

Third Sunday of Advent ~ December 14, 2014
Gaudete Sunday



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We're half-way to Christmas and families are busy readying their homes for the Holy Day approaching. I'd like to share this Blessing of a Christmas Tree that I found recently while searching through some of the "memorabilia" we have in the old Saint Gregory the Great files.

The father of the family recites the antiphon. The psalm is then recited alternately with the rest of the family.

Antiphon: **Let all the trees of the forest sing for joy,
for the Lord has come.**

Psalm 95: Sing to the Lord a new song;
* Sing unto the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord, bless His name,
* Proclaim His salvation day after day.
Declare His glory among the nations.
* His wonders among all peoples.
For great is the Lord, and highly to be praised,
* To be feared above all the gods.
For all the gods of the heathen are vain idols;
* But the Lord made the heavens.
Majesty and beauty are before Him:
* Power and splendor are in His sanctuary.
Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
Ascribe to the Lord glory and power;
* Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to His Name.
Offer sacrifice, and enter His courts.
* Worship the Lord in holy attire.
Tremble before Him, all the earth.
* Proclaim among the nations "the Lord is King."
He has established the world that it be not moved;
* He rules the people with equity.
Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad;
Let the sea and all that it contains resound;
* Let the fields exult and all that is in them.
Then shall the trees of the forest rejoice before the
Lord, for He comes,
* for He comes to rule the earth.
He will rule the world with justice,
* And the peoples according to His faithfulness.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
* and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
* world without end. Amen.

The Antiphon is repeated by all together:
**Let all the trees of the forest sing for joy,
for the Lord has come.**

CHAPTER

The mother of the family reads the chapter:

After the fall of our first parents the earth was bare and desolate; the world stood in the darkness of sin. But when the Savior was born our earth shone with a new brightness; the glory of the Almighty had renewed the world, making it more beautiful than before. This tree once stood dark and empty in a cold world. But now resplendent with lights and bright adornments in its new glory this Christmas tree reflects the new beauty that God brought to earth when "the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." By a tree the whole world has been redeemed, and therefore, with great joy we celebrate the glory of this tree.

GOSPEL

One of the children reads:

From the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke:
At that time it came to pass that while Mary and Joseph were at Bethlehem, the days for her to be delivered were fulfilled. And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were shepherds in the same district living in the fields and keeping watch over their flocks by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood by them and the glory of God shone about them and they feared exceedingly. And the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you news of great joy which shall be to all the people; for there has been born to you today in the town of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

All recite: **GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST,**
* and on earth peace to men of good will.
* We praise Thee, We bless Thee.
* We adore Thee.
* We glorify Thee.
* We give Thee thanks for Thy great glory.
* O Lord, God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
* O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ,
* O Lord, God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
* Thou Who takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

FROM THE PASTOR

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

***Gaudete in Dómino semper: iterum dico, gaudete.
Dóminus enim prope est.***

***Rejoice in the Lord always: I say it again, rejoice.
The Lord is near.***

Today, the third Sunday of Advent, is traditionally called Gaudete Sunday. We celebrate the fact that the Lord is near. You will notice the rose colored candle is lit on the Advent Wreath and the priest may be wearing a rose colored vestment. Today, too, our children had the opportunity to have the baby Jesus statues from their nativity sets blessed.

I want to remind you that confessions will be heard at Holy Rosary this Wednesday, December 17th at 7:00 p.m. Fr. Winkel and I will join Fr. Previte and several other priests in hearing confessions. There will be continual confessions from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. next Saturday. There will also be confessions on Monday and Tuesday, December 22 and 23, from 3-4 and 7-8 p.m. There are ample opportunities to prepare your heart for the birth of our Infant King.

As we prepare for the celebration of our Lord's Birth and the sharing of gifts with our loved ones, might I ask you to consider your parish in your gift giving. We are in need of your generosity to continue the work of the Lord here in our area. Thank you so much for your kindness.

