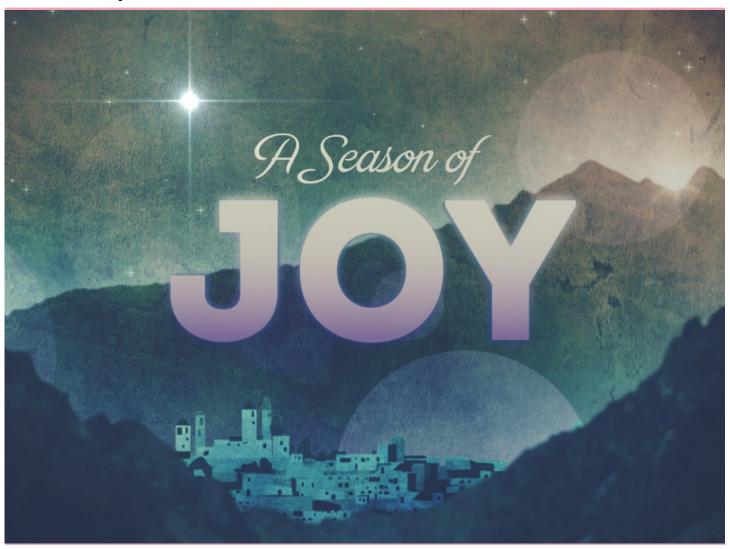


Assumption Catholic Church

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Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2024



May you find Christ here...may you take Christ to the world!

Mass Schedule:

Saturday, 4:00 p.m. Sunday, 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. Thursday, 12 noon Friday, 9:00 a.m.

Confessions:

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 p.m. Weekdays, 30 mins. prior to Mass Fr. Thomas A. Sebastian CST, Pastor tanatharackal@gmail.com, 681.404.2521

Rev. Mr. Larry Hammel, Deacon LawrenceVHammel@gmail.com

Kelli Wittman, Office Manager

Kelley Kuhn, Director of Religious Education
Linda Davis-Kyle, Music Director & Organist
Patrick George, Organist

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection: Third Sunday of Advent

The third Sunday of Advent, God's word introduces us to Jesus Christ's precursor: Saint John the Baptist. God the Father is preparing the arrival, that is, the Advent, of His Son, born of the Virgin Mary, in many different ways, as the beginning of the Letter to the Hebrews, says: Patriarchs, Prophets and Kings prepared Jesus' arrival. We see both genealogies, in Matthew's and Luke's Gospels, Jesus Christ as son of Abraham and son of Readings for Next Sunday, December 22, 2024

Micah 5:1-4a Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45

David. Moses, Isaiah and Jeremiah announced His Advent and described the features of His Ministry. But Saint John the Baptist, would be the one to point Him out to the world, and the privilege of baptizing our Lord went to him. His was to be the very last testimony before Jesus' arrival. And he gave it with his life, with his death and with his word.

John's birth was also announced, like that of Jesus, and was prepared, as seen in Luke's Gospel (chapters 1 and 2). And his death, as a martyr, victim of a king's weakness and of a wicked woman's hatred, also prepared the way for that of Jesus. This is why, he receives the most extraordinary praise from Jesus himself, which can be read in Matthew's and Luke's Gospels, "I tell you, among those born of women there is no one greater than John". John, who would have known of all this praise, is however an example of humility: he tells us today, "I am not worthy to untie his sandal" (Lk 3:16). And, according to Saint John, "He must increase while I must decrease". Let us listen today to his word, exhorting us to share what we have and to respect the justice and dignity everybody deserves. Thus, we shall be preparing ourselves to receive He who is coming to save us and will come again to "judge the living and the dead".

Saint of the Week ... St. Domenic of Silos

Dominic of Silos was born in Spain around the year 1000 into a peasant family. As a young boy he spent time in the fields, where he welcomed the solitude. He became a Benedictine priest and served in numerous leadership positions. Following a dispute with the king over property, Dominic and two other monks were exiled. They established a new monastery in what at first seemed an unpromising location. Under Dominic's leadership, however, it became one of the most famous houses in Spain. Many healings were reported there.



Feast Day: December 20

About 100 years after Dominic's death, a young woman who experienced difficult pregnancies made a pilgrimage to his tomb. Dominic of Silos appeared to her and assured her that she would bear another son. The woman was Joan of Aza, and the son she bore grew up to be Dominic Guzman who founded the Dominican Order.

For hundreds of years thereafter until 1931, the staff used by Saint Dominic of Silos was brought to the royal palace whenever a queen of Spain was in labor.

St. Dominic of Silos is the patron saint of pregnant women, prisoners and shepherds.

Source: franciscanmedia.org

Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Leslie Bosley, Angela Bowers, Mickey Brooks, Darlene "Bitsy" Brown, Sue Burns, Raymond Clark, Hailey Claire, Linda Davis-Kyle, Palma Devic, Cam Duncan, Bill Fazzalore*, Scott Furey, Barbara

Gratto, Sue Greco, Donna Hanlin, Shawn Hartman, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Wanda Kinnie, Joanne Knott*, Jeffrey Labonte, Jim Lambert, Pam Launi, Lance Lupis, Betty McAvoy, Paul & Connie Murray, Randy Nairn, Debbie Pappas, Crystal Pollet, Susie Radcliffe, Katherine Revell, Carla Riggleman, Jeff Roth, Margie Roy, Graydon Shade, Helen Shallis, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Barbara Stanislawczyk, Melissa Stanislawczyk, John Stephen Jr., Michaela Stickley, Bill Stine, Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Courtney Whiteman.

