

# Assumption Catholic Church

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*Second Sunday of Advent*

*December 5, 2021*



***May You Find Christ Here...May You Bring 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

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Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Bulletin Deadline:**

Wednesday, 12 noon

## Sunday Reflection: Second Sunday of Advent

Do we recognize the voice of the Lord speaking to us when we listen to the word of God in Scripture? Luke the evangelist tells us that the "word of God came to John in the wilderness" (Luke 3:2). Who was John the Baptist and what is the significance of the word which he received and delivered to the people of his day? Luke tells us that John was the son of Zechariah, a priest who served in the temple at Jerusalem. John stood at a pivotal juncture in the history of God's dealing with his people. He bridged the Old and New Testaments, also known as the Old and New Covenants which God made with his people. John was called from an early age to devote himself to prayer and to the word of God. John was led by the Spirit into a barren and lonely place away from the noise and distractions of everyday life. There God taught John in the solitude of the desert and prepared him for a prophetic ministry that would turn the hearts of his people to receive their long-awaited Messiah.

How can we, like John the Baptist, prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus Christ - today and every day and when he comes again to bring us fully into his everlasting kingdom? John the Baptist tells us that the first step is conversion and repentance (Matthew 3:2). Conversion involves receiving God's word into our heart and mind and allowing his Word to change our attitudes and wrong ways of thinking and judging. Repentance is the deliberate turning away from sin and turning to God to receive his pardon, healing, and strength to do what is good and reject what is wrong. John saw from a distance what Jesus the Messiah would accomplish through his death and resurrection - pardon for our sins, healing and restoration, and eternal life for all who would believe in the Lord Jesus. Are we hungry for the Word of God and do we allow God's word to transform the way we think, speak, and live our lives?

Readings for next Sunday,  
December 12, 2021

**Third Sunday of Advent**

Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:10-18



## Saint of the Week ... St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor

Saint Ambrose is one of the four original doctors of the Church, and became one of the most important theological figures of the 4th century.

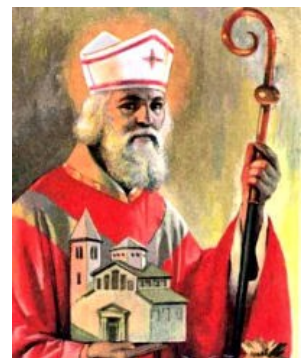
Ambrose was born around 340 AD to a Roman Christian family. He grew up in present-day Germany. It is believed by many that when Ambrose was just an infant, a swarm of bees landed on his face and left behind a drop of honey. To his father, this was a sign that Ambrose would become someone great.

He was educated in Rome, where he studied law, literature and rhetoric. In 372 he was made Governor of Liguria and Emilia. When the Bishop of Milan unexpectedly died, Ambrose was called to become the next Bishop. He refused, however, because he was neither baptized or trained in theology. He attempted to hide, but within a week's time, he was baptized, ordained, and duly consecrated Bishop of Milan in 374.

St. Ambrose was generous to the poor. He considered them not a group of outsiders, but rather those of the united people. To him, giving to the poor was just a repayment of God's resources, which were intended for everyone equally.

St. Ambrose is the patron saint of beekeepers, beggars, learning and Milan.

Source: [catholiconline.org](http://catholiconline.org)



Feast Day: December 7



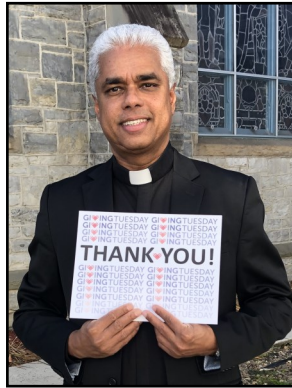
## Parish Prayer List

Please pray for: Patricia Ansel, Jennifer Boling, Kista Crites, Bobby Dorsey, Barbara Gratto, Beth Grayson, Sue Greco, Barbara Grubbs\*, Eddie Halterman, Larry Hinkle\*, Helen Holder\*, Kathy Jenkins, Pam Launi, Craig Leibig, Paul Miller, Esther Shockey, Sue Spotts, Bill Stine, Scott Tasker and Maleigha Taylor.

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# GIVING TUESDAY

**Thank you** to all those who supported our parish on Giving Tuesday! Over \$3,000 was contributed on that day.



This amount, when added to donations already received through the Catholic Sharing Appeal, brings our CSA total to \$17,420. Which means we have **surpassed our sharing appeal goal for the first time since 2016!**

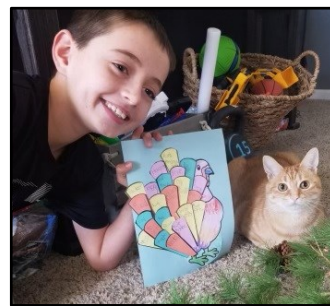
If you missed Giving Tuesday but would still like to participate, we can continue to accept contributions through December 31. Donations can be made online at [csa.dwcministries.org/donate](http://csa.dwcministries.org/donate) or by check made payable to the Catholic Sharing Appeal. Checks can be dropped in the offertory basket, mailed to the Parish Office, or mailed directly to the CSA at P. O. Box 230, Wheeling, WV 26003. Be sure to mark "Assumption Parish" in the memo line.

