

MENTIONS, MEETINGS, EVENTS & REMINDERS

Blessing of a Child in the Womb: In the Catholic Church there is a Rite of Blessing for unborn children. This rite serves to publicly affirm the precious gift of human life and to embrace parents and families as they prepare to welcome the birth of a child. As we celebrate the birth of Christ this Christmas Season, we invite all expectant mothers & fathers to participate in this blessing. Fr. David will conduct the Rite for the Blessing of a Child in the Womb at all Masses **THIS** weekend.

Our Condolences in Christ to Steve & Julee Jones and family for the loss of Steve's father, Rev. Robert E. Jones. May the grace of God & prayers of those around you bring you comfort during this time of sadness.

Special Thanks to all the members of St. Dominic who have overwhelmed me with love, prayers, cards, well-wishes, etc. the last several months. I'm thankful to report that I saw my oncologist and was told that a CT scan showed no evidence of cancer and no evidence of the pulmonary embolism I suffered in July! God is truly great. I am beyond blessed by the outpouring of love from His people. Much love to all. ~Angela Robinson and family

Weekend Liturgy Sign-in Sheet: Just a reminder, if you are serving as a lector, server, eucharistic minister, usher, gift bearer or greeter this weekend at Mass, please sign the sign-in sheet in the back of church. This helps us to know what vacant roles still need to be filled prior to the start of Mass.

Midnight Mass Intentions: Please use the white envelopes found in the pews when submitting intentions for Midnight Mass. In order to get the names of those remembered printed in time for the bulletin, please drop envelopes in the collection plate or bring them to the church office by 12/18.

Parish Reconciliation/Penance Service for Advent: We will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in a communal penance service here at St. Dominic on Mon., Dec. 16 at 6:30 p.m. in preparation for Christmas. Several priests will be available for the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Good News! We are renovating our parish office. The first phase is refinishing the hardwood floors. We need help moving the heavier items (desks, filing cabinets, copier etc.) on Thursday, December 19 from 3 to 6 p.m. Please come out to help! - Fr David

Kids 4 Jesus will meet on Tuesday, December 17th* from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. The first hour, we will make Christmas ornaments for residents of Sansbury and listen to the Christmas Story. At 7:00 p.m., we will carpool to Sansbury to deliver the ornaments to the residents and sing Christmas carols. Hot chocolate or milk will be provided; each family is asked to bring a dozen cookies or brownies. *This is a change in date due to scheduling conflict.

The Word Among Us: We have several copies of *The Word Among Us for Advent* available on the table in the back of the church. They are filled with scripture, prayer & meditations, a great read for the Advent season, grab a copy on your way out of church.

Are you missing your favorite dish or pan? We have numerous unclaimed dishes left over from bereavement meals, Fr. Pepper's retirement & Fr. David's welcoming gatherings. Please stop by the enclosed side porch of the parish office to see if we have anything that belongs to you. We will hold on to these items until Dec. 20th, at that point we will see that they get donated to a good cause.

School News: The 8th grade class will visit residents at the Loretto Motherhouse Monday morning. Wednesday is Christmas Spirit Day. The 2nd and 3rd grade classes will visit Sansbury Care Center on Wednesday. There will be no After School Program on Wednesday due to faculty and staff training.

Christmas Mass Schedule: Christmas Eve at 4:30 p.m. & 11:00 p.m., Christmas Day at 9:00 a.m.

THE LOOK OF LOVE

What does love look like? It has feet to go to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of others. —St. Augustine



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School Website: www.stdominicselementary.org

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Weekend Masses: Saturday @ 4:30 p.m. & Sunday @ 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Masses: See bulletin for this week's Mass schedule

Spanish Masses: Sunday @ 2:00 p.m.

Confessions: Saturday 3:30 – 4:00 p.m. or anytime by request

Mission Statement of St. Dominic Church

As members of St Dominic Church, we are called through our baptism to give witness to the presence of the Holy Trinity by accepting the Gospel message of Jesus Christ as part of our daily lives. Our mission is to proclaim the Gospel; to teach and share our faith; and to show the love of God to all through our daily lives.

December 15, 2019 ~ Third Sunday of Advent

REASON TO REJOICE

Dark violet is used throughout Advent to express its character as a season of spiritual preparation for Christmas and “the coming of the Lord.” But on the Third Sunday of Advent, formerly known as Gaudete (Latin for “rejoice”) Sunday, rose may be added to the liturgical environment. The entire liturgy is infused with a spirit of rejoicing.

