

The Week Ahead

Sat / December 16

4pm - Vigil Mass: *Lynne Colles - SI* by *Edmonds Family*
National Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

Sun / December 17 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

9am - Mass: People of the Parish
National Retirement Fund for Religious Collection
Coffee & Donuts after Mass, in the Parish Hall
10:30am - CCD
2:30pm - Mass (L): *Harold Plunkett †* by *M & M Winston*
4pm - Potluck to follow Mass, everyone invited

Mon / December 18

9am - Mass: *Magnificat Ministry*

Tue / December 19

Wed / December 20

9am - Mass: *Christine Venker - SI* by *MVB*
12pm - Altar Society Card Party, in the Parish Hall

Thu / December 21 - St. Peter Canisius

9am - Mass: *Clarence Barella †* by *PP & J DiCresce*
6pm - **B--I--N--G--O**

Fri / December 22

9am - Mass: *Jeannie Marnello †* by *C Kirsch*

Sat / December 23 - St. John of Kanty

3-3:45pm - Confessions
4pm - Vigil Mass: *Marty Barrack - SI* by *M Barrack*
5pm - Reception for Fr. Daniel, see announcement

Sun / December 24 - 4th Sunday of Advent

9am - Mass: *People of the Parish*
Coffee & Donuts after Mass, in the Parish Hall

Altar Flowers this week are compliments of:

- Knights of Columbus † *Gordon Hickert*

Tabernacle Roses this week are compliments of:

- Cavileers/Pellant in honor of the Divine Infancy

Coffee & Donuts next week, December 24th, will be served by Mary Stehno & group # 6.

Birthdays Next Week:

18-Tony DiIorio, Jr, Sean Taylor
19-Catherine Fay, Ruth Klingle
20-Santa Cavileer
21-Sandra Thone
23-Marty Barrack, Dean Beardslee
24-Pat Branch, Fr. Amal

We wish you many blessings on your birthday!

Next Weekend's Bulletin Deadline: Tues - 10am

Our Holy Day Mass Schedules

December 25th - Christmas

Sun/Dec. 24: 4pm Children's Mass
11:45pm Mass (*Carols at 11:30*)
Mon/Dec. 25: 9am Mass
12Noon Latin Mass

Christmas is a "Holy Day of Obligation". For those who may ask: the Sunday morning Mass does not fulfill your Holy Day obligation; and the Sunday evening Holy Day Mass does not fulfill your Sunday Mass obligation.

January 1st - Mary, Mother of God

Sun/Dec. 31: 4pm Mass
Mon/Jan. 1: 9am Mass

January 1st is normally a Holy Day of Obligation; seeing it falls on Monday this year, the USCCB has removed the "obligation". This day is still a Holy Day and the faithful are encouraged to attend Mass.

You're Invited!

Shh!.....We're planning a surprise 10 year Ordination Anniversary Party for Fr. Daniel Brandenburg on Saturday, Dec. 23rd, after the 4pm Vigil Mass, in the Parish Hall. He is thinking it is only a party to celebrate our granddaughter, Alice Rose's baptism, but we are celebrating both occasions. Please join us! ~ Bernie & Rose

Adorers - when planning your holiday festivities, don't forget your Adoration hour. The Chapel will be open Christmas Day (beginning at 2pm) and New Year's Day (beginning at 10am).

BLESSED ADVENT

"Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we Let Ourselves be DRAWN by the LIGHT to God made MAN."

~ Pope Francis

☺ Wishing you a happy week! ☺

CHILDREN WANTED!

We extend an invitation to all children and grandchildren of parishioners that would like to participate in the 4pm Vigil Mass for Christmas (Sunday eve). The children will be acting out the Gospel during Mass. All interested children are asked to arrive 30 minutes early and meet downstairs to get dressed in their costumes prior to Mass. If you have any questions, call Rose Brandenburg, 994-2744.

Rags Wanted

Do you have an abundance of rags at home? We could use some rags in cleaning around church. If you would like to donate some, please leave them outside the janitor closet door. Thank you!

Alzheimer Support Group
3rd Wednesday - 1:30pm
CV United Methodist Church

2018 Altar Flower and Rose Charts

The 2018 Altar Flower & Tabernacle Rose Charts are up on the bulletin board by the Sacristy. There are 2 charts, one for the Altar Arrangements (\$45 ea.) and one for the Tabernacle Roses (\$15/pr), so make sure you are signing-up on the correct chart. There is no need to pre-pay, you may wait till that date. Please slip donations under the Office door rather than in the regular collection basket.

Open Adoration Hours

Tue: 5-6pm / Weds: 4-5:30pm / Fri: 3-4pm

Would you like to spend an hour with Our Lord each week? Or substitute for an open Adoration hour once in a while?

Please contact Anne Kootz, 870-847-1985; or Martha DeCoster, 870-955-8349; or Bernie Brandenburg, 870-994-2744.

Next PC Meeting, Jan. 11th, 12noon

Parish Council meetings are open to parishioners to attend. If you wish to bring up a topic, let Becky in the Office know two weeks in advance so you can be put on the agenda.

New Year's Eve

BINGO & Potluck Dinner

Come join us for a night of fun ~ Door Prizes

Please bring a dish to share

Doors open - 5pm / Dinner - 5:30pm

BINGO approx. 7:15-10:30pm

For more info call Izzy, 994-2243 ;

or Ed, 257-2375

(NO BINGO Thursday, Dec. 28th)

CASA UPDATE

Our 2017 parish goal is **\$18,743.55** with **100%** participation. To date, **\$13,600** has been donated/pledged, by **50** households, with **\$420** still in outstanding pledges. This year's CASA Appeal ends December 31st. For those with outstanding pledges, please mail your checks in this week. For those who have not given; it's not too late. Checks may also be placed in any collection basket; please make them out to "CASA" and note our parish #7215 on them. God bless you all for your participation this year.

Attention All Women of the Parish

Mark your Calendar for January 20th at 2pm for a "Come and See Tea". Watch for more information in the New Year.

Training Session Planned for EMHCs

There will be another training session for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, for both at Mass and to the Sick, on Wednesday, January 10th, following the 6pm Mass. Please pray about volunteering for this important ministry in our parish. Some who have served are no longer able. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Ignatian Retreat

Deepen your friendship with the Lord in sacred stillness & quiet. Experience an Ignatian Silent Directed Retreat at St. John's Center in LR, March 15-18. The cost of \$300 includes 3 nights lodging, 9 meals, and daily spiritual direction. For more details see the announcement on the Church Hall bulletin board. To register, call the Vocations Office, 501-664-0340, ext. 337; or visit www.dolr.org. Space is limited, so register soon.