

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday 5pm

Parish Life Director

Sister Amy Westbrook
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Sacramental Minister

Fr. Livinus Uba

Cantor

Susan Harley

Lector

Brenda Marshall

Gifts

Judy Jett

Eucharistic Minister

Inga Turner

Announcements

- Please join us this Thursday for Adoration at 4pm followed by a Simple Supper of soup and bread. Let's spend some quality time with Jesus this Advent season.
- During Advent we will continue to gather on Thursday evenings at 5:30 for Faith Formation. Each Thursday of Advent we will have Vespers, the evening prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours. Afterwards, we will finish our study on the O Antiphons used in the Vesper service the 7 days before Christmas.
- This month's Pilgrimage will be leaving at 10:30 Sunday morning (tomorrow) for Hazard where we will attend Mother of Good Counsel Mass and have our passport stamped. Please join us.
- **Christmas Schedule:**
 - Christmas Eve Mass 5:00 with Fr. Bob Damron
 - Christmas Party with Potluck and cookies to follow!
 - All are invited!
- Good News! IGA has agreed to supplement our efforts to keep our Blessing Box full of food. Be sure to thank Vonn if you see him in the store when you get groceries. Thank you IGA... our Hometown Proud neighborhood grocery store!
- Saturday Offertory 12/2023 \$ 15.00

Liturgy Notes

Breaking Bread: p.39 Third Sunday of Advent

Music

Entrance: #41 "Jordan Bank "

Offertory: #94 "Low, How a Rose ere Blooming "

Communion: #599 "Christ Be Our Light"

Closing: #391 "City of God"

Psalm Response:

"My soul rejoices in my God."



Dear Holy Cross Family,

As the peace of Advent settles over Holy Cross Church, even as we busy ourselves with gifting and giving, may we remember that all we say and all we do reflects the love of Christ to our neighbors as well as each other. Let us be kind with our words, generous with our resources, and willing to listen to the stories of those whom we encounter this holiday season. Let's be Christ to one another.

Advent is a time for sharing, please consider donating some canned or dry goods to the Church for feeding other families in the area. The Blessing Box is our main outreach right now, so we want to do that really well. It has been my observation that many parents of Head Start children frequent the box for extra food. We want to show them that we care and God provides!

Yours in Christ, Sr. Amy (614-282-2103)



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Third Sunday of Advent
Vigil, December 16, 2023

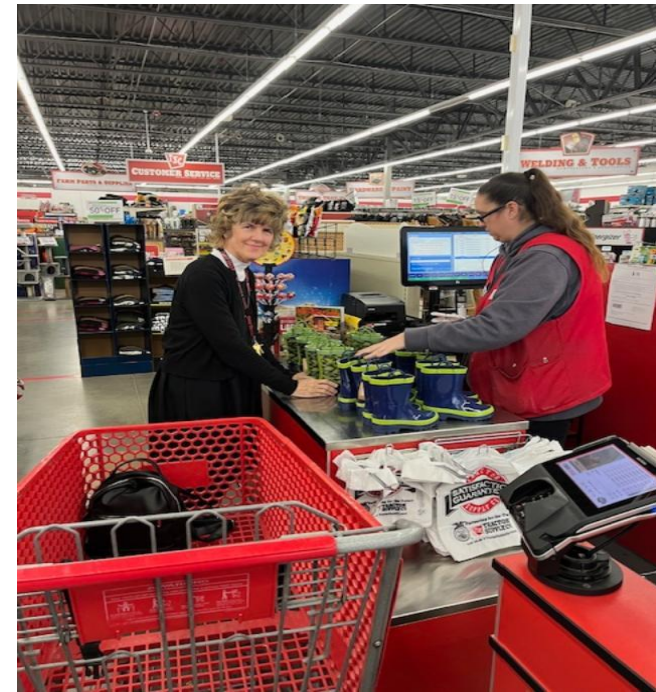


Gospel Reflection:

In this Gospel, John the Baptist saw his role clearly. At the time John was writing his Gospel, followers of John the Baptist were claiming that he, not Jesus, was the Messiah. So here the Gospel writer emphasizes that John the Baptist saw himself as one to prepare the way for the Messiah. He is not the Messiah nor any of the others they suggest. He is just a “voice in the desert” “preparing a way for the Lord. His baptism is a simple water rite, unlike Jesus’ baptism in the Holy Spirit. John the Baptist proclaims the Good News of Jesus’ coming and prepares people’s hearts for that event.

(Faith Sharing for Small Communities by Baranowski)

Reflection Question: Who is your prophet? How did this prophet affect your life?



Many thanks to our Sister Parish, St. Raphael the Archangel in Oshkosh, WI for the large donation that made possible the purchase of new boots for Head Start children and backpacks for Jackson Elementary School.