

Third Sunday of Advent – Sunday, December 13, 2020

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 14
6:00 p.m.

Oconee – Miss Mary Temmen

Tuesday, December 15
8:00 a.m.

Lloyd Taylor Family
By Gary Beyers

Wednesday, December 16
8:00 a.m.

Rose Zueck
By Bob & Deb Zueck

Thursday, December 17
8:00 a.m.

Dr. Virgilio Dycoco
By Alfred & Mary Devera

Saturday, December 19
2:45-3:25 p.m. Confession
4:00 p.m.

Havrilka & Reese Families
By Dennis & Vicki Pastor

Sunday, December 20
7:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

Oconee – Kevin Sommer
Parishioners
Don Flesch
By Kay Feeney

Ministry Schedule

SERVERS

Saturday **4:00 p.m.** Monte Weddle
Sunday **9:00 a.m.** Paige Morrell
 10:30 a.m. Wade Florey

Extraordinary Ministers

Saturday **4:00 p.m.** Naomi Gorenz
Sunday **9:00 a.m.** Marty Cerven
 10:30 a.m. Sonda Holthaus

Lectors

Saturday **4:00 p.m.** Leland Schmitz
Sunday **9:00 a.m.** Scott Kindermann
 10:30 a.m. Phil Begole

NOTICE

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO BE A GIFT BEARER, EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER, LECTOR, HOMEBOUND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OR SERVER AT YOUR ASSIGNED TIME, PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK PEOPLES BANK & TRUST

On the back page of our bulletin is a suggested Business Directory. Please consider these businesses for their products or services. Because of them, this bulletin is cost-free to the Parish. When you patronize one of them, tell them you saw their ad on our bulletin.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle, *the Eternal Light*, will be lit the week of December 13, 2020 for Ron Havrilka.

Weekly Contributions
December 5 – December 6, 2020

We Need \$6,500 Each Week

Regular	\$10,830.00
Needy	\$120.00
Major Repairs	\$92.00
School	\$542.00
Building & Grounds	\$492.00
Immaculate Conception	\$110.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$5.00
Christmas Offering	\$85.00
Christmas Flowers	\$345.00
Retirement Fund	\$5.00
All Souls	\$5.00
All Saints	\$5.00
Cemetery	\$210.00
Catholic Children's Home	\$5.00
Loose	\$156.50

Who Am I? As we long for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, let our Advent be perfectly holy. To help us, Saint Paul reminds us of these basic Christian attitudes: (1) rejoice always, (2) pray without ceasing, and (3) always give thanks.

- In whom or in what will I rejoice this week?
- How will I pray every day this week?
- For whom and for what am I thankful? What will I do because of this thanksgiving?

CONFESSIONS

Fr. Rodney is continuing to hold the regularly scheduled Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday afternoons from 2:45-3:25 p.m. Please continue to practice social distancing. In addition, private confessions may be scheduled with Fr. Rodney by appointment by calling the rectory at 562-9221

MEETINGS

RCIA: Mon., Dec. 14 – 10:00 a.m. – Rectory Basement

PSR: Wed., Dec. 16 – K-5th grades 3:30-4:30 p.m. and 6-8th grades 7-8:00 p.m. – Parish Hall

LOAVES & FISHES FOOD PANTRY

The Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry is collecting food and nonperishable items **EVERY** Saturday and Sunday. Baskets are located in the church vestibule for your convenience. Please remember those who have very little. One canned good/item from each family one weekend a month can make a difference. Food Pantry is open on Mondays 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and Fridays 3:00-5:30 p.m. Next working day Monday, December 28, 2020.

Reminders

- **Please Remember** that a mask is required upon entering and exiting the Church, as well as upon receiving Communion. Once in the pews and following the social distancing rule of 6 feet, masks may be taken off at each individual's discretion.
- **Please Remember** THAT THE DISPENSATION FROM THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS ON SUNDAYS AND HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION remains in effect until further notice.
- For those unable to attend Mass, replace that time with devotion, studying scripture readings, viewing Mass on-line, or a Spiritual Communion by praying the Rosary or other suitable prayer.

HOLIDAY GIFT CARDS

This Wednesday, December 16, is the last day to place orders in time for Christmas arrival! Put your order in now for Holiday Gifts, Holiday Travel, and Holiday Activities!! A whole range of cards and denominations are available from \$5-\$100 (certain retailers offer \$5-\$10 denomination gift cards during the Christmas season). They make great gifts or stocking stuffers! For the full list of cards offered and denominations, contact Amanda Lehn at 217-412-8767 or stop by the church office for a complete list and order form.

CHURCH NOTICES

Lectors may pick up their 2021 workbooks. Come through the Church Sacristy and then enter the Server's Sacristy. Books are sitting on a table, each one labeled with lector's names.

PENANCE SERVICES

Penance Services will not be scheduled this year. Regularly scheduled confession times are offered at Oconee on Monday evenings at 5:00 p.m. and Pana on Saturday afternoons from 2:45-3:25 p.m.

RETIREMENT FUND

During these unprecedented times, many are hurting and need our assistance, including elderly religious. Today, hundreds of religious communities do not have enough retirement savings and struggle to provide for a growing number of elder members. Covid-19 has only increased the challenge to provide adequate care. In these difficult days, you may feel as though your generosity has been exhausted. We ask for your support for the Retirement Fund as you are able. Donations provide vital funding for medications, nursing care, and more.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

December 24

St. Patrick's..... 4:00 p.m.
8:00 p.m.
Oconee 6:00 p.m.

December 25

St. Patrick's..... 9:00 a.m.

Solemnity of Mary

December 31

St. Patrick's..... 4:00 p.m.
Oconee 6:00 p.m.

January 1

Oconee 9:00 a.m.

NOTE FOR 4 PM CHRISTMAS EVE MASS:

100 chairs will be set up in the Parish Hall for live viewing of Mass on a TV screen. Eucharistic Ministers will be on hand with the Precious Body at communion time. Mass will also be LIVE streamed on Facebook.

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The parish office will close at 12:00 (noon) on Wednesday, December 23 through December 25 and at 12:00 (noon) on Wednesday, December 30 through January 1 for the Christmas/New Year's holiday.

Note: Parish will close for an hour on Monday, December 21 from 11:30-12:30.

RAMP NEWS

Construction and demolition of the old wheelchair ramp continues to make progress. The old sign will be replaced by a generous donation by the late Pauline Wells (sister to Bill Chernisky).

ATTENTION

We are happy to see you at Mass, yet, we have some social distancing issues to tell you. **Please Do Not Stand In Back Of Church For Mass!** We have plenty of room in the pews. If not, we have folding chairs along the side aisles, by the baptismal font, and Our Lady of Lodes/Infant of Prague areas of church. Please come in and sit down there. By standing in back, we have issues of social distancing with more people coming in through the door and violating the 6 feet of social distancing between people. Aisles should be for people transgressing into and out of pews and for trips to the restroom.

CHURCH CALENDARS

The 2021 church calendars have arrived! Enjoy the free copies located in the church vestibule. Thank you to Morrell Auto Service, Inc. for sponsoring the calendars for us again this year! Tom Morrell has offered to deliver calendars to parishioners unable to attend Mass due to COVID-19 health concerns. Please call the church office at 562-5396 to be put on the delivery list. In addition, Tom will have calendars at Morrell Auto – please specify you want the church calendars.