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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



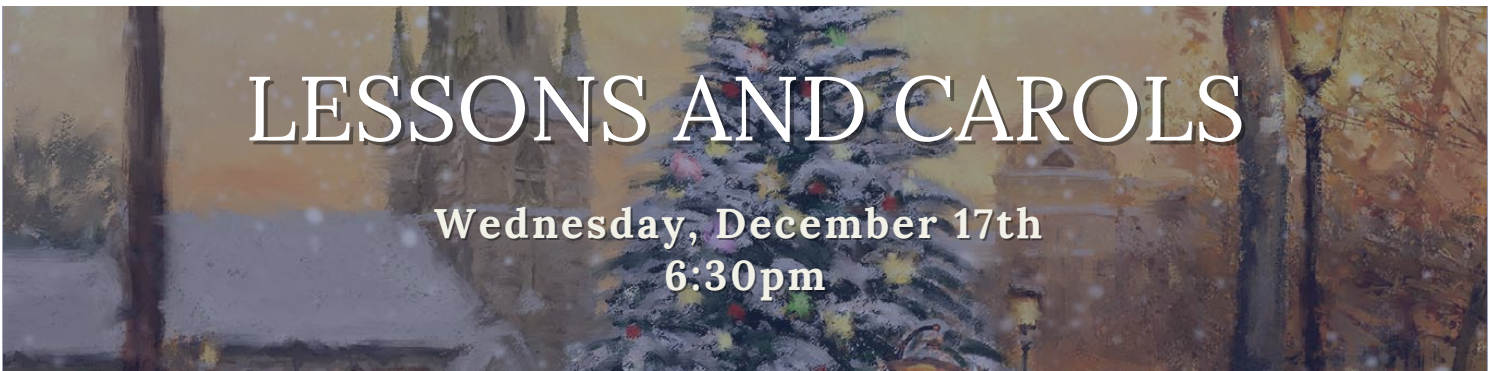
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# LESSONS AND CAROLS

Wednesday, December 17th  
6:30pm



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**WELCOME!** We're so happy you're here today. God delights in you, and He desires to draw close to you in this Holy Mass. If you're visiting St. Catharine for the first time, thank you for praying with us—we're honored by your presence. Please silence your phones and help us keep a spirit of reverence in the church. **Restrooms can be found in the Undercroft and the Parish Center.** If you need help, just look for someone wearing a green lanyard. We hope you'll join us again soon!

**TO THE PARENTS of LITTLE ONES...** Thank you for your courage and love in bringing your children to Mass. Even when it feels chaotic, your efforts matter more than you know. God sees every sacrifice, and your children's presence is a powerful witness of faith.

If your children have some extra wiggles or need to let out a few extra joyful noises, we have a large **Quieting Room in the Church, as well as a video feed in the Parish Hall Gallery** should you need to step out. But please do come back—we want you here!

**TO OUR PARISH FAMILY...** Children remind us that the Church is alive and growing. Their joyful noises are music to God's ears. Let's welcome them with kindness and support their parents with a smile of encouragement.

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### November 30th, 2025

Weekly Offertory (Envelopes, Loose, Online)	\$16,323
Weekly Budgeted Offertory	\$20,000
Difference	-\$3,677

### Year-to-Date (July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026)

Weekly Offertory (Envelopes, Loose, Online)	\$394,357
Weekly Budgeted Offertory	\$440,000
Difference	-\$45,643

SCAN TO GIVE



## Confession

**Wednesday • 6:30pm**

**Saturday • 9:00am**

**By appointment**

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## ADORE Night

**Every Wednesday at 6:30pm**

A candle-lit evening of Adoration with Confession, songs of praise & worship, prayers, and devotions.