May God's blessings be yours this Advent Season,

Father Ireland

FROM THE PASTOR'S QUESTION BOX

Did you know that ...???

Every once in a while I hear someone ask, "Why don't we give out wine?" The very question begs a need for catechesis.

Certainly no Catholic parish gives out wine. Rather, they might distribute the Precious Blood of our Lord. Do recall the mystery of the Consecration at Holy Mass. Through the words of the priest the bread becomes the Body of Christ and the wine becomes His Precious Blood.

It was the custom at St. Gregory the Great to distribute the Precious Blood at a different Mass each Sunday. We often found that many chose not to receive and a great deal of the Precious Blood remained. There was also the danger of spillage as the Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion carried the chalice to the cross aisle.

Although one might say that it is a fuller sign to receive under both species, please remember that one receives the whole of Christ: Body and Blood, soul and divinity in either species. This is the teaching of the Church.

We will, once the flu season has passed, review what we do here at the parish and perhaps return to having the Precious Blood distributed at a different Mass each Sunday.

**Parish Office Hours:**

Monday-Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Thursday & Friday 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline: Friday, 5:00 p.m.

New Parishioners

Registration after each Sunday Mass in the Parish Office, or by appointment.

Baptisms:

First and third Sundays of each month at 1:00 p.m. Pre-registration required. Parents expecting their first child should arrange to attend the required Pre-Baptism class. These are offered at the parish on the 4th Sunday of January, April, July and October at 1:00 p.m. in Mary's Room. Pre-registration is required. Call the Parish Office.

Marriages:

Engaged couples should make their arrangements with the priest at least 6 to 12 months in advance of their wedding.

Funerals: Call the Parish Office to arrange date and time.

Holy Communion for the Homebound:

Please call the Parish Office whenever a family member is seriously ill or hospitalized. Arrangements can be made to bring Holy Communion to the homebound weekly or monthly.

Music Director: Mr. Thomas Adamowicz 216.262.3133

Sponsor Requirements:

All requests for sponsor certificates must be directed to a priest. Individuals must be registered and practicing members of this parish, at least 16 years of age, and have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. If married, the marriage must have been accepted by the Catholic Church.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Academy

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PSR Religious Education Classes

Sundays 10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.
For information about the program call the Parish Office (216.382.7601)

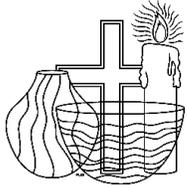
Sts. Margaret and Gregory Credit Union

1499 Dean Drive, South Euclid, OH 44121
216.691.0242, FAX 216.691.0435
Hours: Tuesday-Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.; Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Education: Adult Education, RTF (Reaffirming the Faith), Bible Study

Bible Study continues to meet on Monday mornings at 10 o'clock in Mary's Room. This group is always ready to receive new members who are seeking an opportunity to share the Word of God with fellow parishioners. Please stop by any Monday morning. We'll be happy to see you.

PRE-BAPTISM CLASS ...



If you are expecting your first child, or have already welcomed a first child into your family, we invite you to attend our next Diocesan-required Pre-Baptism class on Sunday, January 24, 2015, at 1 p.m. in Mary's Room.

Please call the Parish Office (216.382.7601) to register.
Deadline is Wednesday, January 21st. Thank you.

Reaffirming the Faith

Group sessions are held on Thursday mornings at 10 o'clock. If you have questions, call Tom Kelly (216.382.3614).



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Sunday Collection for 12-07-2014: \$13,370.43
Sunday Collection for 12-08-2013: \$ 9,789.22

Please accept my sincere gratitude for your generosity.
Thank you. Father Ireland

from the voices of the children ...

submitted by children who used their offering envelopes last weekend ... *Reproduced as the children wrote them.*

- Thinking of others often.
- Helped work with the visitors to the G.E.M.S. meeting.
- I tried not to be jealous of my friend when she got something I wanted.

