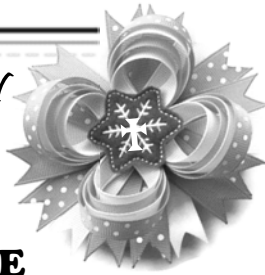


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### 2017 PARISH CALENDARS

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

Sign-up for Dynamic Catholic's "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.

"...These statements of the Popes echo the reflections of numerous scientists, philosophers, theologians and civic groups, all of which have enriched the Church's thinking on these questions. ...To give just one striking example, I would mention the statements made by the beloved Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, with whom we share the hope of full ecclesial communion. Patriarch Bartholomew has spoken in particular of the need for each of us to repent of the ways we have harmed the planet, for "inasmuch as we all generate small ecological damage", we are called to acknowledge "our contribution, smaller or greater, to the disfigurement and destruction of creation". He has repeatedly stated this firmly and persuasively, challenging us to acknowledge our sins against creation: "For human beings... to destroy the biological diversity of God's creation; for human beings to degrade the integrity of the earth by causing changes in its climate, by stripping the earth of its natural forests or destroying its wetlands; for human beings to contaminate the earth's waters, its land, its air, and its life – these are sins". For "to commit a crime against the natural world is a sin against ourselves and a sin against God". #7&8, ENCYCLICAL LETTER, *Laudato Si, On Care For Our Common Home*, Pope Francis I, May 24, 2015.

### 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

### THOUGHTS ON PRAYER:

#### PRAYER FOR THE SALVATION OF THE WORLD

Father, hear our prayers for the salvation of the world.  
Grant mercy to all souls that turned away from you.  
Open their hearts and minds with your light.

Gather your children from the east and the west, from the north and the south. Have mercy, O God, on those who do not know you. Bring them out of darkness into your light. You are our saving God Who leads us in our salvation. Protect us from evil.

We bless and praise you, O Lord. Hear our prayers and answer us. You, our Savior, are the hope of all the ends of the earth and the distant seas. May your way be known upon earth. Among all nations Your salvation.

We put the world in your hands. Fill us with your love and grant us peace through Christ, Our Lord.

Amen.

❖ Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, OFM Cap.  
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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