## This Week

### Sunday, December 14th: Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

2nd Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious

**8:30am Holy Mass (People of the Parish)**  
**9:30am Family of Faith**  
**11:00am Holy Mass (Thomas Chestnut)**  
**12:00pm Baptisms**  
**5:00pm Holy Mass (Paulette Bennett)**   
**6:00pm Lumen High School Youth Group**

### Monday, December 15th

**8:00am Holy Mass (Bill Greene)**  
**6:30pm Scouts**  
**7:00pm Choir Practice**

### Tuesday, December 16th

**8:00am Holy Mass (Mary & Walter Plank)**  
**6:30pm Women's Advent Book Study**  
**7:00pm Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)**

### Wednesday, December 17th: O Wisdom of our God Most High

**12p-2p Parish Offices Closed**  
**6:00pm Holy Mass (Carol Ghiloni)**  
**6:30pm Lessons and Carols ADORE Night**

### Thursday, December 18th: O Leader of the House of Israel

**8:00am Holy Mass (Joe Ghiloni)**  
**6:00pm Courageous Daughters of the Eucharist**  
**7:00pm Advent Young Adult Small Group**

### Friday, December 19th: O Root of Jesse's stem

**8:00am Holy Mass (Harry Nester)**

### Saturday, December 20th: O Key of David

**7:00am That Man Is You!**  
**8:30am Holy Mass (Bill Diehl Junior and Senior)**  
**9:00am Confessions**

### Sunday, December 21st: Fourth Sunday of Advent (O Radiant Dawn)

**8:30am Holy Mass (People of the Parish)**  
**9:30am Coffee and Donuts**  
**11:00am Holy Mass (Ray Bass)**   
**12:00pm Baptisms**  
**12:00pm Coffee and Donuts**  
**5:00pm Holy Mass (Paulette Bennett)**

## Eucharistic Adoration Chapel



**Sunday-Friday**

**6:00am-12:00am**

**Saturday**

**6:00am-4:00pm**

The Adoration Chapel will observe the following breaks:

**Christmas Break**

- Weds, Dec 24th-Sun, Dec 28th

**New Years Break**

- Weds, Dec 31st-Sun, Jan 4th





December 14, 2025

## Third Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6a, 10 | Jas 5:7-10 | Mt 11:2-11

### GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

One morning, I woke up feeling exhausted after a fitful night of sleep. I was achy and generally under the weather. Despite this, I made a to-do list because the day's work still needed to be accomplished. I was determined to not let this sickness interrupt my productivity, even though I *knew* I needed to rest. It occurred to me, then, that rest — and dependence on others and God — is sacred also. In today's psalm, we hear of the many ways the Lord provides: The *Lord* gives, the *Lord* raises, the *Lord* loves, the *Lord* protects, the *Lord* saves. We cannot accomplish our own salvation, but we can rest in the promise the Lord provides, and we can hope in the salvation offered in Christ. As we wait in joyful anticipation for the coming of Jesus at Christmas, let us find time to rest in his Word and his presence, trusting that our salvation does not depend on us and has already come to fruition in Christ.

### GO EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

As we saw in our psalm, God is the one who takes initiative, who provides for our salvation. In our work to share the faith with others, sometimes our task is simply to help others become aware of the ways God is providing for them by pointing out the signs of his action in their lives. When the disciples of John came to Jesus asking if he was “the one who is to come” or whether they should “look for another,” Jesus reminds them of the evidence all around them: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, and the dead are raised. As we help others to see God's work in their lives, we are also leading them to greater faith and trust in him.

### REST

We are more able to see the signs of God's providence in our lives when we take time to reflect. Make time to rest in God's presence this week. This could mean stopping into a chapel for a couple minutes of quiet prayer, reflecting on Scripture using *Lectio Divina*, or reading the story of Christ's nativity in the Gospel. These simple practices will prepare our hearts to recognize Christ's presence and goodness at each moment of our lives.





# Jesus Comes Knocking

Thursday, December 18th  
6:00 - 7:30pm

## Society of St. Clare and the Courageous Daughters of the Eucharist

Girls in grades 2 - 4 - Join CDE for dinner, fun, and Adoration. Let us know you're coming (QR code below to RSVP on Evite) so we can have dinner ready for you!



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## May They Rest in Peace

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*



**Kathleen Marie Gibboney Schirner**  
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## Lord, Hear Our Prayer

*"The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects."*

If you or a loved one would like to be added to the Prayer Chain please email [info@stcatharine.com](mailto:info@stcatharine.com) or call 614-231-4509. Names will remain on the Prayer Chain for 4 months or until they are asked to be removed.

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## Rejoice in the Lord always!

By Ashlee Kurth



This Sunday we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent, known as Gaudete Sunday—a day of joyful anticipation as the coming of Christ draws near. The rose-colored candle on our Advent wreath reminds us that even in the waiting, our hearts are filled with hope and joy.

