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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24 2017

Let the earth be opened and bring forth a
Savior.

Fourth Sunday of Advent**December 24, 2017*****"For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord."***

Today we hear the familiar story of the angel Gabriel announcing to Mary that she will conceive and bear the Son of God. What an unbelievable message this must have been! She was seemingly just an ordinary young woman, not even married, not even having relations with a man. As a Jew, she would have been praying for the coming of the Messiah; now she is told she would be giving birth to him. But like David in the Old Testament, she accepts the role God has for her. "May it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38).

Fourth Sunday of Advent**2 Sm. 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 / Rom. 16:25-27 / Lk.****1:26-38****Mass Intentions: December 23-24, 2017**

December 23 – 5:30pm	Bob Bencic
Fr. Joe	
December 24 – 8:30am	Charles & Agnes Figler
Fr. Ben	
December 24 – 10:00am	Rosemary Roberts
Fr. Joe	
December 24 – 12:30pm	St. Augustine Community
Fr. Ben	

Eucharistic Ministers – December 23-24, 2017**Saturday, 5:30pm**

Teresa Yurchisin
Helen Bencic
David Murray
Bonnie Robertson
Gaylen Emond

Sunday, 10:00am

Jean Mendis
Nora Kowalchik
John Kowalchik
Maria Rivera
Jeannie Rawlings

Sunday, 8:30am

Barb Rivera
Jackie Titschinger
Eddie Reyes

Sunday, 12:30pm

Priscilla Treska
Tom Calton
Aaron Calton

Lectors – December 23-24, 2017**Saturday, 5:30pm**

Mike Miklus

Sunday, 10:00am

Jean Mendis
Robin McMarlin

Sunday, 8:30am

Alice Weaver

Sunday, 12:30pm

Curt Treska

Christmas Liturgies – Holy Day**Obligation**

December 24 - 4:00pm	Carol Oden
Fr. Joe	
December 24 - 5:30pm	Robin Zarembski
Fr. Art Snedeker	
December 24 - 12:00am	John & Marilyn McMaken
Fr. Joe & Fr. Ben	
December 25 - 8:30am	Skippy McKenna
Fr. Mike Franz	
December 25 - 10:00am	Robin Zarembski
Fr. Ben	
December 25 - 12:30pm	Donnell Treska Williams
Fr. Joe	

Weekday Mass Intentions

<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 / Mt. 10:17-22</u>
	8:00am Scott Michael Loomis
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>1 Jn. 1:1-4 / Jn. 20:1a, 2-8</u>
	8:00am Donnell Treska Williams
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>1 Jn. 1:5-2:2 / Mt. 2:13-18</u>
	8:00am Mary F. Warmuth
<u>Friday</u>	<u>1 Jn. 2:3-11 / Lk. 2:22-35</u>
	8:00am Pelthia Family
	5:30pm Manuel A. Santiago, Sr.

December Calendar

24	Vigil of Christmas
25	Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) (Holy Day of Obligation)
26	Feast of St. of. Stephen Boxing Day (Canada)
27	Feast of St. John
28	Feast of the Holy Innocents
29	Fifth Day within the Octave of Christmas Optional Memorial of St. Thomas Becket
30	Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas

Catholic Blind Community Prayer Line

216-781-5530 ext. 24

Reading of the Bulletin phone number: 216-769-5163

*May your CHRISTMAS be a MERRY and
JOYFUL this Holiday!!!*

*Fr. Joe, Fr. Ben, Sr. Corita and Parish staff
wishing you and your Families a
BLESSED CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR!!!!*

God has a plan

"The Lord is with you." One can only imagine how Mary felt receiving this knowledge. Despite her lowliness, she was chosen to give birth to the Son of God. She was perplexed and moved by what she heard, yet Mary accepted the tremendous responsibility and proclaimed a joyful "yes." Mary's faithful response to God's call carried her through life when, years later, she watched her son be put to death. Even then she drew on God for strength.

Just as Mary felt perplexed by the angel's greeting, we too can feel overwhelmed by the intense love God has for us. Tomorrow, we gather at the crèche and celebrate that the Word of God took on human form to be present with us. And then, after dying for our sins on the cross, Jesus remains with us through the Eucharist. The Lord is always with us.

