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Masses
Saturday 5:15 PM
Sunday 9:30 AM
Rev. J. J. Mech
Pastor
Rev. Gregory Deters
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Sunday	December	13	Third Sunday of Advent 9:30 Mass for Marian and Howard Shirkey, requested by their family; Repose of the Soul of Lyle Dolin; the Lindorfer Family; Our Leaders; World Peace Ministers: Brenda West, Lana Douglas-Hardin
Monday	December	14	St. John of the Cross
Tuesday	December	15	
Wednesday	December	16	
Thursday	December	17	St. Francis Xavier
Friday	December	18	St. John Damascene
Saturday	December	19	5:15 Mass for the repose of the soul of Richard Griffin, requested by Gretchen Wilbert; and for names and intentions on the Rosary Prayer List
Sunday	December	20	Fourth Sunday of Advent 9:30 Mass Frank Strunk, requested by his family; World Peace Ministers: Alan Zaciek, Darlene Oubre

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Micah 5: 1 – 4a
Hebrews 10: 5 - 10
Luke 1:39 – 45

FINANCES

Last weekend we received 57 envelopes. The Offertory Collection totaled \$2,277. As we approach Christmas, remember Rosary in your plans. Talk to those you usually exchange gifts with. If you could agree to make donations to Rosary instead of exchanging gifts, it would really help us, and you would be helping us in our Mission here. Should I mention tax deduction?

Remember These Friends in Prayer

Catherine Speirs	Patrick Siev	Nicole Arvanitis	Kerry Barnes
Margaret Hogan	Lily Norman	Marva Bryant	Jan Christensen
Barnes Family	Ken Jenkins	The Kolmetz Family	Julie, Ron & Marty Morin
Alma Bojanic	Kay and Jim Morhard	Susan Amman	Lauren Reagan
Daniella McClendon	Roger Carlson Family	Miriam Levant	Allison Holley
D.A.K. Jones	Muriel Abrams	Tom W. & Family	Ricardo Patino
Didilus Family	Brenda Lumpkin	Taylor Wright	Fred Kammerer
Marie Therese Lucien	Burma Gilchrist	Cynthia Davis	Barbara Bedolla
Morand Family	Maureen S.	Linda Cummings	Natalie
Heather Lucido	Wimbush Family	Sandy Johnson	SaraWillis
Andrew Philka	Paul H. Mullin	Gene Hill	Pat Bartkowski
Susanto Suprpto	Rita Bowers	Jane V.	Mary Rayes
Charles Jerry Williams	Ida Bailey	Cindy LaGosh	Mr. Simmons
Jessie Dunn	Ila Gillespie	Nicole Church	Mary Ellen Murphy
Regina Burns	John T. Knox	Mark Tavin	Aileen Rosado
Calvin McFarland	Joseph Daoud	Brian Stump	Jasmine Wright
Reising Family	Cynthia Herron	Jason Morhard	Rosa Lee Vaughn
Bradley Morin	Rebecca Voigt	Leah James	Susan Wahl
Rev. James Meyer	Henrietta Jackson	Alice Brown	Joanie Stanesic
Marjorie Perdue	Harold Meek	Barbara Johnson	Patricia Ennis
Mrs. Zaciek	Grandma K.	Chris & Michael Shea	Carol VerBrugge
Elisa Martinez	Mary Ruskin	Dan Hall	Ernestine Stephens
Barthwell Family	Rhonda Maxine Irwin	Sherley Epps	Margie Pauline
Greg Varano	Vocations	Eliisa Bojanic	Winona Ware
Trotty Family	Ellie Finn Murphy	Orzechowski Family	Pat Roberts
Donna Asmar	Robert Ruffer	Phyliss Gossett	Rachel Lynn
James Teal	Clemencia Carmona	Caitlan Maloney	Gloria Graydon
Sarah W.	Danny Page	Craig Burtch	Jean Baustian
Wade Gilchrist, Jr.	Alice Coleman	Tim Calloway	Mary & Willie Toney
John Carlos Swanson	Myrtha Johnson	Laura Anderson	Lois and Tim Turrin
Carlos Vasquez	Nick Van Heck	Suzanne Welter	Ann Morey Franklin
Lucille Sobocinski	Ray McConnell	Monique Glaspie	The Jackson Family
Owen Patrick Strunk	Clarence Mayes	Honey, Tom & Zachary	Sandy Johnson
Bill Brazier	Tory Murray	The Mullin Family	Debbie Schaefer
Barbara Foley	Bob Delbeke	Mary Martin	Angelina Roberts
Shannon Barnes	Dr P	Matthew Elias	Allan Krupp
Rosa Maria Santos	Luchrisha Drake	Micaela Norman	Eleanor Fuchs\
Gloria Virgo	Eileen Marie Finn	Ann Sadje	

