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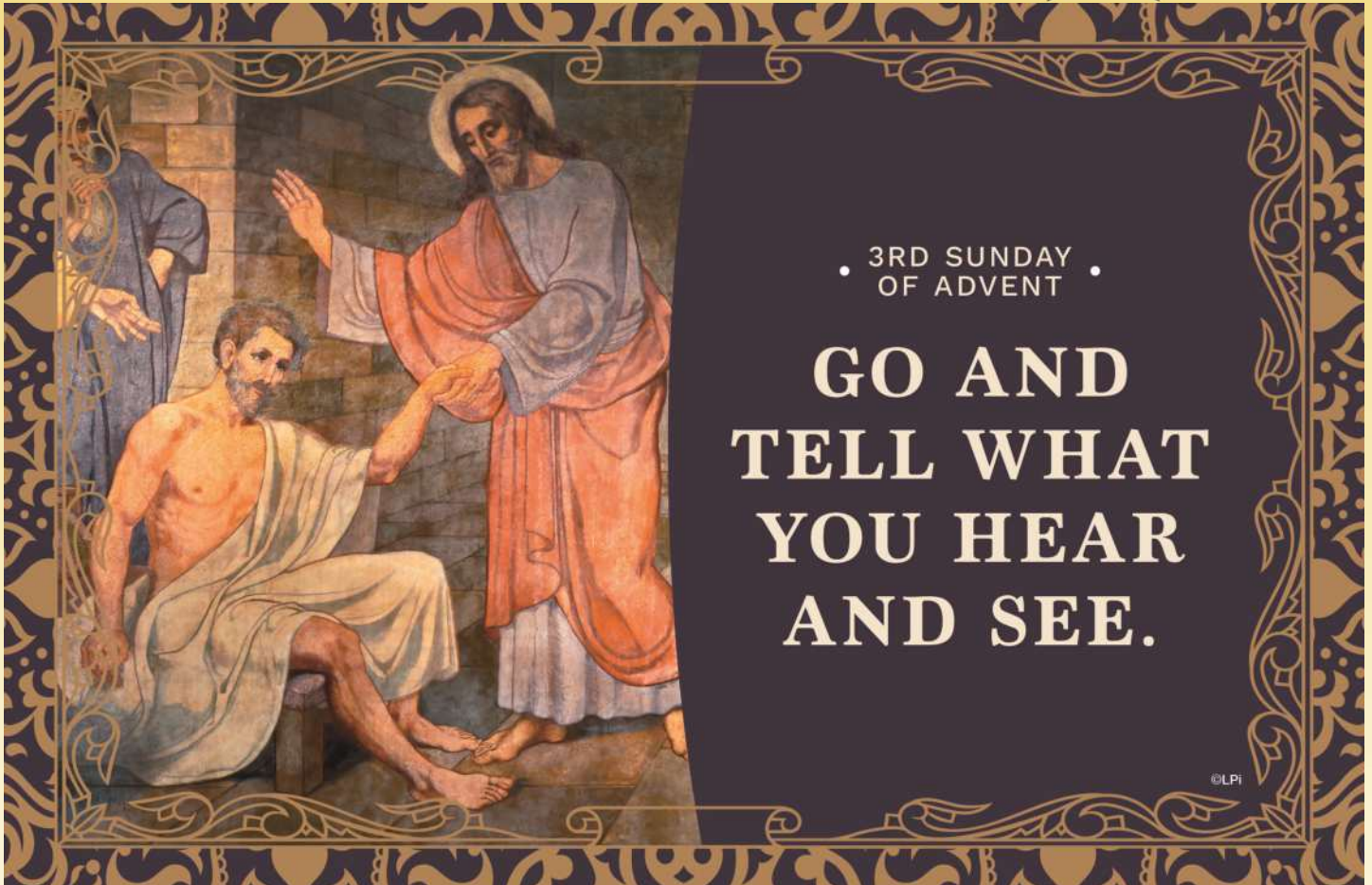
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



• 3RD SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT •

**GO AND  
TELL WHAT  
YOU HEAR  
AND SEE.**

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### MASS SCHEDULE

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

**Mondays:** No Daily Mass

**Tuesdays:** 6:00 PM Mass

**Wednesdays:** 8:00 AM Mass/  
*Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help  
follows Mass*

**Thursdays:** 6:00 AM Mass

**Fridays:** 8:00 AM Mass

#### WEEKEND MASSES

**Saturdays:** 4:00 PM Vigil Mass

**Sundays:** 9:00 AM

11:00 AM

#### ROSARY TIMES

**Tuesdays:** 5:20 PM *(Before Mass)*

**Saturdays:** 3:20 PM *(Before Mass)*



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**AED** located in the back, west stairwell of the Church.

## Vocations Chalice Program



Join our Sacred Heart Parish prayer efforts for an increase in holy vocations in our diocese.

Every Sunday a family will be presented with Father Josh's ordination chalice to take home and pray the entire week for an increase in vocations.

