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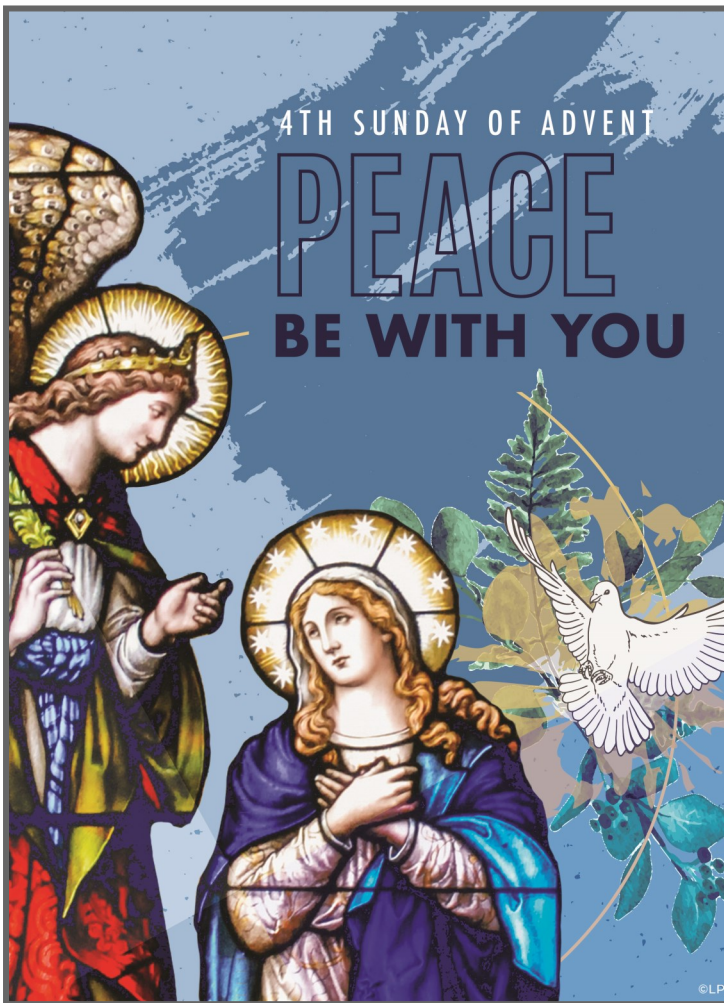


IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21st & 22nd, 2024



Let us live as temples of God, so that it may be evident to all that God dwells in us. –St. Cyprian

Weekly Mass Times

St. Dominic:		Immaculate Conception:	
Saturday	4:30 PM	Sunday	8:30 AM
Sunday	10:30 AM	Thursday	9:00 AM
Tues & Wed	10:30 AM	Friday	5:30 PM

Advent Reflection

Our weekly Advent themes this year are focused on Hope - the habit of waiting with joy, patience and perseverance.

The fourth Sunday of Advent theme is *Peaceful Hope*. Peace is experiencing a sense of calm and well-being; feeling at rest. But how do we experience that sense of peace in this world of uncertainty?

Peace is something that God gives to His people as a gift. Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you." He offers this gift with no strings attached. It is a blessing for us to enjoy. But it is something we must ask for in order to receive. By inviting God into our lives, praying to him and talking with him, we will enjoy the peace and comfort God is offering.

When we embrace the peace that Jesus freely gives, hope—a belief in good outcomes—guides us forward in our faith and in life. There will be days when peace, joy and patience feel distant, but our hope in the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ and His promised return remains our anchor. Our hope rests in the Lord, who alone can save us.

This Christmas, let us rejoice with all the faithful, for our hope has been fulfilled!

Have you experienced the gift of peaceful hope on your Advent journey?

