

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Second Sunday of Advent
December 9, 2018

God has commanded
that every lofty mountain
be made low.
— Baruch 5:7

Our Lady of Fatima
Pleaded that we pray the Holy Rosary
before Sunday Mass and
privately from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm daily.

2nd Sunday of Advent



Our Lady of Fatima Parish
2010 12th Avenue
www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.org
Rectory Office Hours:

Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Parish Office: 814-942-0371

Our Lady of Fatima Mass Schedule
Sunday: 10:30 AM - Holy Days: 6:00 PM
Rosary: 10:05 AM - Rosary: 5:40 PM

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Administrator
Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur
Parish Secretary
Carol Z. Smith

Eucharist for the home bound - weekly:
Patty Flanagan 942-0371 for arrangements.

Our Lady of Fatima Church is open
Monday through Friday: 9AM - 5PM Winter
9AM - 6PM Summer
for visits before the Blessed Sacrament.

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals will be held
at Our Lady of Fatima.

Preparation for Baptism, and Weddings will be held at
the Cathedral. 944-4603

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
Parishioners wishing to receive the sacrament of
healing may call the Cathedral Parish Office to
make arrangements. 944-4603

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MERGER BETWEEN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCHES
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Cathedral Church Office: 814-944-4603
One Cathedral Square

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop
Reverend Monsignor Robert C. Mazur, Rector

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Reconciliation @ Cathedral: 7:00 PM Wednesday
12:30 PM Saturday

Religious Education @ Cathedral: Pre-K through 11
Sacramental Formation @ Cathedral: First Reconciliation
First Communion
Confirmation

Sacramental Formation @ the Cathedral: Baptismal Prep
Marriage Prep
Christian Initiation

Hospital Visitation: Call the Cathedral: 944-4603

Cathedral Eucharist:

Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil) Holy Days: 5:30 PM (Vigil) Weekdays: 6:45 AM

8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM
10:00 AM	12:00 Noon	12:00 Noon
12:00 Noon	5:30 PM	Saturday: 8:00 AM
5:00 PM		12:00 Noon

DECEMBER 9, 2018
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
10:30 AM

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

Readings: Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6,8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Today's Intention-Ronald Geis

Readings: Zep 3:14-18; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

Sunday, December 16th, Poor Souls (Anonymous)

Cathedral Mass Intentions

December 10, Monday: Advent Weekday

Readings: Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

6:45 AM Maureen Wolf, Anniversary (Kathy Ford)

8:00 AM Joe Wiedemer (Patty and Bear McCloskey)

12:00 PM Steve Flanagan (Pat Byrne and Family)

December 11, Tuesday: Saint Damasus I, Pope

Readings: Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

6:45 AM Dwight Dittsworth (Cathedral Parish)

8:00 AM Deacon John Rys, Birthday (Family)

12:00 PM Carl Fischer, Anniversary (Family)

December 12, Wednesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Readings: Zec 2:14-17; Lk 1:26-38

6:45 AM Bob Weaver, Ann. (Jim and Elaine Weaver)

8:00 AM Bernard G Plank, Birth. / Anniv. (Family)

12:00 PM Helen Anderson (Mary Lysinger)

December 13, Thursday: Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Readings: Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15

6:45 AM Dec'd. of Richard & Dorothy Irwin Family

8:00 AM Loretta R. Adamczyk (Patty and Diane)

12:00 PM Paul R. Rose, Birthday (Rose Family)

December 14, Friday: Saint John of the Cross, Pr. and Dr.

Readings: Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

6:45 AM M. Virginia Jones (Sally Myers)

8:00 AM Carrie Kibler Detwiler, Birthday (Mom & Dad)

***12:00 PM Myra Mangicarne (Colleen Sheehan)**

December 15, Saturday: Advent Weekday

Readings: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9, 10-13

6:45 AM Marian and Thomas Swires (Children)

12:00 PM Anna Marie Jacobs (Lennie Johnson)

Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent

Readings: Zep 3:14-18; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

5:00 PM Millie Boyle (Jim and Steph Kilcoyne)

*Jesus, Son of the Living Father,
Have Mercy on Me a Sinner.*

*Please pray for all of our parishioners, especially for
those who have illnesses great and small and our
seniors who are lonely and need comfort and care.*

December 9, 2018
Scripture Reflection

All four Gospels include, near their beginning, a description of John the Baptist's preaching and baptism, reminding their audiences then and today of John's importance to the early Christian community. John's preaching was popular. Many longed for an end to the world's disorder. Sin had poisoned politics, economics, law and everyday social interactions. The world was haunted by evil. Something was very wrong, but no one could figure out what it was or how to address it.

