As we begin the second week of Advent, the waiting intensifies. Waiting is an inevitable part of the human experience. We wait at the grocery store; we wait for a cold/flu to go away; we wait for the results of a test at school; we wait in long lines to get the latest electronic gadget; we wait for the departure of friends or relatives as we “unexpectedly entertain” them and neglect the people we love.

Waiting can bring out the best or the worst in a person, depending on what we are waiting for.

Advent waiting is characterized by joy and not impatience, by hope rather than anxiety. In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah offers an extensive description of the long-awaited One. Endowed with the spirit of God, He will be characterized by wisdom, strength and understanding. He is faithful and true and He will judge with justice. In his presence, animosities will cease and a reign of peace that seems almost unimaginable will be enjoyed by those who welcome Him into their lives.

In the second reading, Paul affirms that the coming God’s truth will be proven. In the Gospel, Matthew tells us that in Jesus, the Holy Spirit has come among us, baptizing us into a belonging that is to become obvious in all we are and do.

We know the One we await is Jesus. Our waiting is a process of anticipation and becoming like Him. We are to prepare His way into our hearts, homes and world. We are like people walking in darkness and Jesus is the light of the world. May our longing for Christ dictate the character of our waiting throughout this Advent season.

The IMMACULATE CONCEPTION is celebrated with Mass on Monday, December 9, 2019 at 8:30 am or 7:00 pm

Although this is not a holy day of obligation in the Archdiocese of Detroit you are welcome and encouraged to celebrate this special day with us.
This N That
by
Deacon Skip

Christmas is around the corner. It’s been like a marathon since Thanksgiving. It was sad to see so many stores open on the Holiday and equally sad to see so many people line up to go shopping.

One of the things I enjoy this time of year is reading the grandkid’s wish lists. They range from precise and exact to my best guess. Mom in that household has issued an edict of no Legos this year. On one hand that’s bad news since it eliminates one of my go-to gifts; on the other hand it’s good news since Legos are not cheap. It wasn’t that they were under foot, although anyone who has ever stepped on a Lego barefoot understands the concept of underfoot, not to mention severe pain; apparently too many arguments arose out of competition out of building the best thing. Jordan at one time was the master of manipulation with his Lego’s list. He always started the list with one of the most expensive sets in the world and worked his way down price by price until he listed what he really wanted and expected to get. It worked. The shock of finding the out the price of the top item usually made his actual wish very viable. I’m looking forward to Christmas morning.

Sometime after Christmas, there will be a general meeting of all those who carry Communion to the homebound. Nothing fancy is happening. This is just an opportunity to see who is doing what with whom. For those who don’t know, there is a small army of people who carry Communion and greetings from the outside world to several dozen people. For some people, the visit from one of our ministers is the only human contact they receive in a week’s time. Our ministers perform an invaluable service.

**Grief Support**
We meet the third Monday of every month at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Office. We share coffee and fellowship; we support each other in overcoming loss. All are welcome to join us!
Call Mary Krempasky
734-927-7680
for more information!

**ADVENT WREATH**
With the anticipation of the Birth of our Lord, parishioners are invited to sign up to assist in the lighting of the Advent Wreath at the beginning of each Mass. If your family would like to participate in the lighting of the Advent Wreath, please tell Father Larry.

**Winners of the Turkey Raffle**
D. Szuba  ticket #349
Dolly Dowd  ticket #038
Rick Jordan  Ticket #103
Andre  Ticket #602
Brent Kilbury  Ticket #148
Food Pantry  Ticket #093

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**
Sunday December 15th
After the 9:00 am & 11:00 am Masses
Cost: Free Will donation
The Second Sunday of Advent

Sacraments

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday: 3:00 P.M. or by appointment by calling the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
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ANOINTING OF THE SICK
Please call the Parish Office to request this Sacrament. You do not need to wait until the person is actively dying to call.

FUNERALS
Arrangements are made in conjunction with the funeral home. Eulogies must be given at the funeral home or at the funeral luncheon; no eulogies at the funeral Mass, please. Memorial Masses are scheduled Monday-Friday normally.

Ministries Center
by
Cindy Portis
(734) 425-9771

WISH TREE
This year’s Wish tree has 720 tags on it. Please take as many tags as you would like to buy a present or two for a child. It seems that most children needed socks, underwear and a sweatshirt or sweatpants. Most parents never highlight pajamas that their child needs. The other item parents will write down is gloves or a hat. We have had many gloves and hats donated in the past and we put them on a table so when parents come in and pick up their gifts and food basket they can choose a hat or gloves for their child. GIFTS NEED TO BE RETURNED NO LATER THAN MONDAY DECEMBER 16TH

We also get stuffed animals from the United Way teddy bear toss. We put them out on a table as well and parents choose a stuffed animal for their child. Movie gift certificates and bowling in the amount of $20 certificates will also be collected. These are given to each family when they pick up their wish tree items. Many families have children over the age of 16 that do not get put on the wish tree. Gift certificates for a family to enjoy a matinee movie or bowling give them a chance to do something together with all of their children. Each year that we have done this, tears of joy and gratitude for a family outing are expressed by those who receive them. These little extra gestures for the families are unexpected and they are so grateful you can’t imagine the excitement it brings to them.

