

December 11, 2016

3rd Sunday of Advent, *Gaudete Sunday*

St. Joseph Oratory

Living the Truth in Charity

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Regular Schedule

Sundays 9:00 AM Low Mass, 11:00 AM High Mass,
6:00 PM Vespers & Benediction

Weekdays 8:00 AM Low Mass *except Wednesdays*

Wednesday 12:00 PM Low Mass & Perpetual Novena
to St. Joseph

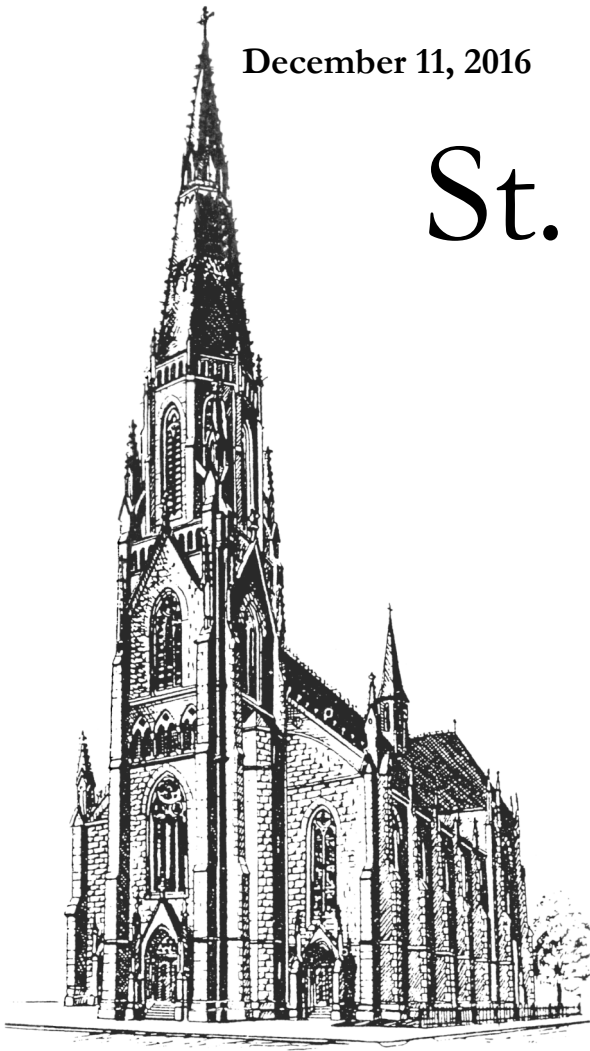
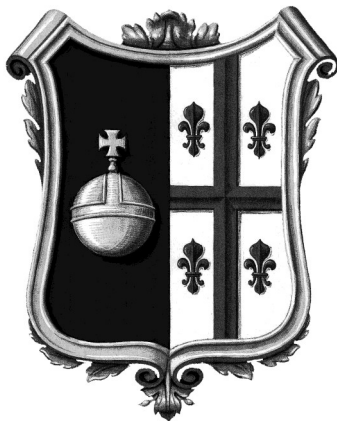
Friday 6:00 PM Holy Hour

First Friday 7:00 PM High Mass

Saturday 9:00 AM Low Mass & Novena to Our Lady
of Perpetual Help

Confessions daily 30 minutes before Mass;
Sundays 8-8:50 AM & 10-10:50 AM

*Institute of Christ the King
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Liturgical Calendar

Sunday, December 11, Third Sunday of Advent, *Gaudete Sunday*

9:00 AM Low Mass **P. Emeritus Benedict XVI** *requested by William Majkowski*

11:00 AM High Mass

Pro Populo

6:00 PM Solemn Vespers & Benediction

Monday, December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00 AM Low Mass

Living & Deceased of the Institute,

requested by William Majkowski

Tuesday, December 13, St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

8:00 AM Low Mass

†**Delores Dezaro,** *requested by Michael Waitkus*

Wednesday, December 14, Ember Wednesday

12:00 PM Low Mass & **Perpetual Novena** to St. Joseph

Thursday, December 15, Feria, Mass of the 3rd Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Low Mass