## Feast of the Immaculate Conception



Mass for this Holy Day of Obligation will be on **Wednesday, December 8, at 6 p.m.**

## Thankful Turkeys



During the month of November, students in our Grades 3-4 CCD class, taught by Nancy Starcher, made "Thankful Turkeys." Each day they listed someone or something they are thankful for on one of the turkey's feathers, and by Thanksgiving they had a beautiful, colorful "Thankful Turkey!" Jude Barrick is shown here with his turkey and his friend Peachy, who of course is also on one of the feathers!

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, December 4	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Herman Wise .....	Jean Harber
		Living & Deceased Durst Family .....	Mitch & Carol Durst
Sunday, December 5	8:30 a.m.	Souls of Tom & Betty Harbaugh .....	Michelle Brill
		The Barrick & Travis Families .....	Howard & Karen Barrick
Monday, December 6	No Mass		
Tuesday, December 7	No Mass		
Wednesday, December 8	6:00 p.m.	Soul of Michael Melody & Deceased Members of the Melody Family .....	Sharon Melody
Thursday, December 9	12 noon	Souls of Tom & Thelma O'Connor .....	Kelley & Jeff Kuhn
Friday, December 10	9:00 a.m.	Souls of James DeMasi & Paul Shannon .....	Mary Shannon
Saturday, December 11	4:00 p.m.	Souls of Ginny & Tim Newlin .....	Kelley & Jeff Kuhn
		Soul of Elaine Miller .....	Mary Lambert
Sunday, December 12	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Mildred Willis .....	Mary Balassone
		Intentions of Beverley & Robert Iser .....	The Harber Family



# UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, December 8, 6:00 p.m.

## Mass for Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*(Holy Day of Obligation)*

Sunday, December 12, 2:00 p.m.

## Advent Concert @ Our Lady of Grace Church

Featuring the Honeybee Community Choir

Monday, December 13, 5:00 p.m.

## Parish Christmas Dinner @ Flying W Farms

Tickets (\$20 per person) can be purchased at the Parish Office through December 8

Monday, December 13, 6:30 p.m.

## Free Christmas Concert at Grace UM Church

Featuring Pan Jammin Steel Drum

Wednesday, December 15, 6:00 p.m.

## Advent Penance Service

December 24 & 25, 4:00 p.m.; 6:00 p.m.; 8:30 a.m.

## Christmas Masses

Please register for the Mass you plan to attend!

Friday, December 31, 4:00 p.m.

## Mass for Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*(not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)*

Thursday, January 6, 12:30 p.m.

## Synodal Listening Session

More details will be shared soon!

Friday, January 7, 5:00 p.m.

## Celebrating Fr. Thomas

More details will be shared soon!

## Collections & Attendance

November 27-28, 2021

### Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$1,800
Loose Donations.....	\$311
Holiday Flowers.....	\$15
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$2,126</b>

### Attendance

Saturday 11/27.....	67
Sunday 11/28.....	91
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>158</b>

### Diocesan Collection

A collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be held next weekend. A letter from Bishop Brennan about this collection is enclosed with today's bulletin.

## Christmas Flower Offerings

Remember or honor your loved ones this Christmas with an offering for the flowers which will decorate our beautiful church. All names will appear in our Christmas bulletin.

If you use offertory envelopes, be sure to include on the envelope who your donation is in memory or honor of. If you do not use offertory envelopes but would like to make a memorial donation, simply use any envelope and include a note with your intentions.



## Liturgical Minister Schedule

### Saturday, December 11

Lector: Kerri Wittman  
Servers: Sue Harber, Tucker Newlin, Jude Barrick  
EM: Sue Harber  
Cantor: Anita Tetreault  
Greeters: Mike & Robin McDowell

### Sunday, December 12

Lector: Derek Stephen  
Servers: Mike Landis, Tina & Derek Stephen  
EM: Nancy Starcher  
Cantor: Julie Alt  
Greeters: Denny Dolechek & Marvin Whetzel

### Saturday, December 18

Lector: Celia Cole  
Servers: James & Tess Maybury  
EM: Jean Harber  
Cantor: Linda Marsh  
Greeters: Bob & Karen Yowler

### Sunday, December 19

Lector: Mike Landis  
Servers: Tina & Derek Stephen  
EM: Kelley Kuhn  
Cantor: Nancy Starcher  
Greeters: Mike & Sonja Stanislawczyk

