



"Rejoice always, never cease praying, render constant thanks; such is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."  
 I Thessalonians 5:16

The opposite of stewardship is ingratitude. Stewardship is about gratitude and rendering constant thanks. We can't give what we don't have. Stewardship means being aware of how much we've received. After that realization, giving is a mandate.



**Sunday, December 14 (Third Sunday of Advent)**

10:00 a.m. Thelma Dunlevy

**Monday, December 15**

8:30 a.m. Mary Elizabeth Quinn

**Tuesday, December 16**

8:30 a.m. Ken Klemenz

**Wednesday, December 17**

8:30 a.m. People of the Parish

**Thursday, December 18**

8:30 a.m. People of the Parish

**Saturday, December 20**

4:30 p.m. Helen Wolf

**Sunday, December 21 (Fourth Sunday of Advent)**

10:00 a.m. The Whelan Family

Every Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, we will be praying the Rosary from 8:15 a.m.-8:30 a.m. All are welcome.



## Daily Scripture Readings

**Sunday** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28  
**Monday** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25; Mt 21:23-27  
**Tuesday** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34; Mt 21:28-32  
**Wednesday** Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72; Mt 1:1-17  
**Thursday** Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72; Mt 1:18-25  
**Friday** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71; Lk 1:5-25  
**Saturday** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24; Lk 1:26-38  
**Sunday** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38



## DECEMBER



**Sunday, December 14**

Faith Formation (LIBRARY/SCHOOL BLDG.)

8:45 a.m.

AA (ASC/M)

6:00 p.m.

Taekwondo (LIBRARY)

6:00 p.m.

Men's Basketball (GYM)

7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, December 17**

Christmas Choir (CHURCH)

3:00 p.m.

Children's Choir (CHURCH)

4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Schola (CHURCH)

7:00 p.m.

Taekwondo (PH)

7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, December 18**

RCIA (ASC/M)

7:00 p.m..

## Grieving Tree

As we look toward the Christmas season in our community, we remember that it is not necessarily a happy season for all of us. The season can close in on us with societal expectations of happiness and force merriment, when for some, this time of year is particularly heavy with grief, loss, and sadness. This year we have placed a tree near the tabernacle that will be our "prayer tree". If you have family members or personal burdens that you struggle with during this season, the tree is available for you to leave prayer requests for the community.

### 2015 Catholic Calendars

1 per family

Copies of the new calendars are available in the back of Church (and on succeeding weekends until they are gone). These calendars are published by the Extension Society of the Catholic Church, and are donated to our parish by Sam Kinnaird's Flooring. Thank you James & Donna Mudd-parishioners!



## Gift Bearer Ministry

Starting the weekend of November 29/30, those who want to take up the gifts at Mass can sign up to do so before the beginning of Mass as they enter the church. There will be a signup sheet for that Mass on a table located behind the last pew in church. Those who sign up are asked to go to the back of church while the ushers take up the collection. They will wait for the servers to come down and escort them to the front of church where they will present the gifts to either the deacon or the priest. They will then wait as the usher presents the money and then proceed back down the aisle. This is a special ministry open to all parishioners and visitors and should be done with reverence.



Your Attention Please: during the winter weather months, if school is cancelled then morning Mass will also be cancelled.

# Third Sunday of Advent

## Healing Service

A healing service with the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at St. Barnabas Church, 3042 Hikes Ln. For information, call Paul Furmanek at 608-3529.

The Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand are offering a program, "Grace in our Christian Life," on Saturday, January 3, at Kordes Center on the grounds of Monastery Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand, Indiana. Grace is an invisible presence there when needed, but not always recognizable. Make grace a part of your journey. Presented by Sister Jolinda Nass, OSB. Program runs from 9:30 a.m. Eastern time to 11:30 a.m. Cost \$30. Registration due December 31. For more information or to register, call 800-880-2777, or 812-367-1411, ext. 2915, or visit [www.thedome.org/programs](http://www.thedome.org/programs).

**Reminder:** Please fill out and return your Stewardship forms as soon as possible. The forms can be found at each door in church or can be accessed on our website at [www.ccsfachurch.org](http://www.ccsfachurch.org). Forms can be dropped in the collection basket or mailed to the Rectory. If you would like to have a form mailed to you or for questions, please contact the Rectory at 456-6394.



Many people enjoy using Christmas time as a time to make special gifts to charities. Why not consider including St. Francis of Assisi in your Christmas giving plans? Not only will your gift accomplish much good here at the parish, but a year-end gift may also provide you with additional tax savings. Appreciated stock may prove the best option for making a year-end gift to the parish. With a donation of qualifying appreciated stock, you can: 1) receive a charitable tax deduction based on the fair market value of the stock on the date of the donation, 2) avoid paying any capital gains tax on the stock, and 3) make a significant donation without affecting your checking or savings accounts. Stock must be transferred before the end of December to qualify for a 2014 tax benefit. For more information, speak with your broker or the Archdiocese's Stewardship and Development Office at 585-3291.



## Special Advent & Christmas Masses 2014

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| 12.24  | Christmas Vigil Mass~5:30 pm                          |
| 12.24  | "A Christmas in Kentucky"<br>& Midnight Mass~11:30 pm |
| 12.25  | Christmas Day Mass~10 am                              |
| 12.27  | Saint John the Apostle~4:30 pm                        |
| 12.28  | Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph~10 am            |
| 1.1.15 | Holy Mary Mother of God~10 am                         |



## Prayer List for September-December

Ron Allgeier	Chris Ballard	Larry Biven
Austin Bryan	Julie Casper	Marlene Crimmins
Bill Emrich	Daniel Glass	Wendy Glass
Aubrey Glassner	Ronda Gordon	Joe Goulart
John Haffner	Marvin Hanka	Marsha Hawkins
Jeannine Hayes	Winnie Hayes	Mike Herp
Adelaide Hess	Sue Hines	Aubrey Huebner
Jill Jones	Michael Just	Christy Lewis
Tiffany Lewis	Irvin Metz	Jim Parrish
Jean Phillips	Betty Popham	Carole Reverman
Larry Reverman	Laura Reverman	Lee Schaefer
Shirley Schaefer	Margaret Scott	Geraldine Smith
Nancye Tandy	Hannah Thomas	

Please put the following name(s) on the Prayer List

**The Prayer List will the first Sunday in January. If you wish to remain or be added to the current prayer list, please drop this form in the collection basket, or call the Rectory, 456-6394.**

**PRAYER TREE**-Marlene Crimmins serves as the Prayer Tree Coordinator at SFA. The Prayer Tree is a way to have SFA parishioners pray for you, a family member or a friend. The prayer request can be for any reason. Please call Marlene at 451-3393 for more information.

**HEALING BLANKETS**-For information about obtaining a healing blanket for a parishioner in need contact: Toni Sowers at 644-6681.

## Catholic Services Appeal Update

Thanks to those who have already responded with a gift to the 2014 Catholic Services Appeal. To date we have raised \$14,193. Our parish goal is \$20,800. There is still plenty of time to respond with a gift to this year's Appeal. Gifts can be made through our parish office or online at [www.archlou.org](http://www.archlou.org).

Sunday Collection: DEC 7 2014	\$8,505.20
ACH TITHES -DEC 1 2014	\$3,054.59
2014-2015 Weekly Budget Amount:	\$11,957.00
<b>AMOUNT NEEDED TO MEET BUDGET:</b>	<b>(\$397.21)</b>

Larry Hatzel All-State  
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