John countered these fears by affirming that God was indeed at work, preparing a savior who would clean out Israel's spiritual and moral corruption. To prepare for the savior's appearance, each individual had to purge all personal corruption as well. This was the point of John's baptism. John had adapted the normal ritual washings practiced in every Jewish household into an act of total rebirth. John's ritual bath symbolized inner transformation, gave individuals a clean break with their past and prepared them to recognize the savior to come. John's ministry also pointed forward to the coming kingdom. John's preaching, recounted in Luke's Gospel, emphasized generosity, honesty and humility. John's preaching also insisted that the arrival of the Messiah was at hand, and that repentance and a change of life were necessary for redemption. John's very life affirmed that God was doing something new and the individuals who wished to be part of the new thing God was doing had to renew themselves as well. John's mission has become ours today. We live in an age of anxiety. Beyond his words and ministry, John's presence on earth was a sign that God remained faithful. As we prepare to celebrate Christ's coming, may our own lives be a sign to someone that God is still at work, still interested and still ready to save.

- How can you offer hope to someone who needs to hear Good News?
- What words do you speak?
- What actions do you take?

AT HOME with the WORD 2019, Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, pg. 21. AMERICA MAGAZINE, "How are you preparing for Christ's coming?" Michael R. Simone, S.J., November 16, 2018.

December 9 Lk 3:1-6

Today's gospel shows John the Baptist and parents have similar vocations. Like the Baptist, parents are asked to make "rough ways smooth" and to "prepare the way of the Lord" for their families. This Advent ask: Does my life hinder or help my family to know Jesus?

2nd Sunday of Advent (December 9)

Paul prays that all in the faith community increase their love and their knowledge to "discern what is of value" (Phil 1:10). We grow as stewards and disciples of Jesus Christ by making decisions daily that demonstrate just how much we value our faith.



Liturgical Reflection ...

Advent is a time of hopeful anticipation as we prepare to celebrate the remembrance of the Lord's first coming and, also, recalling his final coming in glory at the end of time. There are many preparations for Christmas that demand our time and attention. Make sure to fill your Advent days with prayerful preparation. Read scripture, pray the rosary with special attention to the Joyful Mysteries, spend time before the Blessed Sacrament. Advent is a time of hope and joy.

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12/15	Ian Brannan
12/16	Carol Smith
12/18	Carol Riggleman

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OUR LADY OF FATIMA ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25TH 10:30 AM

MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD, DECEMBER 31TH, (Vigil) 6:00 PM

MARY MOTHER OF GOD, JANUARY 1ST, NO MASS at OUR LADY OF FATIMA
(See the Cathedral Mass Schedule)

First Reconciliation Class Reminder...

First Reconciliation is scheduled at the Cathedral Parish Advent Penance Service on Wednesday, December 19, 2018, at 6:30 PM.

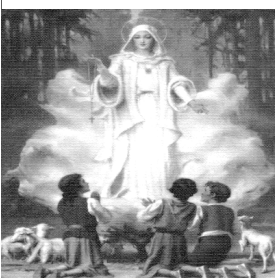
OUR LADY OF FATIMA TRAVELING STATUE...

Is waiting to be invited to some ones home who will honor and praise her for a week or two. Please do not hesitate to call Carol at the rectory if you wish make a reservation. Call 942-0371.

"THE WORD AMONG US" DAILY MEDITATIONS FOR ADVENT 2018 ARE AVAILABLE TO ANYONE FREE FOR THE TAKING. A FAMILY MEMBER WHO MAY NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND DAILY MASS WOULD FOLLOW ALONG WITH THE MASS ON TV.

F.I.R.E. make-up class will be on Wednesday, Dec 12th from 5 -7PM

Confirmation Prep. For December 2018. All Tenth grade Candidates will meet on Sunday Dec. 9th in the Church at 6:30 PM for evening Prayer. The Fall session will follow in the Cathedral Hall until 8:00 PM.



