DECEMBER 6, 2020 Second Sunday of Advent

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Mass Schedule

Sunday Eucharist

Weekday (see schedule)

Adoration

Wednesday.....9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sacraments

Reconciliation

By appointment only.

Anointing of the Sick

Call before hospital stay, if possible.

Infant Baptism

Call during pregnancy for dates of preparation class and Baptism.

Marriage

Allow 10 months for marriage preparation.

Please call the Office for an appointment to set the date.

Annulment & Marriage Validation

Please call the Office for more information.

Joining the Catholic Church

RCIA process begins each September and leads to Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at Easter Vigil.

Scripture Readings-Cycle B

Week of December 6, 2020

Sun: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/ 2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Mon: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26

Tues: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/

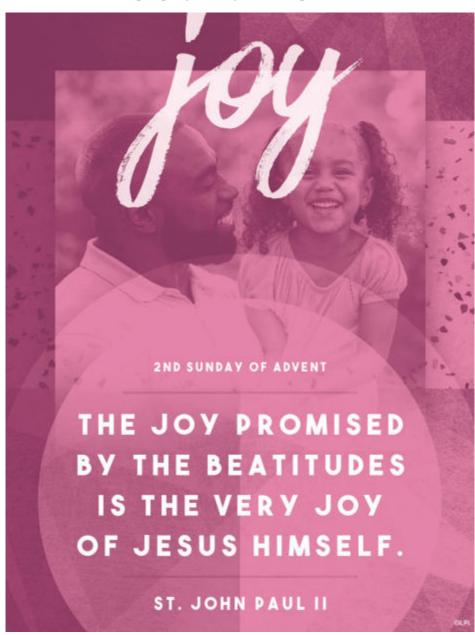
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38 Wed: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1]/

Mt 11:28-30

Thurs: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/ Mt 11:11-15

Fri: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/ Mt 11:16-19

Sat: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47



MISSION STATEMENT

"We, the community of St. Gregory Barbarigo, are called forth in Baptism to follow the mission of Jesus to teach, to love, and to serve."

I want to thank you for your kindness, your prayers and best wishes, the food some of you brought over, and in general your solicitude during the time I was recovering from COVID-19. I don't know exactly how I got the virus, but I don't think it came from our liturgical celebrations, which I believe are safe. In fact, one parishioner expressed the opinion that it is hard to find a place safer for our children than in school or for our parishioners than attending Mass. We are taking precautions, and appreciate the help that so many of you continue to provide by following protocols (wearing masks, sanitizing hands, cleaning before and after Masses). In any case, I did not have a severe attack of the virus, and am extremely happy to be back doing my job with the lingering effect of being tired now and then. Even though Fr. Stephen did not contract the virus, he is happy to be back at home and serving you as well. Thanks be to God and to you!

Speaking of COVID-19, we are asking you to sign up for Christmas Masses so that we can assign seats and gauge how full the Masses will be, whether we need another Mass, etc. The reason is that people who are in town for the holidays or seldom come to Mass may show up on Christmas without realizing that one needs to sign up, and we don't know how to predict the number. This could create the problem of overcrowding and lack of physical distancing which would make our celebrations unsafe. I am in the difficult position of wanting to encourage people to come and attend (it is Christmas, after all), while at the same time ensuring that our celebrations will be safe. We are looking into having overflow space, but want those who sign up to be assured of their place in the celebration. So please sign up early so that we can plan accordingly!

Fr. Daniel, one of the Directors of Formation at the seminary, is trying to find a way to help seminarians to relate to lay Catholics. Normally the seminarians come and help teach RCIA, or help with youth group or EPIC or Little Saints, or visit rest homes. However because of the pandemic and the severe social restrictions imposed on the seminarians, he wants to have them develop relationships with people like you via mail or email. So he is looking for about fifteen parishioners willing to carry on correspondence with seminarians. If you are willing to do this, please call or email Devin or me, and we will pass on your names. Fr. Daniel will then contact you over the Christmas break. It is a chance to get to know a seminarian, though he may or may not be from our diocese.

May we have a wonderful Advent in preparation for Christmas. It is a joy to be your pastor.

Peace, Father Albert, O.S.B.

Parish Notes



The Welcoming Committee would like to give another big THANK YOU to Dick VanVactor for his recent donation. Dick purchased oak wood and made approximately 100 small wooden crosses for the Welcoming Committee.

The committee uses the crosses, after they are blessed, to help welcome in new families to the parish. Dick also made crosses for the committee back in 2017!

Thank you, Dick, for your time, talent, and treasure!!!
The Welcoming Committee

SAVE THE DATE – SOS BENEFIT DINNER – JAN 29, 2021 This year, Support Our Seminarians (SOS) Benefit Dinner, will be an entirely virtual event: online giving, exciting raffle items, video expressions of thanks, and live-stream announcements of raffle winners, as well as the final fundraising tally. For more information, visit: supportourseminarians.com.

