

SUNDAY MASSES

7:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m.

11:00 a.m. Saturday Vigil Mass

12:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m.

DAILY MASSES

Monday-Friday 6:45 a.m., 12:10 p.m.

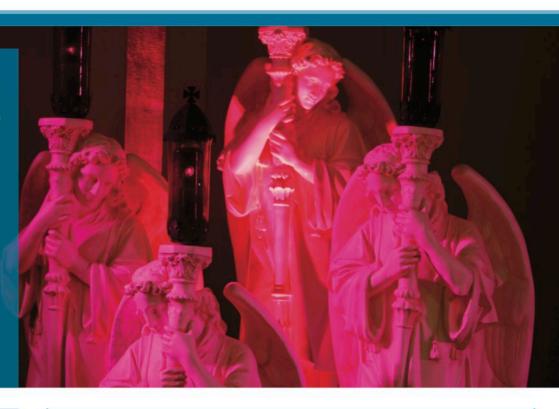
Saturday 6:45 a.m.

DAILY CONFESSIONS

In the Chapel (except Holy Days & Holidays)

Monday-Saturday: 6:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m.

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.-4:45 p.m.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

First Monday of the Month At all Masses (except Holy Days and Holidays)

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

Monday 12:00 p.m.

BAPTISMS

Second Sunday of the month. Contact the Parish Office at least one month prior to requested date of Baptism to arrange for a personal interview with the Pastor. For parishioners only.

MARRIAGES

Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance for those who have been registered, supportive parishioners for at least two years. Contact the Parish Office for a meeting with the Pastor.

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MEDITATION Sunday, December 3, 2017

First Sunday of Advent

See Worship Book 766

Be watchful! Be alert! (Mark 13:33)

It's the First Sunday of Advent, and you have just received an invitation: The Most High God requests the honor of your presence at the entry of his Son into the world. This unprecedented event will be followed by a joyous celebration in two locations: heaven and earth. The event will take place on December 25, and you are encouraged to spend the next four weeks preparing for the festivities.

Welcome to Advent—a season of hope and expectation! Over the course of the next month, you may be part of family gatherings. You might reenact time-honored traditions: buying gifts, decorating homes, and preparing special meals.

And to crown all these observances, Jesus himself will come and visit you. As today's Gospel tells us, we may not know when he is coming, but he promises he will come. Even now, he is looking for new ways to touch your heart. Right now, he is preparing special gifts of grace and blessing for you—Advent and Christmas presents that he will give as you open your heart to him.

What kind of gifts will he give? Reminders of his Father's love. A sense of hope as you face life's challenges. New insights and wisdom that you can share with your loved ones. Freedom from guilt as you lay your sins and failings at his feet. And above all, peace and joy as he tells you that he has you in the palm of his hand.

So take up his invitation today! Do everything you can to be alert and ready to receive Jesus and his gifts. Try to spend a little more time in daily prayer and Scripture reading. Go to Confession so that you can get rid of anything that blocks you from receiving his love and his gifts.

Jesus wants to celebrate with you. And he's given you a whole month to get ready! Step by step, day by day, you can draw closer to the Lord—and feel him draw closer to you!

"Jesus, I accept your invitation. By your Spirit and your grace, help me to get ready for your coming on Christmas Day."

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ENTRANCE HYMN 357

O come, O come, Emmanuel

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 767

Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

POSTCOMMUNION HYMN 367

Come, Lord, and tarry not!

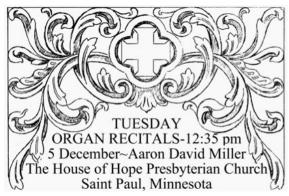
CHORAL MUSIC AT THE 11:00 AM MASS

Kyrie eleison (à 8)

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

O Thou, the central orb Charles Wood (1866-1926) O Thou the central orb of righteous love, Pure beam of the most High, eternal Light Of this our wintry world, Thy radiance bright Awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above. Come, quickly come, and let Thy glory shine, Gilding our darksome heaven with rays Divine. Thy saints with holy luster round Thee move, As starts about Thy throne, set in the height Of God's ordaining counsel, as Thy sight Gives measur'd grace to each, Thy power to prove. Let Thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin, Our nature all shall feel eternal day, In fellowship with Thee, transforming day to souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen. - H.R. Bramley.

Communion **Dominus dabit** Graduale Romanum, Mode I The Lord will bestow his loving kindness, and our land will yield its fruit. — Psalm 84:13.



A significant portion of the costs of the Tuesday recitals for the current season was graciously given by Sharon Bigot in loving memory of **ALFRED E. BIGOT.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 4

Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122:1-4,8-9; Matthew 8:5-11

Tuesday, December 5

Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1,7-8,12-13,17; Luke 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 6

Isaiah 25:6-10; Psalm 23:1-6; Matthew 15:29-37

Thursday, December 7

Isaiah 36:1-6; Psalm 118:1,8-9,19-21,25-27; Matthew 7:21,24-27

Friday, December 8

Genesis 3:9-15,20; Psalm 98:1-4; Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12; Luke 1:26-38

Saturday, December 9

Isaiah 30:19-21,23-26; Psalm 147:1-6; Luke 10:1,6-8

Sunday, December 10

Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11; Psalm 85:9-14; Second Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8

2018 Parish Calendars are available With grateful appreciation to Richard Graner of Good Life Consultants and to Klecatsky and Sons Funeral Chapels for providing our parish with the beautiful 2018 Religious Art Calendars. They are available at most entrances of the church and Chapel Please, one per family. Thank you.

