

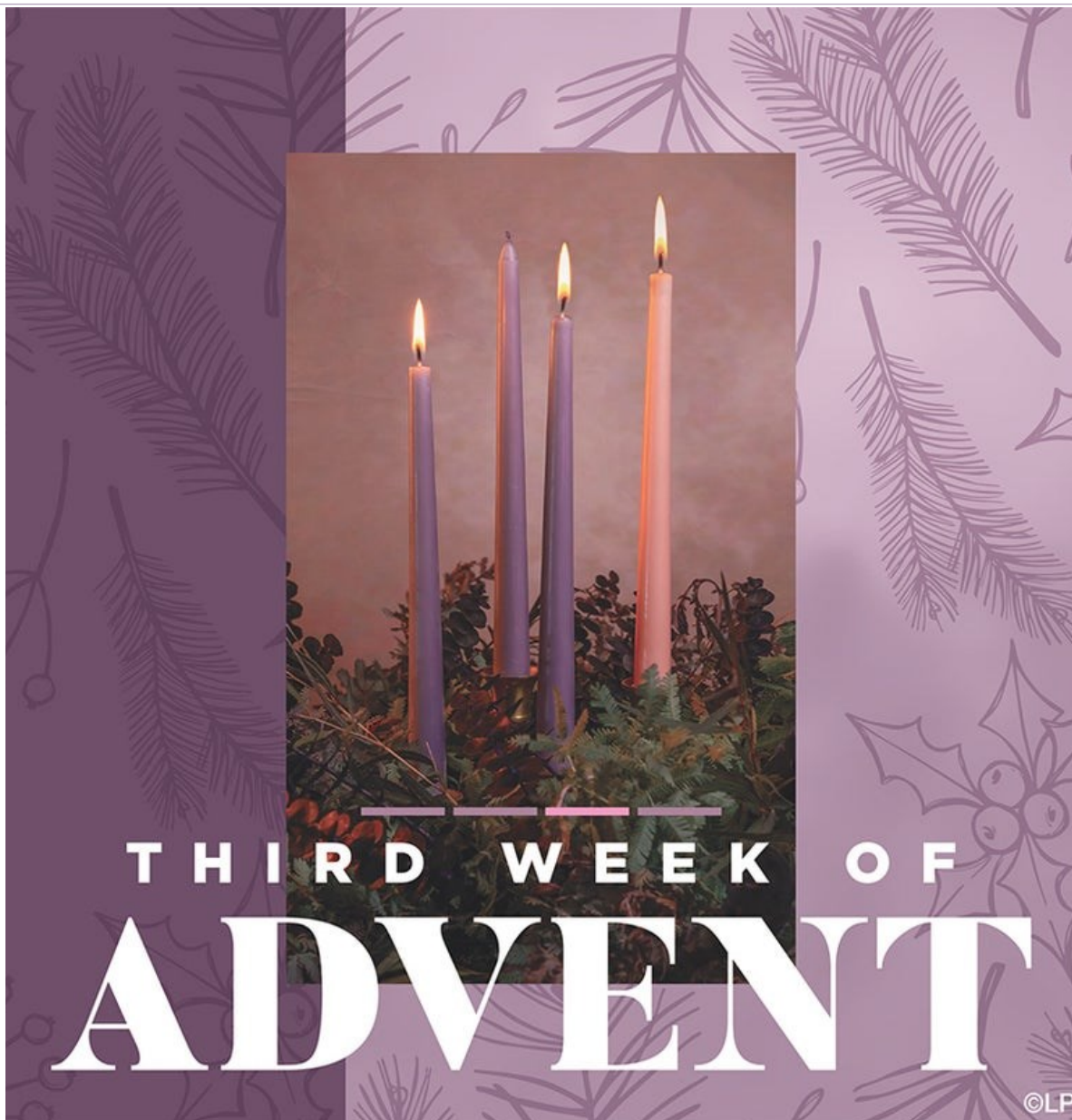
GOOD NEWS *Benedictine*

ONE FAMILY OF PARISHES

**PRESENTATION OUR LADY OF VICTORY AND ST. SCHOLASTICA
CHURCH: 8201 W. OUTER DRIVE | OFFICE: 17305 ASHTON AVENUE
DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48219**

DECEMBER 14, 2025

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



ONE FAMILY WEEKLY CALENDAR

December 14 - December 21, 2025

CHR-CHURCH / CHP-CHAPEL / CNV-CONVENT

Sunday, December 14th / Third Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (see Is 35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