It is astonishing to think that, regardless of our failings, we are not alone. As Advent comes to a close, may we allow ourselves to find peace in the knowledge that God has a plan for each one of us and that the love of God will not lead us astray. God is with us every hour of the day, and we need only ask for the strength and hope that will allow us to overcome our challenges.

Elizabeth Chesley-Jewell
Living with Christ, December 2017

Calendar Winners

The winners of our Hunger Center Calendar drawings are:

December 17	Chapter 18	17399
December 18	Donald J. McCune	17117
December 19	Latoya Montanez	17499
December 20	Tom Hart	17020
December 21	Mary Beth Parschen	17434
December 22	Henry Clark, Jr.	17162
December 23	Celeste Phillips	17110

Weekly Collection

The weekly collection was **\$2,527.46**. We are deeply grateful for your generosity for the weekly collection to St. Augustine Parish, as well as your kindness and support that enable us to provide for the needs of our families and our parish community.

Religious Retirement Collection was **\$324.25**. We thank you for your donations.

Mass Intentions: December 30-31, 2017

December 30 – 5:30pm	Tom & Loretta Dulik Fr. Ben
December 31 – 8:30am	Sandy & Nancy Helsel Fr. Joe
December 31 – 10:00am	Jack McMarlin Fr. Joe
December 31 – 12:30pm	St. Augustine Community Fr. Ben

Eucharistic Ministers – December 30-31, 2017

Saturday, 5:30pm

Teresa Yurchisin
Helen Bencic
David Murray
Bonnie Robertson
Gaylen Emond

Sunday, 8:30am

Eddie Reyes
Jackie Titschinger
Barb Rivera

Sunday, 10:00am

Jean Mendis
Nora Kowalchik
John Kowalchik
Maria Rivera
Shirley Ann Lesak

Sunday, 12:30pm

Sue Scialabba
Frank Scialabba
Joe Lewandowski

Lectors – December 30-31, 2017

Saturday, 5:30pm

Mike Miklus

Sunday, 10:00am

Jeannie Rawlings
Sue McGinn

Sunday, 8:30am

Mary Smith

Sunday, 12:30pm

Aaron Calton

Solemnity of Mary – NOT a Holy Day **Obigation**

December 31 – 5:30pm Margaret Stark
Fr. Joe

January 1, 2018 – 10:00am Donnell Treska
Fr. Joe Williams

Flying Fingers

For those who wish to learn sign-language and/or improve their signing skills, the Flying Fingers program will help you to do so. The group will meet on January 9, 2018, from 6:30pm-8pm in Walsh Hall and will continue to meet on the second Tuesday of each month.

Children and Young Adult Activities



Religious Education

Religious Education classes for grades 1-7, and Confirmation Class for grades 8-12 will be on Monday, January 8, 2018, from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. Please call Kathleen Ulintz at 216-781-5530 ex. 23 OR e-mail at Staugustineprs@yahoo.com. We are always looking for anyone interested in helping out with our Religious Education program.

Learning Center

The Learning Center will be on January 8 & 9, 2018.

Does your middle or high schooler need extra tutoring? The learning center is available to help. **Need your GED or help with the computer or reading skills?** The Learning Center continues to offer one on one tutoring for adults seeking to improve their skills or obtain their GED. **Interested in tutoring?** The Learning Center will need tutors as the class size grows. For more info, call Sue Scialabba at 216-375-0564. Class times are Mondays 6-8pm and Tuesdays 4-6pm. **Monday night is pizza night.**

Augustine Signing Choir

Practices are held each Sunday after the 10:00am mass and on Wednesday from 6:30-8:30pm.

Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts Information

Scout Troop and Pack 98 meets every Tuesday from 7:00-8:30pm on the second floor of the school building. Contact Mr. Kennard at (216) 789-2944 for more information.



The Redeemer has come into the world to do this wonderful work. He became one of us. More than this, he became one with us. For this is the marvelous thing about the human race, that we are all one. He came to be one mysterious body with us: he our head, we his members.

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)
Living With Christ, December, 2017