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Gaudete Sunday

The word "Gaudete" (pronounced gaw-DEH-tay) is Latin for "rejoice." For the past two weeks, we have been preparing for the arrival of the Lord Jesus. On this third Sunday, we are now most of the way through the journey, making it appropriate to "rejoice" as the goal of the season approaches!

Marriage Banns

In accordance with Canon 1067, we announce that the following individuals are preparing to be married:

Wanda Riggleman Kinnie

Roland E. Nairn III

If there are any known impediments to this proposed marriage, please contact the Parish Office.

Required posting 3 of 3



Important Survey Coming Soon!

Our Diocese — and with it our parish — is on a journey to know, love, and serve Christ in our parish community. Together we

must embrace Christ's vision for missionary discipleship so our parish can thrive and be a place for others to grow together in faith.

The very first step in this process involves assessing our greatest strengths and opportunities, and that is where the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) comes in! The DMI is an important survey tool that invites you to reflect on your discipleship journey.

The 10–15-minute survey will be accessed through an online link beginning in early January. All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. We will share the link with you a bit closer to the launch of the survey. Paper surveys will also be available.

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Christmas Schedule

Tuesday, December 24

4:00 p.m.
Christmas Vigil Mass
6:00 p.m.
Festival of Lessons & Carols
6:30 p.m.
Christmas Vigil Mass

Wednesday, December 25

8:30 a.m. Christmas Mass

Wednesday, January 1

5:00 p.m.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Holy Day of Obligation this year

(No weekday Masses December 26-27)

Save the Date!

Our parish family will gather to celebrate Fr. Thomas' birthday and ordination anniversary on Friday evening, January 10. More details will be shared soon!

Mass Schedule and Intentions Date Time Intention Offered by Soul of Margie Konka.....Bob Konka Saturday, December 14 4:00 pm Intentions of John Gustafson Sue & Jean Harber Soul of Doris Tetrick......Joanne & Mike Stickley Sunday, December 15 8:30 am Souls of George & Jennie Ebner...... Assumption Parish Monday, December 16 No Mass Tuesday, December 17 No Mass Wednesday, December 18 No Mass Thursday, December 19 Souls of Bill & Helen Semenuk.......Cathy Pardee 12:00 pm Intentions of Art DeMasi...... Mary Shannon Intentions of Beverley Iser.......Mary Shannon Soul of Sam Alexander...... Mary Balassone Friday, December 20 9:00 am Intentions of Fr. Thomas & his family......Sue & Jean Harber Soul of John & Hazel CoffmanCindy & Jim Alt Saturday, December 21 4:00 pm Soul of Joe Harber......Sue & Jean Harber The Alt, Cobb & Kuh families................................. Dean & Kathy Alt Soul of Ron Chiccehitto......Jan Chiccehitto Sunday, December 22 8:30 am Soul of Michael Mayolo......Assumption Parish

Note: There will be no Mass on Wednesday, December 18. Fr. Thomas will be away attending a Vicariate priest meeting.

Join us to pray the Rosary 30 minutes prior to each weekday Mass.



Knight of the Quarter

Doug Minnich is always there when needed to help with parish activities and K of C projects. As the Council's Church Director, Doug faithfully organizes the Knights in praying the Rosary every month and in scheduling members for the Knight's quarterly Mass. Doug serves as a Lector, is a church cleaner, and also takes care of restocking the Sanctuary votive candles. Congratulations, and thank you Doug for all you do!

Knight Family of the Month

John Krumpach his wife Debbie are active participants in both parish and council activities. They serve as Greeters at Mass and are also church cleaners. They also help with the K of C Spaghetti dinners. The Krumpachs are always willing to help with whatever is asked of them, and are certainly assets to our parish family! Congratulations John and Debbie!

Your Faithful Stewardship

December 7-8, 2024

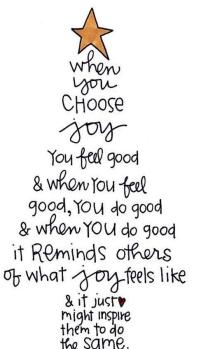
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Offerlory	
Offertory Envelopes	\$2,355
Loose Donations	\$4,010
Christmas Flowers	\$475
Total	. \$6,840
<u>Attendance</u>	
Saturday, December 7	58
Sunday, December 8	123
Total	181
Diocesan Collection	

Thank You!

Religious Retirement......\$645





Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, December 21

Lector: Doug Minnich

Servers: Sue Harber & Rosie Landis

EMs: Cathy Pardee, Jean Harber (c), Sue Harber (c)

Cantor: Linda Marsh

Greeters: Bob & Karen Yowler

Sunday, December 22

Lector: Paul Bogdan

Servers: Tina & Derek Stephen

EMs: Kelley Kuhn, Tina Stephen (c), Nancy Starcher (c)

Cantor: Patrick George

Greeters: Tina Stephen & Melissa Stanislawczyk

Saturday, December 28

Lector: Karen Yowler

Servers: Tucker Newlin & Jude Barrick

EMs: TBD

Cantor: Anita Tetreault

Greeters: Bill Lupis & Mary Wagoner

Sunday, December 29

Lector: Derek Stephen

Servers: James & Tess Maybury

EMs: Pam Williams, Jane Placka (c), Beverley Iser (c)

Cantor: Julie Alt

Greeters: Denny Dolechek & Marvin Whetzel

Keyser Healthcare Center EM

December 19 Joanne Stickley December 26 Cindy Alt

