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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT ♦ NOVEMBER 29, 2026



BE WATCHFUL! BE ALERT!

~ MARK 13:33

OUR PARISH MISSION

To form and nurture disciples of Jesus Christ in union with the Roman Catholic Church.

Weekend Masses

Saturday
4:00pm.....Ss. Peter & Paul
5:30pm.....St. Thomas

Sunday
7:30am.....St. Thomas
9:00am.....Ss. Peter & Paul
10:30am.....St. Thomas

Weekday Masses

Tuesdays.....8:00am @ Ss. Peter & Paul
Wed, Thur.....8:30am @ Ss. Peter & Paul
Fri, Sat.....8:30am @ St. Thomas

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Confessions

Tuesdays.....7:15-7:45am @ Ss. Peter & Paul
3:30-4pm @ Ss. Peter & Paul
Wednesdays.....7:45-8:15am @ Ss. Peter & Paul
3:30-4pm @ Ss. Peter & Paul
6:15-7pm @ St. Thomas (w/Adoration)
Thursdays.....7:45-8:15am @ Ss. Peter & Paul
Fridays.....7:45-8:15am @ St. Thomas
3:30-4pm @ St. Thomas
Saturdays.....7:30-8:15am @ St. Thomas
3-3:45pm @ Ss. Peter & Paul

Sacrament Guidelines

Baptisms:
Make arrangements with the pastor. Copy of Birth Certificate must be submitted, at the latest, one week before the baptism.

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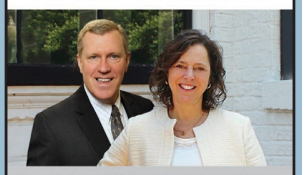
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From Fr. Glen's DESK

This is the 1st Sunday of the season of Advent. This is a time of quiet preparation to truly celebrate the birth of Jesus. John the Baptist was sent to prepare the way for Jesus in the hearts of the people. Now each of us needs to look within and see if the way of the Lord in our hearts needs some clearing and pruning so that Jesus can come straight into our hearts.

The time of Advent preparation is how we prepare a gift for the Lord in our hearts. None of the material gifts that we give to each other are for the one whose birthday is reason we give gifts to each other. But the love which lies behind our gift giving reminds us that in love we should spend some time pondering what would Jesus most like to see us do, or to change in life. Let us take the time to look within and prayerfully ask Jesus what he would most like us to work on as a gift for Him for Christmas.

Prayer for Those Who Will Soon Be Ordained as Deacons

Heavenly Father,

We pray for the men in Deacon formation who will soon be ordained, especially our Parish Administrator - Todd Ziesmer, and Cory Plotts from St. Thomas.. Fill them with your Holy Spirit and strengthen them to serve Your Church with humility, faith, and joyful hearts. May they proclaim the Gospel with courage, minister with compassion, and reflect Christ the Servant in all they do.

Bless them, their families, and all who have guided them on this journey. May Our Lady and all the saints intercede for them as they prepare to answer Your call.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Todd Ziesmer



Cory Plotts

CHAPEL CLOSING GUIDELINES FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER



During the winter season, we will close the chapel during severe inclement weather (i.e., sleet, heavy snow, low wind chill temps, icy roads). If any of these conditions exist, please call our main office number - 763-479-0535, select option 3 for our Announcement line, and then option 1 to check our Chapel announcement message before heading to the Chapel.

Although our Lord will not be in the monstrance, He is still in the chapel tabernacle; so if you would still like to visit Him in the chapel, you are welcome.

COFFEE & ROLLS

All are invited to the Parish Center Dining Hall for coffee, juice and rolls following the 9 AM Mass.



BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Bulletin articles are due by 9:00 AM on Mondays, unless indicated else-where in the bulletin. All articles must be completely written before submitting. Please email to bulletineditorSPP@saintsppta.org.

Thank you.

