

Rejoice!



## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

**December 12, 2021**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

*“From silly devotions and sour-faced saints, good Lord, deliver us!” St. Teresa of Avila*

We’ve all heard the adage, “Laughter is the best medicine.” In many ways, it really is. When was the last time you really laughed? The gift of imagination allows us to see possible things that are yet to be. Imagine a world filled with laughter. We take life too seriously sometimes. Fear, uncertainty, pressure, negativity, disappointment, and myriad other human experiences can rob us of the joy needed for laughter. God never promised us an easy road, and we do have to take the course of our lives seriously. However, there is a balance to be sought and a possible joy that can be brought even to the darkest and most challenging of encounters.

St. Therese of Lisieux reminds us that, “Joy is not found in the material objects surrounding us but in the inner recesses of the soul. One can possess joy in a prison cell as well as in a palace.” Falling in love with God, who is present in all of creation, allows us to bring a depth of understanding to everything we do and experience. We can more easily see above and beyond things while pursuing the only One who can truly satisfy our hearts. When we realize that God, the king of Israel, is in our midst and with us, there is no further misfortune to fear. We can celebrate the wonder and beauty of God’s gift of joy. It is no wonder that many saints radiate joy and have no reservations expressing laughter. They are happy because they have found a pearl of great price.

We celebrate with joy today with hearts filled with expectation, wonder, awe, and beauty as we ready ourselves, even more excitedly, for the coming of our Savior. Do not fear and do not be discouraged. If you haven’t laughed in a while, why? Something is preventing you from expressing the magnificence of your soul and the presence of God who dwells within. God’s power and presence within us assures us that we are loved and kept in that presence. What more is really needed? Rejoice and laugh in the presence of God! It really is the best medicine and a most perfect way to convince others that God is really with us. “Go ahead, laugh! Live your life with joy and serve the Lord with laughter! Joy, with peace, is the sister of charity. Serve the Lord with laughter.” (St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina)

## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Shout for joy! When was the last time you ever felt like doing that? Fear, uncertainty, pressure, negativity, disappointment, and myriad other human experiences can rob us of joy. We can never predict what life will bring. As unsettling as that can often seem, life's unpredictability is also the very thing that allows it to be exciting and adventuresome! We know that life can be difficult, and it is unrealistic to expect it to be otherwise. God never promised an easy road. But, when a person truly falls in love with God and discovers the peacefulness and assurance of God's presence, then a depth of understanding will be brought to everything they do and experience. Nothing will be able to rob them of joy! When we realize that God, the King of Israel, is in our midst and with us, there is no further misfortune to fear. We celebrate the beauty and wonder of God's gift of joy today as we ready ourselves, even more excitedly, for the coming of our Savior. Do not fear and do not be discouraged. There is a power and presence within us, our God, who has made us, who loves us and who will keep us. What more do we need? Rejoice!

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## GAUDETE SUNDAY

**“In his 2014 Gaudete Sunday homily, Pope Francis said that Gaudete Sunday is known as the "Sunday of joy", and that instead of fretting about "all they still haven't" done to prepare for Christmas, people should "think of all the good things life has given you."<sup>[5]</sup>**

**On Gaudete Sunday rose-coloured vestments may be worn instead of violet<sup>[6]</sup> (or instead of deep blue, in some Anglican and Lutheran traditions), which is otherwise prescribed for every day in the season of Advent. Gaudete Sunday was also known as "Rose Sunday".**

**In churches that have an Advent wreath, the rose-colored candle is lit in addition to two of the violet- or blue-colored candles, which represent the first two Sundays of Advent. Despite the otherwise somber readings of the season of Advent, which has as a secondary theme the need for penitence, the readings on the third Sunday emphasize the joyous anticipation of the Lord's coming.”**

from wikipedia



## WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

### Question:

What is holy water and how do I explain the reason that it is placed at the entrances of churches to my non-Catholic friends?

### Answer:

Holy water is a sacramental, a reminder of the life of the Church expressed and celebrated through the sacraments. God's grace is mediated through word and gesture (the outward signs). This comes to us through Jesus (instituted by Christ) as he entrusts to the Church his saving mission (to give grace). In turn the Church, through the sacraments, shares that grace and mission with us.

On Ash Wednesday, we receive ashes on our foreheads to remind us of our origins, humbly created from the dust. But by blessing ourselves with holy water, we are reminded of our destiny! We are baptized sons and daughters of God. This is also a call to conversion, to live more fully our baptismal call to live as disciples of Jesus. We see holy water whenever we renew our baptismal promises. This will occur during the Easter liturgy as well, reminding us that we are indeed on a journey of faith and renewed in Christ. Blessing ourselves with holy water reminds us that we are baptized into a community faith, and always in need of turning from sin and toward God. Holy water is a visible sign of our baptism!

