

## HOLY CHILDHOOD OF JESUS CHURCH

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### FATHER PAUL'S ONE CENT WORTH:

This weekend we celebrate the Second Sunday of Advent. We generally pay little attention to the setting of our Scripture readings, but this weekend the setting of our gospel is very important. The setting is the desert. It is from the desert that John the Baptist came forth to proclaim God's message to the people. It is a message of repentance, namely that the people need to change their lives as they prepare themselves for the Lord's coming. We, during the season of Advent, are in our season in the desert to prepare for the Lord's coming in His birth at Christmas. Let us heed the message of John the Baptist in this weekend's gospel to make ourselves ready for the coming of the Lord. Let us not lose sight of the real purpose of this season.

Christmas Eve is only 2 weeks from this Monday, and Christmas Day is 2 weeks from this Tuesday. As families plan ahead for the holidays, this is a good time to let you know the Christmas Mass schedule for the parishes of our partnership. Our parish Christmas Masses will be at 3:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve and 9:00 a.m. on Christmas Day. While a Vigil Mass can normally not begin until 4:00 p.m., Bishop Braxton has given me permission for this year to celebrate a 3:00 p.m. Mass so that I can cover all our Christmas Eve Masses. St. Pancratius will have its Christmas Masses at 4:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve and 9:00 a.m. on Christmas Day. St. Liborius will have its Christmas Masses at 5:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve and 8:30 a.m. on Christmas Day.

Our parish Advent Reconciliation Service will be this Tuesday, December 11, at 7:00 p.m. We will have 6 priests. Our neighboring parishes have also scheduled Advent Reconciliation services: Corpus Christ in Shiloh this Monday, December 10, at 7:00 p.m.; St. Nicholas in O'Fallon this Wednesday, December 12, at 7:00 p.m.; and St. Clare in O'Fallon this Thursday, December 13, at 7:00 p.m.

We will decorate the church for Christmas on Saturday, December 22, at 10:30 a.m. Plan ahead, and plan to help with this endeavor. We need many helpers for this.

We recently received the following note From Sherry Miller of Daystar in Cairo: "Dear Holy Childhood Parish Family, To all of you, we hope that you had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. For all you do and continue to do for Daystar, we are most grateful each and every day. Thank you always! The Thanksgiving Dinner at Daystar was a great success. 320 meals were served and delivered. I think that I need to thank you all again for helping us make it possible with your generosity. Now the Christmas for families with children is in full operation and waiting the day for the elves, God's wonderful helpers, to come. Again, thank you all. Blessings, Prayers and Thoughts to you all, Sherry Miller of Daystar."

Many thanks to all who took an ornament from our Angel Tree and purchased a gift for the children whom Daystar serves in Cairo. You have been God's wonderful helpers. Our CYO Youth Group will be taking your gifts to Cairo this Friday evening. Thank you for your giving!

Father Paul

## OTHER NEWS

**December 9 - Our vocation starts as an indwelling, with the quiet whisper of God's pull on our heart. It's often personal and difficult to describe to others and often takes much prayer and discernment to see clearly. Are we to become another John the Baptist - that "voice of one crying out in the desert"? St. Francis de Sales reflected on this individual nature of our call, "We all have a vocation. We believe that God has placed us in this life to fill a special need that no one else can accomplish." - If you or someone you know is hearing the call to a religious life, please contact me. Vocation Coordinator John Norrenberns- 566-7078.**

**MASS PROCESS CHANGES:** On November 26th we had a great meeting with a regional church security advocate. In light of realizing our security awareness these days we will enhance our security practices for the church and during Masses. You will notice some changes with the positioning of the ushers and some of their duties during Mass. Two ushers will be positioned near the front of the church. Ushers will no longer guide Communion. Other upgrades in the future will include locking exterior doors during Mass and the church facility at other times, also adding with CCTV assets. The security team is still working through these details. Additionally, if a child needs to use the restroom during Mass please have an adult accompany them. Our usher team is dedicated to assisting with any emergencies during Mass. The team is all volunteers and in need of increasing our staff. Please consider becoming an usher. Your comments and ideas are welcome. Please contact Jim Cornman.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS:** Christmas is one of those special holidays when we think of loved ones. You can now remember your deceased loved ones or honor those living by sending in your Christmas Flower donation. For \$10 you can list one or two individual names or two family names. The Holy Childhood Council of Catholic Women (HCCCW) is sponsoring this program. The money is used for purchasing the Christmas flowers and any other items needed for the altar. You may use the December 2nd Flower Offering envelope included in your church envelope box or a white envelope addressed to HCCCW (Alice Klein). **On either envelope, please list (1) whom the memorial is for or whom you are honoring, (2) the donor's name, and (3) if you are donating online.** Checks should be made payable to HCCCW. Donations are needed by December 18th to insure your loved ones are included on the list to be displayed at all church entrances. For more information, please contact Alice Klein at 566-8735.