Ss. Peter & Paul Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday
9am - 4pm

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SUPPORTING PARISH & COMMUNITY

PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE *(July 2026-June 2027 contributions)*

Contributions toward our renovation project are not included.

Week Ending November 22, 2026

Donation Type	W/E Collection	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference	Prior YTD Actual
Envelopes	$6,321.00	$125,785.72	$133,200.00	$ (7,414.28)	$125,708.00
Electronic Giving	$1,289.75	$42,369.03	$40,600.00	$1,769.03	$38,993.53
Loose Plate	$379.25	$5,687.90	$5,920.00	$ (232.10)	$6,284.15
TOTALS	**$7,990.00**	**$173,842.65**	**$179,720.00**	**$ (5,877.35)**	**$170,985.68**

THANK YOU

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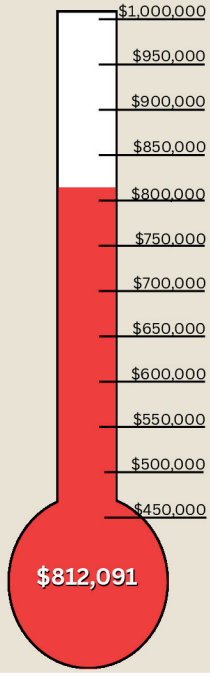
"ACCESS FOR ALL" | CHALLENGE



- Broader Parishioner Goal:.....$207,000 (100%)
- Actual Donations Received:.....$170,851 (83%)
- Needed to Reach Goal:.....$36,149 (17%)

TOTAL REC'D OVERALL
(incl. Parishioner Base, lead commitments & other forms of support.)



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A MAINTENANCE MINUTE

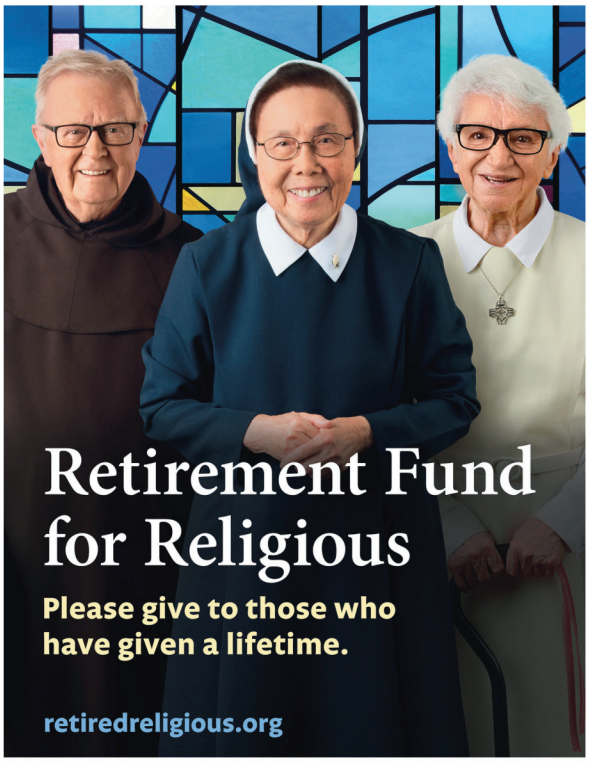
"ACCESS FOR ALL" | UPDATE

Well, it's been an interesting week. The Church heating system was repaired last Wednesday afternoon, and is running smoothly. We next checked out the boiler for the snow melt system on the outside steps. There are leaks in the tubing somewhere under the concrete steps, so as of now we are not using that heating system. We will begin investigating it more in the coming days. Thankfully, now we have another option of entering the Church. The new addition steps are enclosed, so they will be a lot safer and you don't have to worry about snow- and ice-covered steps.

We did a Fire Drill last Tuesday for the VIA kids and staff. They all exited the building in 2:15 minutes. Great Job! We had them come into the Church to keep them warm, and to separate them into their respective classes for accountability. Once everyone was accounted for, they were released back into school.