At St. Catharine Preschool, our youngest learners are experiencing this Advent joy in a special way. The children have been busy preparing for Christmas by learning about the birth of Jesus, sharing kindness with classmates, and discovering how small acts of love can make a big difference.

This Advent season the children have also been hard at work learning about service within our community with a canned food drive and creating cards for local senior citizens. The children's faith and excitement capture the true meaning of this season.

Throughout Advent, our preschoolers have been lighting their own classroom Advent wreath, singing songs of joy, and creating artwork that reflects the light of Christ. Each week, they've learned about hope, peace, and now, joy. This week, their teachers are helping them understand that joy isn't just about presents or decorations, it's about knowing that Jesus is coming, and that his love is already here with us.

As we light the third candle and move closer to Christmas, let us take a lesson from our children. They remind us that joy is found in gratitude, in sharing with others, and in trusting God.

May this week of Advent fill our families with joyful hearts and renewed faith. Let us rejoice together; whether at home, at school, or in church.

**Ashlee Kurth • Preschool Director**  
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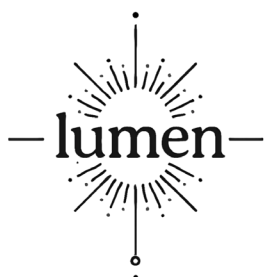
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## High School Youth Group



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<b>December 21st 11:00am</b>	Chuck Burkhardt	Anthony Bennett John Thiel	Nick Perry, Bob Ryan, Gary Allwein, Beth Henney  Kirstin Shell, Megan Ryan, Jane Isaacs, Mary Ginn Ryan	Patrick Henney	Samuel Bennett Andrew Horn Louis Scherer	Ed Stange Mary Ginn Ryan Milana Coleman Giana Coleman <b>*1 Needed*</b>	<b>Group 2</b> Elyse Salisbury
<b>December 21st 5:00pm</b>	Rita Hoyt	<b>*2 Needed*</b>	Ben Lasher Barbara Murphy Peggy Mackessy <b>*1 Needed*</b>	Jack Lawler	Laura Harris Isaac Reeb Miguel Zamaripa	Megan Frank Jim Mackessy Mike Duffy Megan VanLandingham Tyler VanLandingham	<b>Bickford</b> Jenni Remeis

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## Thank you PJ Keiffer!

*We are now seeking a Volunteer Parish  
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**After 14 years of dedication and service PJ Keiffer is stepping down as Athletic Director at the end of 2025.**

A big thanks goes out to PJ and the entire Keiffer family for the sacrifices they have made to help our athletic programs thrive!

Interested applicants are asked to contact Dan Davis at [dan@stcatharine.com](mailto:dan@stcatharine.com). The complete job description is posted on the parish website.





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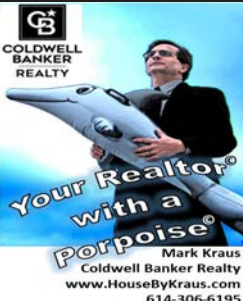
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# LESSONS AND CAROLS

Wednesday, December 17th  
6:30pm

Lessons and Carols is a service of Scripture and song that dates to the late 19th century. In it we listen to Scripture passages which recount the Fall, the promise of a Messiah, the Incarnation, and the Great Commission to preach the Good News. Each lesson is followed by an Advent or Christmas carol that reflects on the lesson's message.

At St. Catharine, Lessons and Carols occurs during our weekly ADORE Night with Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions.



# CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



HELP ADORN ST. CATHARINE CHURCH BY  
REMEMBERING SOMEONE SPECIAL THIS  
CHRISTMAS SEASON

\$10 for each listing/flower

Names will be included in the Christmas bulletin

Forms are due Monday, December 15th

Visit [www.stcatharine.com/christmas-flowers](http://www.stcatharine.com/christmas-flowers)

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# Christmas

AT ST. CATHARINE

CHRISTMAS EVE • DECEMBER 24TH

4:00pm • Church with incense

4:00pm • Parish Hall no incense

MASS AT NIGHT • DECEMBER 24TH

10:00PM

CHRISTMAS DAY • DECEMBER 25TH

10:00AM

Carols will begin 30 minutes prior to each Liturgy

The Parish Offices will close on Christmas Eve  
and reopen on Monday, January 5th