

Fourth Sunday of Advent—Cycle A

December 18th, 2016

Jesus is Emmanuel, “God with us”, risen from the dead. He is the king of glory.

Opportunities to Worship This Week:

Sat. 12/17, 6PM (Vigil-Fourth Sunday of Advent)-Dennis Milligan+

Sun. 12/18, 8:30AM (Fourth Sunday of Advent)-Larry McClure+

Thurs. 12/22, 6:30PM (Weekday)-**NO MASS**

Fri. 12/23, 8:00AM (Weekday)-**NO MASS**

Sat. 12/24, 6:00PM (Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord)-For the People

Sun. 12/25, 11:00AM (The Nativity of the Lord)-For the People

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, Justin McKnight, Ryan McGehee, Teresa Williams, Andrew Mayo, Zeth Frank, Jan Mrozek, Robyn Meagher, Sheila Zurliene and all priests who are sick.

Saturday, December 24, 2016

Lector: Don Zurliene

E. Mins: Jim & Margaret Thompson

Ushers: Sam & Kent Ochs

Gifts: Nick Zurliene Family

Servers: Jeff Zurliene, Will Wright

Sunday, December 25, 2016

Ginny Barrett

Laura Titzer, Peg Garrison

Drew Garrison, Clayton Titzer

Garrison Family

Emily & Sarah Titzer

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14

Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14

Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28

Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24

Saturday: Is 62:1-5

Sunday: Is 52:7-10

Heb 1:1-6

Lk 1:5-15

Lk 1:26-38

Lk 1:39-45

Lk 1:46-56

Lk 1:57-66

Mt 1:1-25

Jn 1:1-18

“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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent – Paying attention to dreams.

When we get to be of a certain age, we do not always sleep through the night. We are awakened by dreams, by concerns not yet resolved, by other need. (I am less peeved by this now. I want to be like Joseph in today’s story of the pending birth of Jesus.) Joseph has a problem. He wants to be righteous. He does not want to shame another. He sleeps on it. He dreams. And God speaks.

~What might God be telling me in the quiet of the night?

~How will my prayer, my concern be answered?

~What will I choose to do?

TIME CHANGE FOR CHRISTMAS DAY MASS: THE NEW TIME IS 11:00AM. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND MASS THAT DAY. THANK-YOU AND SORRY FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE.

THANK-YOU TO THE LADIES ALTAR SODALITY FOR ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL CHRISTMAS PARTY. A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL. ALSO, GREAT JOB KIDS!!!!

DECORATING THE CHURCH

Sunday, December 18th, we will be decorating the church for Christmas. This will take place right after mass. All help will be greatly appreciated.

SING, SING, SING, CHOIR

**ANYONE INTERESTED IN SINGING IN THE CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS EVE MASS THERE
WILL BE PRACTICE TUESDAY DECEMBER 20TH, AT 5:15PM.**

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

The true joy of Christmas is in the everlasting love of Christ. May you find His peace, love and joy now and in the coming New Year. With deepest gratitude for your prayers and generosity.

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MARCH FOR LIFE 2017

The 44th Annual National March for Life is January 26-28, 2017. Join us and thousands of others from across the nation for this huge pro-life gathering in the nation's capitol. Have questions or need more info? Want to sponsor someone to go on the trip? Contact Doug Luge by phone 618-476-9505 or email jdlugge@gmail.com. Registration forms and info are also on the Diocese of Belleville Respect Life's website at www.RespectLife.catholicweb.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SUN, December 18: PSR 9:30am (last class until Jan. 8th, 2017)

NO WEEKDAY MASSES: December 22nd and 23rd.

SAT, December 24: CHRISTMAS EVE MASS—St. Edward 6:00pm/music at 5:30pm.
St. Stephen 10:30pm/music at 10:00pm.

SUNDAY, December 25: CHRISTMAS DAY MASS—St. Stephen 9:00am
St. Edward 11:00am

NO WEEKDAY MASSES: December 26th thru 30th

SAT, December 31: New Years Eve mass—St. Stephen 4pm
St. Edward 6pm

SUN, January 1: New Years Day mass—St. Edward 8:30am
St. Stephen 10:30am



PREPARE. HE'S COMING!!!!