

Second Sunday of Advent—Cycle A
December 4th, 2016

Reform your lives; live in God's peace so that justice may flourish.

Opportunities to Worship This Week:

Sat. 12/3, 6PM (Vigil-Second Sunday of Advent)-Jim Turner+

Sun. 12/4, 8:30AM (Second Sunday of Advent)-Patty Brunell+

Thurs. 12/8, 6:30PM (Immaculate Conception)-For The People

Fri. 12/9, 8:00AM (Weekday)-Blake Snyder+

Sat. 12/10, 6:00PM (Vigil-Third Sunday of Advent)-John Robison III+

Sun. 12/11, 8:00AM (Third Sunday of Advent)-Kirk & Elaine Kerchner+

Sacrament of Penance

Anytime by Appointment/

Fri. mornings after Mass

Mass Attendance

Saturday

Sunday

Anointing of the Sick: Call the rectory any time when anointing of the sick is needed. In the absence of Fr. Martin-Edward, call Peg Garrison, Denise Zurliene or Jim Thompson and they will contact a deacon.

Prayer List:

Way-Fair Nursing Home – Kimberly Buchanan

Garland Keck, Lanora Neavill, Ute Ferido, Leon Chamness, Jack Ciesielczyk, Sharon Reyling, Dan Kinsolving, Brenda Belangee, Jim & Jane Mowry, Phyllis Laird, Kurt Wiseman, Stacy Winkeler, Nanette Williams, Julie Griffith, Gina Williams, Emilee Stanley, Noreen Reeves, Maddox Oppenheimer, Paula Zdan, Sara Kerchner, Charles Drechsel, Shirley Byars, Dorothy Baylor, Eva Decker, Matthew Rorban, Kathy Bramlet, Virginia Winkeler, Tom Colvin, Jim Lawler, Sydney Lawhon, Justin McKnight, Ryan McGehee, Teresa Williams, Andy Reyling, Andrew Mayo, Zeth Frank, Jan Mrozek, Robyn Meagher, Sheila Zurliene and all priests who are sick.

Saturday, December 10, 2016

Lector: Diana Zurliene

E. Mins: Jim & Margaret Thompson

Ushers: Tim & Jackie Schoenborn

Gifts: John & Leslie Robison

Servers: volunteer

Sunday, December 11, 2016

Mary Roy

Laura Titzer, Emily Milligan

Scott Merkle, Paul Perez

The Felowitz Family

Will Wright, Andrew Milligan

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Monday: Is 35:1-10

Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11

Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31

Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12

Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Is 48:17-19

Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11

Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10 Jas 5:7-10

Mt 11:2-11

“One Thing I ask of the Lord, and this I long, to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.” (Ps.27, 4)

That should be our daily prayer

That should be our daily desire

That should be our daily wish.

Second Sunday of Advent – Images show us the way.

Isaiah's image – new sprout from an old stump. From Jesse's stump (the father of King David) comes Jesse's flower (Jesus the Christ). Matthew's image – it hints at new people from baptismal waters. From the font comes new Christians bathed in Christ, clothed in Christ, and illumined by Christ. Like Christ and claimed by him. On this Second Sunday of Advent – as we wait for Christ to come again – John the Baptizer does not mince words. Behavior is far more important than pedigree, than lineage, than ancestors. We are called to live in faithful harmony, to be the brood of the baptized.

~How will I “be justice” this week, giving to others what they are due?

~How will I be faithful?

~How will I do what is right?

We welcome and thank, **Fr. Osang**, for celebrating the Eucharist with us during this Advent Season. We are forever grateful.

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Thurs. Dec. 8th—Mass 6:30pm
Chosen by God, Mary reverses the sin of Eve. Because of her obedience, God’s salvation is made known to all the nations.

St. Edward Parish Christmas Party
Mark your calendars for **St. Edward Parish Christmas Party** which will be held Sunday, December 11th, 2016 **following 8:00am Mass. The time change for mass is to give Fr. Martin-Edward the opportunity to stay and enjoy the fellowship with us.** We will once again have a potluck brunch, so please bring covered dishes of breakfast and lunch. I hear the kids will be performing. So please plan to attend and enjoy good food and great fellowship.

THANK-YOU
Thank-you to everyone who has donated coats to St. Vincent de Paul. If you have not brought your coats in yet, you still have time. Cold weather is here and our donations will help people who are less fortunate and in need this Advent Season.

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal
The ministries and programs that rely on The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal ensure the healing, teaching, and redemptive presence of Jesus Christ for the people of our Belleville Diocese. Yet, their work cannot continue without your help and support. We ask for your continued prayers for the success of the appeal and, if you are able, please consider making a gift. No amount is too large or small. Thank-you and God Bless.

UPCOMING EVENTS:
SUNDAY, December 4: PSR 9:30AM
THURSDAY, December 8: Mass 6:30pm—Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary
FRIDAY, December 9: Mass 8:30am
FRIDAY, December 9: FOOD PANTRY SET-UP 8:30AM
SATURDAY, December 10: FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION 8:00AM
SUNDAY, December 11: St. Edward Christmas Party (Mass 8:00am)
MONDAY, December 12: St. Stephen—6:30pm—Our Lady of Guadalupe
WEDNESDAY, December 14: Penitential Service at St. Stephen’s 6:30pm

Congratulations to Clayton Titzer on receiving the American FFA Degree. To be eligible to receive the American FFA Degree from the National FFA Organization, members must have already earned their State FFA Degree. Other qualifications include: at least 3 years of systematic secondary school in an Ag. Education program, community service, have in operation and have maintained records to substantiate and outstanding supervised agricultural experience program. Nice job Clayton. “We are proud of you.”