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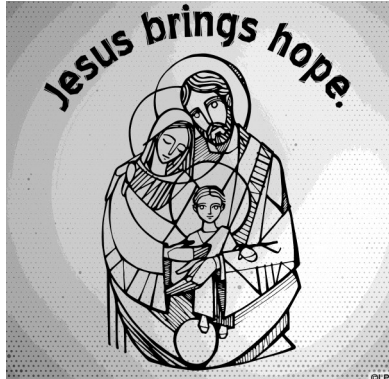
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~~~ **A Christmas Message from Deacon Stan Marczak** ~~~

As we prepare to enter into the Christmas season of 2024, I want to extend joyous Christmas hope to all of you. During our Blessed season of Advent we have reflected on Hope, offering thoughts on Patient hope, Persevering hope, Joyful hope, and Peaceful hope. May God give our parishes a renewed Hope in God's promises to us, with a wonderful expectancy that as we meet Jesus in the manger, our hearts will rejoice in our blessed Savior. May Christ be born again into each of your hearts this Christmas season.

As we continue to find opportunities to reflect on our own faith and relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ and His Church, may we be filled with joy and consolation at Christmas to know that all that we hoped for has been fulfilled in the person of the Christ Child.

I pray that as a community, we are thankful that God chose to come among us in order to redeem us. May we all experience with a deeper understanding, the Peace and Joy Jesus brings to our lives. Let us remind others and ourselves that Jesus is truly the reason for the season. How we celebrate Christmas and our Christmas traditions, is a proclamation of our faith in Jesus. Let us proclaim to our families, friends, and communities – Jesus is "Wonderful,"



"Counselor," "The Mighty God," "The Everlasting Father," and "The Prince of Peace."

I want to sincerely thank all who are working in any capacity to make our parish communities vibrant. To each and every one of you, giving of your time, talents, and treasures, Thank you! Our parishes are thriving because of the effort and sacrifice of so many dedicated people.

May God Almighty richly bless you and fill you with His Christmas Peace, Joy, and Love as you celebrate the Christmas proclamation.

Darlene and I, along with Fr. Tom, Sue and Mike, extend our Christmas greetings to you and your family. As we are celebrating this Joyous season, let our faith move us to sing with the Angels "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth, peace to those on whom his favor rests". (Luke: 2:14)

May our Lord Jesus Christ, whose birth we celebrate, bless you, your families and loved ones during this blessed time of hope and grace. May Mary, the Mother of the Child Jesus and our Mother, watch over you and our parish communities.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## A Christmas Poem

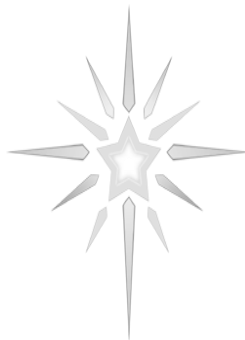
If you look for Me at Christmas,  
You won't need a special star -  
I'm no longer just in Bethlehem,  
I'm right there where you are.

You may not be aware of Me  
amid the celebrations -  
You'll have to look beyond the  
stores and all the decorations.

But if you take a moment from  
your list of things to do  
And listen to your heart,  
you'll find I'm waiting there for you.

You're the one I want to be with,  
You're the reason that I came,  
And you'll find Me in the stillness as I'm  
whispering your name.

Love,  
*Jesus*



## Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas and the Solemnity of Mary are on Wednesday this year. Please carefully check the times of Masses for these two feasts.



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|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Dec. 24: IC - 5:00 pm</b>  | <b>Dec. 31: SD - 4:30 pm</b> |
| <b>Dec. 24: SD - 7:00 pm</b>  | <b>Dec. 31: IC - 6:30 pm</b> |
| <b>Dec. 25: IC - 8:30 am</b>  | <b>Jan. 1: SD - 9:00 am</b>  |
| <b>Dec. 25: SD - 10:30 am</b> |                              |

### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"Blessed are you who believed," Elizabeth tells Mary. Do we believe? When we hear the voice of God whispering in our heart, do we listen — or do we ignore, out of fear and uncertainty? This last week of Advent, follow Mary's example, and believe. ©LPi

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**SD Fellowship: December 29**

Happy New Year

**New Year's Eve Celebration at IC**



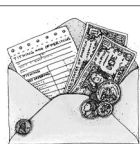
Immaculate Conception will be hosting wine and cheese in the social hall after the 6:30 pm Mass on New Year's Eve.

