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Advent/Christmas 2017 Newsletter



Advent Message Series

Fr. Stan will preach at the 11am Masses during Advent, and his homilies will be recorded. Links to his homilies will be available on the parish website and also through the parish app (see bottom of newsletter for information on signing up for the parish app). [Click here for the schedule of topics](#)

Communal Anointing of the Sick

Monday, December 4 at 7 PM

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Thursday, December 7 at 7 PM

Friday, December 8 at 9 AM

Taize Prayer Service

Tuesday, December 12 at 7:30 PM (Chapel)

Advent Communal Penance Service

With Private Confession

Tuesday, December 19 at 7 PM

Private Reconciliation

Monday, December 18 at 7:45 PM

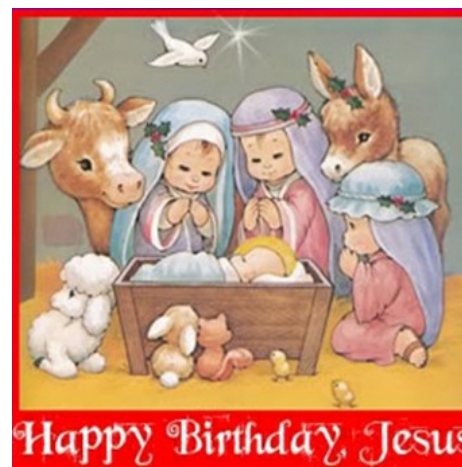
Thursday, December 21 at 9:45 AM

Saturdays at 3 PM

[Complete Schedule of Christmas Masses](#)

The Birthday Party for Jesus is being held on **December 16** in the Gym. Children will decorate birthday cupcakes for Jesus and make other fun holiday crafts. Food will be served.

This event is open to all Parishioners and is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Ladies. Please RSVP at the narthex Welcome Center sign-up sheet or [Register Now](#) so we have an approximate count.



May this Advent-Christmas Season find you meeting the Lord in unexpected persons and places. Come watch for the Lord in all the links related to Advocacy and Education, Prayer, and Works of Mercy.

[Christian Service Monthly Calendar](#)

The Good News does indeed meet the daily news. In your own family or in the neighborhoods near and far, be on the lookout for that spark of surprise where Mystery enters in to sow seeds of mercy. Consider sharing that Good News Story with parishioners over coffee and donuts, in the parking lot, at work, in your families. [Notes for Neighbors](#)

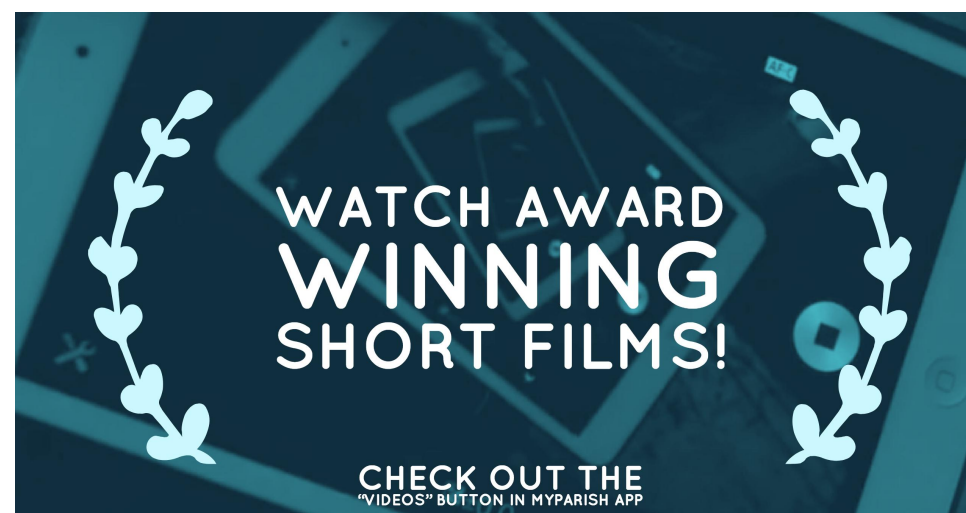
The Gospel from the Solemnity of Christ the King calls us to respond with works of mercy. Some respond intentionally in prayer, others in direct service, and others through advocacy. Through it all - the Gifts of the Holy Spirit work in us. [Advent Works of Mercy](#)

Coffee and Donut sign up through [SignUp Genius link](#).
Individuals, families, and groups are all welcome.



From the Business Office...

- We have begun looking into repairing /replacing the Baptismal Font. We are in the process of obtaining designs and bids, and hope to have a decision by the new year.
- We are pleased to announce the Religious Education Office will be moving to their new location: the current conference room. This expansion will provide more space for both the Administration and Religious Ed. Departments. The current coat room will be redesigned and used for a conference room. Collections that are now going into the coat room will be shifted to other parts of the building. More information will follow in the coming weeks.
- St. Mary's is growing and storage space is limited. We are looking for additional storage space for items that are used seasonally and could be stored effectively off-premise. If you have storage space in a garage or basement, and would be willing to let us use it, please contact the [Business Office](#). We will do all the work of loading and unloading; all you need to do is point. All items will be securely sealed and will be totally safe in your house or garage. Eight to ten feet of wall would be wonderful.



New Faith Formation Buttons on Parish App

Help your teens access professional and dynamic catholic short films from an award winning film company. Simply tap the "videos" button in myParish App to view shorts from the popular ODB film company. Now you can receive positive content for your teens right from their phones. **If you don't have our parish app, visit myparishapp.com and download our app. (see below)**



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