Mr. & Mrs. Kennedy, *requested by the Kennedy Girls*

Friday, December 16, Ember Friday

8:00 AM Low Mass

Intentions of Johnsons, *requested by Chisholm Family*

Saturday, December 17, Ember Saturday

Christmas Novena

9:00 AM Low Mass & Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

†**Mary Rice,** *requested by Chisholm Family*

Sunday, December 18, Fourth Sunday of Advent

Christmas Novena

9:00 AM Low Mass

†**Charles Hauf Jr.,** *requested by John Hauf*

11:00 AM High Mass

Pro Populo

6:00 PM Solemn Vespers & Benediction

Server Schedule

Dec. 11th 3rd Sun. of Advent

9am Low Mass

Ac1: Deacon Fehrenbacher

Ac2: Patrick Skinner

11am High Mass

MC: Chris Din

Thur: Joannes von Buelow

Ac1: Stefan von Buelow

Ac2: Nicholas Alvarez

Cruc: Francisco von Buelow

Dec. 18th 4th Sun. of Advent

9am Low Mass

Ac1: Chris Din

Ac2: John Nellis

11am High Mass

MC: Deacon Fehrenbacher

Thur: Michael Alvarez

Ac1: Joannes von Buelow

Ac2: Francisco von Buelow

Cruc: Freddy Woodward

Usher Schedule

12/11 9am: Matt McGuire
and Andrew Fanco

12/11 11am: Eric Morgenson
and Ishmael Lebron

FROM THE RECTOR: CANON MICHAEL STEIN

Dear Oratory Faithful,

Gaudete! Rejoice! On this Sunday Holy Mother Church offers us the joy of the proximity of the coming of Our Savior. This spiritual preparation will aid us in experiencing the true consolations of the Nativity of Christ.

You will see on pages 3 & 4 of this bulletin information regarding the Holy Name Society. I encourage all of those that attend the 11am Mass to say the prayer with us. You can also say it at home, the prayer is on page 4. We all know how the name of Our Lord is taken in vain with a numbing frequency. This devotion will already help us this Advent as we seek to receive with reverence the Infant King. We adore the Christ Child and holy is His Name!

Sign up sheets for our men's and women's groups are available in the vestibule and social hall. Be sure to consult the informational flyer. Join the spiritual family! *Ite ad Joseph!*

What is an Ember Day?

Ember days are four separate sets of three days within the same week (Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday) roughly equidistant in the calendar year, that are set aside for fasting and prayer. These days set apart for special prayer and fasting were considered especially suitable for the ordination of clergy. **The purpose of their introduction was to thank God for the gifts of nature, to teach men to make use of them in moderation, and to assist the needy.** They started as a Catholic answer to pagan agricultural feasts of ancient Rome and they came to be observed by Christians for the sanctification of the different seasons of the year. The winter ones are this week.

Daily Prayer to St. Joseph

written by St. Francis de Sales

Glorious St. Joseph, spouse of Mary, grant us thy paternal protection, we beseech thee by the heart of Jesus Christ. O thou, whose power extends to all our necessities and can render possible for us the most impossible things, open thy fatherly eyes to the needs of thy children. In the trouble and distress which afflicts us, we confidently have recourse to thee. Deign to take under thy charitable charge this important and difficult matter, cause of our worries. Make its happy outcome be for God's glory and for the good of His devoted servants. Amen.

St. Joseph's Holy Name Society, participation in a 700 year tradition! The Confraternity is open to all Catholic adults. Its founding dates to Pope Gregory X at the 2nd Council of Lyons in 1274. The Pope had summoned St. Thomas Aquinas to the Council to represent the Dominican Order, but he died on his way to attend. The members of the Holy Name Society attend Holy Mass on the 2nd Sunday of each month and pray the Holy Name Pledge together at the conclusion of Mass. At the time of the Holy Year in 1950, every parish in the Archdiocese of Detroit had a Holy Name Society, but today is very rare. We are blessed to continue to maintain membership in this Confraternity here at St. Joseph Oratory. *Please see back cover for prayers.*

Upcoming Catechism Schedule

Sunday, December 11th, after 11am Mass 1st Communion class in Hall then Skating Outing

Wednesday, December 14th, 7pm Children's Catechism in Social Hall

Sunday, December 18th, after 11am Mass Confirmation Class in Hall

Wednesday, December 21st 7pm Teenage Catechism in... TBD! Pray for the classroom project!

