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Thank you,

Msgr. Stan Carson

Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021

Our Lady of Fatima Parish
2010 12th Avenue
www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.org

Rectory Office Hours:
Tuesdays and Thursdays
11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Parish Office: 814-942-0371
or call the Cathedral Office at 944-4603.

Our Lady of Fatima Parish
Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson, Administrator

Parish Secretary
Paula Hall

Director of Music Ministry
Cathy McFee

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

Our Lady of Fatima Church is open
Sunday through Saturday: 7:30 AM - 5PM
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. 814-944-4603

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH IS A RESULT OF
THE MERGER BETWEEN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC
CHURCHES OF SS. PETER & PAUL AND ST. LEO
THE GREAT IN 1995.

Cathedral Church Office: 814-944-4603

One Cathedral Square

Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop

Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson, Administrator
PH: 814-944-4603

Rev. Father Dennis M. Kurdziel, Parochial Vicar
Christian Initiation Team: 944-4603
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Mail Ministry to Elderly, Homebound, Seriously Sick
and Grieving - 944-4603

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Web: www.holytrinitycatholic.school

Altoona Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 381-7011

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Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO

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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

12:00 Noon

10:00 AM

12:00 Noon

12:00 Noon

5:30 PM

Saturday: 8:00 AM

5:00 PM

12:00 Noon

THE FATIMA TOWERS

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

10:30 AM

This Sunday, December 5 Second Sunday of Advent

Catherine "Kate" Starr (Doug & Jan Stoehr)

6:00 PM

Wednesday, December 8, Immaculate Conception

Jack Douglass (Pat Byrde & Family)

11:30 AM

Next Sunday, December 12, Third Sunday of Advent

Robert Simanski (Dan & Deb Milliron)

Cathedral Mass Intentions

December 5, Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM +Walter Beckel, Jr. (Donna Lechner & Barry McLeary)

10:00 AM +Genevieve Kibler (Ed & Lois Simanski)

Noon PM +Rita Beck (HTCS-Altoona Campus Faculty & Staff)

5:00 PM +Pro Popolo/For the People

December 6, Monday, St. Nicholas, Bishop

8:00 AM Sr. Kevin (Eleanor) Breen, Golden Jubilee
(Janet & Michele Belsey)

12:00 PM +Madeline Vogel (Tom & Beth Moore)

December 7, Tuesday, St. Ambrose, Bishop

6:45 AM +Bob Simanski (Anonymous)

12:00 PM +Geraldine Kines, Birth. (Sharon Yanchik)

5:30 PM +Marti Stefanon (Jim & Mary Ellen Kelly)

December 8, Wednesday, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM +Jim Davidson (JoAnn & Tim Bettwy)

12:00 PM +John Gority (Jim & Elaine Weaver)

5:30 PM +Paul Sheetz (Mike and Sherry Byrne)

December 9, Thursday, St. Juan Diego

6:45 AM +Janet Tomlinson (Greg & Christine McCullough)

12:00 AM +Barbara Shoemaker (Sam & Janet Ianuzzi)

December 10, Friday, Weekday

6:45 AM +Nicholas John Moffa (Estate)

12:00 PM +Deacon John Rys, Birth. (Family)

December 11, Saturday, St. Damasus, Pope

8:00 AM +Marian & Thomas Swires (Children)

Noon PM +Barb Probst, Anniv. (Family)

Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent

5:00 PM +Orvitta Knott (Dick & Connie Steinbeiser)

December 12, Third Sunday of Advent

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

10:00 AM +Vocations to the Religious Life (Rita Kibler)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For The People

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The sanctuary candle for the month of December has been donated by Regina Noonan and Family in memory of John Noonan. Months are available in 2022.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Stand on the heights, Jerusalem; see your children rejoicing that they are remembered by God. A merciful and just God leads Israel in joy (Baruch 5:1-9).

Psalms — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

Second Reading — May your love increase in knowledge to discern what is valuable that you may be blameless for the day of Christ (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

Gospel — John proclaims a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All flesh shall see the salvation of God (Luke 3:1-6).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13;
Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16,
18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6;
Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

Thank You

Your prayers, volunteerism, and financial support are deeply appreciated. The contributions for Sunday, November 28, were \$994.00.



**Say the
Rosary
every day
to obtain
peace for
the world.**

Our Lady Of Fatima

AN UNNOTICED ADVENT

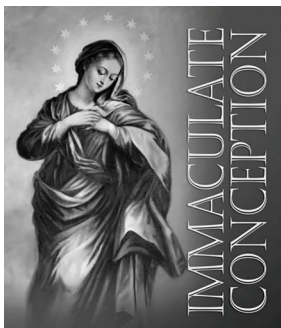
Today Luke solemnly announces the names of the secular and sacred powers who thought they held the world's destiny in their hands. But they completely missed the decisive event that forever changed the world's religious and political history. When no one else was listening, God's Word came to a nobody, John the Baptist, and not in the temple sanctuary or palace throne room, but "out in the sticks," the Word that would one day cleanse the temple and topple thrones. The powerful names that Luke announces were not popular with ordinary people: times were tough, the economy was bad, people were having to make do with less; and those names reminded common folks that so much of life was beyond their control. Sound familiar? Yet just then, when many were far from hopeful, God acted decisively to save the people, and John the Baptist invited his listeners then, and us today, to join in the Good News of new life.

We heard Baruch, in the first reading, picturing our broken world reborn: the dispersed being carried home, tears wiped away, righteousness and justice, peace and worship. How we wish it could all be true! It will be true, Paul declares, optimistic that God, who has already begun such good work in us, will continue to complete it for the day of Christ's glorious return, increasing our love and sharpening our discernment of the values that endure. So we should begin this second week of Advent reinvigorated with hope in God's plan for the world's salvation. But John the Baptist reminds us that God's "reconstruction plan" for the world's transformation begins much closer to home: what twists and turns of my own life must be untangled, what lofty mountains of my own pride and self-centeredness brought low, which gorge-deep valleys of my own indifference and neglect filled in? Come, Lord Jesus, and make the whole creation new—but start right here, right now, with me!

Today's Readings: Bar 5:1–9; Ps 126:1–2, 2–3, 4–5, 6; Phil 1:4–6, 8–11; Lk 3:1–6

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Since Wednesday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary and a holy day of obligation, we will celebrate Mass here at 6:00 P.M.



Effective next weekend, Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Parish will be at **11:30 AM**. There will be no Sunday noon Mass at the cathedral.



Our Lady of Fatima Parish is participating in an event called #iGIVECATHOLIC. You have the opportunity to either give online or by using an envelope to support a parish need or project. We anticipate giving attention to the following items: our parking lots, rectory flues, and a new door and frame for the church. The total cost being approximately \$8,000. Go to <https://aj.igivecatholic.org> and scroll to Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Altoona

SaveAround Coupon Booklets are on sale for \$20.00. The parish makes a \$10.00 profit on each booklet sold.



OPLATKI/CHRISTMAS WAFERS

Packets of oplatki are available in the back of the church. The donation is \$2.00 per packet with 3 wafers in the packet. The explanation of the custom and a prayer are printed on the envelope.