



Sat. Nov. 26	Vigil for the First Sunday of Advent 4:30 p.m. Pat Sweeney (DS)
Sunday, Nov. 27	First Sunday of Advent 8:00 a.m. People of the Parish 10:30 a.m. Marcella Elfers (The Spaeth Family)
Mon. Nov 28	Advent Weekday 6:30 p.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory (Jerry McLafferty)
Tues. Nov. 29	Advent Weekday 8:00 a.m. Katie Hierholzer (Bob Gottmer)
Wed. Nov. 30	St. Andrew the Apostle 8:00 a.m. Marcella Elfers Birthday Remembrance (Roy & Dixie)
Thurs. Dec. 1	Advent Weekday 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
Fri. Dec. 2	Advent Weekday—First Friday 8:00 a.m. Fr. Stanley H. Neiheisel (Carol Smith)
Saturday, Dec. 3	Vigil for the Second Sunday of Advent 4:30 p.m. Ronald C. Smith (Carol Smith)
Sunday, Dec. 4	Second Sunday of Advent 8:00 a.m. Elaine Rippe (Rippe Family) 10:30 a.m. People of the Parish



**SCHEDULE FOR
Dec. 3&4**

Saturday 4:30
 Sacristan: Georgia Curran
 Server: Kalyn Obermeyer
 Lector: Alice Rogers-Uhl
 EM: Kevin Harris, Karen Kohrman

Sunday 8:00
 Sacristan: Cliff Reifel
 Server: Bob Schroer
 Lector: Jerry Fuell, Jim Steiner
 EM: Korey Edwards, Elaine Fuell, Sally Simon

Sunday 10:30
 Sacristan: Mary Kay Arnold
 Server: Noah Turner
 Lector: Nellie Walling, David Haynes
 EM: Glen Graf, Jim Horrigan, Katy Lysaght Myers, Jenny Graf

Counters: Erin & Mary Kay Arnold,
Sharon Bertsch

**ADVENT
SPIRITUALITY SERIES**

The Prophecies of Isaiah
 Wednesday, Dec. 14 & 21
 7p.m. Parish Center
 with
 Fr. Tim Scherer

Advent is a season of joyful preparation. The Prophet Isaiah foretold the coming of the Lord in beautiful poetic language. His prophecies have given people hope for hundreds of generations.

Fr. Tim Scherer was a professor of Biblical Studies at the Athenaeum of Ohio for over 30 years. Although he is now considered retired, he continues to teach part-time. Father Tim's energy and enthusiasm for the scriptures is contagious.

Join us for one or both evenings. We promise you that you will leave with a heart filled with Christmas joy!

**LIGHT
UP
THE
STEPS**



Monday, December 12
The Feast of
Our Lady of Guadalupe
Vespers Service 7 p.m.

Take a luminaria after Mass today and decorate it in honor of a loved one. Return the luminaria before Dec. 8. Hundreds of luminaria will line the steps from St. Gregory St. to the church.
You are invited to take part in this new tradition!



**CAN YOU HELP?
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!**

A crew of volunteers will be needed at
4:00 p.m. on December 12 to set up the luminarias and again at 10:00 p.m. to remove the luminarias from the steps. If you are able to help, please call the parish office at 721-6544 or send an email to Fr. Len at holymacpastor@fuse.net



Holy Cross-Immaculata Parish Ringing of Bells

Sat. Nov 26	In Memory of Diane Gottmer (Nancy Feldman)
Sun. Nov 27	For The Women's Prayer Group (Nancy Feldman)
Mon. Nov 28	For the Healing of Pauline Geiger & Gary Reaves
Tues. Nov 29	No Intention Requested
Wed. Nov 30	No Intention Requested
Thur. Dec. 1	No Intention Requested
Fri. Dec. 2	No Intention Requested
Sat. Dec. 3	No Intention Requested
Sun. Dec. 4	No Intention Requested

*Remember...
The "Ringing of the Bells"
is a way to honor a loved one
and support our parish!*



**FIRST FRIDAY, DEC. 2
EXPOSITION BEGINS
AFTER THE 8:00 MASS
AND CONTINUES
UNTIL 1:00p.m.**

The Archdiocese of the Armed Forces
Second collection totaled \$646
 Due to the holiday bulletin deadline, the collection report for Nov. 20 will be posted in the bulletin next week.



Giving Tree
 Please take an ornament from the Giving Tree. Your kindness and generosity will make this Christmas special for someone!



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
 Fr. Len will be in the church every Tuesday evening from 6:00-9:00 to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Saturday schedule of 3:30-4:00 will also continue. Other times are available by appointment.
NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO COMMUNAL ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE THIS YEAR.

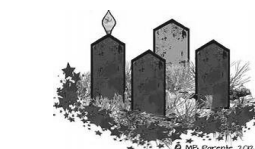
Sarah Neugebauer, our Parish Accountant, has accepted a new position. Thea Padgett, who actually trained Sarah for her position at HCI has accepted the accountant position. We wish Sarah the best & welcome Thea back to the parish!

J.C. Rocha has finally received the necessary VISA and other documentation to become our new choir director. J.C. is seeking his master degree in conducting at CCM. He has been working with Joyce Jamison at the 10:30 Mass for the past month—but now he can officially take on full responsibilities for the choir. Joyce & J.C. will be working together for the Christmas celebrations and then Joyce will be the accompanist at the 8 a.m. Mass

Another new addition to our parish music ministry is Blake Callahan. Blake will be an accompanist at the 4:30 p.m. Mass and will coordinate all the liturgy planning & weddings. Blake is also the organist at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral. Blake is well-known for his outstanding musical abilities. Welcome Blake!



**CHRISTMAS MASS
SCHEDULE:**
SATURDAY, DEC. 24
 4:30 p.m.
 Midnight Mass
 Carols begin at 11:30 p.m.
SUNDAY, DEC. 25
 10:30 a.m.
No 8:00 a.m. Mass



As we begin Advent, we light one candle. In the midst of all the darkness in our lives and in the world. The first candle of the Advent wreath symbolizes our longing, our desire, our hope.
 Three "advents" or "comings" shape our desires. We want to be renewed in a sense that Jesus came to save us from our sin and death. We want to experience his coming to us now, to help us live our lives with meaning and purpose. And we want to prepare for his coming to meet us at the end of our lives on this earth. So, we begin with our longing, our desire and our hope.
Come, Lord Jesus! Come and visit your people. We await your coming. Come, O Lord.