RING OUT, O BELLS...

REQUEST FOR

December 9 Lauren Lindberg Sister Kelly Jo Foht December 10

INTENTION Happy Birthday Happy Birthday **REQUESTED BY**

Nancy and Bruce Lindberg Joseph and Kay Foht

OPEN BELL DATES: The following dates are still open in December and January for anyone wishing to have the bells rung in memory or in honor of a loved one: December 12th-14th, 16th-18th, 21st, 29th & 31st. January 1st, 4th-14th, 16th-19th, 22nd-31st. Please call the rectory during office hours to make arrangements.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 4 St. John Damascene

James Franczok 6:45

12:10 tJim Lecher

Tuesday, December 5

DATE

6:45 Margaret Tibesar

12:10 Isabel Drake

Wednesday, December 6 St. Nicholas

6:45 Apolinario Cajucom

12:10 Personal Intention

Thursday, December 7 St. Ambrose

6:45 †Father Leo Tibesar

Anthony and Rose Lancette and Family 10:10

Friday, December 8 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

†Teddy and Dave Altman 6:45

12:10 Isabel Drake

5:15 Therese Rice

Saturday, December 9 St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

Sharon Bigot 6:45

5:00 †Thomas Iulius Conlon

Sunday, December 10 Second Sunday of Advent

Living and Deceased Parishioners

of St. Louis Church

9:15 Audrey Zech

11:00 tEdward F. Stewart

12:30 †William Petersen

PARISH CALENDAR

Parish Bake Sale Saturday, December 2 Parish Bake Sale Sunday, December 3

Anointing of the Sick (After All Masses) Monday, December 4

Monday, December 4 Rosary (Church) 11:40am

Tuesday, December 5 Tuesday Organ Recital after 12:10 Mass Wednesday, December 6 Eucharistic Exposition 12:35pm-2:00pm Wednesday, December 6 St. Louis Shawl Knitters 1:00pm

December 8 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, A Holy Day of Obligation

Mass times are 6:45 am 12:10 pm and 5:15 pm. All Masses are in the Church. No Confessions this day.

November Collection for Restoration

Thank you to all who contributed to our second collection this past weekend to help with the expenses of extraordinary maintenance and repair. The donations totaled \$3,169.25 as follows: 5pm \$710.00; 7am \$281.00; \$551.00; 11:00am \$169.00; 12:30pm \$588.25; 9:15am \$695.00 from automatic contributions and \$175.00 received directly at the parish office.

Expenses to date \$102,050.28 Monies Collected to Date \$ 74,140.44 Amount Yet Needed \$ 27,909.84

Thank you for your continued support!

It's Bake Sale Weekend

We'll see you in the Parish Hall after Mass. Oh, and there will be coffee and donuts, too. Come to shop and stay to enjoy some sweets and conversation.

Fuel and Heat Collection

Next weekend we will have a second collection to help with the extraordinary expense of heating the Church, Chapel, Parish Hall and Rectory. The bill last year from Xcel Energy for just the month of December was over \$4,000.00 dollars.

Christmas Flowers and the Decoration of the Church Please consider helping with the expense of decorating the church by contributing to the Christmas Flower Fund! Envelopes are available at the back of the church and can be dropped in any collection basket on Sundays or mailed to the parish office. Please do not drop these envelopes in the money slots in the church or chapel. Donations can be made in memory or in honor of a loved one. Please be sure your name is on the front and the name(s) of the person(s) in whose memory/honor you are making the donation is written **clearly** on the back. Thank you.

Mass of Solidarity: Share the Journey

Saturday, December 9, 5 p.m., Basilica of Saint Mary, Minneapolis. Archbishop Hebda and Bishop Cozzens invite all Catholics to join our migrant and refugee brothers and sisters from around the world. This Mass is part of the 2-year "Share the Journey" campaign launched by Pope Francis on September 27, 2017 to support those who have left, or have been displaced from, their home countries. This Archdiocese is home to more than 800,000 Catholics celebrating Mass regularly in 11 different languages.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Schedule of Masses

Saturday, December 23 - Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Advent 5:00pm Low Mass

Sunday, December 24 - The Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:00 a.m. Low Mass

9:15 a.m. Sung Mass

11:00 a.m. High Mass (with Quartet)

12:30 p.m. Low Mass

Sunday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m. Sung Mass

7:00 p.m. Mass in French with French Carols

After the French Mass, the church will be closed until 10:45 p.m.

11:30 p.m. Carols and Music

12:00 a.m. Christmas Mass at Midnight (with Choir)

Monday, December 25 - Christmas Day

7:00 a.m. Low Mass

9:15 a.m. Sung Mass

11:00 a.m. High Mass (with Choir)

12:30 p.m. Low Mass



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