*Thank you, children, for sharing these.
Father Ireland*



If you are new to the parish and have not yet officially registered as a member please stop by the Parish Office after Mass to complete the process. We are very anxious to meet you.

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Permanent Deacon

Deacon David N. Chordas, MA



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 6:45 a.m.
8:00 a.m. on First Saturday
(in Extraordinary Form)
followed by Rosary & Devotions

(Vigil) 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.,
11:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Monday–Friday:
6:45 a.m., 12:10 p.m.

8:45 a.m. Fridays
(during the school year only)

Holy Days:
Consult Parish Bulletin

Confessions:
Saturday: 2:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.
Other times by appointment

Please direct your questions or suggestions for the
Parish Pastoral Council to
parishcouncil@sacredheartofjesusparish.org

LITURGICAL & SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

**LITURGICAL ROLES
FOR THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 20 & 21**

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
OF HOLY COMMUNION**

4:00 p.m.	R. Basilone	S. Gatchel	S. Wolf
8:00 a.m.	P. O'Neill	J. & M. Trausch	
10:00 a.m.	P. DeVito	M. Douglas	J. Verni
11:30 a.m.	L. Poelking	R. Gibson	J. Palache
5:00 p.m.	R. Martin	C. Cullen	T. Miller

LECTORS

4:00 p.m.	L. Hart
8:00 a.m.	C. Janice
10:00 a.m.	B.J. Kennedy
11:30 a.m.	B. Poelking
5:00 p.m.	H. Gutter

ALTAR SERVERS

Remember: If you cannot fulfill your assignment, **YOU** must get your own sub. If you no longer wish to be a part of this ministry, please contact Father Ireland. Likewise, if you are a 5th, 6th, 7th, or 8th grader who would like to become a server, call Father Ireland.

Saturday 4:00	Sunday 10:00	Sunday 11:30	Sunday 5:00
A. & J. Catena	G. Majikas	K. Shaughnessy	L. Weise

SANCTUARY GROUP #2 ~ RITA KREBS

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Monday:	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday:	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17
Thursday:	Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25
Friday:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25
Saturday:	Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38
Next Sunday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27 Lk 1:26-38

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 15 Advent Weekday

6:45 a.m.	Kaitlyn Koccevar
12:10 p.m.	Mary Urnick

Tuesday, December 16 Advent Weekday

6:45 a.m.	Frank Koenig (Anniversary)
12:10 p.m.	Helen Dagenbach

Wednesday, December 17 Late Advent Weekday

6:45 a.m.	Michael Corea
11:45 a.m.	Rosary for Peace
12:10 p.m.	Ellen Blitz

Thursday, December 18 Late Advent Weekday

6:45 a.m.	Anne Hasmann
12:10 p.m.	Richard Nalepka

Friday, December 19 Late Advent Weekday

6:45 a.m.	Poor Souls
8:45 a.m.	Celebrant's Intention
12:10 p.m.	Maurice Couture

Saturday, December 20 Late Advent Weekday

6:45 a.m.	Luisa Gaudio (L)
4:00 p.m.	Earl Brashear (Anniversary)

**Sunday, December 21
Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8:00 a.m.	Katherine Doherty (L)
10:00 a.m.	Parishioners of Sacred Heart of Jesus
11:30 a.m.	Thanksgiving for Padre Pio
5:00 p.m.	Bill Dams

MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS

Vigil at 4 and 10 p.m. The 10 o'clock Mass will be preceded by a mini choral concert at 9:45.

Masses on Christmas Day: 8, 10 and 11:30 a.m. ONLY. The 5 p.m. Mass WILL NOT BE celebrated on Christmas.

REMINDER

Advent Communal Penance Service with our Cluster Parish will be this Wednesday, December 17, at 7 p.m. at Holy Rosary Parish. Please come and pray and celebrate the Sacrament of Penance. Make your hearts ready to receive Our Blessed Savior on Christmas Day.

PRAYER APOSTOLATES

CARING APOSTOLATES

PRAYER INTENTIONS FROM THE APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER FOR PRIESTS ...