PRAY FOR FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY AND IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Sgt. Muddy Peha Calvin Trotty Tommy Fitzpatrick David Guiroga Matthew Dixon
Sgt. Brandon & Tiffany Childs George Hurley Family of George Rayes Lance R. Stevens
Tonya Gray Gary Didilus

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady of the Rosary is an open Christian Family, a mixture of unique beings in an inner-city setting. Gifted and guided by the Holy Spirit, called in Faith to prayer, love and concern, this apostolic community searches to creatively use its resources to become inviting, loving, healing and one with the distressed/alienated people of today.

RETIRED RELIGIOUS

This weekend we take up the collection for the retired men and women, members of various religious orders. As health care and the cost of living expenses rise, religious orders are stretched to provide care. This collection was started to help these men and women who, often for years, worked in parishes, schools, hospitals and community organizations for very little. Many never had Social Security. Rosary has been blessed with religious who have assisted us—Dominican Sisters, IHM Sisters, Capuchins, Jesuits, Sisters of the Living Word, etc. Please make a generous Christmas/thank you gift.

WELCOME

This Sunday we welcome visitors from St. Anastasia Parish in Troy, Fr. JJ's previous pastorate. Mass will be in the main church—the first time in three weeks. While the boiler repair is not finished, the mild weather will make one hour in the main church bearable—and will prevent trying to squeeze 35 or 40 visitors in the chapel. (If you get too cold, step in the chapel where there will be heat, for a quick warm-up!) Let's be sure our visitors feel welcome.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

We were saddened this week to learn of the death of Lyle Dolin, after a long period of health problems. His wife, Janet, is a product of our old Rosary Elementary School, and has never lost her love for Rosary. She and Lyle visit here often, health permitting. They are part of the group called Rosary Benefactors, for their continuing support. Please remember Lyle and Janet and their children in your prayers.

BIBLE STUDY

There will be NO BIBLE STUDY this week. However, the session will be postponed until Monday, December 21.

START PLANNING!

In late January, Sister Joan Baustian will be moving to the Dominican motherhouse in Adrian. She has touched all our lives. We will honor her at a potluck celebration after Mass Sunday, January 10.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Brittany Dean is graduating with a Masters in Business Administration from the University of Maryland, Maryland College. We are proud of her.

Jottings from Fr. J.J.

A YEAR OF JUBILEE HAS BEGUN! Jesus said, "I am the door" (Jn 10:7), bringing to fruition the words of the Psalmist, who said, "This is the door of the Lord where the just may enter" (Psalm 118:20). Last Tuesday, on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Pope Francis uttered a centuries-old command, and opened the Holy Door of St Peter's basilica to kick off an extraordinary Jubilee year, urging his Church to reach out to the modern world. "This is the door of the Lord. Open to me the gates of justice."