It is the smallest gift that sometimes bring the tears and smiles. To have a new pair of socks for some children means their feet will be kept warm on the coldest of winter days. A hat or pair of gloves makes the cold a little more tolerable. It also means a child can go outside at school and be warm. Socks, gloves, hats can also prevent a child from getting sick during the winter months.

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This Week In Our Parish

Monday, December 9, 2019  IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
6:00 pm  Religious Education   (CR)

Tuesday, December 10, 2019
8:00 pm  AA   (POB)

Wednesday, December 11, 2019
9:00 am  Blanket Ministry   (M)
9:00 am  Breakfast w/Bible   (PO)
1:00 pm  Divine Mercy Group   (POC)
6:30 pm  K of C Officers Meeting   (M)
6:30 pm  Women’s Bible Study   (PO)
7:00 pm  K of C General Meeting   (M)
7:00 pm  Boy Scouts   (C)

Thursday, December 12, 2019
4:30 pm  Children’s Choir   (FPH/C)
5:00 pm  Children’s Choir   (KLAB)
6:00 pm  Adult Choir   (FPH/C)

Friday, December 13, 2019

Saturday, December 14, 2019
9:00 am  Polish Dance   (AC)
3:00 pm  Confession   (C)
4:30 pm  Mass/ Children’s Mass   (C)

Sunday, December 15, 2019
After both Masses  Breakfast with Santa   (AC)

Weekend Collection
November 30 & December 1, 2019
Envelope Contributions ............................................................. $9,544.00
Loose Contributions .............................................................. $802.75
Total Sunday Offertory ............................................................ $10,346.75
Budgeted Per Week ............................................................... $10,404.00
+/-The Budgeted Amount ..................................................... -$57.25
Total # of Envelope .............................................................. 339
Average Envelope Contribution ............................................ $30.53

Special Collections
Catholic Charities ............................................................... $25.00
Immaculate Conception ....................................................... $40.00
Christmas Flowers .............................................................. $96.00
Christmas Collection ........................................................... $20.00
Utility .......................................................... $1,372.00
TOTAL .................................................. $1,553.00

Readings for the Week of

Sunday, December 8, 2019
Second Sunday of Advent
Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Monday, December 9, 2019
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3cd-4;
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday, December 10, 2019
Is 40:1-11
Ps 96:1-2.3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13
Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday, December 11, 2019
Saint Damasus I, Pope
Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10
Mt 11:28-30

Thursday, December 12, 2019
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Friday, December 13, 2019
Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6
Mt 11:16-19

Saturday, December 14, 2019
Memorial of Saint John of the Cross,
Priest and Doctor of the Church
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11
Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19;
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday, December 15, 2019
Gaudete Sunday
Third Sunday of Advent
Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10;
Jas 5:7-10
Mt 11:2-11

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Bulletin article deadline is Monday before the issue date by 12:00 p.m. During holidays articles must be submitted two Mondays before issue. All articles and submissions are subject to approval and editing.
## Worship Schedule

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### Weekday Masses

**December 9—13, 2019**

- **Monday, December 9**
  - 8:30 am: CHURCH +HILDA HUTIN
  - 7:00 pm: CHURCH
- **Tuesday, December 10**
  - 8:30 am: CHURCH +ARTHUR HORVAT
- **Wednesday, December 11**
  - 8:30 am: CHAPEL COMMUNION SERVICE
- **Thursday, December 12**
  - 8:30 am: CHURCH +MICHELLE BEDZYK +KENNETH LAMAR
- **Friday, December 13**
  - 8:30 am: CHURCH +IRENE LINFORD

### Banms of Marriage

**Amy Hermann & Jory Labert**

### Sanctuary Candle

**For the week of DECEMBER 8—14, 2019**

**Dr. Dominic Noonan**

**ARE YOU REGISTERED AT ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE?**

If you have been looking for a new parish we would appreciate you considering St. Thomas the Apostle as your parish. Stop by the Parish Center and fill out a registration form or download one from our website [www.thomastheapostle.org](http://www.thomastheapostle.org). You can stop by the office, or put it in the collection basket at Mass. Young adults over 18 should be registered on their own registration form.
Weekend Collection
November 23 & 24, 2019

Envelope Contributions ............................................................. $7,565.67
Loose Contributions ..................................................................... $749.50
Total Sunday Offertory ............................................................ $8,315.17
Budgeted Per Week ..................................................................... $10,404.00
+-The Budgeted Amount ...................................................... -$2,088.83
Total # of Envelope ............................................................... 341
Average Envelope Contribution .............................................. $26.19

Special Collections
All Saints ................................................................................. $15.00
Christmas Flowers ....................................................................... $200.00
Catholic Charities/SE Michigan .................................................. $315.00
Utility ....................................................................................... $65.00
Christmas ................................................................................... $10.00
Immaculate Conception .............................................................. $10.00
TOTAL ...................................................................................... $615.00

Thank you for your support and may God bless you! Please keep St. Thomas the Apostle in mind when writing your will!

