

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



ADVENT

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*"One mightier than I is coming after me.
I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the
thongs of his sandals.
I have baptized you with water;
he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."*



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December 3, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our Bishop, the Most Reverend Earl Fernandes, has graciously granted my request for further training in behavioral health counseling.

As many of you know, mental health and substance abuse is a growing and very real problem for many of our loved ones and family members. I hope these studies will help me be better equipped to minister to individuals confronting these serious issues. This time of study will be in the context of a sabbatical leave— so I will be resigning as your Pastor as of December 31, 2023.

At that time, Fr. Pat Toner, retired priest of the Diocese, will begin his service to you as the Priest Administrator (aka the Acting Pastor) of the parish. Our weekend help and confessor, Msgr. John Cody, will continue to assist Fr. Toner with Masses and our many opportunities for Confession.

In July 2024, a new permanent pastor will be appointed by Bishop Fernandes.

I thank you for all your support and prayers during my time as your pastor. Please pray for me, as I pray for you.

Fr. Matthew Morris+

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Matthew Morris+" in a cursive script.



The Mass

“Do This in Remembrance of Me” **A Step-By-Step Walk Through the Mass**

Fr. Luke Spannagel

✦ Part 27: The Creed ✦

“I believe in one God...” We all likely recognize these words as the beginning of the **Creed** which we say together after the homily. Besides needing to stand up and stretch our legs after the homily, why do we have the **Creed**?

What is the Creed?

According to the glossary of our *Catechism*, a creed is “a brief, normative summary statement or profession of Christian faith, e.g., the Apostles’ Creed, the Nicene Creed. The word ‘Creed’ comes from the Latin *Credo*, meaning ‘I believe,’ with which the Creed begins” (CCC, Glossary, s.v. “Creed”). As we will see, a creed is a collection of core truths in which we believe. As the Catechism teaches, there have been many professions of faith that have come from Church Councils or from certain individuals. “None of the creeds from the different stages in the Church’s life can be considered superseded or irrelevant. They help us today to attain and deepen the faith of all times by means of the different summaries made of it” (CCC, no. 193). The Catechism continues that two creeds have a special place in the Church’s life: the Apostles’ Creed and the Nicene Creed. “The Apostles’ Creed is so called because it is rightly considered to be a faithful summary of the apostles’ faith” (CCC, no. 194). “The Niceno-Constantinopolitan or Nicene Creed draws its great authority from the fact that it stems from the first two ecumenical Councils (in 325 and 381). It remains common to all the great Churches of both East and West to this day” (CCC, no. 195). Although either the Apostles’ Creed or the Nicene Creed can be used in the Mass, many of us probably most often hear the Nicene Creed being used.

A Statement of Faith and Renewal of Belief

How did the Creed enter the Mass? As the Diocese of Peoria instructs, “The Creed, or Profession of Faith, stems from the Ancient Church. This statement of belief was not originally written to be recited at Mass; it was rather intended as a prerequisite ‘contract’ for adult baptism. One would profess these essential truths of the faith before being admitted into the Church through baptism. Eventually, the Creed would be inserted into the Mass as it is today” (*A Study of the Mass*, p. 9). Fr. Guy Oury says, “The Fathers of the Church recommended that Christians recite [the Creed] daily, morning and evening, as a renewal of their faith and safeguard against doctrinal error” (*The Mass*, p. 71). How many of you say the Creed when you get out of bed each morning?! Jokes aside, the Fathers of the Church were really on to something here. Because the Creed is a great summary of the truths of the Faith, especially the Holy Trinity (more on that to come), knowing the Creed is a wonderful way to know some of the basics of the faith and to keep them fresh in our minds and hearts.

For Reflection:

1. Per Father Luke’s advice, consider beginning and/or ending your day by reciting the Creed prayerfully.
2. Consider gathering with others to study the Creed, using the Catechism or another resource. One option is to study one line of the Creed each week in preparation for participation in Mass on Sunday.

Source: www.eucharisticrevival.org/blog



Boys Arrows Club
Girls Virtues Club
and Society of St. Clare

ADVENT CELEBRATION

*Afternoon in
Bethlehem*

Thursday, December 14⁺
3:05 - 4:30pm in the undercroft

Arrows and Virtues Clubs are for kids in grades 2-6.
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Questions? Email Toni (toni@stcatharine.com) or Heidi (heidithompson522@gmail.com)



PRAYER REQUEST

Please join us in praying for the children who will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time next weekend. Their families joined them on retreat this weekend to celebrate and prepare for this very special day in their lives. May they know the joy of God's love and forgiveness!

Dear Jesus, we thank You and praise You for giving us the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We ask You to bless the children of St. Catharine who will soon receive this great Sacrament of Your love and mercy for the first time.

Ease any worries or anxieties they might have. Help them to know that this Sacrament is a great gift from You and that You bring forgiveness through it.

Help the children who receive their First Reconciliation to dedicate themselves to lives of holiness and virtue. Give them the grace to grow closer to You each day.

Amen.

Thank you for praying with us. We are so happy to celebrate this special day with the children and their families. Come, Lord Jesus, come!