Next up: ADVENT

Gary



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December 12/13

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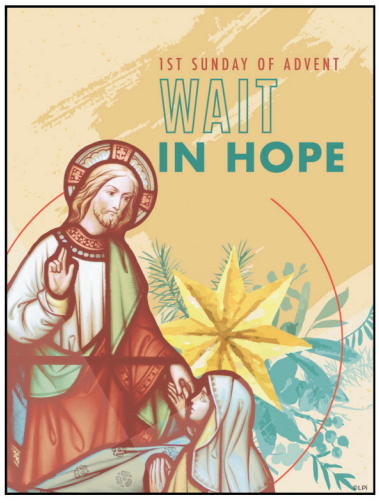

OUR CATHOLIC FAITH



GOSPEL MEDITATION

A friend once told me, "When I was young, I was so broke, I couldn't even pay attention." It's a clever line. Even when your pockets are empty, you can still be attentive. And yet, we often find creative ways to spend our attention on anything but what matters most.

We begin the season of Advent with Jesus' words about how we maintain our attention. He says,
"What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'" (Mark 13:37). He describes servants waiting for their master's return. Their task is simple: stay alert. Be ready to open the door, welcome him, and serve. That is why they're there. Advent reminds us that this is the purpose of our lives, too. God is coming to us. The question is whether we are awake and ready to receive him.

How do we train our attention for God? One powerful way is the age-old Christian practice of vigils. Praying in the quiet stillness of night — free from all distraction — focuses the heart and awakens a deeper awareness of God's presence. This Advent, watch for the coming of the Lord by the practice of vigils. Not in theory, but concretely. The Lord is coming. The awake, attentive heart will recognize Him.

— Father John Muir

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FILLING UP ON ADVENT

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

I've learned the hard way to keep Saltines on the top shelf, far out of the kids' reach.

Saltines are a perfectly lovely little snack, but they're so light and salty and full of air that my children consume entire sleeves of them without realizing it. "I'm not hungry — I ate a bunch of Saltines!" they protest when I call them to the table for dinner.

I think I'm going to have it tattooed on my hand, just so I don't have to keep saying it: what fills you up doesn't necessarily feed you.

This, unfortunately, is so often how I am with Advent. I gorge myself on the nonsense that looks, sounds, and tastes like Christmas — but never really feels like it. It all appears harmless — light and full of air — these decorations, these social engagements, these consumeristic spirals of gift-giving, these drive-through light shows. I don't even realize it's happening until, on December 25, I find myself so tired I can barely drag myself across the finish line.

The lie at the heart of all that excess is the same as the lie at the heart of any evil: I am empty, and all this nothing can fill me up.

Because December 25 isn't the finish line, is it? It's the beginning. Advent is supposed to be the time of preparation, the time of stillness and calm, of watching and waiting, reflection and renewal. A time that — gasp! — reenergizes you, so that when the lord of the house comes, he won't find you passed out in a pile of tinsel and cookie dough.

So be watchful. Be alert.

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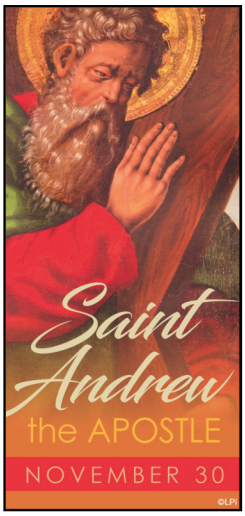
ST. ANDREW CHRISTMAS NOVENA, *EXPLAINED!*



The St. Andrew Christmas novena is a prayer said from November 30, the Feast of St. Andrew, through Christmas Eve. Traditionally, it is recited 15 times each day.

The Gospel of John tells us that St. Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptist who heard John call Jesus "the Lamb of God." Andrew followed Jesus, curious about him, and realized that he was the Messiah, so he quickly found his brother, Peter, and the two became the first disciples.

