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Thank you,

Msgr. Stan Carson

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 12, 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

Catholics returning Home: 944-4603

**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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Directors of Religious Education:

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Religious Education Office: Sundays – 943-7424

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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) Weekdays: 6:45 AM & Noon

8:00 AM

Saturday: 8:00 AM & Noon

10:00 AM

5:00 PM

THE FATIMA TOWERS

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

11:30 A.M.

This Sunday, December 12, Third Sunday of Advent

Robert Simanski (Dan & Deb Milliron)

Next Sunday, December 19, Fourth Sunday of Advent

Catherine Burr (MM William Share)

Cathedral Mass Intentions

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

December 13, Monday, St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

6:45 AM +Helen Anderson (Mary Lysinger)

12:00 PM +Paul Rose, Birth. (Rose Family)

December 14, Tuesday, St. John of the Cross, Priest

6:45 AM +Deceased Members of the Harry Dodson Family
(Kirk Dodson)

12:00 PM +Carrie Kibler Detwiler, Birth. (Mom & Dad)

December 15, Wednesday, Weekday

6:45 AM +Jeremiah Mullane (Dr. Dennis & Betsy Fylnn)

12:00 PM +Deceased Family Members (McNelis All Stars)

December 16, Thursday, Weekday

8:00 AM +Suzanne Decker (The Baker Family)

12:00 PM +Donna Pagliara (Family)

December 17, Friday, Weekday

8:00 AM More Vocations (Anonymous)

12:00 PM +Mary Kantoski, Birth. (Family)

December 18, Saturday, Weekday

8:00 AM +Freddie Martynuska (Mom & Dad)

12:00 PM +Martha Maurer (Jean Koury)

Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:00 PM +Robert Beck (Christine Sandusky)

December 19, Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM +Greg Hoover (Linda & Monte Grassmyer)

10:00 AM +Jeannie Yorgy (Marie & Jim Williford)

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.



Third Sunday of

Advent

December 12, 2021

I am baptizing you with water,
but one mightier than I is coming.
I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals.

Luke 3:16

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Shout for joy! Sing joyfully! Be glad and exult! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).

Psalm — Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12).

Second Reading — Rejoice! The Lord is near. Make your requests known to God (Philippians 4:4-7).

Gospel — John tells his hearers to share their possessions with the needy; be honest; do not threaten or accuse others falsely (Luke 3:10-18).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

Saturday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

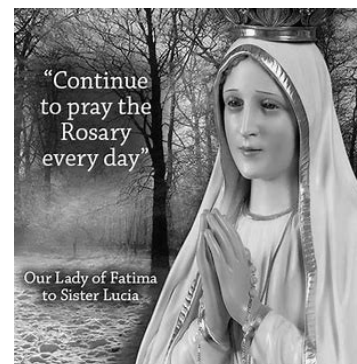
Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Thank You

Your prayers, volunteerism, and financial support are deeply appreciated. The contributions for Sunday, December 5, were \$2,598.

Your generosity at Christmas is particularly important to our parish.

Thank you.



JOY AND EXULTATION

Joy and exultation ring through the first reading, as Zephaniah's ancient messianic prophecy pictures God "rejoicing over (us) with gladness, renewing (us) in his love, singing joyfully because of (us) as one sings at festivals." This joyful God is not distant: the prophet declares twice that God "is in your midst." Zephaniah so trusts this joyful God's love for us that he declares our deliverance "a done deal": both from inward fear and guilt—"the Lord has removed the judgment against you"—and from external threats: "he has turned away your enemies." The Responsorial Psalm, from Advent's principal prophet, Isaiah, echoes an exultant joy that should prompt us to be "confident and unafraid," "for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel." Paul likewise exhorts the Philippians—and us—to joy, to a kindness that should be evident to all, to prayer free from anxiety, serene and thankful.

But then John the Baptist cries out on Jordan's bank: Repent! Prepare for a Messiah whose baptism "with the Holy Spirit and fire," unlike John's water baptism, will utterly transform its recipients. His winnowing fan will clear away the dead wood, bundling wheat and burning chaff in unquenchable fire. If this is going to be "good news" for us, then well might we, like the crowds, tax collectors, and soldiers who first heard John, ask "What should we do?" When John responds to the people then, and to us today, the answer, while supremely challenging, is almost surprisingly simple. Nobody is ordered to abandon the place in which their personal life's journey or the realities of a history beyond their control have put them. God saves us not despite or apart from our real-life circumstances but in them and through them. Our call now is to practical, generous charity: we are to share clothing and food; practice justice and professional and personal integrity; and be honest toward others and with ourselves. Such is the teaching of the Messiah that John heralded.

Today's Readings: Zep 3:14–18a; Is 12:2–3, 4, 5–6; Phil 4:4–7; Lk 3:10–18

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Effective this weekend, Sunday
Mass at Our Lady of Fatima
Parish will be at 11:30 A.M.
There will be no noon Mass at
the cathedral.



Oplatki
Christmas
Wafers

Packets of oplatki are available in the back of the church. The donation is \$2.00 per packet of three wafers. The custom is explained on the envelope.

An Advent Communal celebration of the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be held on Wednesday, December 15, at 6:00 P.M. at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament.



You are invited to help decorate our church on Sunday, December 19, following the 11:30 A.M. Mass.

Christmas flower donations and memorials can be made by using the special envelope that is available on the tables in the back of the church.



Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

SAVE AROUND COUPON BOOKLETS

The 2021 *Save Around* coupon booklets are now available for \$20.00. The parish receives a profit of \$5.00 per booklet. See Paul Masic following Mass.