

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 15th, 2024

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Confessions: Before Saturday and Sunday Masses

MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Mon	12/16	7:00am	St. Ignatius	RIP Marie Raible by Francis Raible
Tues	12/17	7:00am	Sts. Peter/Paul	NO MASS
Wed	12/18	6:00pm	Sts. Peter/Paul	NO MASS
Thurs	12/19	7:00am	St. Meinrad	NO MASS
Fri	12/20	7:00am	St. Meinrad	NO MASS
Sat	12/21	4:00pm	St. Meinrad	RIP Jim Fox by Betty Seiter
Sat	12/21	6:00pm	Sts. Peter/Paul	RIP Gilbert Weisenfels by David & Geraldyn Spicer
Sun	12/22	8:00am	St. Meinrad	Parishioners by Fr. John
Sun	12/22	10:20am	St. Ignatius	RIP Jim Ahne by Jerry & Phyllis Koerdt

BIRTHDAYS: 12/16 Casey Mainer, 12/17 Julio Rodriguez, 12/18 Angie Harris, 12/19 Margie Spillers, Susie Bauer, Sophia Hanks, 12/20 Tom Neumeier, Maria Hanks, Adam Fritsche, 12/22 Trinity Fox, Addie Laves.

ANNIVERSARY:

	Last Sunday's Collection	Second Collection
St. Ignatius	\$ 863.00	\$
Sts. Peter & Paul	\$ 871.00	\$
St. Meinrad	\$ 1715.00	\$

DATE	LECTOR	USHERS	EMHC
12/21	Hermina Fox		Tony & Maribel Rogers
12/21	Karen Schluterman	Tom Geels & Larry Weisenfels	Larry & Doris Lensing, Karen Schluterman
12/22	Donnie S.		Tom & Della Newman
12/22	Ashley Fritsche SERVERS	Andy Koch & Corey Bauer Maddie W. & Jayden F.	Terry & Katrina Willems, Susie Bauer

Father John will be out of town from Tuesday through Friday to hear confessions.

Dear People of the Diocese of Little Rock,

I am delighted to share that Pope Francis will officially open the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City on December 24, 2024, marking the start of the Ordinary Jubilee Year of 2025. This Jubilee, centered on the theme *Pilgrims of Hope*, will be a year dedicated to fostering hope within our hearts and communities, concluding on January 6, 2026. In a special decree issued on May 14, 2024, the Apostolic Penitentiary authorized diocesan bishops to designate churches within their dioceses as pilgrimage sites for the Jubilee Year, allowing the faithful—especially those unable to travel to Rome—to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence. In keeping with these instructions from the Holy See, I am pleased to announce the Jubilee Churches in our Diocese of Little Rock: **The Cathedral of St. Andrew**, Little Rock — the mother church of our diocese, **St. Edward Church**, Little Rock, **Immaculate Conception Church**, Fort Smith **St. Joseph Church**, Pine Bluff and **St. Mary Church**, Helena.

I warmly encourage each of you to embark on a pilgrimage to one of these Jubilee Churches. Let this journey be an opportunity to encounter God's abundant mercy and become true agents of hope in our world. **Sincerely in Christ,**

+Anthony B. Taylor,
Bishop of Little Rock.

The central theme of today's readings is the command "Rejoice!" Today is called "*Gaudete*" Sunday because today's Mass begins with the opening antiphon, "*Gaudete in Domino semper*" ("*Rejoice in the Lord always*"). Today we light the rose-colored candle of the Advent wreath, and the priest may wear rose-colored vestments, to express our communal joy in the coming of Jesus as our Savior. We rejoice because a) we are celebrating the day of Christ's birth, b) we recognize Jesus' daily presence in our midst, c) we wait for Christ's return in glory.

Parish Calendars for the year 2025 are placed at the entrance of the church. Please do collect one on your way home.