NEW OCIA @ 11:00 am CNV

**Confessions @ 10:15am/Celebration of Mass @ 11am
CHR**

Coffee Hour following Mass CNV

Monday, December 15th

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday, December 16th

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23/Mt 21:28-32

CHOIR REHEARSAL @ 6:00 pm CHP

Wednesday, December 17th

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17

Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion @ 12:30pm CHP

Confessions @ 11:30 / Mass @ 12:05pm CHP

Thursday, December 18th

Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

12:00 pm /DIA Outing

CHOIR REHEARSAL @ 6:00 pm CHP

Adoration @ 6:00 pm / Mass @ 7:00pm CORPUS CHRISTI

Friday, December 19th

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Confessions @ 11:30 am / Mass @ 12:05pm CHP

Saturday, December 20th

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Mass @ 8:00 am CHP

Confessions /Adoration @ 8:30 am CHP

10:00 am/Church Decorating

Youth Bible Study @ 9:40 am CNV

NEW OCIA @ 11:00 am CNV

Sunday, December 21st/ Fourth Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

Confessions @ 10:15am/Celebration of Mass @ 11am CHR

Coffee Hour following Mass CNV

HOLY DAYS

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE FOR DAYS/TIMES

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Call Parish Office For Appointment (opt #3)

MARRIAGE

Must contact Parish Priest 6 months prior to marriage date

BAPTISMS

Please contact the Parish Office



**For the Special Intentions of the
St. Scholastica and
Presentation Our Lady of Victory
Parishioners**

ALL ONE FAMILY VOLUNTEERS

You may have received an email from the Archdiocese of Detroit asking you to fill out a Background Check form. Please follow the directions for filling it out. You will not be asked to do it again. If you have any questions, please see Beverly Stella and she will walk you through the process. Thank you!

ONE FAMILY PRAYER LIST

Jon-Paul Bates, Lisa Bednarz,
Alma Bennett, Elizabeth Bey,
Tanysha Black, Stella Blair, Gail Bond,
Christopher Braden, Eileen Clark,
Victoria Crowe, Walter Curtis,
Belinda Danzy, Robert Danzy,
Colleen Darjean, Ruth Donaldson,
Irma Gistennar, Denise Goodine,
Marjorie Greene, Alice Griffin,
James Griffin, Bruce Henderson,
Marian Hubbard, James Huse,
Melanie Kelly, Carlos Kiyan,
Fr. Jim Lowe-CC, Drew Lund,
Roland Martin, Antoinette McDermott,
Mary Pat McDougall, Michele Mooney,
Verita Morris, Sandra Moulton,
William Moulton, Timothy Neaton,
Robert D. Nill, Jr., Thomas Norfolk,
Matthew Onwudingo, Betty Palmer,
John Peavy, Harlis Pollock,
Steven Price, Priscilla Propson,
Kelly Ramsey, Giovanni Rankin,
David Sauve, Annie Laurie Shannan,
Langston Slaughter, Annie Stacherski,
Christopher Staff, Fr. Alex Steinmiller,
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Sharon Stevens, Michelle Taschler,
Elma Thorpe, Arline Timbers,
Beneaver Townsend, Ivra Townsend,
Monika Uriel, Wayne Washington,
William Weaver, Robert Weed



To have a Mass offered, there are envelopes located at the entrances of the Church. Please complete the information with your phone number, include your \$10 check or cash and drop in one of the parish collection baskets. We will contact you to confirm receiving. For more information, call 313.531.0140 or 586.596.2089



ST. SCHOLASTICA PARISHIONERS
Catholic Service Appeal Status
Your Donation will be matched

Great news! Because of all the committed St. Scholastica Parishioners and our Anonymous donor, we've reached and exceeded our goal!!! The final figures are still coming in and will continue to show in the upcoming bulletins. Thank you for your pledges!!

St. Scholastica's Target goal is:	\$7,616.00
Pledged to date:	\$9,255.00
Paid to date:	\$8,598.00
OVER PLEDGED:	\$1,639.00
Total households pledged:	27

PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE
 By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection: We go to Mass. We go to Confession. We pray. We read Scripture. In doing all these things, again and again, we go out to the desert. Why? What are we expecting to see?

What We See in the Desert
 I've always wanted to see a real desert. I know all about frigid, snowy winters and warm, wet summers. I grew up on rich soil that yields lush vegetation and bountiful harvests. But I've never experienced a desert, not in my own country or abroad, and I'm curious.

I know there must be something magical about the desert for it to feature so heavily in Scripture, for it to provide a backdrop to so many crucial moments of salvation history. The Israelites following the cloud, the temptation of Christ, the voice crying out: "Prepare the way for the Lord."

Why do these moments have to happen in a desert? Why do they make so much less sense in a tropical rainforest or a verdant forest?