CSA Donations
CSA Donations are being accepted through the mail, collection basket, or dropping off at the parish office.
378 pledges totaling $75,269.88
payments totaling $60,019.88
as of September 30, 2019

St. Thomas the Apostle CSA Goal is $79,123.00. Your participation is necessary to make this a success. Thank you and God bless you!

Parish Directory Updates
We would like to update our parish directory to include new families to our parish as well as anyone who missed the previous opportunities to be photographed in years past. Each family photographed will receive a free 8 x 10 photograph and an updated copy of the parish directory. We need a minimum of 25 families to schedule a photo day. Please call Missy for more info. (734)425-5550

Be a part of our family album
PORTRAIT SIGN-UP

Join children’s choirs from across Southeast Michigan to celebrate the season of joy! Each choir will sing its favorite holiday selections. All are invited to join the children and the merry organ to sing timeless Christmas carols.

Detroit Children’s Choir Christmas Festival
Sunday, December 15, 4 PM
Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 9891 Woodward Avenue, Detroit 48220

Free will offering. Doors open 45 minutes before each concert.
Find more and updates on our “Cathedral Cultural Series” Facebook Page, write sacredmusic@aol.org, call 313-237-5782, or visit cathedralaol.org
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Please Pray For... Please Pray For... Please Pray For... Please Pray For...

Please Pray For the First Saturday Memorial Association from July 2019-June 30, 2020

Please Pray for those Serving in the Military
LAS POSADAS

This year, our high schoolers have a chance to “travel” as Mary and Joseph did looking for a place to stay. The fun begins Saturday, Dec. 14 with 4:30 Mass. We’ll have appetizers and ice breakers in the Activity Center and move over to St. Mary Cause of our Joy in Westland where we have a Mexican feast, and we finish at St. Genevieve/Maurice with desserts and we package baskets for refugees in our community. Always a great night!! Please spread the details to ALL kids in grades 9-12. This is a FREE EVENT for all interested! More details and permission slips are available in the Gathering Space of the church.

A great big THANK YOU to this wonderful group of young men who took to the streets of Garden City walking in the Santaland Parade dressed as some of children’s favorite characters! They helped make precious life memories for many young people along the parade route as they received many hugs and excited high-fives from adoring fans! They also posed for many pictures to cement those memories for our little friends! What I appreciate most is how much these boys LOVED doing this! I would also like to thank those who helped guide them on their journey as the costumes aren’t always easy to see out of! Well done friends! You’ve made the difference to many!! :)

AMAZING POSSIBILITIES

God Sees Them All. It’s Time You See Them Too!

Join Matthew Kelly, and the Dynamic Catholic team for BEST ADVENT EVER—a free email program that will help you enjoy a few minutes of peace and prayer each day during the hectic Holidays!

All you have to do to sign up is visit their website at https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever
We, as St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish, recognize that we are the Body of Christ. Our purpose is to honor God and grow as one in Jesus Christ. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we strive to serve others through Christian Service, Prayer and Worship, Education and Evangelization. We keep within our hearts and minds the statement of faith and conviction of our patron St. Thomas the Apostle, “My Lord and my God.”

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Education.................. Cindy Portis
Youth....................... Missy Taylor
Youth....................... Amanda Murray
Youth....................... Bandy Mulka

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Bernard Maier

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Deacon Skip Rodgers
Paul Shafer,  Missy Taylor,
Ron Berger,  John Krause,
June Carbajal-Christopher

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OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Thursday .......... 9:00 am-5:00 pm
Friday ............................... 9:00 am-5:00 pm
Saturday .......................... 9:00 am-3:00 pm
Sunday ........................... 10:00 am-2:00 pm
(Office is closed daily from 12:00 pm-12:30 pm for lunch.)

Sacraments

MASS TIMES
Saturday (Vigil) ............................... 4:30 pm
Sunday ........................ 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Daily Mass
Monday & Thursday ..... 8:30 am (Chapel)
Tuesday & Friday .......... 8:30 am (Church)

Communion Service
Wednesday .................. 8:30 am (Church)

Reconciliation is Celebrated
On Saturday at 3:00 pm or by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration
First Thursday of the Month
October through May
5:00 pm-7:00 pm in the Chapel followed by Mass & Healing prayer

Archdiocese of Detroit

The Archdiocese of Detroit encourages individuals to report clergy sexual abuse of minors and others—no matter when the abuse occurred. Individuals may contact local law enforcement authorities and/or they may report to the Archdiocese of Detroit by calling the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (866) 343-8055 or by emailing vac@aod.org. In addition, the Michigan Attorney General’s Office can be contacted at its toll-free reporting hotline at (844) 324-3374 (Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm) or by email at aginvestigations@michigan.gov. More information about the Archdiocese’s efforts to address abuse may be found at protect.aod.org.