

# Third Sunday of Advent December 15, 2024

*He who has begun the good work in  
you will carry it through to completion.*

... *Philippians 1:6*

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If you are ill or hospitalized and would like to be put on the prayer list and/or have Communion brought to you, please call the Parish Office (884-3349). We don't want to forget you.

If you wish to reach Father Hart from Tuesday afternoon through Friday for non-emergency purposes, please email him at [frhart1976@gmail.com](mailto:frhart1976@gmail.com) or for sick call or Last Rites call 501-884-3346. Teachers are needed to facilitate religious education - Adult Education (Bible Study, book study, etc)

## Flower & Coffee/Donuts Calendars

2025 Calendars for Flowers & Coffee/Donuts are posted in the Narthex. If you have a special occasion to honor by providing flowers, please sign up, and, PUT YOUR PHONE NO., so the Coordinators can contact you if needed. Same for Coffee & Donuts; choose a month & sign up with your phone no.

Thank you

## Wisdom of Fulton Sheen

But when finally the scrolls of history are complete, down to the last word of time, the saddest line of all will be: "There was no room in the inn." The inn was the gathering place of public opinion, the focal point of the world's moods, the rendezvous of the worldly, the rallying place of the popular and the successful. But there's no room in the place where the world gathers. The stable is a place for outcasts, the ignored and the forgotten.

## 2025 Calendars

Update: If you're wondering why we have NO 2025 St. Francis of Assisi calendars, we've been checking with Catholic Extension, our supplier, the latest word we have is "Due to unforeseen circumstances...a major binding machine went down..." With this information, they are trying to make all deliveries by the end of December or early January. As soon as they are received they will be in the Narthex for you.



## Altar Flowers



This being the third Sunday in Advent, our Altar will soon be adorned with beautiful flowers in celebration of the birth of our Savior.

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## ANNIVERSARIES

Robert & Lisa Parks – 15 yrs. on 12/19

## Second Collection Next Weekend

The collection at all masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be for the Clergy Welfare Fund.

This fund provides retirement and health care benefits to retired and infirm priests around our diocese. Our priests spend every day of their adult lives as humble and devoted servants, doing God's work and serving us until age or infirmity calls them to retirement. Your contributions to the Clergy Welfare Fund make our priests' retirement possible. Please share with them the generosity they continue to share with us. **There being only one collection, if you don't have this envelope, you can use a green envelope in the pew and mark it Clergy Welfare Fund.**

## The Traveling Smile

*I smiled at my husband,  
As he hurried to the shop.  
He smiled at a housewife  
Who was shaking out a mop.  
She smiled at the postman  
As he trudged a worry pace.  
He walked into the food store  
And the grocer joined the race.*

*He smiled at a driver,  
Who smiled at a clerk,  
Who smiled at a salesman,  
Who was on his way to work,  
Who went down to the factory  
On his happy, smiling way,  
And smiled at the boss man  
Who raised my husband's pay!*

*That made my husband smile  
And the outcome you can see.  
He, when the day was over  
Brought my smile back to me!*

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**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, December 14**  
4:00 p.m. Dolores Gaida  
by: Don & Judy Rehm

**Sunday, December 15**  
9:00 a.m. - For the Parishioners

**Tuesday, December 17**  
5:00 p.m. George & Rose Skroch  
by: Ian & Rosemarie Snyder

**Wednesday, December 18**  
5:00 p.m. - **St. Jude – Clinton**

**Thursday, December 19**  
8:30 a.m. - Lynne Kortz  
by: Lee & Judy Johnson

**Friday, December 20**  
8:30 a.m. Mollie Boeving  
by: Dan & Judy Bennett

**Saturday, December 21**  
4:00 p.m. Lynne Kortz  
by: Gene Kortz

**Sunday, December 22**  
9:00 a.m. - For the Parishioners



**There are no flowers on the altar during Advent!**

**DECEMBER**



**Pro-Life**

**"America, your very future as a nation depends on your willingness to protect the Right to Life of the most defenseless in your society."**

**Saint Pope John Paul II**



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**Stewardship Report  
December 7 & 8**

Offerings	\$ 5,750.00
Building & Grounds	1,457.00
Online Giving	218.68
Loose Cash	409.00
Christmas Flowers	555.00
Retired Religious	360.00
Immaculate Conception	664.00

**Financial Status**

	Collected	Weekly Budget	YTD
<b>General Fund</b>	<b>\$6,378</b>	<b>\$3,846</b>	<b>(+) \$2,106</b>

**Third Sunday of Advent**

Gospel values are not always reflected in society's values and they are not the values promoted by Capitalism. In fact, Gospel values sound a lot like Socialism. The goal is not to acquire as much as you can, but only what you need. If you have an abundance, share with those who have less. Even if you do not have much, share what little you have. Be aware of the needs of others and offer concrete help whenever you can. Don't treat some people better than others or take it upon yourself to determine who is "worthy" and who is not. Do what is best for the community rather than seek what you desire for yourself. What values do your choices reflect? What values do you want our government to support?

**CHUCKLES**

*The Nativity Play was going as planned, with Joseph and Mary going from house to house asking if there were any rooms available. As every innkeeper told them "no", a little voice called from the back, "You should have booked!"*







**For Reflection**

*Do I believe there is a limited time to my life on earth? Since I do not know when Jesus will arrive, isn't peaceful awareness of His eventual return the smartest attitude?*

**A Word from Pope Francis**

*{The crowd asked John the Baptist,} "What shall we do?" By suggesting this question, the Gospel reminds us of something important: life has a task for us. Each of us - let us not forget this ... has a mission to accomplish. So, let us not be afraid to ask the Lord: what shall I do?*

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