available following Sunday Masses to assist you with your purchases. Scrip is also available at the Rectory during normal business hours, Monday through Friday.

KNIGHTS OF ST. JOSEPH

During the month of December, there is much for the Knights of St. Joseph to meditate upon and pray about, especially the Word becoming Incarnate in our midst. The first solemnity is that of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary on December 8. December 12 is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. As we wind our way through the Advent Season straightening the paths that need straightening and jettisoning bad habits and behaviors, we finally reach the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord on December 25 in which the Angels rejoice. Following Christmas Day we celebrate the Feast of St. Stephen, the First Martyr. Then comes the Feast of St. John, the Apostle and Evangelist, immediately followed by the Feast of the Holy Innocents. On the 30th we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

As you can see the month of December is power packed with much to ponder about, meditate on, rejoice and weep over. The Saints, The Doctors of the Church, The Martyrs and The Evangelists have much wisdom and insight to impart to us. And where does this all lead us? Directly to our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of Kings, the Lord of Lord's and Prince of Princes.

The Knights of St. Joseph will gather for their Evening of Prayer on Friday, December 14, at 6:00 pm, at St. James the Less (1032 Caledonia Street). Our evening will consist of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying the Angelus, followed by Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours. Men will also have the opportunity to go to confession during our period of Eucharistic Adoration.

At 7:00 pm, Fr. Altman will give the men a talk on the Martyrs starting with St. Stephen, the very first Martyr up to our current time, which includes Blessed Miguel Pro and Brother James Miller and others, who conformed their wills to that of Our Lord and died and shed their blood for the Catholic Faith.

The evening will conclude with Night Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours, and Benediction.

Men of all parishes are welcome to join the Knights of St. Joseph each second Friday of the month, September through May of each year. Even if you only have ten or fifteen minutes or a half hour to spare, come, spend time before the Blessed Sacrament.

RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP & STAFF

The Most Reverend William P. Callahan, OFM Conv,

Bishop of La Crosse

Monsignor Charles D. Stoetzel,

Rector of the Cathedral

Deacon Joseph A. Richards

Deacon Thomas Skemp

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Bulletin Deadline:

The Cathedral Bulletin deadline is 4:00 pm each Monday.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULES for weekend of December 15-16

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| SATURDAY – 4:00 PM MASS | | | SUNDAY – 10:30 AM MASS | |
| l | Sallander, Craig | AS | Savoldelli, Joseph | AS |
| l | Bissen, Mary | EM | Savoldelli, Kathryn | AS |
| l | Gleason, Karen | EM | Dudley, Mary | EM |
| l | McDonnell, Jean | EM | Nelson, Virginia | EM |
| McDonnell, Dennis | | EM | Savoldelli, Jacob | EM |
| l | Skemp, Deacon Thomas | OM | St. John, Ellie | EM |
| l | Wirkus, Lois | LTR | Stellflue, Patricia | EM |
| l | | | Withrow, Cyndi | EM |
| l | SUNDAY – 7:00 AM MASS | | Whalen, Chuck | EM |
| l | Skemp, Thomas | AS | Stellflue, John | LTR |
| l | Taggart, Caleb | AS | | |
| l | Cook, Kevin | EM | SUNDAY – 4:30 PM MASS | |
| l | Peters, Charlie | EM | Nduka, Chukwuma | AS |
| Richards, Deacon Joseph | | OM | Callan, Charles | EM |
| l | Sperle, Douglas | EM | Gilbert, Sue | EM |
| l | Sperle, Mary | EM | Pham, Anh | EM |
| l | Klug, Michael | LTR | Roskos, Betty | EM |
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THE PROMISE

The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah.

Hi Everybody,

Bishop Callahan here, reminding you of the great gift that was promised to us through the prophet Jeremiah.

The promise of a Savior, to free us from our sins. The promise of Jesus Christ!

This Advent season our Gospel readings will be taken from the Gospel of Luke; we will hear accounts of the Annunciation and the Visitation. We will see Isaiah's prophecy of the birth of John the Baptist be fulfilled, and we will be reminded to be vigilant at all times; praying for the strength and courage to remain strong in our Faith.

I encourage you to incorporate this Advent time of preparation and waiting into your daily routine. Can you include a short prayer early in the morning as you prepare your breakfast? Or perhaps while you wait in traffic or for a family get-together, remember a time when you felt God's presence in your life? Commit to increasing your time of witness to others and to yourself.

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. This Advent season, let your inner joy animate your thoughts, radiate through your actions, and overtake your very being so that your hearts are fully open to welcome the Christ child this Christmas. Blessed Advent to you; let us wait together in prayer.

Read additional posts at: http://blog.diolc.org

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS & DECORATIONS

We are grateful for the many families and individuals who make contributions to offset and defray the cost of Christmas flowers and decor each year. As in year's past, there is an envelope in your monthly contribution packet to make an offering. Each week we will list the names of those being remembered.

This week we remember Fred and Marie Kabat, Charles and Viola Peters, Arnold and Patricia Braun, Margaret and Francis Mellick, Nettie Bott, Margaret Bott, Evelyn Lemke, Marion and Alfred Weber, Ada and Fletcher King, Jacob Allen Becker, Thomas Minter, Kathy Glende, Robert Becker, David Shoger, Claude Neumann, Francis Steiner, Florence Steiner, Sharon Neumann, Joseph Neumann, Adolph and Therese Trussoni, Mary Wilkum Tudahl, Mary, Diane and Jimmy Ferrier.



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Marriage: Couples who want to request the celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage should contact the rector/pastor at the time of formal engagement or at least six months prior to the anticipated date of marriage. In the case of a mixed marriage, the non-Catholic party must arrange to receive instructions about the Catholic faith prior to the celebration of the wedding. Weddings are not ordinarily celebrated during Lent.

Anointing of the Sick: Those who are seriously ill or have been sick for a long period of time should receive the Sacrament of the Sick and Holy Communion. Please call the parish office to make arrangements.

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