

Mass Intentions ~ December 2-8, 2019

Monday @ 7:30 am — People of the Parish

Tuesday @ 7:30 am — Betty Benton (RIP)

Wednesday @ 6:00 pm — People of the Parish

Thursday @ 7:30 am — Rita McDonald (RIP)

*Friday @ 10:00 am — Healing Mass

**Saturday @ 11:00 am — Funeral Mass for Lalande Harkins

Saturday @ 5:30 pm — Bernard & Mary Lawson (RIP)

Sunday @ 8:00 am — Joan Millington (RIP)

Sunday @ 10:30 am — Greg Begonia (RIP)

New Prayer Requests

Special Intentions:

Nancy Stewart

Gary Harkins

Vicky & Mark Meluso,
daughter and son-in-law of Bob & Abby Flaherty

Repose of the Soul:

Margaret McAleese

Mary Lalande Harkins

Contact the Church office to schedule Mass intentions and to add names to our prayer list.

Sacrament of Reconciliation — Saturday @ 4:30-5:00 pm (or by appointment — call the Church office)

Adoration this week: Monday & Thursday, 8 am — 12 pm; Friday, 8-10 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ EVENTS ~ INFORMATION

Angel Trees are near the Information Table and in the Family Life Center. Choose and ornament and return your wrapped gift specified on the ornament. Attach the ornament to the gift to be sure it goes to the correct family.

Religious Goods Store is going out of business — all items 1/2 off!

St. Dominic Ministry — December 3rd Please sign up to bring needed lunch items to feed the families of ICU patients.

Religious Ed classes will resume Wednesday, Dec 4th and Sunday, Dec 8th.

First Friday Healing Mass & Brunch — December 6th @ 10 am — All are welcome, and invited to bring an unwrapped toy to the Brunch for the Toys for Tots program.

Women's Guild Fundraisers:

— **Comedy Dinner Theatre "All I Want for Christmas"** — **December 7th** in the Family Life Center.

— **Spirit Basket Drawing** — **December 7** Tickets \$5 each or 5 for \$20. You do not have to be present to win.

Knights of Columbus Events:

— **Christmas Cards & magnets for sale** at the information table.

— **Annual Blood Drive & Visit with Santa — December 8th** Sign up now to donate blood. All are invited to enjoy breakfast with Santa after the 8:00 Mass, and lunch with Santa after the 10:30 Mass — visits and photos with Santa, all on Dec 8th! Proceeds go to Coats for Kids. All men, ages 18 and over, are invited to join us and learn more about the Knights.

Baptism Preparation Class — December 8th @ 9:15 am in Room 110 of the Family Life Center. All parents wishing to have a child baptized in the next few months must participate in this class. Children and godparents are welcome.

Mass for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary — Monday, December 9th @ 7:30 am only.

Parish Reconciliation Service — Monday, Dec 16th @ 6:00 pm We will have several priests available for this Sacrament.

Alpha begins January 9th @ 6:30 pm — Information & Registration form posted on our website.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Offertory Collection for November 23/24:

Regular collection \$16,662.00

Capital Campaign Collection \$3,411.00

****Please note we will have a Second Collection NEXT weekend to support Retired Religious.**

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Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm



December 1, 2019
First Sunday of
Advent



**Our mission is to invite everyone
into a deeper relationship
with Jesus Christ.**

Decision Cards Update

During the weekend Masses on November 9th & 10th and November 16th & 17th, our parishioners were invited to fill out a Decision Card and vote for Option 1 or Option 2, and to provide additional information in regard to disposition of pledges. This was done in order to gauge the new direction for our parish building plans.

In order to be good stewards of our parish money, the Building Committee had decided that the current proposed Renovation Plan was no longer a feasible option. We determined that there are two viable options: 1) build a new church using all our available resources, and 2) focus on the necessary repairs for our existing church. We had a clear vision that all of our people would be provided an opportunity to register their choice for Option 1 or 2.

The preliminary results were provided in the November 17th bulletin with a further invitation for those who had not responded to do so. Since that time, an additional 103 parishioners have responded.

Of these 528 responses, here are the results:

- 423 parishioners voted in support of building a new church.
(12 of these votes were from youth)
- 105 parishioners voted to not support building a new church.

To date, the majority of our parishioners believe God is leading our parish to build a new church. Our goal is to complete the voting by December 8th. If any parishioner has not yet rendered their decision, please do so.

Should the final decision be to build a new church, then the hard work will begin in earnest. At that point, it will be necessary for us to assess the cost and determine if parishioners are willing and able to provide the financial support. Until we establish that we have the means and support, no work will be done on the design, timeline, or construction process.

Your prayers, support, and understanding are very much appreciated during this difficult process. Please continue to pray for the Lord's guidance and providential care of our parish.