If your family would like to participate, call the parish office: 225-387-6671

## DOROTHY DAY CAFÉ

Monday through Friday

7:30–9:30 a.m.  
in the Underground Hub



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### OFFICE HOURS

Mondays–Thursdays: 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Fridays: CLOSED

Parish Office Closed every Wednesday from 10:30 AM–12:30 PM  
(Closed Daily for Lunch 12:00 – 12:30 PM)

### ADORATION CHAPEL

Mondays–Sundays: 7:00 AM – 9:00 PM

(The Chapel is in the Church Sacristy and can be accessed from the ramp in the rear of the Church. Call Parish Office for code to enter.)

### CONFESSIONS

Tuesdays: 5:30 PM

Wednesdays: 7:30 AM

Thursdays: 6:30 AM

Fridays: 7:30 AM

Saturdays: 3:00 PM



### SACRED HEART OF JESUS SCHOOL

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Mrs. Sharon Jones

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Mother Mary Rosario

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### SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Friday 7:15 AM – 3:05 PM,  
(Summer Hours: Monday - Thursday: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM)

### NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

EVERY 1ST FRIDAY  
OCTOBER - JUNE ONLY

CONFESSIONS: 11 AM  
MASS: 12 noon  
NOVENA: 12:30 PM

Please call or e-mail your prayer requests to the Parish Office Receptionist at 387-6671 or Receptionist@sacredheartbr.org

## Christmas Season Mass Schedule

**Wednesday, December 24, 2025**

4:00 p.m. Mass of Christmas Eve

**Thursday, December 25, 2025**

12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass

10:00 a.m. Mass of Christmas Day

**Saturday, December 27, 2025**

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass of The Feast of the Holy Family

**Sunday, December 28, 2025**

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Feast of the Holy Family

**Wednesday, December 31, 2025**

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass of Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
*(holy day of obligation)*

**Thursday, January 1, 2026**

10:00 a.m. Mass of Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
*(holy day of obligation)*

**Friday, January 2, 2026**

12:00 p.m. First Friday Mass & Novena to the Sacred Heart

**Saturday, January 3, 2026**

8:00 a.m. First Saturday Mass

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass of The Epiphany of The Lord

**Sunday, January 4, 2026**

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. The Epiphany of The Lord



*O Come, Let Us Adore Him*

**We know that many of you like to make  
year-end donations for tax purposes.**

We welcome all donations and appreciate your support. In order to credit your account for 2025 and do our year-end bookkeeping procedures, we must receive all donations by **December 31<sup>st</sup>**.

*Donations may be dropped in the collection basket, mailed,  
or dropped off at the Parish Office.*





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# CHRISTMAS GUEST MUSICIANS



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**CHRISTMAS EVE - 4:00 PM  
(CONCERT STARTS AT 3:25)**

**CHRISTMAS DAY - 10:00 AM**

## Support the Food Pantry!

*Did you know the Food Pantry also gives out limited toiletry items when they bring food to our neighbors? Through your generosity our food pantry is able to be a source of support in our community. Please keep in mind when making food pantry donations that nutrition is very difficult on a low-income budget.*



*Most Needed:*

- Bars of Soap (individually packed)*
- Toilet Paper*
- Pork & Beans*
- Peanut Butter*

*You can leave your items in the baskets at the back doors of the Church at Mass times. Thank you for helping us serve those in need in our community!*



## Christmas Decorating 2025

*Save the Date*

*Sunday  
December 21, 2025  
following the 11 am Mass*



*Come and help us prepare the Church to welcome Christ at Christmas this year. We will be decorating the Church for the Christmas Season from ribbons to lights to wreaths and we need your help to make it happen! Food will be provided for volunteers. Thank you!*



*It's not too late to join us on Hallow for  
"Be Still" Advent Pray 25 Challenge!*

# Advent



# Hallow



click on our community tab on the Hallow app



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### *Advent Wreath Making*

The School hosted its first-ever Advent Wreath-Making Party! Every wreath was uniquely and beautifully made. The Advent candles symbolize hope, peace, joy, and love, all gifts of the Lord Jesus, whose coming we prepare in Advent. Special thanks to Kay Gaudin for organizing this event. May the light of Christ fill our homes and hearts as we begin this holy season.



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◆ ◆ Sacraments ◆ ◆

#### **MARRIAGE**

Couples should contact the Parish Office at least six (6) months prior to the desired date and must complete the Marriage Preparation Program.

#### **CARE OF THE SICK**

Visits made regularly to hospitalized and homebound. Contact the Parish Office for Anointing of the Sick or to receive Holy Communion.

#### **BAPTISM**

Seminar required. Please visit the website or call the Parish Office for information.

#### **FUNERAL PLANNING**

Please call the Parish Office prior to scheduling with the funeral home.