Let us gather as a church family and celebrate the beginning of the new year!



**Christmas For Kids**

Thank you to all those who donated toys to help make Christmas a little brighter for needy children in our area. Your generosity was very much appreciated by Operation Christmas and the families they served.



You can pick up your **2025 Contribution Envelopes** in the parish hall. If you did not receive a box, but would like one, please call the parish office and we'll make one for you.

**2025 Calendars** are also available in both parishes.

**CATHOLIC TRIVIA**

**Question:** What are the names of the two Sacraments of Healing?

**Answer:** The Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation

**CATHOLIC QUESTIONS & ANSWERS?**

**Question:** Why do we give gifts at Christmas?

**Answer:** Great events in and of themselves are not tangible. They occur in life but leave no mark behind, nothing that someone could come across and know that something significant occurred. So we mark the event with monuments, holidays, gold watches or plaques, making a meaningful event tangible and memorable.

Gifts at Christmas do the same thing. They mark the occasion of the birth of Jesus, communicating a bit of the joy of the day by allowing us to be both giver and receiver. Gift-giving sets aside the day as special and different. The special foods, customs, decorations, and gifts all help focus our attention on the importance and meaning of the day and at the same time allow us to share personally in its joy and happiness.

In giving gifts, though, we can share in the meaning of Christmas in a significant way. We imitate God in sharing with others. We give a bit of ourselves to others in the gifts we give, just as God gives us the gift of his Son. No wonder we often say that the best gifts are those that come from the heart. Given in love, these presents are wrapped in the best covering of all. ©LPi

**Upcoming Events**

**Tuesday, December 24**

Office closed

**Wednesday, December 25**

Christmas Day—see Mass schedule on page 2

Office closed

**33 Days to Eucharistic Glory**



For those who have started this book, we trust you are finding it meaningful. If you have not yet picked up your copy, we still have some left in the back of church. This spiritual resource presents profound truths, astonishing historical facts, powerful practical examples, a daily virtue to adopt, extraordinary prayers, and inspiring stories—all in an easy-to-follow daily format.

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENT

**Carry the Person of Jesus**

When Elizabeth was visited by Mary, her joy was overwhelming. Elizabeth recognized that Mary was carrying inside her the Messiah. She was honored to receive Mary, not just because of who Mary was herself, but also because of the One she had inside her.

We meet people every day in our lives. Some we know well, some are acquaintances, and others we may have never seen before. Yet all of them are made in the image of God and carry within them the person of Jesus. If we considered this more frequently, would we act more graciously toward each other? Mary gave birth to the Son of God so that we might be able to be adopted sons and daughters of God. If we thought of this more often, would we be so quick to dismiss someone or ignore him or her?

This time of year is filled with gatherings and parties for many of us. We also find ourselves rushing about getting ready for Christmas. There are so many people that cross our paths. Will we allow the Jesus in us to greet with joy the Jesus in them? Will we pause to offer a greeting or kind word? Instead of looking at them with human eyes, will we try to see them through the eyes of faith like Elizabeth. If not, what is all of this celebration and preparation about anyway? —Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE**

|         | SD                               | IC                               |
|---------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Dec. 25 | NO CLASS— <i>Merry Christmas</i> | NO CLASS— <i>Merry Christmas</i> |
| Jan. 1  | NO CLASS— <i>Happy New Year</i>  | NO CLASS— <i>Happy New Year</i>  |
| Jan. 8  | CLASS                            | CLASS                            |



# MASSES AND INTENTIONS

## Saturday, December 21

SD 4:00 pm Confessions  
SD 4:30 pm People of the Parish

## Sunday, December 22 *4th Sunday of Advent*

IC 7:45-8:10 Confessions  
IC 8:30 am Ruth & Robert Wegner by Mike & Lucy Myers  
SD 10:30 am Rayola Sparish by Ronda Thompson