Our Pontiff asked that in every diocese there be a celebration of the rite of opening of the Holy Door in unity with the Universal Church so all can participate and obtain the indulgences promised in this Jubilee Year. Archbishop Vigneron offers this opportunity for us this weekend. The holy door tradition began in the fifteenth century as a ritual expression of conversion. Pilgrims and penitents pass through it as a gesture of leaving the past behind and crossing the threshold from sin to grace, from slavery to freedom, and from darkness to light. Often these rituals are associated with prayer, pilgrimage, sacrifice, confession, and indulgences. This is particularly true for the Holy Door here in the Archdiocese of Detroit. Your pilgrimage ends as you step from the parking lot. Your retreat opportunity begins as you initiate your inner transformation at the first of eight station/doors that will lead you around the entire Cathedral. Finally, as you stand before the Holy Door, you are to recognize that Jesus is the Door! In the words of Pope Francis, "There is only one way that opens wide the entrance into the life of communion with God: this is Jesus, the one and absolute way to salvation."

As we begin to recognize the great mercy God has shown us, we enter through the Holy Door and we are invited into the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. It is there that we move from our reflection on the mercy God has shown us to making an official commitment to let God's mercy shine through us to others. Pope Francis called the Jubilee, which runs until November 20, 2016, with the express goal of changing the way the Church is perceived by the faithful, lapsed believers and the rest of the world. (continued)

"How much wrong we do to God and his grace when we speak of sins being punished by his judgment before we speak of their being forgiven by his mercy," he said Tuesday. "We have to put mercy before judgment... Let us set aside all fear and dread, for these do not befit men and women who are loved." After lighting a candle before the Blessed Sacrament, symbolizing our commitment to let His mercy shine in us, we will then write our intention on a ribbon and tie it to the "Wall of Mercy", double knotting it. Beginning our new life of mercy, we are to untie someone else's knot, promising to pray for them. The intentions on the wall of mercy will be offered up every weekend during Mass at the Cathedral.

To help insure that our newly transformed spirit will continue, you will be invited to take with you a miniature Holy Door and prayer card. You will hang the miniature Holy Door on a door thru which you pass every day. It is to remind you, in the words of Pope Francis, that: "No one should be denied the Mercy of the Father." I pray you truly allow God's mercy to transform you and that leave the past behind. May you cross the threshold from sin to grace, from slavery to freedom, and from darkness to light. Happy Holy Year of Mercy!

God Bless,
Fr. J.J.

KEEP IN MIND

*The quarterly meeting of the Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance is his Wednesday at 7:30 PM at Christ the King Parish 20800 Grand River. 50/50 raffle tickets are still available this weekend.

*Come Encounter Christ, a 3 night experience in getting to know the person of Jesus—St. Matthew Parish, 6021 Whittier—7 PM Dec. 13, 14 and 15.

*Ecumenical Christmas Sing-Along with the Motor City Brass Quintet—Blessed Sacrament Cathedral—3 PM today. Free-will offering

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Megan Cunningham
Jackie Hollier
Yvonne Seymour
Veronica Madrigal
Peggy Stack

Sunday
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Friday

IMPORTANT SCHEDULE INFORMATION

CHRISTMAS PROJECTS

While we are still giving out Christmas food baskets, the schedule for preparation and distribution has changed. Remember—we will have two distinct programs this year—St. Patrick's and Rosary's. Please take note of the schedule for this week—and please assist wherever and whenever you can:

Today: Christmas cookie exchange. To get cookies, you must bring cookies. Listen for details about location.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 16

10:00AM – 4:00 PM help needed sorting the food to be packaged

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

10:00 AM – 3 PM Help needed packing food boxes

6:00 PM volunteers needed to separate produce into plastic bags

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

8:15 – 11:00 AM--ST. PAT'S WILL DISTRIBUTE BOXES
AND GIFTS TO THOSE ON THEIR LISTS.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

AFTER MASS—PICKUP AND DELIVERY
OF ROSARY FOOD BOXES

AFTER MASS—DECORATION OF THE CHURCH
FOR CHRISTMAS

MASSES

CHRISTMAS EVE (THURSDAY DECEMBER 24

7:00 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY DECEMBER 25

9:30 AM

Please note there will not be any of the routine packing/preparing tasks we have been used to: No placing of boxes on chairs, no Saturday morning packing (instead, Wednesday and Thursday during the day). There will be very few deliveries Sunday.