**ANGEL TREE:** Thank you for taking an angel for the youth group Christmas project! On the back of each angel you will find a list of suggested donation items. Please feel free to use your own ideas as well! I ask that you please keep in mind that your donations are likely the only gifts these children will receive this Christmas. Please return your **unwrapped** gifts to church by Wednesday, December 12th. If you have any questions please call Kayla at 618-979-1809. Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEEDS BLANKETS AND COATS!** Cold winter weather has arrived earlier than usual and the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul Belleville Council** desperately needs blankets and coats to distribute to those in need. **Gently-used or new coats of all types in all sizes for all ages - toddlers, children, teens and adults (men and women) and blankets of all types/sizes - are being requested.** Items can be dropped off at the St. Vincent de Paul office located at #13 Vieux Carre Drive, Suite 2, East St. Louis (Loisel Village area, immediately off Route 157 across from the Save-A-Lot grocery) or call Joe Hubbard or Pat Hogrebe at 618-394-0126 for additional information. Warm your heart by keeping someone warm - check your closets and donate a coat or blanket today!

**MASCOUTAH FOOD PANTRY** is in need of oil, sugar, powdered milk, hot chocolate, sauerkraut, spinach/greens, mashed potatoes, refried beans, mandarin oranges, and canned ham. Thank you for your support.



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Email: hcs@holychildhoodschool.com  
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Preschool 3 & 4 and Kindergarten-8th grade  
Feeding the Mind, Body, and Spirit

We are registered as a nonprofit recipient for Amazon Smile. If you purchase from Amazon, please log onto Smile.Amazon.com and choose Holy Childhood Church as the nonprofit recipient. Amazon Smile donates one half of one percent of your purchase. Happy shopping!

Make plans to attend the Holy Childhood School Christmas Concert on Wednesday, December 12! The Concert begins at 7:00 p.m. in the gym.

## SCRIPS

Gift cards may be purchased in the school office Monday thru Friday. Cards will also be sold in the Gathering Space after all weekend Masses. Purchasing gift cards is a great way to support Holy Childhood School! Thank you!

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http://www.holychildhoodchurch.com

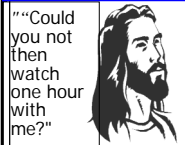
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### Come Lord Jesus, Come

Symbols of Christmas everywhere bring joy as we anticipate the coming of the Baby Jesus. Lights on the tree= the Light of the World. Christmas carols= the choir of Angels heard at his birth. May that joy surround you as you experience the Yuletide season.

### CALENDAR

Dec 9 Class  
Dec 16 Class



"“Could you not then watch one hour with me?”

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel...This year, there's something more plaintive than usual about that traditional hymn. After all, the present state of affairs in the Church on earth is crisis, confusion, and the revelation of tremendous misdeeds. Wouldn't it be great if Jesus could just come down, set everything straight, and make sure all is well again?” (Friends of Mercy). According to what St. Faustina mentions throughout her Diary: Jesus has been coming to us in the sacraments, through the scriptures, through teachings of various saints and through herself. “And Jesus has been sending His Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, as well as any number of other angels and saints to bring us messages, offer us powerful devotions, and set us on the right course” (Friends of Mercy). When will we listen? We have adoration of Tuesday from 9 to 5 and on Saturday from 9-10. The rosary will be said at 4:30. Please note the change in the ending of our Tuesday adoration. It is extremely dark when we close at 6, so closing has been changed to 5 for everyone's safety. The change has been affirmed with those who come at that hour, so no one is being eliminated.

# PARISH NEWS

**ADVENT RESOURCES** - "Blue books" are available for daily prayer. Also, you may use today's Mother of Life insert for your prayers at home. Watch for Week 3 and Week 4 in the weeks to come.

**ADVENT BLESSINGS:** The staffs of ministries funded by The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal wish you an Advent showered with His love and blessings! We are truly grateful for your continued generosity and support for it is only through working together that we can bring new promises, new dreams and new hopes to those in need at Advent and throughout the year.

**AGING RELIGIOUS NEED YOUR HELP:** Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to today's second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

**HCCCW CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE THANK YOU!** The Holy Childhood Council of Catholic Women (HCCCW) would like to thank all the parishioners who bought cookies this past weekend. Our third annual Cookie Sale fundraiser for the parish was another great success!

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE:** Envelopes for your pledge contributions can be found at all entrance ways. Envelopes can be mailed or placed in the offertory collection. For further assistance contact Wendy at the Rectory #566-2958.

**THE 41ST ANNUAL DIOCESAN CHRISTMAS COLLECTION** will be taken up at all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Parishes and agencies throughout the diocese request monies from this collection during 2019 to assist those who are in need with food, clothing, shelter, utility payments, healthcare and medications, funeral and burial expenses, transportation and emergency assistance of all types. Please consider giving as you are able; thank you so much.

**KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS** poster contest, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, is coming soon. All youth between the ages of 5-14 are welcome to participate. Please contact your HCS, or PSR teacher, or Jim Cornman for the details. The 11x17 inch posters are due by December 14th. Parishioners will be asked to vote for a winner in each category after Mass on December 15th and 16th. Stop by and see the spirit of Christmas and creativity of our youth. The KC will award cash prizes.