Today's first reading and Gospel proclaim the reality of God's saving work in our midst. Isaiah exuberantly describes the idyllic transformation of all creation as a result of God's presence in the midst of the people. In the Gospel, Jesus connects Isaiah's prophecy with what is happening in his own ministry. In addition to the list of healings from Isaiah (the blind, the lame, lepers, and the deaf), Jesus' presence brings two other reasons for rejoicing: “The dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them” (Matthew 11:5). Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

December 15, 2019

Third Sunday of Advent



Powerful things can happen when the people of God stand together in prayer. Most weeks in our bulletin is a prayer list, which is likely in need of some editing, so why not start anew? Prayers of many have been answered while others are still in need of prayer. Help us keep our prayer list current, contact the parish office at stdom@bellsouth.net/336-3569 if a person's name needs to be added.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Dec. 16-22, 2019

Monday: Advent Weekday

8:30 a.m. Peggy Noel, Hattie Clements

6:30 p.m. Advent Reconciliation Service

Tuesday: Late Advent Weekday

5:30 p.m. Bob Goodlett

Wednesday: Late Advent Weekday

NO MASS

Thursday: Late Advent Weekday

5:30 p.m. Jim & Fanny Rudd

Friday: Late Advent Weekday

8:30 a.m. Steve Hale

Saturday: Late Advent Weekday

8:30 a.m. Bob Noe Haydon

4:30 p.m. Paul K. Mudd

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. Sidney Medley

10:30 a.m. Gerald & Barbara Fogle

2:00 p.m. (Spanish Mass) For the Parish

\$\$ Weekly Collections \$\$

December 8, 2019

Sunday Collection: \$6,806.00

During the Week: \$1,950.00

Automatic Withdrawal: \$0

Total Received: \$8,756.00

Fiscal Year TITHING Contribution Summary

July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

Tithing Contributions: \$391,291.92

Tithing Budget: \$342,818.00

Overage/ Shortage: \$+48,473.92

Annual Budget: **\$775,068.00**

**These figures reflect only the Sunday collections as part of the Parish Budget. It does not indicate the budget or income of St. Dominic School or other parish organizations.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today there is an abrupt shift in the season of Advent. From here on the tone is more joyful and expectant and the tug of the Christmas message is irresistible. At daily Mass on December 17 we begin to unfold the story of Jesus' birth. Who can resist the beauty of the first reading today—deserts aflame with flowers, arthritics set to dancing, the tone-deaf singing hymns? So we don't miss the change, the parish may take rose-colored vestments out of mothballs, we may light rose-colored candles on the wreath, or fill in our wreaths with desert flowers, pink seashells, seed pods, cones and berries. The seeds of God's kingdom have been sown in us. In these shining days of Advent they are sprouting in many ways. How do we bring the promise to light? This is the week to prepare gifts for the poor. It is the week to invite a lonely neighbor to your Christmas dinner, the week to write a note forgiving a lost friend, the week to shatter a family grudge so that even in the desert places of your heart, Christ's life may blossom.

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Weekday Liturgical Roles

Lectors

Mon. Betty Carol Barber
Tues. Perry Carrico
Wed. NO MASS
Thurs. Ione Pinkston
Fri. Belle Sutton
Sat. Katie Simms

Eucharistic Ministers

Mon. Shirley Barber, Fabian Cambron
Tues. Joe David Clements
Wed. NO MASS
Thurs. Martha Ann Hardin
Fri. Mary Ann Hale, Perry Carrico
Sat. Julee Jones, Jerry Mudd

Liturgical Role for Next Weekend

Gift Bearers

4:30 p.m. Tommy & Karen Mudd
8:30 a.m. Adelle & Emma Hood
10:30 a.m. Bobby & Colette Hill

Lectors

4:30 p.m. Rita Rust, Emma Smith
8:30 a.m. Jerry & Inez Grider
10:30 a.m. Perry Carrico
Britta Maciuba

Servers

4:30 p.m. Jack Coulter, Anaiah Prater
Meredith & Carter O'Cull
8:30 a.m. Hayden Adams
Addison Osbourne
Mary Beth Matherly
10:30 a.m. Haylee Taylor
Loren Frantz
Thomas Roution
Kennedy Lanham

Monthly Liturgical Roles

Purificator Washing Committee Member – DEC.

Teresa Lynn

Altar Caretakers – DECEMBER

(wk. 1) Ann Grigsby
(wk. 2) Rita Clements
(wk. 3) Colette Hill
(wk. 4) Mary Lou Robertson

Euch. Min. to the Sick & Homebound – DEC.

(Group A) Phyllis Bastin
(Group B) Tammy Osbourne
(Group C) Sr. Mary Louis Yurik

Weekend Eucharistic Ministers – DEC.

4:30 p.m. Phyllis & Bobby Bastin
Angela Young, Mary Ann Hale
8:30 a.m. Teresa Lynn, Cheryl Mattingly
Katie Simms, Lucinda Effner
10:30 a.m. Wassie Parrott, Lynn Foster
Mary Lou Robertson
Sara Buckman

Weekend Ushers - DECEMBER

4:30 p.m. David Hudson, Charlie Hahn
Brian Borders, Stephen Hale
8:30 a.m. John Parrott, Frank Wilkerson
Rick Greenwell, Keith Nash
10:30 a.m. Josh Walker, Chris Welch
Tony Smith, Hammy Robertson

Weekend Greeters - DECEMBER

(Breezeway entrance & Bell tower)

4:30 p.m. Michael & Linda Smith
8:30 a.m. Claire, Patrick & Will McCain
10:30 a.m. Paul & Wendy Brady

What liturgical roles have you &/or your family been asked to fulfill next week/weekend, or for the month? Have you been asked to be a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Gift Bearer, Server, Altar Caretaker, Homebound Minister, Usher, Greeter, Etc.?