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## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### The Well That Never Dries Up

Depending on how your mood is today, the words of Paul will hit you differently. "Rejoice always," he tells us. Well, if your football team is poised to win this weekend or next, maybe you're really feeling this vibe. But if you've got a long slog at work ahead of you this week and a to-do list that only seems to grow and never shrink, it may make you grumble. "Rejoice always? Always? When I'm tired? Cranky? When I'm sick of doing and giving? Thanks, Paul. I'll be sure to scribble that phrase on a Post-It and stick it to my dashboard for when some entitled punk inevitably cuts me off on tomorrow's morning commute."

When we feel this way, we know it's time to head back to the well. Think of all the places in Scripture where God compares His love, His mercy, His salvation to water. And not just any water — living water, water that moves. God's strength is not a stagnant puddle sure to evaporate and disappear. It's water you can keep coming back to. It's water that never dries up.

Which is good news for us, because we never stop failing to do what we should, never stop failing to feel the joy and the compassion and the selflessness we are called to. We need a source of living water if we are going to 'rejoice always.' To be everyday stewards, we need a well that never empties.

The fountain of salvation never dries up. There is always more there for us to draw from. It's a sign of His commitment — so let us, in turn, be committed to Him.

— *Tracy Earl Welliver; MTS* ©LPi

**“Sing and shout for joy,  
for great in your midst  
is the Holy One of Israel”**

Isaiah 12:2

## **Christmas Mass Times**

**Friday, December 24—  
Christmas Eve**

Masses at 4 pm, 6:30 pm and  
10 pm

Mass on  
**Christmas Day**  
11 am

**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC**  
*before* all  
Masses one-half  
hour before.



**P**repare our hearts, O Lord, and remove any sadness or worry that might detract our faith and hope in You. Prepare our hearts to receive the Emmanuel, the Lord God of righteousness, the Son of God and Son of Mary.

Open our hearts to Your bountiful Love and fill our homes with grace and peace and the blessings of the long-awaited One.

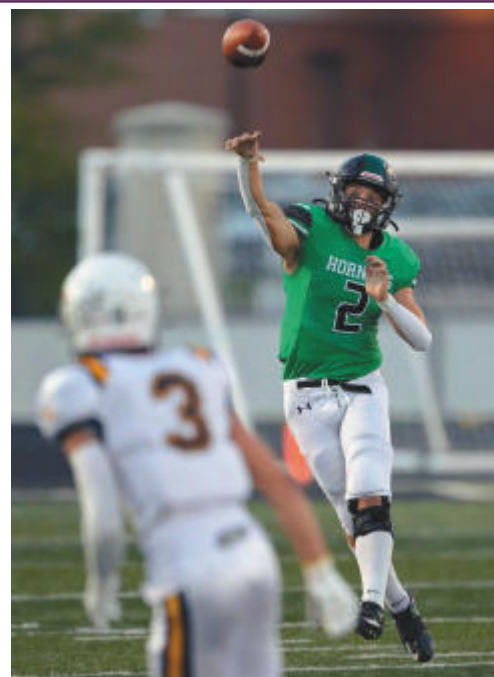
Mother of Love, Lady of Grace, Mary most tender, pray for us that this Season be a reminder to all people of the unique and personal love that the Father has for each of us.

Loving Joseph, patron of families, pray for us that this holyday be kept holy to the honor and glory of your adopted Son, our Lord, Jesus the Christ!



**O**ur congrats to Aaron Filips, named American Conference Offensive Player of the Year when the All-Suburban League football teams were released. Aaron led the Hornets to an 11-2 record finishing with

1,126 yards rushing and 1,400 passing and accounted for 24 touchdowns. Aaron is a senior at Highland, a member of our parish, a member of Celebration-Youth group and an all-around great guy! We're all proud of you!



**D**ear Parish Family,

With this Sunday we truly begin the anticipation of December 25! C.S. Lewis says it best :**"Once in our world, a stable had something in it that was bigger than our whole world."**

**M**ay Christ come to warm our hearts, make holy our homes, heal wounds, gift the grace of forgiveness, enable us to understand and move our hearts to compassion, mercy, peace and vibrant love. Pray that we welcome His birth as a parish family united in prayer, constant in faith, and reliant upon His Presence and the presence of one another. These are gifts that cannot be purchased or wrapped in red paper or stuffed into an envelope. These are gifts that have to be first received and then shared. Christ took on human flesh, became one like us, for US! Let the heart of Christmas enfold you with the spirit of truth and love.

**I** am grateful for this parish family and ever grateful that Almighty God has blessed us in so many, many ways.

As in the past the Christmas Masses will be packed. Please welcome the visitors, please be careful in the parking lot, and please be the warm and welcoming people that you are!

Remember those who have asked our prayers for healing, wholeness and health. Watch and Wait!

Fr. Krizner, Gracie, Annie, Cotton & the perfect time to remember The Lily!