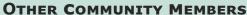
SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy and prayers are extended to the family of Janelle Wilmes, who died recently. May she and all our faithful departed enjoy eternal rest in peace.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ST. GREGORY'S PARISH



Veronica Dorrel, James Carroll, Gene Carroll, Ron Wilmes, Sherry Stoll, Bill Stiens, Donna Frueh, Martha Pope, Patricia Spire, Charlotte Dunn, Curt Jeter, Brian Allen, Irene Schulte, Alfred Wilmes, Kathy Wiederholt, Donna Smith and David Carroll.



Mike VanSickle, Haley Sheddrick, Nada Farina, Ben Espey, Logan Quinones, Will Walker, Gail Booth, Troy Walker, Ruby Goff, Mercedes Riley, John Kemper, Barb Frasch, Frankie Chestnut, Karen Archer, Klisa Lynam, Ron Wermelskirchen, Carol McCormick, Brad Pickering, Mitchell Schmitz, Katie Norris Biermann, Bob Stoll, Brian Arnold, Robbie Morley, Mary Kariakis, Boston Adwell, Beverly Ingels, Leann Brown, Alexis Schrader, Christa Hartsook, Connie Neal, Linsey Ferrell, John Stoll, Ryan Peter, Shilar Pleasance, Jolene Downing, Bud VanSickle, Maria Mayfield, Morris Peregrine and Dorothy Mackey.



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL (ACA)

Thank you to the 89 St. Gregory families who have contributed to the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal, "One Family...Walking



together in Faith." So far we have received \$28,595 in contributions. This means we are 87% of the way to our parish goal of \$33,000. If you have not done so already, please consider making a generous gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal.

Religious Retirement Fund—

Elderly religious need your help. Through prayer, love and sacrifice, they established Catholic schools, hospitals and more. Yet years of serving for little or no pay has left a shortage in their retirement funding.

Next week, we will take up a collection to help furnish medications, nursing care and other necessities to our retired religious.

Fiscal Year-To-Date Information (23 weeks) Envelope Goal for Fiscal Year-to-Date 2020-2021\$ Envelope Amount Collected 2020-2021\$ Under Budget\$	404,731 358,627 46,104
Weekly Information Envelope Weekly Goal	17,597 21,260 142 2,065 80 650 2
Children's Stewardship: Helped clean my room. Picking up a bucket and helping clean. Weekend Mass Attendance: 246•	

I have not read the 46l page McCarrick report myself. I did read a couple of articles about it and I think the report confirms what I already believed to be true. There was evil within the church. For decades there were various levels of denial, self-protection was chosen over justice for victims, and unthinkable tragedy was ignored by many. Anyone who has ever watched a dramatic TV show knows that hiding the truth, even when you are doing it to protect people you love, never works. The lies end up hurting more than the truth. We are used to seeing this kind of drama played out on stages but seeing it in the Catholic Church is astounding. Clerics having that kind of unchecked power over the people of the church should never have been tolerated. But it was.

As disappointing and painful as this whole situation is, I am choosing to see this report as a sign of hope. As Bishop Robert Barron stated in an article in the CRUX, "The remarkable transparency of this report is a bold step in the right direction." The church is finally dealing with the whole truth. Father Albert mentioned the McCarrick report in his letter in the bulletin recently. He invited anyone with concerns to reach out to him. I asked him about the



report, his response was "What will differentiate us is how we deal with it. I would encourage us to raise the level of awareness in our community, to watch out for the safety of our little ones, and to be a place of healing, not abuse or manipulation." I love that he is not trying to avoid conflict or unpleasantness. He is inviting us to question. He does not use his holiness to have power over us, he uses his gifts to serve us. I am thankful for him and have great respect for the work he does. He is part of the solution.

This awareness and openness are exactly why I feel our parish is and will continue to be a safe place. This is not a problem we just deal with one time and put behind us. The problem is not limited to the church. Vulnerable people everywhere are being exploited and abused every day. Part of the solution is ongoing vigilance. If any of you are wondering how you can be part of the solution, I suggest you take the Virtus training. It is required for people who work with children in our parish, but everyone is welcome to take it. It will help you recognize signs of abuse, learn ways to limit access and opportunity for abuse, and how to report inappropriate behavior. My biggest take away from the training was that being illegal does not stop inappropriate behavior from happening; not allowing abusers to be alone with the vulnerable does. The best way for us to prevent abuse, is to show up.

My hope is that the truth revealed in the McCarrick report will inspire more awareness, reform, and outreach. I want the Church to deal with the shame and guilt appropriately. I want the church to help victims heal. I want the Catholic Church to be the world's biggest champion of eliminating abuse and exploitation by empowering each of us to take personal responsibility for the safety of the most vulnerable members of our population. The Church is dealing with the truth; we as its members must also. We are the Church, and in spite of this scandal and tragedy, we still have the power to do so much good.

Thank you for sharing your gifts.

- Chris Kuhlemeyer

December Epic Dates

Dec 2nd 6-7pm
Dec 9th 6-7pm
Dec 16th 6-7:30pm
Hope to see your middle schooler there!