Prayer & the Eucharist

with Jennifer Whitsett
Spiritual Director

Saturday, December 16
6:00 pm in the Parish Hall
Dinner and Childcare provided

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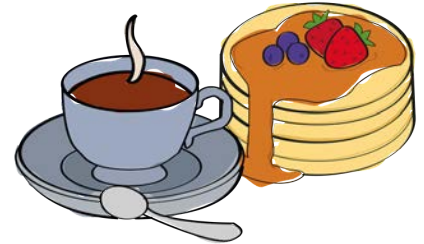


Breakfast with Santa

When: Saturday, December 16th
9:00-11:00 am

Where: Sorohan Parish Center

Cost: \$10.00/person



Reservation Includes:

- * Breakfast - pancakes, eggs, sausage, fresh fruit, juice and coffee
- * Mrs. Claus' Bakeshop - items starting at \$1 (cash only)
 - * Crafts, Coloring & Face Painting
- * Raffle ticket entries for the giant stocking
 - * Photo with Santa

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(<https://stcatharine.com/breakfast-with-santa>)

Reservations must be received no later than Mon, December 11th

Additional forms or questions, contact Stephanie Weber:
stephanieaweber@gmail.com, (614) 571-3036

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SUNDAYS:
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Week of December 10th Second Week of Advent

Sunday, December 10th

Second Sunday of Advent

- 8:30am Holy Mass (People of the Parish)
- 9:30am Confirmation Preparation
- 11:00am Holy Mass (Mike Gallen)
- 5:00pm Holy Mass (Elizabeth & Charles Sahr)
- 6:00pm High School Youth Group Jesus Night

Monday, December 11th

- 8:00am Holy Mass (Stan Kebe)
- 6:30pm Scouts
- 7:00pm Choir Practice

Tuesday, December 12th

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

- 7:00pm Holy Mass (Charles Arter)
- 7:30pm Confessions

Wednesday, December 13th

Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

- 9:00am Holy Mass (Hermine P. Muellerleile)

Thursday, December 14th

Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

- 8:00am Holy Mass (William Manierre Sr.)
- 3:15pm Virtues & Arrows Advent Party
- 7:00pm ADORE Night (Confession & Adoration)
- 7:30pm Knights of Columbus

Friday, December 15th

- 8:00am Holy Mass (William Manierre Jr.)

Saturday, December 16th

- 8:30am Holy Mass (Ellsworth & Alma Kegelmeyer)
- 9:00am Confessions
- 9:00am Breakfast With Santa
- 10:00am First Reconciliation

St. Vincent De Paul Society December Food Pantry Need

Canned Fruit

Please leave donations at wooden boxes near Church entrances.
Thank you for your generosity!

Offering (Sunday, December 3rd)

Total Offering	\$15,218.41
Diocesan Tax (8%)	-\$1,217.47
Net	\$14,000.94

Sunday Mass Attendance

Sunday, November 19th	893
Sunday, November 26th	901
Sunday, December 3rd	791

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Week of December 17th Third Week of Advent

Sunday, December 17th

Third Sunday of Advent

- 8:30am Holy Mass (Joe Ridgeway)
- 9:30am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- 9:30am First Communion/Reconciliation Prep
- 11:00am Holy Mass (People of the Parish)
- 12:00pm Coffee and Donuts
- 5:00pm Holy Mass (Alice & Edward Plank Sr.)
- 6:00pm High School Youth Group

Monday, December 18th

- 8:00am Holy Mass (Darlene Easley)
- 6:30pm Scouts
- 7:00pm Choir Practice

Tuesday, December 19th

- 7:00pm Holy Mass (Patricia Hinterschied)
- 7:30pm Confessions

Wednesday, December 20th

- 9:00am Holy Mass (The Intentions of Norbert Loesing)

Thursday, December 21st

- 8:00am Holy Mass (Jim Luchtenberg)
- 7:00pm ADORE Lessons & Carols (Confession & Adoration)

Friday, December 22nd

- 8:00am Holy Mass (David & Lib Stadler)

Saturday, December 23rd

- 8:30am Holy Mass (Darlene Easley)
- 9:00am Confessions

Sunday, December 24th

Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 8:30am Holy Mass (People of the Parish)
- 11:00am Holy Mass (Nickie Eramo)

Christmas Eve: The Nativity of the Lord

- 4:00pm Holy Mass (Araceli Tomisolloso & Joan Birtcher)
- 6:30pm Holy Mass (People of the Parish)
- 10:00pm Holy Mass (Don Borowy)

Monday, December 25th

Christmas Day: The Nativity of the Lord

- 11:00am Holy Mass (Elizabeth Roderick Haus)

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Sunday-Friday
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Saturday
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Thursday 7:00pm
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Lessons and Carols is a service of Scripture and song that dates to the late 19th century. In it we listen to Scripture lessons which recount the Fall, the promise of a Messiah, the Incarnation, and the Commission to preach the Good News. Each lesson is followed by a carol or song that reflects on the lesson's message.

CHRISTMAS • THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Christmas Day, December 25th, falls on a Monday this year, which means that Masses on Sunday, December 24th present the special situation of being two different feasts: the Fourth Sunday of Advent and the Vigil of Christmas. Both feasts remain obligatory. Please carefully read the schedule below.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT MASS

8:30AM

11:00AM

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

4:00PM

6:30PM

10:00PM

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

11:00AM