Christmas Decorating at St. Joseph Oratory

Save the Date! (*lunch provided*)

Saturday, December 17, following the 9am Mass
Help us prepare Christmas in Church, Rectory & Hall

Hot Cocoa Social after Midnight Mass

Dec. 24th: 11pm Confessions, 11:15pm Chorale Prelude,
Midnight Mass and Hot Cocoa Social in Hall

Today, December 11th, Ice Skating Outing with St. Joseph Oratory

Dear Oratory Faithful and Friends, Today, Gaudete Sunday, December 11, following the 11am Mass, join us at the **Patterson Park ice rink in Grosse Pointe**. (estimated arrival of clergy 12:45-1pm) It is a secure and private park area, however the Oratory has reserved your entry, simply say at the entrance gate **Parish Skate** and you will be admitted. Please note, they do not rent skates. **If you have extra skates, please bring them for the use of other Parishioners.** Hot cocoa provided! *Venite!*

The Holy Name Society

All are welcome to pray the Holy Name pledge with Canon Stein and Society Members before the recessional of the 11:00 am Mass on the second Sunday of each month. The processional banner made in the 1880's for the Society of the Holy Name at St. Joseph reads, "At the name of Jesus, every knee should bow." The primary object for members of the society is to beget due love and reverence for the Holy Names of God and Jesus Christ.

Faithful: *Blessed be God. Blessed be His Holy Name. Blessed be Jesus Christ true God and true Man. Blessed be the Name of Jesus. I believe, O Jesus, that Thou are the Christ, the Son of the Living God. I proclaim my love for the Vicar of Christ on Earth. I believe all the sacred truths which the Holy Catholic Church believes and teaches. I promise to give good example by the regular practice of my faith. In honor of His Divine Name I pledge myself against perjury, blasphemy, profanity and obscene speech. I pledge my loyalty to the flag of my country and to the God given principles of freedom, justice and happiness for which it stands. I pledge my support to all lawful authority both civil and religious. I dedicate myself to the honor of the Sacred Name of Jesus Christ and beg that He will keep me faithful to these pledges until Death.*

Priest: *May God bless your resolutions; may His holy angels and saints assist you to keep them, laboring during your whole life for the glory and honor of the Holy Name of God, may you merit to share in the glory of the apostles, martyrs and confessors, who labored and died for the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Purchase your Institute Christmas Cards!

Institute of Christ the King Christmas cards with a variety of designs are now available in both the vestibule and the gift shop. By purchasing these cards you are also enrolling your loved ones in the Christmas Novena of Masses. Please fill out the intention sheet.

1 Pack - \$10 or 3 Packs for \$25

The Institute's 2017 Calendar has arrived!

Institute of Christ the King 2017 Calendars are now for sale in the vestibule and the gift shop. This year's calendar commemorates our 20 year presence in the United States. Enjoy the beautiful photos of our Apostolates (yes, Detroit is already included!). They're complete with all the traditional feasts days. *Makes a great stocking stuffer!* **\$10 each, Buy 5 get 1 free**

2017 Church Envelopes for St. Joseph Oratory!

We are ordering weekly envelopes for 2017 to all those families who have now registered with St. Joseph Oratory. For those who have not yet registered, but would like to receive envelopes can do so by providing your name and address to the parish office or by email.

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St. Joseph Oratory Sacrament Information:

Infant Baptism: Parents requesting Baptism must be active registered members of the Oratory.

First Communion and Confirmation: Children must attend the sacramental catechism classes at the Oratory.

Holy Matrimony: Couples planning to marry at the Oratory must call the Rectory for the proper instructions.

Anointing of the Sick: Members facing surgery, serious illness, or even death may call (313) 784-9152. *Never wait, never hesitate... remember: physical healing can also be an effect of the sacrament. Don't deprive a loved one of God's help.*

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