Other Information

<u>December 8, 2020 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception and</u> 150th Anniversary of St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church

St. Joseph, the most chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary and the divinely appointed guardian of the Holy Family, whose faithful love and prompt obedience in his earthly life, was a model for all to follow. He was declared a Patron of the Universal Church by Pope Pius IX 150 years ago in 1870. The Litany of St Joseph beautifully describes the many ways St Joseph's intercession has been and continues to be sought by individuals and by the universal Church for protection.

The 31 years of Pope Pius IX's papacy in the 19th century was marked by three pivotal events, all of which occurred in various years on Dec. 8. In 1854, Pope Pius IX formally declared the dogma of the Immaculate Conception, a feast celebrated annually on Dec. 8. In 1869, he commenced the First Vatican Council, again on Dec. 8. Finally, on Dec. 8, 1870, he declared St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church.

Please keep in mind, that through all world events, we have a heavenly protector, who continues today to protect the Church and her faithful. We need the spiritual fatherhood of St. Joseph to defend marriage and family, elevate morals, recover lost ground, win souls for Jesus Christ and also for re-evangelizing the world. We need to bring St. Joseph onto the battlefield. He is the Terror of Demons! History reveals countless times of upheaval; however, through it all, Christ and the Church remain and the Faith continues to spread. Please pray strongly for the gift of Faith to grow in our world.

IMPACT STATEMENT

During the past fiscal year, Catholic Charities KCSJ has impacted approximately 16,957 people in our communities, including those who are widowed, single, divorced or separated, seniors, ex-offenders, disabled and veterans. We provided over 1.3 million in rent, utility, and other emergency assistance. Catholic Charities also facilitated the adoption of two children this year. We are aware there is much more to be done and we are very thankful for your continued support of our outreach. For more information on our programs and impact please contact Nancy Butters, Parish Outreach Manager at nbutters@ccharities.com or 816-659-8266.

Mass Reading 2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 Psalm 85:9-14 2 Peter 3:8-14 Mark 1:1-8

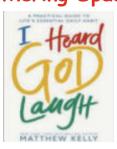
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Luke 3:4,6

RCIA (Becoming Catholic)
Dec 9th,
6 pm
Topic: The
Sacraments

St. Gregory's Gift to You

I Heard God Laugh by
Matthew Kelly
Is Available for pickup
in the
Gathering Space





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stgregorysmaryville.org
HOMEPAGE,
ANNOUNCEMENTS

TO

SIGNUP FOR BAE OR ATTEND THE LIVE EVENT

Join Janice Falcone at 9 am

for Facebook live events.

Dec 10th: "Praying with Nature"
Dec 17th: "Praying with Music"

Formed Pick of the Week:

Please go to:

on the Homepage

scroll down to the bottom and click on the image. It will take you directly to

Formed.org

There are several items related to the Advent Season to choose from!

Virtual Eucharistic Adoration



Wednesday Mornings After Mass until 10 am

Sunday,	Dec 6	
	No Scheduled Events	
Monday,	Dec 7	
12:00 pm	Scrip Orders Due	
5:00 pm	Manna Curbside/Delivery	
6:00 pm	Bible Study	(PH)
Tuesday,	Dec 8	
	Immaculate Conception	
	Parish Office Closed	
9:00 am	The Search	(CH)
Wednesd	ay, Dec 9	
9:00 am	Adoration until 5pm	(CH)
3:00 pm	School Faculty Meeting	(SCH)
6:00 pm	Little Saints/EPIC	
	(CH/PH/SCH/I	LR/GYM)
6:00 pm	CGS (A	ATRIUM)
6:00 pm	RCIA	(OMR)
6:30 pm	High School Youth Group	(LR)
Thursday	, Dec 10	
	No Scheduled Events	

Saturday, Dec 12 **Religious Retirement Collection**

6:00 am Men's Group

Sunday, Dec 13

Religious Retirement Collection

St. Therese Circle will resume meeting in the spring. No meeting December 7th year. Stay healthy!

Thank you for your continuous support and generosity! We could not operate without each and every one of you. For your convenience, please consider online-giving. Contact Angela in the office to sign up. We encourage you to continue to mail in your donations or to give online during these difficult times.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Dec 5

5:00 pm † Alfred Steele

Sunday, Dec 6

8:00 am Int. of John Stoll 10:30 am † Mary Lou Wilmes

Monday, Dec 7

5:30 pm † Matthew Carroll

Tuesday, Dec 8—Immaculate Conception

12:05 pm L&D Members of Clarence,

Louise & Ron Eck Families

Wednesday, Dec 9

8:00 am † LeRoy Wilmes

Thursday, Dec 10

8:00 am † Angela Pfeifer Stanley

Friday, Dec 11

8:00 am † Roy & Pat Seipel

Saturday, Dec 12

5:00 pm † Ron Morin

Sunday, Dec 13

8:00 am † Lorraine Alavi

10:30 am † Alice Barmann

(† Indicates Mass for deceased person)

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse: 1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and 2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and 3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their

families. Please contact the Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information

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Friday, Dec 11

10:00 am Staff Zoom Meeting

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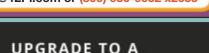


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