

Advent 2018



Dear Parishioner,

Thank you for your prayers and participation in the community life of Christ the King parish. Your goodness is a blessing to me and all of us.

I pray that God continue to be with you in these days before Christmas. To help you, I want to offer you a chance to find a little spiritual nourishment amid all the noise and glitter. We are, of course, offering Mass and Confession. The special schedules are printed on the back of this letter and in the bulletins.

For your Advent spiritual reading and reflection, we have purchased several hundred copies of “the Little Blue Book”, “Hearts full of Joy” and “Watch for the Lord”. We will not be mailing them because of the cost involved, but they will be available in the foyer of the church by November 30.

I know you will enjoy either booklet. The original version of the Blue Book was written by Bishop Ken Untener of Saginaw, Michigan, before he passed away. “Hearts full of Joy” includes reflections, practices and prayer by Connie Clark and “Watch for the Lord” written by Henri Nouwen, includes Advent reflections from Pope Francis and Mother Teresa. Please give yourself a spiritual uplift by spending six minutes each day with these meditations. December is a difficult month for prayer and a peaceful spirit unless we purposely set aside time for the Lord to touch our hearts!

The children in our school and religious education program will be given one of three publications. Each of these items is an age-appropriate aid to help our children and their families keep the true meaning of Christmas alive in our hearts. Our pre-school through 1st grade students will receive “Advent A to Z” an Advent chain, each link contains a brief scripture verse. Those in 2nd through 5th grades will be given “Jesus, Open our hearts!” advent activities, daily thoughts and prayers booklet. Our middle school students will enjoy “God’s Word comes Down” a booklet of daily devotions. And our high school students in LIFETEEN will be given “the Little Blue Book”.

I am beginning my own Advent season by giving thanks to God for you and your loved ones who are such a blessing to our parish. And I will pray for you especially in this time from Thanksgiving to Christmas. Thank you for sharing in the life of this parish community. You help all of us experience God’s love and goodness! You truly do!

May God bless you and your family,

Father Tom

Rev. Msgr. Thomas C. Champoux
Pastor



Advent and Christmas 2018

Penance Service

(December 17)

7:00 pm

St. Patrick's Dec. 5th & 6th (7pm) Holy Spirit Dec. 10 (7pm)

St. Joseph's Dec. 3rd (7pm) St. Frances Dec. 13 (7pm)

Christmas Eve

(December 24)

4:00 pm, in church & gymnasium

6:00 pm, 8:00 pm, 10:30 pm church

Christmas Day

(December 25)

8:00 am & 10:00 am

Mary, Mother of God

This is a holy day of obligation

Mon. Dec. 31 vigil at 5:30 pm

Tuesday Jan. 1 8:00 am, 9:30 am & 11:30 am

In addition to the above schedule, daily Mass will still be

celebrated Dec 24 at 8:00 am and

Mon. Dec 31 at 6:30 am and 8:00 am