

FAITH FORMATION

Thanks to all who attended our Advent Prayer Service on Dec. 3rd. We hope you are discovering ways to use the Advent Booklet in order to prepare your Hearts & Homes for Jesus.

The Faith Formation Christmas Party for the children will be held on **Sunday, December 17th at 10:15** in Padua Hall. Refer to the December newsletter for further information. Keep Christ in Christmas Posters will be displayed and winners announced.
Thanks for submitting those posters!

There will be an opportunity for families to participate in a Parish Service Project by assisting the Ladies of Charity in distributing Christmas meals to the needy on Saturday, December 16th from 9 Am to Noon.

Don't forget to "Fill the Manger" in Padua Hall with food for the needy.

"GIFT"

The high school "GIFT" program will be meeting next Sunday, December 17th, at 5:30. They will go caroling and have a Christmas party afterward.

All Are Welcome!

PARISH ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Tuesday, December 12th, 7:00 PM

Additional Priests Available

Additional Confession Times During Advent
December 18th, 5 to 8 PM—(w/ Eucharistic Adoration)
December 23rd, 11 to 12 PM and 3 to 5 PM

2018 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

If you currently receive offertory envelopes your 2018 envelopes are sorted alphabetically and are available to be picked up outside of Padua Hall. Call the office if you did not receive envelopes and you should have.

NATIONAL SHRINE'S CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR THOSE IN NEED

The Basilica of the National Shrine will sponsor dinner for those who are alone or in need on Christmas day, December 25. Volunteers are needed to assist in preparing, serving, and delivering meals as well as assisting with other logistics. If interested call 202-526-8300 or go online at www.nationalshrine.org/christmasdinner.

The Spiritual Life Committee invites you to join us each Saturday at 8:40 am in the church as we pray the Rosary before Mass.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Vicki Baxter, John Bell, Sam "Bo" Bradley, Marlene Bradshaw, Ralph Carrello, Bill Carroll, Helga Cuevas, Luis Cuevas, Jean Davis, Sig Degitz, Luke Engler, Jo Finch, Anthony Fowler, Taylan Fowler, Louise Floren, John P. Flynn, Noah Christopher Haas, Marie Heaton, Maslynn Holmes, Cory Honoker, Roza Ivanac, Kayla Johnston, Shirley Kallal, William Kallal, Rick Kollinger, Brian Lloyd, Donna Lynch, Mark Mann, Walter Matziet, Kelly McCarley, Jennifer Melanab, Margie Edwards Morgan, Joanne Nielsen, Mary Ogle, William Owens, Doris Pettko, Darley Phillips, Payton Phillips, Ray Pyles, Jonathan Rieger, Carolyn Ritch, Joel Rivera, Grayson David Rodriguez, Wayne Romanek, Geri Rosen, Kristy Salek, Bunny Tate, Joseph Tayman, Betty Theurer, Susan Vilcheck, Pat Waak, Shannon Wink, Richard Walton.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT **DECEMBER 17TH, 2017**

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

Isaiah describes the joy and salvation which will accompany the coming of Christ. He compares the plants which spring from a garden to the justice that will spring from all nations.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Paul reminds the Thessalonians to constantly ready themselves for Christ's arrival. He tells them to "avoid any semblance of evil" so that they may be found irreproachable when Jesus does arrive.

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

John explains that he is only a messenger to the people for one more powerful than himself. John stresses to them that they must make a path for the one so powerful that he is not fit to unfasten the strap of his sandal.

GOSPEL QUESTION

In order to celebrate the spirit of Christmas, What things in your life do you need to make straight?

CONTRIBUTIONS

As always, we are most grateful for your generous contributions to our parish.

December 3rd—\$9,287.01

Poor Box November—\$1,615.15

CARDINAL HICKEY OPEN HOUSE

January 28th, from 12:30 to 2 PM, Cardinal Hickey Academy will hold their open house! Get more information on how to start a faith based education for your children. We are now enrolling Pre K—8th grades. If you can't wait until then, visit our website at www.cardinalhickeyacademy.org or email us at development@cardinalhickeyacademy.org.