In praying this novena, Christians follow the example of Andrew's prescient faithfulness throughout the season of Advent.

The prayer of the novena reads: "Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen."

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NEWS & EVENTS



FOOD SALE

Food from our festival (roasts, cakes, etc.) will be for sale at coffee & rolls today (Sunday) after 9am Mass. Cash, check or credit card.



HOLIDAY TRAIN
Food Drive

Ss. Peter and Paul is collecting nonperishable food items and cash donations for the 2026 Holiday Train! All donations will go to area food shelves.

Collection baskets are located in the entryway of the new addition, in the parish center, and in the chapel kitchen. For questions, please contact Joyce Rathburn at the Parish Office: 763-496-5142 | jrathburn@saintsppta.org.



"Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." — Mt 24:43-44

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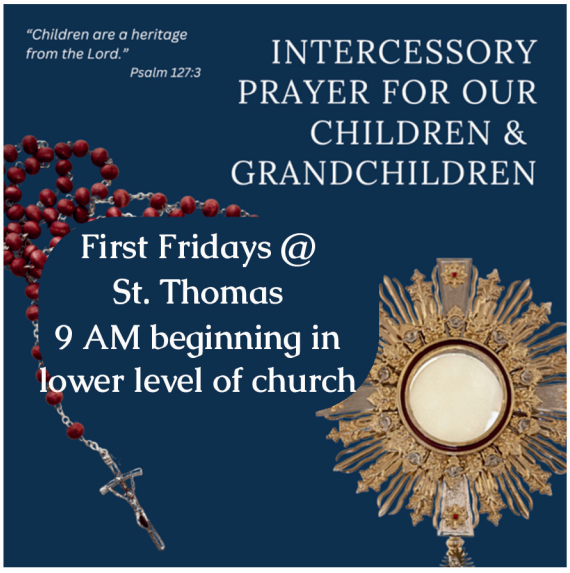


SACRAMENT SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER

Note: *There are no confessions before Holy Day Masses*

Tuesday, December 8 - The Immaculate Conception
(Holy Day of Obligation)
****Parish Offices closed****

- 8:00 AM Mass @ Ss. Peter & Paul
- 7:00 PM Mass @ St. Thomas

Sunday, December 20 - Add'l Confessions for Advent

- 4-5:00 PM @ Ss. Peter & Paul

Tuesday, December 22 - Add'l Confessions for Advent

- 5:30-6:30 PM @ St. Thomas

Note: *Regular confession schedule is also in effect.*

Christmas Eve Schedule
****Parish Offices closed****

- 4:00 PM Mass @ Ss. Peter & Paul
- 5:30 PM Mass @ St. Thomas
- 9:00 PM Mass @ St. Thomas
- 10:00 PM Mass @ Ss. Peter & Paul

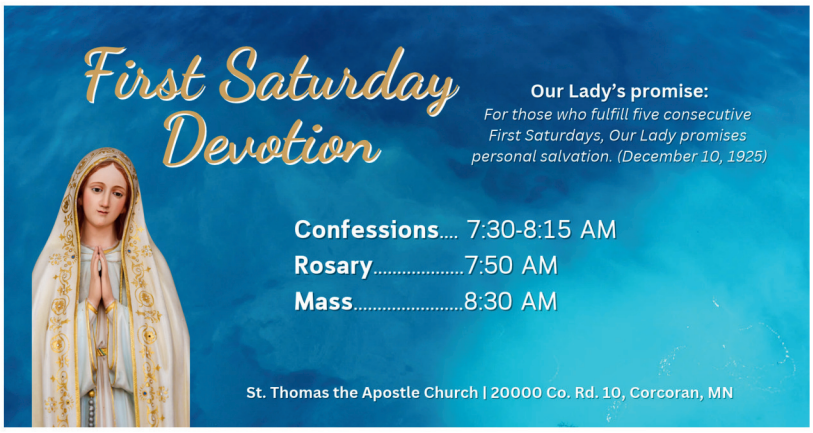
Christmas Day Schedule
****Parish Offices closed****