◆ ◆ Readings ◆ ◆


<p><b>Sunday, December 14</b> Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (see Is 35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11</p> <p><b>Monday, December 15</b> Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, December 16</b> Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23/Mt 21:28-32</p> <p><b>Wednesday, December 17</b> Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17</p>	<p><b>Thursday, December 18</b> Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25</p> <p><b>Friday, December 19</b> Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25</p>	<p><b>Saturday, December 20</b> Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38</p> <p><b>Sunday, December 21</b> Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24</p>
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◆ ◆ Calendar ◆ ◆

MON 15	<p><b>No Daily Mass</b> <i>Walking with Purpose</i>, 5:30 PM, Parish Hall <i>Men's ACTS Formation Mtg.</i>, 5:30 PM, AC-Fr. Blasco Rm.</p>
TUE 16	<p><i>Rosary</i>, 5:20 PM   <i>Confessions</i>, 5:30PM   <i>Daily Mass</i>, 6PM <i>SHS Middle School Exams</i>, 11 AM Middle School Dismissal</p>
WED 17	<p><i>Confessions</i>, 7:30 AM   <i>Daily Mass</i> 8 AM <i>Staff/Team Prayer Meeting-Office Closed</i>, 10:30-12:00 <i>SHS Middle School Exams</i>, 11 AM Middle School Dismissal <i>O.C.I.A. Class</i>, 6:00 PM, Parish Hall <i>Walking with Purpose</i>, 6 PM, Parish Hall <i>Choir Practice</i>, 6:30 PM, Choir Rm.</p>
THU 18	<p><i>Daily Mass</i>, 6 AM, Church   <i>Confessions</i>, 6:30 AM (Note: Confessions follow Mass on Thursdays.) <i>SHS Middle School Exams</i>, 11 AM Middle School Dismissal <i>SHS December Birthday Free Dress</i> <i>Men's Lectio Divina</i>, 6:30 AM, Parish Hall <i>Vagabond Open Holy Hour</i>, 9 AM, Church</p>
FRI 19	<p><i>Confessions</i>, 7:30 AM   <i>Daily Mass w/ SHS</i>, 8 AM <i>SHS 11 AM Dismissal</i> <i>SHS 3rd Grade Christmas Play</i>, 9:30 AM, SHS Gym</p>
SAT 20	<p><i>Confessions</i>, 3 PM   <i>Rosary</i>, 3:20 PM <i>Vigil Mass/2nd Collection for St. Vincent dePaul</i>, 4 PM <i>SVdP Visitation Meeting</i>, 8:30 AM, HUB Conference Rm.</p>
SUN 21	<p><b>4th Sunday of Advent</b> <i>Masses/2nd Collection for St. Vincent dePaul</i>, 9 &amp; 11 AM <i>Coffee &amp; Doughnuts</i> following 9 AM Mass <b>only</b> <i>PSR 1st Eucharist Class</i>, 10 AM, AC-Fr. Smith Rm. <i>Church Christmas Decorating</i>, 12 PM, see pg. 4 <i>Sober Hearts: Open AA Meeting</i>, 5 PM, AC-Fr. Gauci Rm.</p>

◆ ◆ Mass Intentions ◆ ◆

Date	Mass	Intention(s)
Tuesday 12-16-25	6 PM	Lynn Alexander
Wednesday 12-17-25	8 AM	Special Intention of John Ross Garbarino
Thursday 12-18-25	6 AM	Michael DiVincenti III Ryan Spencer Leggio
Friday 12-19-25	8 AM	Alex Hankel
Saturday 12-20-25	4 PM	E. Paul Alonzo Vic Weston Jacquelyn Louis Butler
Sunday 12-21-25	9 AM	Jerome Leggio Jr Ryan Spencer Leggio David & Bradley Smith
	11 AM	Parishioners of Sacred Heart

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**   
Adoration Chapel Hours | 7AM - 9PM Daily

The Sacred Heart Sanctuary Lamp  
for the month of December is lit in memory of  
**Patti Ragusa**

The Sacred Heart Adoration Chapel Lamp  
for the month of December is lit in memory of  
**Bill Chenevert**




◆ ◆ Minister Assignments ◆ ◆

December 13-14: Third Sunday of Advent			December 20-21: Fourth Sunday of Advent		
Mass	Readers	Cantor	Mass	Readers	Cantor
Saturday 4:00 PM	Lisa Gardner (1) Phyllis Territo (2)	Natalie Overall	Saturday 4:00 PM	Joell Keller (1) Deanna Wilson (2)	Denise Williston
Sunday 9:00 AM	Pamela Davis (1) Perry Key (2)	Natalie Overall	Sunday 9:00 AM	Jeanne Garcia (1) Caesar Garcia (2)	Denise Williston
Sunday 11:00 AM	SHS Student 1 (1) SHS Student 2 (2)	Natalie Overall	Sunday 11:00 AM	Franny Comeaux (1) Gene Todaro (2)	Denise Williston

## Chant Mass Parts

### Kyrie

Kyrie eleison . . . . Kyrie eleison  
Christe eleison . . . . Christe eleison  
Kyrie eleison . . . . Kyrie eleison

### Sanctus

Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus Dominus  
Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt coeli et  
terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.  
Benedictus qui venit in nomine  
Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.

### Mysterium Fidei

Mortem tuam annuntiamus, Domine,  
et tuam resurrectionem confitemur,  
donec venias.

### Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:  
miserere nobis.  
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:  
miserere nobis.  
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi:  
dona nobis pacem.



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