We remember in a special way these priests during this week:

Sunday:	Bishop A. Edward Pevec
Monday:	Rev. Terrence Grachanin/Rev. Thomas Haren
Tuesday:	Rev. Michael Stalla/Rev. Thomas Kowatch
Wednesday:	Rev. Christopher Zerucha/Rev. John Hayes
Thursday:	Rev. Mark Riley/Rev. Stephen Flynn
Friday:	Rev. John Wright/Rev. Edward Kordas
Saturday:	Rev. Gerald Sabo, S.J./Rev. Dennis Kristancic

On Thursday evening at 7 o'clock the **Marian Movement for Priests** gathers in the Chapel to pray for priests in active ministry and vocations to the priesthood. Consider joining them.

Community Recitation of the Rosary

- Parishioners, neighbors, and some employees of the University-Suburban Health Center gather in the Church at 11:45 a.m. on Wednesdays to pray the Rosary for peace.
- On Wednesday evenings at 8 p.m., a group gathers in the Chapel to recite the Rosary in Spanish.
- On the first Tuesday of the month, the Knights of Columbus invite families to join them in the Church at 7 p.m. to recite the Family Rosary.

Eucharistic Adoration

We are blessed to have men and women praying before the Blessed Sacrament 24-hours each day, Monday through Saturday for your intentions and their own. Men and women serving in the Armed Forces are also included. You may write your special prayer intentions in the book on the shelf near the entry door.

ENTHRONEMENT OF THE SACRED HEART ...

If your family would like an image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus enthroned in your home, please call Father Ireland at the Parish Office (216.382.7601) to arrange for him to come to your home and lead this beautiful devotion.



Let us place ourselves under the watchful eye of Our Blessed Mother Mary, who will teach us to ...

Love with the Heart of Jesus.

Annual Giving Tree Event

Sponsored by the Women's Guild



This is the **LAST WEEK** that the Giving Tree will be on display near the Holy Family Shrine in the front of the church. Again this year, colorful gift tags adorn the tree providing suggestions for gifts for children from infant to teen. If you haven't taken a tag yet, do so today.

Once you have a tag, purchase a gift, and place it under the tree no later than **December 14**. Again, we will send all gifts received to the Fatima Family Center. Remember: The Center requests that the gifts **NOT BE WRAPPED**. This will allow parents to select items that they know their children need and will like. Parents would also appreciate your donations of extra gift bags or wrapping paper so that they can wrap their children's gifts.

At the same time, the women are collecting your donations of **NEW** baby items (bottles, diapers, sleepers, onesies, crib sheets, receiving blankets, etc.) which will be delivered to Birthright, Inc., which will distribute them to needy pregnant women to help them prepare for the birth of their babies. New or gently used maternity tops (any size) are also needed. All items should be **UNWRAPPED** and placed in the cradle near the tree.



We have helped both of these organizations for several years, and they have always been very appreciative of our donations and so grateful for the tremendous generosity of the people in our parish and school. If you have any questions, please call Marilyn Buckley at (216) 382-0707.

March for Life, Washington D.C. January 21-22, 2015

Even though the deadline for reservations for this trip has passed, the Sacred Heart of Jesus Respect Life Committee still has seats available on the bus and they were successful in procuring extra hotel rooms.

The bus leaves our parking lot at 6:30 a.m. on the 21st of January and returns before midnight on the 22nd. The only up front cost is the \$20 for the bus. This is a reduced rate for adults; students ride free. Payment for hotel rooms is by credit card on the day of arrival (January 21st). Single rate is \$210; double rate is \$105 per person; triple rate is \$70 per person; quad rate is \$52.50/person.



The new deadline for reservations is either when the bus is full or December 15, whichever comes first. If you are interested in going, please contact Barbara Latini by phone at 216-382-1910 or by email: btlatini@aol.com

Education: Academy News

Update by William DiBacco, Principal

Special thanks to our Music teacher, Mrs. Marilyn Freas, for planning the wonderful Christmas program. Students of Grades 1, 3, and 4 were the featured performers last Thursday, and they truly put on a great performance.