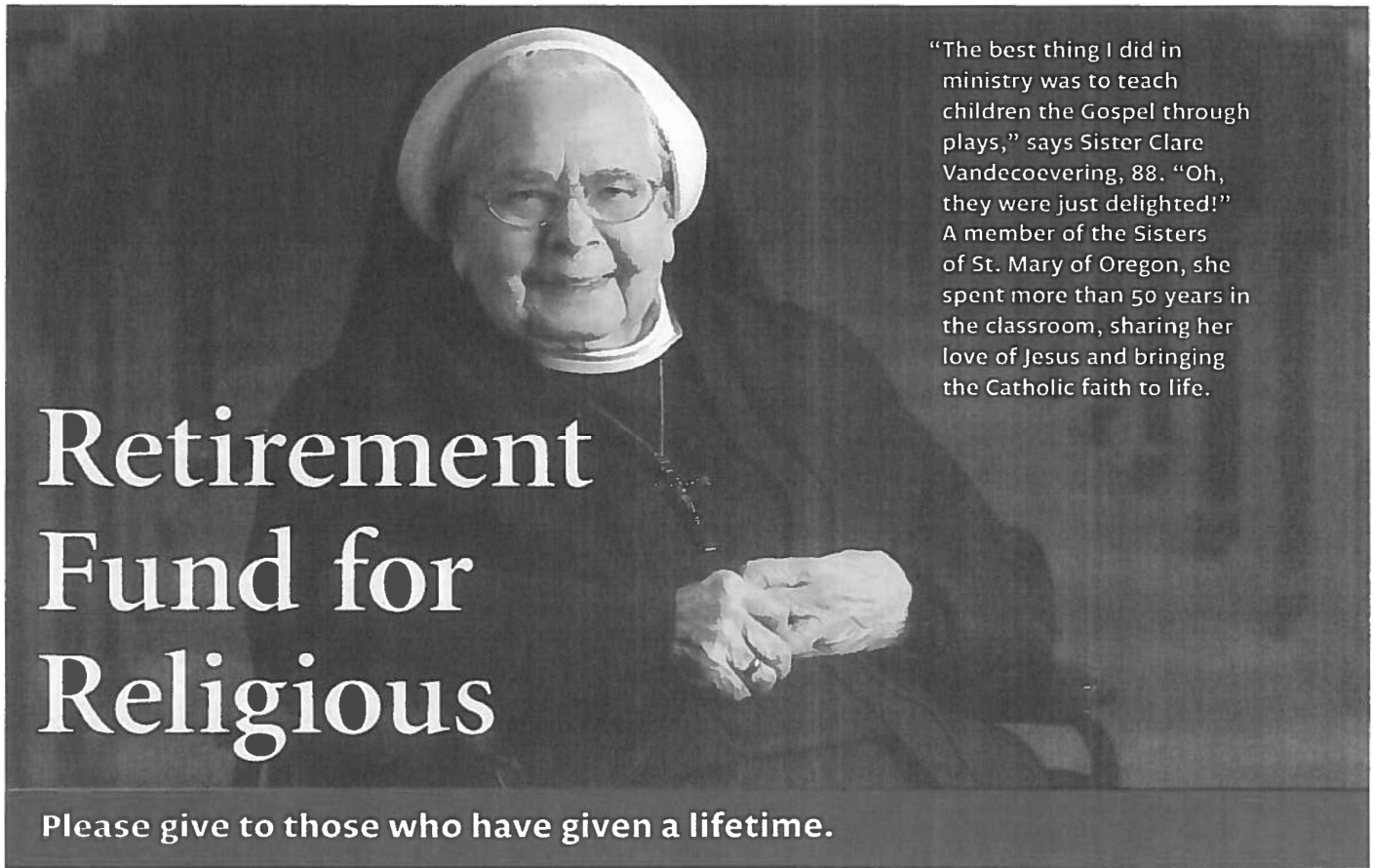
OUR LADY URGES US TO PRAY THE HOLY ROSARY

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A second collection will be taken up today for the retirement for the religious. Please be extra generous to this collection.



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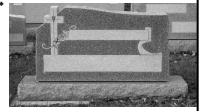
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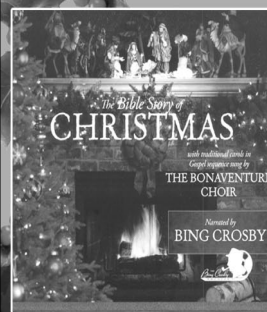


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