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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 16 & 17, 2023
Year B

The 3rd Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means joy in Latin. Yes, there is so much to be joyful about because the One we hope for is getting so near. As Isaiah prophesied, "He brings glad tidings." So goes also the color of the liturgical vestment has turned into rose pink signifying the so much anticipation for the coming celebration of the incarnation of the Lord. Hence, the 3rd candle of the advent wreath is lit reminding us of that spirit of joy that each should have. As we prepare our heart to welcome the Lord, we must feel and experience that spirit of joy it brings to us. And as we continue to do our best, rest assured of God's blessings of the season and more to come.

Rejoice!
Fr. Rod

Stewardship Corner

December 9 & 10, 2023

Offertory:	\$3,710
Online:	\$1,883
Monthly Operating Expenses	\$370
Loose:	\$189
Children:	\$24
Candles	\$102
Flowers	\$483
Catholic Accent	\$0
CCD	\$0
Christmas	\$170
Immaculate Conception	\$410
Solemnity of Mary	\$65

Weekly Budget Need:	\$7,700
Actual Weekly Offering:	\$7,406
Difference This Week:	(\$294)

Year To Date Budget Need:	\$377,300
Year To Date Actual Offering:	\$275,151*
Year To Date Difference:	(\$102,149)

This Week

Families Receiving Envelopes::	368
Families Using Envelopes:	101
Families Using Online Giving:	39

*Online Donations are updated Monthly

Diocesan Collections

Thank you all who made a gift last week to the:
Family Services Collection \$45.
Those who have not done so can make a gift by
returning the envelope in your packet.

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Contributions by **Check** is preferred over
cash when possible



CHRISTMAS—DEC. 25

SOLEMNITY OF MARY—JAN 1

FINANCE COUNCIL—JAN 23 @6PM

PASTORAL COUNCIL—FEB 5 @ 7PM



ALTAR FLOWERS OR SANCTUARY CANDLE

If you would like to purchase altar flowers or a sanctuary candle in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please call the parish office. Please keep in mind that altar flowers and sanctuary candles may be purchased to honor the living as well as the deceased. They may also convey thanksgiving for prayers answered or to celebrate occasions such as anniversaries and birthdays. The suggested donation for flowers is \$75; candle is \$25.

ONLINE DONORS

If you are making your donations online to Holy Cross Church and you are still receiving envelopes, please let us know. We can save your donation dollars by cancelling the envelopes.. Thank you!

**The Parish Office will be
CLOSED
Friday, December 22nd
thru
Tuesday, December 26th**

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY	Vigil	5:00PM	SUNDAY	8:00AM & 10:00AM
HOLY DAY	Vigil	6:00PM eve. prior day		8:00AM on Holy Day
WEEKDAY		8:00AM Mon. thru Thurs.		No Mass on Friday
CONFESSIONS		Saturday 4:00PM		
WEDDINGS		Please call Father at least 6 Months Prior		
BAPTISMS		Please call Father to schedule.		
ANOINTING OF THE SICK		Please call parish office.		

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon., Wed, Thurs.: 8:00AM—4:00PM Tuesday 2:00—5:00PM
Friday: 8:00AM—Noon

MASS INTENTIONS



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SAT. DEC 16	5:00PM	JOHN & MARIE CORNICK (LOUCKS FAMILY)
SUN DEC 17	8:00AM	ALICE THEIS (JOANNE & JIM BRAHOSKY)
	10:00AM	ANNA MAE EICHLITZ (SHIRLEY & HOWARD LIVELEY)
MON DEC 18	8:00AM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
TUE DEC 19	8:00AM	TED AUMER (B) (LENA EDER)
WED DEC 20	8:00AM	DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE NEMEC FAMILY (DR. JACK)
THU DEC 21	8:00AM	ELMER KNIZNER (ELEANOR)
FRI DEC 22	8:00AM	*****NO MASS*****

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SAT DEC 23	5:00PM	ANGIE DEMONTE(FAMILY)
SUN DEC 24	8:00AM	GEORGE & ANNE RINIER (RINIER FAMILY)
	10:00AM	ELMER KNIZNER (DON & MARY ANN BUFFER)