Student Council members and moderators visited Alter Care Nursing Home Monday, December 8, to sing Christmas carols and assist the residents in making Christmas tree ornaments. The residents and staff were grateful to see and hear our students. It was a heartfelt visit for us ~ one we will hold special in our hearts.

On Tuesday we will be privileged to hear our outstanding band perform. Again this year, Mr. Mandujano will get our students and faculty into the festive Christmas spirit. The performance will be at 7 p.m. in the gym. All are invited to attend.

This coming week is the last week of classes before the Christmas vacation begins. Students will be sent home at 1:30 p.m. on the 19th to begin a vacation that carries through to Sunday, January 4. Classes resume on Monday, January 5.

*"Share the joy of God's presence with others."
"Have a very Blessed & Merry Christmas !!"*

*Peace Be With You,
William DiBacco*

Students Declared Winners in the 39th Annual Respect Life Essay Contest

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish used the same title for this year's essay contest as LifeWorks Ohio so that students could enter both contests. The title this year was: *"So be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us..."* (Eph.5:1) The contest was open to 7th and 8th graders of the parish.

Prizes were:

1st place students received the opportunity to go to Washington, D.C., to participate in the 42nd March for Life, January 22, 2015, and will have their names engraved on the plaque displayed in the main hallway of the Academy. First, second and third place winners also receive cash awards and a framed copy of their essays.

Congratulations to these winners:

PSR Grade 8, Eden Durham, 1st place
Academy Grade 8, Nicholas Loya, 1st place;
Joey Lawless, 2nd place
Gavin Majikas, 3rd place

Grade 7, Luke Karboski, 1st place
Connor Krebs, 2nd place
Bryson Simpson, 3rd place

Honorable Joe Catena, Kaitlin Ribinskas, Peter Eyerman,
Mentions: Catherine Buhrow, Grace Bujoll, Luke Stergar.

Parish Community Bulletin Board

"Christ Our Light" ~ Luminaries for Christmas Eve

Again this year, we plan to line the sidewalks with luminaries on Christmas Eve. We estimate we will need 150 clear plastic, empty, one-gallon milk containers which have been thoroughly rinsed and air dried. Tops are not required. Clean containers may be dropped off at the Parish Office during business hours 7 days a week until Monday, December 22. Your generosity last year was much appreciated. We hope you will do the same for us this year. Please call the Parish Office (216.382.7601) with any questions you might have.

Oplatki ~ Christmas Wafers

Beginning this week we will have Oplatki available at the Parish Office for a donation of \$3 for a package of four (4) wafers. Please plan to get yours EARLY.

The centuries-old custom of breaking and sharing this Christmas Bread serves as a reminder that Christ is the Unseen Guest in our homes.

If this is not your family's tradition, why not think about beginning a new tradition. Each wafer is imprinted with the story of Oplatki and the ritual associated with the custom of breaking and sharing this Christmas Bread.

Parish Communal Penance Service

...Wednesday, December 17, at 7 o'clock at Holy Rosary Church, 12021 Mayfield Road... Come pray with our Cluster parish and receive the Sacrament of Penance. Father Previte, Father Ireland and Father Winkel will be joined by several other priests to hear your individual confession of sins. This service DOES NOT INCLUDE GENERAL ABSOLUTION.

If you are not able to attend the Communal Penance Service, we will have several other opportunities for confession before Christmas. Please mark your calendars for this important preparation for the coming of Our Savior:

Saturday, December 20	9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Monday, December 22	3 to 4 and 7 to 8 p.m.
Tuesday, December 23	3 to 4 and 7 to 8 p.m.

**PLEASE NOTE:
CONFESSIONS WILL NOT BE HEARD ON CHRISTMAS EVE.**