

MASS INTENTIONS (\$10.00)

Dec 13th – Dec 18th

Tuesday	8:30am	12/13
Wednesday	8:30am	12/14
Thursday	8:30am	12/15
Friday	8:30am	12/16
Saturday	5:00pm	12/17
Sunday	8:00am	12/18
	10:00am	

PRAYER REQUESTS

James Brown, Patricia Lightner, Barbra Cowlin, Pam Curnutt, Sandy Byers, Pauline Thompson, Chris Arnis, Bernard Offley, Debbie Medeiros, Leon Frappier, Ronald Schaumberg, Leo Carina, Bill Jauron, Marie Anderson, Joey Bates, Geri Noble, Patty Lowe, Dick Wall, Lloyd Ebert, JoAnn Evans, Rodney Mann, Jim Fery, Ted Hile, Craig Chabala, Marvel Brown, Sherry Elder Baker, Martin Scheer Sr., and Josh Bryan

From 2016/2017, July 1st through June 30th 2017 we need \$3,885 weekly. This does not include Religious Education, Youth Ministry personnel, which could account for \$16,000 or more. Also, this does not include Capital Campaign.

<u>Weekly Need</u>	\$ 3,885.00
<u>Collection Dec 3rd & 4th</u>	\$ 3,093.65
	\$ -791.35
Flowers	\$ 203.00

<u>Attendance</u>	5 pm	62
	8 am	52
	10 am	113

Our Reconciliation Service will be on Wednesday, December 14th at 7pm here at St. Frederic Church.

Pray for a Seminarian, pick up a Book Mark in the entrance of the church.

BULLETIN DEADLINE Information for the December 24th/25th bulletin needs to be emailed or brought in to the office by Friday, December 16th.

In the vestibule you can find a reference flyer for donating to Saint Frederic via the church website.

3rd Sunday of Advent

"The blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised." Jesus has quite a résumé. When asked whether or not he is the long awaited Messiah, Jesus replies with this list of his credentials as proof of his position. These signs and wonders speak volumes, to be sure. But perhaps the most interesting line on the list is his concluding one, "the poor have the good news proclaimed to them." Why does he count this among his litany of miracles? What is so remarkable about sharing good news?

Perhaps Jesus included this element of his work--the preaching of good news--to remind his followers that the physical healings were not the ultimate goal of his mission. Rather, the *spiritual* healing that comes from hearing the good news of salvation is what Jesus was really about. The "poor"--which in a sense means all of us sinners, trapped by the poverty of the sins that enslave us--are freed by Jesus' message of a loving God who wants to bring us into his kingdom. Our poverty is erased by his richness. His mercy "undoes" our sin and we are invited to become the children of God who share in the glories of his heavenly abode.

Sometimes it's tempting to just want the *visible* miracles. But the invisible ones--the conversions that take place in the silence of the human heart--are truly the more important works of God. Such interior transformation is what leads us to *eternal* life; even a physical cure won't last for eternity--death still comes at some point. But the really *good* news is that this miracle of conversion is available to *all* of us. And this season of Advent is the perfect time to let God work his miracles in our hearts.

Cycles of Faith

DECEMBER POSADAS

December 16th to 23rd at 7pm in family homes

December 24th will be in the Church at 12pm

See Rosa Gonzalez for a list of addresses.

The Posadas consist of traveling with Mary and Joseph. The first part of the Posadas start at the designated place chosen. Here is where the people congregate and where the prayer begins. The procession starts with the singing of the Litany of the Blessed Virgin.



Readings for the week of December 11th, 2016

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/Ps 85/Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Ps 30/Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Ps 67/Jn 5:33-36

Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72/Mt 1:1-17

Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

Religious Ed Classes

If public school is cancelled due to weather, Religious Ed will also be cancelled.

Pre-K through 6th grade after 10am mass in Parish center.

Sacramental Prep Reconciliation and First Communion classes will be on Wednesdays at 7pm in the Parish Center.

Youth Group is on Sunday evenings 6 to 8pm in the Parish Center.

We are 10 weeks into the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). We had the Rite of Welcoming for Rose Vinson at 10 a.m. mass on November 20th. Recent topics have been about the Trinity, Creation, the Fall of Mankind, and the Devil.

Interested in learning more about your Catholic faith? We meet on Tuesdays at 7 p.m., in Room 5, and all are welcome to come for subjects that interest them. Upcoming topics include:

12/13 – Mary

1/10 – Why do I need the Church?

St. Vincent de Paul Notice

Due to Christmas Day occurring on the usual collection weekend for St Vincent de Paul, that collection will be taken up the following weekend, **December 31** and **January 1**. Please be sure to pre-date your checks in order to claim the charitable contribution for 2016. Thank you for your continued generosity to the needy of our community!

A Steward's Way

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to thank all those who have made their Stewardship Commitment. I would like to also remind those who have not pledged to please do so. Pledge cards & envelopes are available in the vestibule.

Thank you and God Bless,
Fr. Nicolaus Marandu

"There is more happiness in giving than in receiving."
Acts 20:35



Collection Reminder

Please remember that Christmas falls on Sunday this year. In addition to your Sunday donation, don't forget your Christmas gift.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Your donation works for aging religious. "I read that roughly 95 percent of donations to the Retirement Fund for religious aid senior religious," a donor writes. "That's wonderful when we truly want our donations to work." Your gift works for elderly religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care, and more. For Support for the Retirement Fund for Religious, and those who have given a lifetime, collection will be taken up on December 17th & 18th.

Women's Society Christmas Party will be at 11:00am at Warren Country Inn on December 13th!

Bring a gift—Limit \$10.00 — if you want to participate in gift exchange. There is no cost to observe!

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