I think it's because the desert doesn't have anything to offer us, at first glance. No one longs for the physical sensation of a dry heat and a beating sun. But the vast emptiness and the almost mystical harshness — even if we don't desire and delight in it, this is a setting that we understand, somehow, intrinsically. We know it deep within our soul. God is there.

We go to Mass. We go to Confession. We pray. We read Scripture. In doing all these things, again and again, we go out to the desert. Why? What are we expecting to see?

If we expect to be entertained, we will be disappointed. If we expect reassurance, we will be disappointed. If we expect to feel pleasant and safe and sheltered, we will be disappointed.

The desert is there to challenge us. The desert is there to show us who we are, and who we can be.

So go.

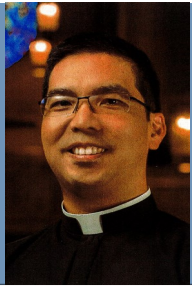
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PRESENTATION OUR LADY OF VICTORY

We've had some great competition going between our parishes. Presentation Our Lady of Victory Parish has also exceeded our goal due to the dedication of many. Updated figures will continue as the weeks go on! Thanks for always showing up and giving!!

POLOV'S Target goal is	\$ 8,021.00
Total Pledged:	\$ 8,196.00
Total Paid:	\$ 5,876.00
OVER PLEDGED:	\$ 175.00
Total Households Pledged:	20





Third Sunday of Advent

PASTOR'S PAGE



The virtue of hope vs. delusional optimism

True Christian hope is not a vague feeling that things will somehow improve, but a firm trust anchored in the God who has revealed His love in Christ. Hope is born from the certainty that God is faithful, that His promises are real, and that the Resurrection has already opened a future no human power can close. Let your heart rest on this solid ground. Do not seek comfort in passing emotions or predictions, but in the enduring truth of God's word.

At the same time, refuse the temptation to settle for a shallow optimism that glosses over the struggles of life. Delusional optimism denies the weight of the Cross, but hope carries it with courage because it knows that Christ walks with us. Benedict XVI taught in his encyclical *Spe Salvi* that hope sees reality clearly—its darkness, its wounds, its injustices—and yet remains unshaken, because it knows that God can draw good even from the deepest suffering. Do not be afraid to see things as they are; instead, entrust them to the One who transforms them.

And finally, let your hope become a force that shapes your daily life. True hope does not paralyze; it mobilizes. It moves you to acts of love, perseverance in trials, and fidelity when the path feels long. Benedict XVI insisted that hope makes us capable of living differently now, because our eyes are set on the eternal joy for which we were made. So, rise each day with the courage born of trust in God's victory, and let that hope radiate through your choices, your words, and your love for others. May the Lord increase our hope as we come closer to the celebration of His Nativity!

Ad maximam Trinitatis gloriam

Fr. Marco Kiyan PES



What's a sacrament?

A sacrament is a special action instituted and given to us by Jesus that uses visible signs—like water, bread, oil, or spoken words—to give us His invisible grace. It's God touching our lives in a real and concrete way. Through the sacraments, God forgives, strengthens, heals, and guides us, helping us grow closer to Him and giving us what we need to live and be sanctified in the Christian life. The sacraments are the continuation of Christ's salvific presence and action in the world.

To reflect on: Am I appreciating and being thankful for the sacraments I have at hand at my parish? Am I receiving the sacraments I need to live a faithful Christian life?

ONE FAMILY ADVENT / CHRISTMAS EVENTS

ADVENT OCIA SESSIONS

Sundays @ 9:30 am in the Convent

CHRISTMAS CHOIR REHEARSALS

*December 16th & 18th @ 6:00 pm
(in Church Chapel)*



DIA DAY TRIP

*THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18TH, 12 PM PICK UP AT CHURCH PARKING LOT
3:00 PM DEPART DIA TO CHURCH PARKING LOT*

ALL HANDS ON DECK

Everyone's help is needed

CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Saturday, December 20th @ 10:00 am

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

*Wednesday, December 24th @ 4:30 pm
Prelude music begins at 4:00 pm*

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

(at Corpus Christi Church)

Thursday, December 25th @ 11:00 am

FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Epiphany Sunday, January 4th @ 12:30 pm