## Tuesday, December 24 *Christmas Eve*

IC 5:00 pm Richard Michel by Elaine Michel  
SD 7:00 pm Rayola Sparish by Don & Kathy Supinski

## Wednesday, December 25 *Christmas Day*

IC 8:30 am Don Deye by Karen Klinkhammer  
SD 10:30 am Twyla Rieck by Anna Runnels

## Thursday, December 26 *St. Stephen*

IC 9:00 am All Souls Day Intentions

## Friday, December 27 *St. John*

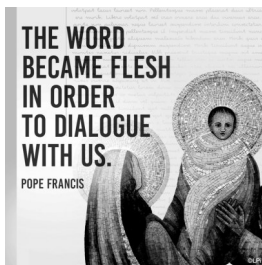
IC 5:30 pm All Souls Day Intentions

## Saturday, December 28 *The Holy Innocents*

SD 4:00 pm Confessions  
SD 4:30 pm John Stocco by Joanne Stocco

## Sunday, December 29 *Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*

IC 7:45-8:10 Confessions  
IC 8:30 am People of the Parish  
SD 10:30 am Bev Stumpf by Joanne Stocco



## Parish Services

### Home Bound

Please contact the office to be placed on the communion list or if you would like a ride to Mass on the weekend.

### Baptism and Matrimony

Please call the office to get all the information you need for your upcoming sacrament.

### Anointing of the Sick

Available by appointment, please contact the office.

### Prayer Chain

If you need a prayer said for you or your loved ones, please contact the office to begin the prayer chain.

### Rosary

The Rosary is recited one half hour before weekend Masses.

| STEWARDSHIP 12/8/24            | SD         | IC         |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Envelope Collection            | \$1,515.00 | \$1,525.00 |
| Loose Collection               | \$498.00   | \$199.00   |
| Children's Collection          | \$49.00    | \$12.25    |
| <i>Outstanding CSA Pledges</i> | \$1,154    | \$1,600    |

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS AND SERVERS

### Tuesday, December 24

#### Immaculate Conception - 5:00 pm

Lector: Elaine Michel  
Communion: Joan Lauer  
Sacristan: Joan Lauer  
Ushers: Pete Lauer, Bill Schoettle

#### St. Dominic - 7:00 pm

Ushers: Bill Schommer, Joe Draxler  
Greeters: N - Colleen Draxler  
S - Carol Schommer  
Lector: Randy Antonich  
Sacristan: Maria Taylor  
Communion: Colleen Draxler  
Server: Hattie, Carl Antonich

### Wednesday, December 25

#### Immaculate Conception - 8:30 am

Lector: Mike Strub  
Communion: Shari Harter  
Sacristan: Shari Harter  
Ushers: Mike Cole, VOLUNTEER

#### St. Dominic - 10:30 am

Ushers: John Scheidt, Dave Malinovsky  
Greeters: N - Kris Opitz  
S - Jeanette Laqua  
Lector: Dave Malinovsky  
Sacristan: Nancy Chenal  
Communion: Kris Opitz  
Servers: Patrick Chenal

### Saturday, December 28

#### St. Dominic - 4:30 pm

Ushers: Bill Schommer, Don Supinski  
Greeters: N - Sara Ronningen  
S - Carol Schommer  
Lector: Ronda Thompson  
Sacristan: Kathy Supinski  
Communion: Sara Ronningen  
Server: Steve Swies

### Sunday, December 29

#### Immaculate Conception - 8:30 am

Homebound: Barb Benson  
Lector: Jennifer Wagner  
Communion: Dolores Swenson  
Sacristan: Barb Benson  
Ushers: Mike Cole, Pete Lauer

#### St. Dominic - 10:30 am

Homebound: Colleen (S), Colleen (L), Maria (F)  
Ushers: Dan & Thomas King  
Greeters: N - Kris Opitz  
S - Julie Antonich  
Lector: Patrick Chanel  
Sacristan: Nancy Chenal  
Communion: Kris Opitz  
Server: Hattie & Carl Antonich