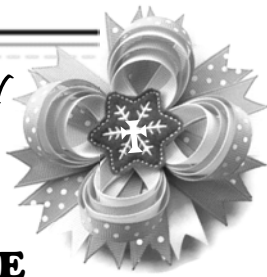


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2017 PARISH CALENDARS

Our 2017 parish wall calendars are available in Church after all Masses and at the Parish Center. We are most grateful for the generosity of the McCriskin-Gustafson Family of Funeral Homes who provided the new wall calendars for our Sacred Heart families. May God bless you and your families every day of the new year.

MAKE THIS THE BEST ADVENT EVER

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PAPAL QUOTE AND CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING - THEME 6: Care for God's Creation: We

show our respect for the Creator by our *stewardship of creation*. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.

"... I do not want to write this Encyclical without turning to that attractive and compelling figure, whose name I took as my guide and inspiration when I was elected Bishop of Rome. I believe that Saint Francis is the example par excellence of care for the vulnerable and of an integral ecology lived out joyfully and authentically. He is the patron saint of all who study and work in the area of ecology, and he is also much loved by non-Christians. He was particularly concerned for God's creation and for the poor and outcast. He loved, and was deeply loved for his joy, his generous self-giving, his openheartedness. He was a mystic and a pilgrim who lived in simplicity and in wonderful harmony with God, with others, with nature and with himself. He shows us just how inseparable the bond is between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace." #10, Encyclical Letter, *LAUDATO SI, On Care For Our Common Home*, Pope Francis I, May 24, 2015.

ARCHIVE FINDING AID: The parish archives can be accessed via the parish website. Instructions for using the Finding Aid are included.

THOUGHTS ON PRAYER:

PRAYER FOR ADVENT

Come, long-expected Jesus.

Excite in me a wonder at the wisdom and power of Your Father and ours.

Receive my prayer as part of my service of the Lord who enlists me in God's own work for justice.

Come, long-expected Jesus.

Excite in me a hunger for peace: peace in the world, peace in my home, peace in myself.

Come, long-expected Jesus.

Excite in me a joy responsive to the Father's joy. I seek His will so I can serve with gladness, singing and love.

Come, long-expected Jesus.

Excite in me the joy and love and peace it is right to bring to the manger of my Lord. Raise in me, too, sober reverence for the God who acted there, hearty gratitude for the life begun there, and spirited resolution to serve the Father and Son. I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, whose advent I hail. Amen.

Are you praying your Morning Offering?

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O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

I offer You my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered throughout the world, in reparation for my sins, for the intentions of all my relatives and friends, and also for the intentions of our Bishop James and the Holy Father. Amen.



"Anything we do, without offering it to God, is wasted."
– St. John Vianney

DAILY INTENTIONS

- Sunday** That the Gospel message of Joy, Mercy and Reconciliation, may open hearts and minds to Christ Our Savior
- Monday** For the Sick and Persons with Disabilities
- Tuesday** For Those who Suffer Discrimination regardless of its source (Age, Gender, Race, Religion, Disability, National and Ethnic Origin, Sexual Identify, Social Status)
- Wednesday** For Military & Emergency Response Services Personnel
- Thursday** For all Pregnant Mothers and their Unborn Children
- Friday** For all Civil and Religious Leaders
- Saturday** For our Families, our Bishop James & his intentions, and the intentions written in our Parish Intention Book

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ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2016

Celebrate the rich traditions and spiritual treasures of the Seasons of Advent and Christmas with family and friends, in Church and at Home.

The Advent Wreath is a four week "calendar" of prayer inviting us to prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus, the Light of the World who calls us to everlasting life — candles, light, evergreen in an unbroken circle.



The Christmas Crèche was first presented by St. Francis of Assisi in the 13th century at a chapel in Greccio, Italy. It brings to our view the place, people and animals gathered around Jesus at His birth. It is a reminder also that the Wood of the Crib would become the Wood of the Cross. May we never lose sight of God's incredible love for us!

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 10:00AM

CHRISTMAS EVE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 —

5:00PM & 12:00 Midnight

4:45PM - Prelude with Choral & Handbell Choirs

11:45PM - Prelude with the Adult Choir

CHRISTMAS DAY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 — 9:00AM &
11:30AM

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30 —
9:00AM

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

World Day of Prayer for Peace

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2017 —

SATURDAY VIGIL: 5:00PM

SUNDAY - 9:00AM & 11:30AM

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 —

SATURDAY VIGIL: 5:00PM

SUNDAY - 9:00AM & 11:30AM

*The Children's "Procession of Stars"
begins Sunday at 8:50AM*

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

MONDAY, JANUARY 9 —

7:00PM

EL SANTO NIÑO

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14 - 1PM