**WEDNESDAY** December 15 - Advent Weekday  
11:00 AM +Agnes & +Victor Engel (K)

**FRIDAY** December 17 - Advent Weekday  
11:00 AM +Benjamin Henderson (A)

**SATURDAY** December 18 - Advent Weekday  
4:00 PM +Walter Kaltenbach (K)

**SUNDAY** December 19  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
8:00 AM +Eleanor Kamczyc (A)  
10:00 AM +Louise Bartok & Grace Leinweber (H)  
11:45 AM +Ryan & Nathan Przeslica (H)



**Our friends and  
relatives who are ill.  
May God grant them  
Healing and strength.**

**These are remembered by Perpetual Help Prayer**

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## WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

### Readings for the week of December 12, 2021

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a, and 13b [2a]/Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17

Saturday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25

Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

### Observances for the week of December 12, 2021

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Tuesday: St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent

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## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### St. Lucy |Feast Day December 13

A name that means "light," St. Lucy (283 – 304) is the patron saint of those blind or suffering with eye trouble. Not much is known about her life, except that she was determined to remain a virgin and thus refused marriage. History tells the story of a frustrated suitor who eventually accused St. Lucy of being a Christian (at crime at the time), and she was executed in Syracuse, Sicily, in the year 304.

Today, we celebrate a number of traditions that incorporate symbolic meaning of St. Lucy as the "bearer" of light in the darkness of winter. This is particularly seen in Scandinavian countries, with their long dark winters. There, a young girl dressed in a white dress and a red sash (as the symbol of martyrdom) carries palms and wears a crown or wreath of candles on her head. In Denmark, Norway and Sweden, girls dressed as Lucy carry rolls and cookies in procession as songs are sung.

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The next Sanctuary Candle will be lit in loving memory of

**Averie Armour**



# O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!

These days of Advent are days to prepare, to ponder and to pray. It's far too easy to be swept up in the busyness of the holiday. Take a deep breath, relax and remember that no matter what gift you give to others there is none better than the gift of yourself. God loves you—use that love to further appreciate others.

## Daughters of St. Colette

Our "Christmas in the Islands"  
Luncheon will be this  
Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>  
Parish Hall - after the 11 am Mass

Note: There is no monthly  
meeting in December



"Come as a stranger,  
leave as a friend."



We would like to extend a  
**BIG THANK YOU** to  
**HONEY BAKED HAM**  
and Strongsville Manager,  
Pat Healey, and his Staff  
for the multitude of ways  
you have supported  
DOSC, the Holy Name Society  
and St. Colette Parish  
over this past year.



# THANK YOU!

## ST. COLETTE'S HOLY NAME SOCIETY



A special Thank You to  
**Deacon Tom Grasson**  
who presided over  
our December 9<sup>th</sup>  
Vespers & Benediction  
Evening Prayer Service

### GOOD NEWS FOR PIEROGI FANS

HNS members are busy making their popular  
**Gourmet Pierogies** which  
will be available for sale  
at our next Pancake Breakfast.



The Holy Name Society  
provides handyman  
services to elderly  
and disabled members  
of the parish

Examples include minor repairs that can be  
completed in a day or weekend

HNS provides free labor but not parts  
and material — contact the church  
office to submit your request

## A CHRISTMAS CONCERT with MUSIC MINISTRY!

Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

Bring a friend or a neighbor who might need a bit of Christmas Spirit!  
Hot Chocolate and cookies following the concert in the Atrium.



# A warm Welcome to our Parish!

Mr. & Mrs. Doug & Lisa Winget  
Mr. & Mrs. James & Barbara Budzik & family  
Mrs. Donna Cleary

## Happy to have you with us

# CONGRATULATIONS

Ethan Whitesell  
Ethan Timar  
Honor Roll Students from St. Edward High School

## Remembering with Love....

Our loving prayers and deepest sympathy are extended to the families of Ida Rose Eleck (grandmother of Allison Michalke) and Theresa Dembowski (wife of Richard) who was called to their Eternal reward. Please pray for them and all the faithful departed.

## Live in Light & Peace!

Come join the Brothers in Faith  
Every Saturday, 8am, the  
Atrium.



“Through the gathering darkness  
Of Advent, we muse in hope on  
The dawning of Christ, the Sun of Justice”

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**G**racie told me that Santa is coming. She didn't tell me when! How long do I need to stand here and wait? I'm getting terribly *hungry*.



**"For it is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas, when its mighty Founder was a child himself."** —Charles Dickens



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## MASS SCHEDULE:

**Saturday Vigil:** 4:00pm  
**Sunday:** 8:00-10:00- and 11:45  
**Wednesday & Friday:** 11:00am  
**Holy Day Vigil:** 7:00pm  
**Holy Day:** NOON and 7:00pm



## SACRAMENTS

**Baptism** - following 11:45 Mass on the second and fourth Sunday of the month. Arrangements must be made in advance through the Parish Office. Baptism Class required for first child.

**Matrimony** –Congratulations! Arrangements must be made 6 months in advance with the priest.

**Sacrament of the Sick** - contact the Office for home visitations and Eucharist.

**Reconciliation** - Saturday 3:00-3:30pm

## WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT

### THANK YOU!!!

Sunday, November 28, 2021 .....\$9,665.00  
 Capital Improvement Fund.....\$1,530.00  
 Children's ..... \$5.50  
 Project Endeavor..... \$981.22

*We sincerely & always appreciate your kindness & generosity!*

*To help start and build an endowment fund, please remember St. Colette in your will. We also have a Memorial Scholarship /Education Fund.*

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