

Call Him
Emmanuel-
God
with
us!



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ December 18, 2016

Sunday Scripture Meditation:

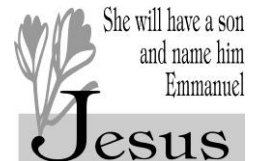
Isaiah 7:10-14; Saint Paul to the Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24

The name "Emmanuel" holds treasures for us all. God is with us, like a friend we can spend each day with. He is our courage and strength, and our joy, reminding us of the promise of heaven. Let us hold on to Jesus and wrap ourselves in His protection. **Our Savior is always with us!**

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CELEBRATION OF MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat.	Dec 17	4:30 PM	+PRIHODA AND +SKOVIRA FAMILY ~ <i>Marge Prihoda</i>
Sun.	Dec 18	7:30 AM	LIVING AND DECEASED OF THE SANDOR FAMILY ~ <i>Connie Sandor</i>
		9:00 AM	+JENNIE SEKELSKY, <i>The Family</i>
		11:00 AM	+EDWARD AND +IRENE DEMOVICK ~ <i>Stephanie and Michael Dunn</i>
Mon.	Dec 19	7:30 AM	+JENEATH QUICK ~ <i>The Tran Family</i>
Tues.	Dec 20	7:30 AM	+JOHN and +KRISTINA KMETZ ~ <i>Son, Joseph</i>
Wed.	Dec 21	7:30 AM	+MICHAEL and +MARY BUDA ~ <i>Eleanor Buda Burke</i>
Thurs.	Dec 22	7:30 AM	+ANSELMO TORDIL, <i>Anniversary</i> ~ <i>The Tran Family</i>
Fri.	Dec 23	7:30 AM	+BOB BYLO ~ <i>The Silhavey Family</i>
Sat.	Dec 24	8:00 AM	FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD
		4:30 PM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF OUR PARISHIONERS
		10:30 PM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF OUR PARISHIONERS
Sun.	Dec 25	7:30 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF OUR PARISHIONERS
		9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF OUR PARISHIONERS
		11:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF OUR PARISHIONERS



FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH ~ WEEK OF 12-4-2016

Operating Costs – Weekly amount needed to meet expenses of all five buildings ----	\$9,975
Sunday Collection	\$ 5,185
Other Collections: Annual, Monthly, Holy Day...	\$ <u>2,212</u>
TOTAL WEEKLY INCOME.....	\$ 7,397
SHORTFALL	\$ 2,578
FISCAL YEAR TO DATE OVERVIEW Operating Costs Year to Date	\$9,975 x 23.....\$ 229,425
Actual Weekly Income Year to date	\$211,666 Shortfall \$17,759



FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH ~ WEEK OF 12-11-2016

Operating Costs – Weekly amount needed to meet expenses of all five buildings ----	\$9,975
Sunday Collection	\$ 5,533
Other Collections: Annual, Monthly, Holy Day...	\$ 2,077
SCHOOL LEASE INCOME.....	\$ <u>14,062</u>
TOTAL WEEKLY INCOME.....	\$ 21,672
SURPLUS	\$ 11,697
FISCAL YEAR TO DATE OVERVIEW Operating Costs Year to Date	\$9,975 x 24.....\$ 239,400
Actual Weekly Income Year to date	\$233,338 Shortfall \$6,062



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

December 18 : Religious Education Classes/Children's Liturgy ~ K through 8 ~ Reconciliation~ Confirmation Class held in Convent
December 25 Christmas Day: No Religious Education Class ~ No Confirmation Class

The Ladies Guild is selling Oplatky (Christmas Wafers) in the vestibule of the church before and after Masses. This is the last weekend of the sale. Cost for a package of 6 wafers is \$3.00. Oplatky will also be available, until supply runs out, at the parish office this week, Monday through Friday, 9:00AM to 4:00PM.

Youth Choir News:

Rehearsal is this Wednesday in the Church Choir loft.

Christmas Eve Pageant

Dress Rehearsal for Choir and

Characters will be held in the church Wednesday Dec. 21 beginning at 6:00 PM. **Parents should pick their child up in the parish Hall** at 7:30 PM at the conclusion of our pizza party.



The Christmas Eve Pageant will be held on Saturday, **beginning at 4:00 PM** prior to the 4:30 PM Mass.

We have over 30 participants in this wonderful production!
Please plan to attend!

The Nativity of the Lord, Christmas Mass Schedule Saturday, Christmas Eve

11:00 AM – 12 Noon Confessions
4:00 PM Christmas Eve Pageant
4:30 PM Christmas Vigil
10:00 PM Christmas Carols
led by the senior Choir
10:30 PM Christmas Eve Mass
Sunday, Christmas Day
7:30 AM, 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM



What better way of celebrating the Advent Season than in song? The Diocese of Bridgeport Youth Choir, C4Y is hosting its second annual Christmas concert, Arise and Shine, on Sunday, December 18 at 6:00 PM at the Klein Memorial Auditorium in Bridgeport. C4Y is made up of young people from over 40 parishes and schools. The concert will feature some of your favorite traditional and contemporary Christmas hymns, as well as prayers and scripture readings. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and can be purchased online at www.theklein.org or by phone at 800-424-0160.

If you are tired of writing weekly checks and prefer to give to your parish online - visit our parish website and click the "OnLine Giving" icon found on the left side column to follow simple directions for setting up your account. www.hnojchurch.org **Did you know?** On line givers have the added convenience of being able to print out their yearly tax statement.

Notre Dame High School (Boys' and Girls') Class of 1966 is planning a 50th Reunion for the spring, 2017.

If you are interested in working on the Class of 1966 Reunion committee or would like to receive more information, please contact the Notre Dame Alumni Office at tmarzik@notredame.org or 203-372-6521 ext.242.

EVANGELIZATION CORNER



In sleep, Joseph, of the house of David, receives word of the promise's astonishing fulfillment: his intended wife has not been unfaithful but has been the faithful instrument in God's plan to save the world through the gift of the Son she has conceived by the Holy Spirit.



PRAYER CORNER: Your prayers are requested for the sick and suffering, those in ongoing treatment and/or rehabilitation and those whose lives are heavily burdened. If you are a parishioner or know of a parishioner who would like to be included in the Prayer Corner, please call the parish office at 203-375-5815. Please pray for the good health of:
Peggy Hudak, Fr. Robert Maty, Richard Miller, Dottie Millo, Helen Mino, Janet Onze, Peter Panicale, Jo-Ann Petreycik, Charles Rader, T.J. Recupido, Jennie Tesla

From the Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States

Dear Fr. Marus, I would like to thank you so much, and through you your parishioners for your check of \$1354 for the World Mission Collection this year. The generosity of your Parish Community helps enormously with the work of so many missionaries the world over. I am sure that their gratitude will be manifested in the only way they can with constant prayers for their benefactors. Our good God will certainly bless you and the Community for your fraternal love and cooperation.

Once again, thank you.

Rev. Seraphim Rohlman, Diocesan Director

Thank you for supporting our senior religious.

A sister from Indiana writes, "Because of your kindness, our elderly sisters will have the comfort, security, and joy of living out their remaining years here in their home. You truly honor them and their many years of service by your generosity."

Religious across the United States offer sincere thanks for your generosity to last week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.



Beginning this weekend through the month of January we will be collecting toiletries for the homeless. Items will be distributed to area people in need. You

may drop off your donations in the marked box in the vestibule of the church. Thank you for your charity.

Next weekend the offertory collections will include:

the regular weekly Sunday offering along with the second collection for the Christmas Day offering and the Poor & Needy offering. **Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish.**