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**December 7, 2025**

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**FIRST READING:** He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the LORD (Isaiah 11:1-10).

**PSALM:** Peace and justice will come in the day of the Lord (Psalm 72).

**SECOND READING:** Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).

**GOSPEL:** Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).

### LITURGICAL REFLECTION: HARMONY

Have you ever known a moment when, just for a brief instant, you felt that all was right with the world? It is just such a moment, stretched into eternity, that the writer of Isaiah describes in today's first reading: the perfection of everything, centered in God's spirit, where knowledge, justice, and awe in God's presence reign. In such a paradise, everyone sees eye to eye and thinks in harmony with each other, as Saint Paul describes in his letter to the Romans. Even animals with a natural animosity toward one another coexist peacefully. John the Baptist understood that such harmonious relationships do not simply happen. They are the fruit of living in right relationship with God and others. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS

<b>5:30PM</b>	<b>Saturday, Dec 13th</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Sunday, Dec 14th</b>
Lector:	Ed Olshefski	Lector:	Denise Lakatos

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### Mass Intentions for the Week: (Dec 8<sup>th</sup> – Dec 14<sup>th</sup>)

SUN	12/07	5:30PM. . . + Brian Mikula – (Aunt Connie) Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
MON	12/08	7:00AM. . . + (B) Ralph Holtzman – (Sister, Eleanor & Family)
TUES	12/09	7:00AM. . . +Michael Beblar – (Florian & Paul Tomkowski)
WED	12/10	7:00AM. . . +(B) Nicky Fluder – (Pattie Horner)
THURS	12/11	7:00AM. . . +Toni Harrington – (Cindy & Kevin Houghton)
FRI	12/12	7:00AM. . . + (A) Victoria Hecker – (Sister, Rose Arcurio)
SAT	12/13	5:30PM. . . + (A) Krista Chverchko- (Mom)
SUN	12/14	9:00AM. . . .Christian Mothers



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**Stewardship Reflections:**

As we begin the second week of Advent, let us recall our motto for this season: we are climbing God's holy mountain. Our readings inspire us and help us focus on this journey toward holiness.

Our first reading from the prophet Isaiah continues the theme of a journey towards the holy mountain, the Kingdom of God. The prophet gives us a beautiful glimpse of this mountain, where Christ will reign forever. It will be a place of peace, justice, and harmony among all God's creatures. "There shall be no harm or ruin in all my holy mountain... (This) dwelling shall be glorious."

As we straighten the paths of our own hearts and minds, we become more hospitable people, better stewards of God's grace and mercy, and far more open and ready to invite others into our lives, homes and parishes. We climb farther up God's holy mountain and attract others to join us on the path toward holiness. This is preparation fitting for our merciful Savior



**Second Sunday of Advent**

**Prayer:** Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the paths of thine Only-begotten son: that we may worthily serve thee with hearts purified by his coming: who livest and reignest with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

**All:** Amen.

**\*\*Advent Wreath Candle symbols:**

- Candle 1. Hope (purple)
- Candle 2. Peace (purple)
- Candle 3. Joy (rose: for Gaudete Sunday)
- Candle 4. Love (purple)
- Candle 5: Christ (white; center of wreath)

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS**

**Nov 29<sup>th</sup> & Nov 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Weekly	\$ 2,308.00
Monthly	\$ 30.00
Fuel	\$ 5.00
Flowers	\$ 25.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 5.00
Retirement for Religious	\$ 5.00
Christmas	\$ 30.00
Poor Box	\$ 80.00

*Thank you for your continued support of St. Anne's Parish! Please remember in your prayers the deceased parishioners and benefactors of our parish. God Bless*

**A lifetime of service deserves care in return.**

"Thanks to your generosity, we can provide the very best care to the sisters in our community," says Sister M. Stephanie Belgeri, 73, a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St George in Alton, Illinois. **Donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious** provide housing, medical assistance, and essential support for thousands of aging religious. Please consider giving next week.

**ABORTION; "Inconceivable"**

"An angel of light descended from heaven, came to a virgin kneeling in prayer, and asked her if she would allow God to dwell within her—and so intimately, that she would give Him a human nature and thus become the tabernacle of the Word made flesh.

Notice that the heavenly messenger did not tell Mary that she would conceive a fetus. No! She would conceive and bear a Son, a person, a Child of the Most High God.

It was inconceivable to her that because of her poverty, the overpopulation in Bethlehem, inadequate housing, and the shame attached to the unusual nature of her conception, that she would thwart the life within her, as some women do today."

**"Some of the littlest things take up the most room in your heart"**



**Sincere Condolences** – The St. Anne Community would like to offer our sincere condolences to the family of **Thomas Blair** who was called to his eternal reward. May God grant His eternal rest to **Thomas** and peace and consolation to his family. Tom is the brother of Connie Poplinski.

**Christian Mothers Mass & Meeting** – will be held **next Sunday, Dec 14<sup>th</sup>**. Please mark your calendars.



**Advent Penance Services**

Wednesday	Dec 10 <sup>th</sup>	6:00PM	St Anthony Windber
Sunday	Dec 14 <sup>th</sup>	2:00PM	St John Gualbert
Monday	Dec 15 <sup>th</sup>	6:00PM until 7:30PM	Our Mother of Sorrows
Tuesday	Dec 16 <sup>th</sup>	6:00PM until 7:30PM	Our Mother of Sorrows
Wednesday	Dec 17 <sup>th</sup>	6:00PM	St Elizabeth Ann Seton Windber
Wednesday	Dec 22 <sup>nd</sup>	6:00PM	St Patrick