- 9:00 AM Mass @ Ss. Peter & Paul
- 10:00 AM Mass @ St. Thomas

Mary, Holy Mother of God *(Holy Day of Obligation)*

- 5:30 PM Vigil Mass on Dec 31 @ St. Thomas
- 9:00 AM Mass on Jan 1 @ Ss. Peter & Paul

****Parish Offices closed on January 1****





END-OF-YEAR DONATIONS

To make a contribution for the 2026 tax year, the donation must be dropped off in the Parish Office by 12 noon on Thursday, December 31st. Checks received or postmarked in January will be counted towards 2027 contributions.

Thank you for your generous support!

THIS WEEK

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sat, Dec 5 - 4PM

Priest.....Fr. Ulrick
Sacristan.....JoAnn Schlosser
Rosary.....Bill & Vicki Magevas
Ushers.....Ray Polson, Butch Peitz
Lector.....Diane Oberg
EMHC.....Diane Oberg

Sun, Dec 6 - 9AM

Priest.....Fr. Juettner
Sacristan.....Glen Schneider
Rosary.....Marlis Doboszenski
Ushers.....Randy Arens, John Grenzer, Bryan Deutsch
Lector.....Christian Young
EMHC.....Marlis Doboszenski
Cup Minister.....Glen Schneider
Hospitality.....Rick & Ruth Lehn

Mass Intentions

December 1-6, 2026

Tues.....+Eleanore Florek
Wed.....+Norm Winter
Thur.....+John R. Gallas
Sat.....4:00pm...Parish Cluster
Sun.....9:00am...++Betty & Nick Elsen

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29, 2026

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent
Monday: St. Andrew, Apostle
Thursday: St. Francis Xavier, Priest
Friday: St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent



JOIN US WEEKLY:

MON: **CHOIR PRACTICE** | 6:30-8:00PM (SPP Church Choir Loft)

WED: **YOUNG ADULT STUDY** | 6:30-8:30PM (SPP Conference Room)

THU: **MEN'S SOCIAL GROUP** | 9:00AM (SPP Dining Hall)

SUN: **COFFEE & ROLLS AFTER 9AM MASS** (SPP Dining Hall)

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

SPP = Ss. Peter & Paul
ST = St. Thomas
DH - Dining Hall

Sun, Nov 29	**CK tear-down** | After 9am Mass
Mon, Nov 30	**CK - Finish tear-down**
Tue, Dec 1	OCIA | 6:30pm, St. Thomas Parish Center, Rm. 12
Wed, Dec 2	Parish Cluster Dinner | 5:30-6pm, ST Dining Hall Faith Formation | 6:15-7:30pm, ST Parish Center
Thur, Dec 3	SPP Pastoral Council mtg | 6:30pm, SPP Conference Rm
Fri, Dec 4	Family Intercessory Hour | 9am, ST Church basement
Sat, Dec 5	First Saturday Devotions | (see pg 5 for info), ST Church
Sun, Dec 6	Holy Apostles COR mtg | 5-6:30pm, SPP Parish Center Holy Apostles Youth Group | 6:30-8pm, SPP Parish Ctr
Mon, Dec 7	Table of Wisdom Women's Grp | 10am, SPP Dining Hall
Tue, Dec 8	Feast of The Immaculate Conception *(Holy Day of Oblig.)* *Parish Offices closed* Holy Day Mass | 8am, Ss. Peter & Paul Church OCIA | 6:30pm, St. Thomas Parish Center, Rm. 12 Holy Day Mass | 7pm, St. Thomas Church
Wed, Dec 9	Parish Cluster Dinner | 5:30-6pm, ST Dining Hall Faith Formation | 6:15-7:30pm, ST Parish Center
Sat, Dec 12	Diaconate Ordination | 10am, Cathedral of St. Paul Young Adult Swing Dance | 7-11pm, SPP Gymnasium
Sun, Dec 13	Youth Dead Theologians Society | 5pm, SPP Parish Ctr



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29, 2026

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Monday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL

Ss. Peter and Paul Parish Volunteer Team #056

Our Catholic United Financial Parish Volunteer Team promotes our faith and strengthens our community through various activities. We are committed to the social, service, and religious needs of our parish community.

