

MASSES FOR DECEMBER 2 - 8

Monday, 2	8:30 am (SF)	John Littlejohn (Steve & Ruth Trbovich) Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday, 3	8:30 am (SJ)	Dee Fouts (Family) Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday, 4	8:30 am (SF)	For the People Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday, 5	8:30 am (SJ)	Deceased Members of the Stock Family (Family) Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday, 6	8:30 am (SF)	Esther & Ralph Pavia (Family) Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday, 7	5:00 pm (SF)	Mary Micko (Tim & Agie Rock)
Sunday, 8	9:00 am (SJ)	Fran Lucas (Vanihel Family)
	11:00 am (SF)	Bill Straka - 90th Birthday Blessings (CWC of Toronto) Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY: Vespers & Benediction - 6pm (SF)
Confessions - after Vespers
Adult Choir Practice - After Vespers

WEDNESDAY: Parish School of Religion - 6:00pm (SJH)

SATURDAY: Confessions - 10:30am (SJ)
Nut Roll Sale - Following 5:00pm Mass (SFH)

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As of 11/25/2024: Trinity West: ; Trinity East: . **Please remember to pray for all our sick, shut-ins, and those in nursing homes.** If a family member is admitted into a hospital, please be sure to contact the parish office so Father may go and visit them.



On **November 24th**, we celebrated the baptism of **Evelyn Jean Sutphin**, daughter of Kyle & Victoria Sutphin. May the graces of Baptism continue to lead Evelyn to a life of service of the Lord Jesus.

CWC News



HAVE YOU MARKED YOUR CALENDAR YET? The annual CWC Christmas Social will be held **next Tuesday, Dec. 10th, at 6:00 PM at the Rectory.** All women of the parish are welcome. Please be sure to put your name down on the sign-up sheets which are posted at the churches entrances.



The **ANNUAL GIVING TREE** : The return date for the gifts is next Sunday, **December 8th.** Please return the gifts, **unwrapped**, with the tag attached to the gift.



Get your nut, apricot, or poppyseed rolls next weekend for the Christmas season! **There will be no sales the weekend of Nov. 30/Dec. 1st;** sales will resume on December 7th and 8th for the Christmas season. Rolls are \$12/each. Please help support the CWC with one of their major fundraisers!



CHURCH SUPPORT: St. Francis: Adult: (82 Envelopes) \$2,639.00; Loose: \$155.00; Candles: \$82.00; CHD: \$20.00. St. Joseph: Adult: (40 Envelopes) \$1,095.00; Loose: \$10.00; Candles: \$20.00; CHD: \$25.00. May God bless you for your goodness to His Church! **Weekly Mass Attendance for Nov. 24th: 5:00pm: 76; 9:00am: 98; 11:00am: 90.**



The **Outdoor Nativity Scenes** will be set up next Saturday, Dec. 7th at both churches. Please contact John Blosco (740-632-2492) if you are able to help. Your sons, grandsons, or friends are welcome to join us.

First Sunday of Advent
GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

GROW: Are you one of those people who flips to the end of the book to find out what happens or maybe you roam the internet for spoilers of your favorite show? We have all been tempted to know what is going to happen before whatever it is unfolds, especially in tension-filled situations. Knowing the ending changes the way we experience the angst of the present moment, especially if it's a great ending! Like today: even as we anticipate and know the comfort and joy of the Advent season, we certainly do not begin there with our Gospel reading from Luke. In it, Jesus describes the coming of the Son of Man: this time will include moments of dismay, tribulation, assault, fright, and death. Contemplating this time of justice can be fearsome, but it is also a source of joy, because Christ is coming! We know that through Christ we have been redeemed – and that, if we remain faithful to him, we have the hope of eternal life. As Luke tells us, we can stand with our heads held high because redemption is at hand. Our Advent does not start with comfort and joy, but it sure ends there. Knowing this ending helps us have confidence and hope in God.

GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

GO: We are encouraged and challenged by the Word and our Advent traditions this first week to *remember how it ends!* In our first reading, the prophet Jeremiah relays consolation to the nation in crisis when God tells them the days are coming when the Lord will “fulfill the promise.” This will bring them much-hoped-for safety and security. In Luke’s Gospel, Christ’s coming will be with “power and great glory” and although it sounds somewhat frightening, it will usher in redemption. Those are *some* spoilers providing great confidence and hope. In addition to our readings, the lighting of our first candle this Advent season is a visual reminder of the culmination of our salvation story! The Light who has come into the world has and will dispel the darkness. We can stand erect and raise our heads together to glimpse this light of Advent and fill our hearts again with hope that God surely is the one who keeps his promises. That is the best spoiler of all.

SING:

***O come, divine Messiah!
The world in silence waits the day
When hope shall sing its triumph
And sadness flee away***

BULLETIN BOARD

The Franciscan Sisters, T.O.R. invite you to our Advent Retreat on Saturday morning, Dec. 7th at our Motherhouse in Toronto OH. The retreat will begin at 8:30am (registration starts at 8:00am) and will end at about noon. The day will include Mass said by Fr. Tom Sparacino of the Pittsburgh Diocese, a talk by Sr. Elizabeth Beussink, TOR, and a Holy Hour with guided meditation. You will also have the option to be part of a sister-led share group or to receive prayer ministry from the sisters. **To ensure a spot in the share group, please pre-register on our website by Wed. Dec. 4.** Day-of sign ups for the groups are possible but not ensured. Registration for the retreat is encouraged (though not required) beforehand. For more information go to our website, hover over the “Events” tab, click on “Advent Retreat 2024.”

Neighbors in Christ Bed Program – The Works of Mercy Teams from Triumph of the Cross is spearheading a project to help our neighbors transitioning from residency in the shelters sponsored by Urban Mission in Steubenville’s downtown area to more independent living in our community. When folks move from the shelter to their new home they are provided by Urban Mission a few household items and bedding. One of the greatest needs is a bed (frame and mattress) for these people and sometimes their children. The parishes from our local area are helping with this effort! We can help those experiencing the overwhelming stress and fear of moving from the shelter into an empty apartment. You can write a check to Triumph of the Cross (with note for Bed Program), use the QR code or link <https://www.osvhub.com/triumphofthecross/forms/neighbors> to donate funds toward this project. Any amount is welcome. You do not need to be in the position of buying a whole bed to help. Let us assist our neighbors in need and let them know the care and provision of Christ!