



Dear Parishioners,

As Christmas approaches, with a week and a half of Advent remaining, I encouraged everyone to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation, if you have not already done so. This coming Thursday evening, December 18, at 7:00 PM, we will have our Advent Penance Service at which there will be another priest besides myself available for hearing confessions. Also, starting on Saturday, December 20 and on the days before Christmas, I will be offering an extended schedule of confessions, so that there is ample opportunity for receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the celebration of Our Lord's birth. Please see the bulletin for these times. Of course, you may go to another parish, if you so choose, for confession. Jesus was born to take away our sins, so let us allow him to give us this greatest gift to us during Advent. In this week's bulletin, there is an insert with an examination of conscience to aid you in making your confession.

Have a blessed and grace-filled week.

God bless you, Fr. Gutowski



DECEMBER 15 THRU DECEMBER 21

Monday	Elsie Grunbaugh
Tuesday	Maurine Lehan
Wednesday	Edith Kantor
Thursday	Dorine Amerine
Friday	James Kocmick

Saturday
Sunday

Special Intention
People of St. Joseph

SERVERS & 1 LECTOR NEEDED:

We still need the following ministers for the December holidays. Please consider helping if you can. We are getting there.

For Christmas Eve: 5 p.m.: 1 Lector, 1 Server
Midnight: 1 Servers
Please email Sharon VanTassell at sharonvan1@gmail.com if you can help.

RE HAPPENINGS

The RE Christmas celebration is December 17 from 6:15-7:30. The theme this year is "Christmas in Italy." All RE families, parishioners, and friends are invited to come celebrate. If you are of Italian descent and have special memories of Christmas traditions, please share them with Sherry (shuntwork@msn.com) or come and share them with everyone. Everyone is asked to bring a Christmas treat to share.

The children are preparing poems, songs, music, and a skit to begin the Christmas celebration. We will begin in the church for 30-45 minutes of entertainment and then proceed to the party in the social hall and RE building. We will have games, treats, drinks, and craft making. As a community service we are asking for donations to the Stephens Center. There is a flyer with Stephen Center needs on it in the RE building and Narthex of church.

Confirmation candidates are asked to volunteer to run the games, craft, and donations. This will count as one service project to the Parish community.

No RE December 24 or 31. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!