**TIME AND TALENT NEEDED:** We are looking for someone that would be willing to share their time and talent. The work that is needed is silk screening. At Baptisms, we give out a baptismal garment to the person who is being baptized at our church. The last time we make these garments was about 8 years ago. We make enough to last for many years. This tradition of a homemade garment has been here for many years and I would like to be able to continue the tradition. Please contact Stacie Cornman at 618-920-8386.

### FORMED

Learn about your faith and grow in virtue in the comfort of your own home or on the go at [formed.org](https://formed.org). There is something there for all age levels in your family. Type in parish code **3R3GFR** and listen to podcasts, watch videos, read inspirational books, listen to reflections on the Sunday readings before Mass and much more. / ADULTS- Movie- Paul VI, Series- Presence-The Mystery of the Eucharist / TEENS-Faith and Culture Podcast- Chris Stefanick-Vocation as an Evangelist Audio-The New Sexual Revolution by Chris Stefanick, Book- Totus Tuus- Totally Yours (33 Days to Marian Consecration for Teens) KIDS-Brother Francis-Born into the Kingdom, Carlos Caterpillar

Register for free by visiting <https://holychildhood.formed.org>

**LECTORS**

12/15 5:00 PM Christine Meng  
12/16 8:00 AM Nancy Raben  
10:30 AM Bob Cozzi

**COMMENTATORS**

12/15 5:00 PM Marlene Groennert  
12/16 8:00 AM Matt Athy  
10:30 AM Craig Fiegel

**MUSIC MINISTRY**

12/15 5:00 PM Mary Kay Pritchett  
12/16 8:00 AM Ann Pace  
10:30 AM JoDee Norrenberns

**SERVERS**

12/15 5:00 PM Lisa Klein & Joshua Amann  
12/16 8:00 AM Jackie Amann & Ian Moll  
10:30 AM Laura Berthe & Paige Reinhardt

**GREETERS**

12/15 5:00 PM Taube Family  
12/16 8:00 AM Ray & Alice Klein  
10:30 AM David & Marie Kerwin

**TRAVELING CHALICE**

12/15 - 12/21 Tom & Judy Schneider

**BREAKING OPEN THE WORD**

12/16 Mary Elmore & Sam Norrenberns

**EXTRAORDINARY  
MINISTERS OF  
HOLY COMMUN-  
ION**



12/15 5:00 PM

Amy Amann, Jeremy Bunn, Len Cleary,  
Darlene Wagen, Art Wilhelm

12/16 8:00 AM

Matt/Mary Athy, Pat Steinberg, Bruce Jung,  
Mike Klein, Mary Kellerman

10:30 AM

(H) Wendy Uhl, (C) Gabriel Hulliung,  
(W) Jan Parker, Allen Parker, Craig Fiegel,  
Doran Wobbe

**MEALS-ON-WHEELS**

12/12 Marie & Art Wilhelm  
Tom & Sharon O'Leary

**TITHE FOR December 2, 2018**

Parish	\$6,314.70
Youth	\$37.00
St. Brother	\$234.00
Diocesan	\$5.00

**Weekend Total \$6,590.70**

**MASS INTENTIONS:**



**TUESDAY, December 11**

8:00 AM Delores Wienhoff

**WEDNESDAY, December 12**

8:00 AM Word Communion Service

**THURSDAY, December 13**

8:00 AM Kevin Gordon  
Mayer & Meng Families

**FRIDAY, December 14**

8:00 AM L/D Edwin Haas Family

**SATURDAY, December 15**

5:00 PM JoAnn Sturm  
Norrenberns Family  
Delmar K. Walter

**SUNDAY, December 16**

8:00 AM Mary Moll  
Shirley Karpel  
10:30 AM People of the Parish

**NURSING HOME MINISTRY**

12/12 - Marka Mary Kay Pritchett  
12/12 - Silver Creek Mary Ellen Mueller  
12/11 - Aperion Father Paul  
Brightly Bishop Schlarman

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**



**MONDAY, December 10**

No Mass  
**7:00 PM Corpus Christi Penance Service**

**TUESDAY, December 11**

8:00 AM Mass  
9 AM - 5 PM Adoration  
4:30 PM Rosary  
**7:00 PM Holy Childhood Penance Service**

**WEDNESDAY, December 12**

8:00 AM Word Communion Service  
**7:00 PM St. Nicholas Penance Service**

**THURSDAY, December 13**

8:00 AM Mass  
**9:30 AM HCS Reconciliation**  
6:00 PM Finance Council  
**7:00 PM St. Clare Penance Service**  
7:30 PM KC's - pc

**FRIDAY, December 14**

8:00 AM Mass  
CYO Delivers Gifts to Cairo

**SATURDAY, December 15**

9:00 AM Adoration  
4:00 PM confessions  
5:00 PM Mass  
KC's Poster Contest after Mass  
CYO Delivers Gifts to Cairo

**SUNDAY, December 16**

8:00 AM Mass  
9:00 AM PSR  
10:30 AM Mass  
KC's Poster Contest after Mass  
Tool - pc  
**6:00 PM Adoration**