Join Catholic United Financial by contacting Team Director, Joyce H. at 763-498-7187, or Administrative Coordinator, Cecilia K. at 612-834-4487.

PRAYER

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

The Prayer Chain Ministry comprises parishioners dedicated to praying for others. To place someone on a Prayer Chain, please contact Lynn Scholtes at 612-801-1588 / lynnscholtes@gmail.com.

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Eric Alger - Army; Patrick Eikmeier - Army National Guard; Nick Elsen - Air Force; Dalton Pouliot - Army National Guard; Nickolas Sieg - Army; Kayden Triplett - Navy; Peter Weber - Air Force.

If you would like a member of our U.S. Military listed or removed, please contact Lynn at the Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Office—763-496-5143 or lscholtes@saintsppta.org.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Because of our need to respect the privacy of individuals/families, we must have a member of the family call us to have a name included here. Unless we hear from the family, we will take a name off after 3 months. Thank you!

- Luke Dugan (1/28)
- John Grenzer (1/28)
- Mary Jorgenson (1/28)
- Wally Johnson (2/11)
- Rosie Arens (2/11)
- Special Intention (2/11)

PRAY FOR THOSE DISCERNING THE DIACONATE

- Cory Plotts.....Diaconate Formation
- Todd Ziesmer.....Diaconate Formation

Blessing for the 1st Week of Advent



Dear Lord,

As this Advent season begins, pour Your blessing upon us. Bless our Advent wreaths and readings, our retreats and reconciliations. You are our God and our guide; be with us as we journey.

Amen.

Area Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

Area Perpetual Adoration is in Our Lady of Loretto Chapel, which is located in the old Convent building on the Ss. Peter & Paul Church grounds. To sign up for an hour, please contact Sherry in the Parish Office (763-479-0535) or one of the members of our Adoration Core Team listed below.

ADORATION CHAPEL CORE TEAM

Head Coordinator	Joanne	763-360-2639
Assistant Coordinator	Diane	612-730-9386
Night Division Leader	Brenda	763-656-7910
Morning Co-Division Leader	Judy	763-331-5703
Morning Co-Division Leader	Peggy	612-616-7143
Afternoon Division Leader	Lill	612-600-2050
Evening Division Leader	Connie	763-228-8330

Blessed Virgin's Rosary Ministry

Prayer Intentions for

December 2026

- *That all families will appreciate and celebrate in the true Christmas spirit of peace and love;*
- *For the intentions written in the* Prayer Intention Book *in the Adoration Chapel; and*
- *For the intentions of the participants of the Blessed Virgin's Rosary Ministry.*

New members are always welcome. For information or to join, visit our website or contact Joanne at jmschu@live.com.



"I urge priests, religious and lay people to teach younger generations the meaning and value of Eucharistic adoration and devotion. How will young people be able to know the Lord if they are not introduced to the mystery of His presence? All interior life needs silence and intimacy with Christ in order to develop."

(Saint John Paul II, May 28, 1996)



Adoration Open Hours

NIGHT HOURS:

Sunday	2:00 AM | 3:00 AM
Monday	2:00 AM | 3:00 AM
Friday	1:00 AM
Saturday	1:00 AM | 3:00 AM

AFTERNOON HOURS:

Sunday	3:00 PM
Wednesday	5:00 PM

EVENING HOURS:

Friday	10:00 PM

For questions or to inquire about taking an hour, go to our website by scanning this QR code, or call the Parish Office at 763-479-0535.