2025 DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	01	02	03	04 Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer @ 9:00 am	05 <u>CONFESSIONS</u> @ 11:30 am <u>MASS</u> @ 12:05 pm	06 <u>MASS</u> @ 8:00 am <u>CONFESSIONS</u> @ 8:30 am Nativity Lighting @ 5:30 pm
07 <u>ADVENT 2</u> Mass @ 11am  <u>DECEMBER</u> Birthday Hour after Mass	08 Immaculate Conception (holy day of Obligation) Mass @ 8:30am & 7:00pm at CORPUS CHRISTI	09	10 <u>CONFESSIONS</u> @ 11:30 am <u>MASS</u> @ 12:05 pm Mother of Perpetual Help @ 12:30 pm	11 Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer @ 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal @ 6:00 pm Church Chapel	12 <u>CONFESSIONS</u> @ 11:30 am <u>MASS</u> @ 12:05 pm	13 <u>MASS</u> @ 8:00 am <u>CONFESSIONS</u> @ 8:30 am CHRISTMAS PARTY Corpus Christi @ 5:30 pm
14 <u>ADVENT 3</u> Mass @ 11am Coffee Hour after Mass	15	16 Choir Rehearsal @ 6:00 pm Church Chapel	17 <u>CONFESSIONS</u> @ 11:30 am <u>MASS</u> @ 12:05 pm Mother of Perpetual Help @ 12:30 pm	18 OLOG Prayer @ 9:00 am DIA Outing Bus PU @ 12pm Choir Rehearsal @ 6:00 pm Church Chapel	19 <u>CONFESSIONS</u> @ 11:30 am <u>MASS</u> @ 12:05 pm	20 <u>MASS</u> @ 8:00 am <u>CONFESSIONS</u> @ 8:30 am HELP PLEASE Church Decorating @ 10:00 am
21 <u>ADVENT 4</u> Mass @ 11am Coffee Hour after Mass	22	23	 <u>CHRISTMAS EVE</u> St. Scholastica Mass @ 4:30 pm Caroling @ 4pm		26 <u>CONFESSIONS</u> @ 11:30 am <u>MASS</u> @ 12:05 pm	27 <u>MASS</u> @ 8:00 am <u>CONFESSIONS</u> @ 8:30 am
28 <u>HOLY FAMILY</u> Mass @ 11am NO COFFEE HOUR	29	30	31 <u>CONFESSIONS</u> @ 11:30 am <u>MASS</u> @ 12:05 pm Mother of Perpetual Help @ 12:30 pm			January 1, 2026 Solemnity of Mary (holy day of obligation) 12:00 pm Mass St. Scholastica

CHURCH DECORATING SIGN UP

Saturday, December 20th @ 10:00 am

We need individuals who can lift and get on ladders with no difficulty.

- * Tree & Wreath Set-up
- * Nativity Set-up (indoor)
 - * Pew clean up
 - * Hymnal inserts

SIGN UP SHEETS ARE AT THE ENTRANCE

CHRISTMAS PARTY SIGN UP

Sunday, January 4th @ 12:30 pm

We need people to help coordinate the following areas!!

- ◇ **Set-up**
- ◇ **Welcome guests**
- ◇ **Prizes - Penney Bailey**
- ◇ **Decorations**
- ◇ **Food (Parish will provide main dish)**
 - ◇ **Side dishes**
 - ◇ **Desserts**
- ◇ **Games (for adults or children)**
 - ◇ **Clean-up**
- ◇ **Do you have a new idea for this event?**

SIGN UP SHEETS CAN BE FOUND AT BOTH ENTRANCES
THANK YOU!!

ONE FAMILY OF PARISHES



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ONE FAMILY PASTOR/ADMINISTRATOR

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ONE FAMILY DEACON/POLOV ADMINISTRATOR

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Rose Marie Price (P), Jonathan Sanders (P),
Jason Smith (S), Didier Tiede (S),
Anthony Timbers (P)

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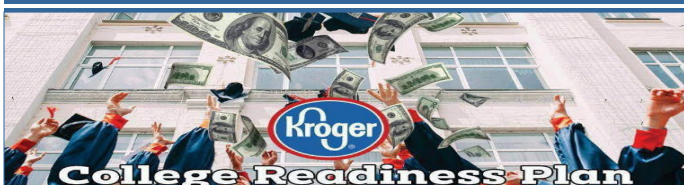
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GOSPEL

Jesus was the Messiah that the prophets said would come. The blind could see. The lame could walk. The deaf could hear. The dead were raised to life. Jesus performed many miracles to show that he was the Messiah. He was the one sent to save the world from sin. John expected Jesus to save himself. But Jesus knew that he had to die, be buried, and rise again to save you and me from our sins.

PRAYER

Lord, thank you for dying on the cross for me.

GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE A



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



3rd Sunday of Advent • Matthew 11:2-11

PUZZLE

Which picture name **begins** with this letter?
Circle the picture that starts with that sound.

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MISSION

I will find ways to make things easier for the blind,
lame, and deaf.



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CHURCHES MATTER