CHRISTMAS

CHILDREN'S MASS	5:00PM	SPECIAL INTENTIONS
VIGIL	9:00PM	SPECIAL INTENTIONS
MON DEC 25	9:00AM	SPECIAL INTENTIONS

There is no regional Mass at Our Lady of Grace on Dec 24 or Dec 31.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 23 & 24, 2023

SAT DEC 23	5PM	ALTAR SERVERS—RAYMOND LUTZ, EXT. MINISTER—CHERYL HELMAN LECTOR—JIM SHUGARTS
SUN DEC 24	8AM	ALTAR SERVERS— JUDY FIELD, EXT. MINISTER—MARGIE ALTSCHAFFL LECTOR—DENNIS McMANUS
	10AM	ALTAR SERVERS—PIXIE TALARICO, EXT. MINISTER—NEEDED LECTOR—JO HARTZELL
	5PM	ALTAR SERVERS—TEAGAN HULL, CARSON KIRSHNER, MICHAELA KOCHUGA EXT. MINISTER—NEEDED
	9PM	ALTAR SERVERS—NICK LUBECKI, PIXIE TALARICO, 1 NEEDED EXT. MINISTER—NEEDED, LECTOR—JIM LUBECKI
MON DEC 25	9AM	ALTAR SERVERS—PIXIE TALARICO, JUDY FIELD, 1 NEEDED EXT. MINISTER—NEEDED, LECTOR—JO HARTZELL

Third Sunday of Advent, Year B—December 17, 2023
My Soul rejoices in my God. Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Isaiah 61:10b)

THE WORD

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 61: 1-2A, 10-11

THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD GOD IS UPON ME....



SECOND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-24

TEST EVERYTHING; RETAIN WHAT IS GOOD.

GOSPEL: JOHN 1:6-8, 19-28

MAKE STRAIGHT THE WAY OF THE LORD....



Daily Mass Readings: www.usccb.org
Daily Mass Schedules: www.dioceseofgreensburg.org

If a loved one has passed away and is a member of Holy Cross Church, please notify the parish office. We must update our records.

When you are admitted to a hospital or nursing home, please tell the admissions staff and nurses that you are Roman Catholic and would like a visit from the facility's Catholic Chaplain. This is due to HIPAA privacy laws. The Chaplain is often able to see you and administer the sacraments during times when the pastor is not available.

If you experience any personal injury on church property, please call the office or speak to Fr. Rodriguez

IF YOU HAVE ANY SUSPICION about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone, please contact PA Childline immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer, you are also requested to contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the Childline number and made the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, Ext. 1221.

**Holy Cross
Prayer Chain**

If you, a loved one or friend are in need of extra prayers, Contact Pat Cassa at 724-925-2617 to be placed on the parish prayer chain. No matter what the need is, large or small, we are here to pray for that need.



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December Faithful Challenge: Embrace Eucharistic Revival

Eucharistic Revival is alive and well in our faith community! Over the last year, thousands of people responded to Bishop Kulick's weekly faithful challenges on social media. And it truly has made us a more Eucharistic Community. In December, as we celebrate both the Advent and Christmas seasons, we urge you to once again accept his challenge and open your heart and mind to the power of the Eucharist! Whether it be placing an Advent wreath in the center of your home, attending daily Mass or a Mass with the Bishop, or even saying a prayer for the Eucharistic Revival, you join with the living Body of Christ.



KofC BREAKFAST WITH SANTA 2023





The Tree of Hope

Donations for this year's Tree of Hope will be collected to benefit the Youngwood Community Food Bank & The Lions Club. The deadline for donations is January 2, 2024. Names will be published in the bulletin at the end of January. If you wish to donate, please fill out the coupon below, bring it to the parish office, mail it or place it in the collection basket in an envelope clearly marked "Tree of Hope."

Thank you for your generosity!



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The Holy Cross Women's Guild

The installation of new members to the Women's Guild will take place at the 10 AM mass on Sunday, December 17th. All current members of the Women's Guild are asked to participate in the installation ceremony.



Paper goods may be left at the church entrances every weekend. There isn't always room in the bulletin to promote this project. So please remember these donations are welcome any time. Your ongoing support of the Youngwood Food Pantry is always appreciated.

2024 Calendars

Compliments of CR McCauley Funeral Home are now available at all entrances of the church. Pick up yours today and perhaps one for a friend, relative or neighbor who is unable to attend mass.



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