



THIS MORNING, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11: ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Following the homily, all are invited to be prayed for individually by prayer teams. The presider offers anointing. This sacrament provides spiritual, psychological and emotional healing and health of mind and body. Come and celebrate this sign of God’s great merciful and healing love.

Comfort and Healing

In Mark 6:12-13, St. Mark tells the apostles, to “anoint with oil many sick people and heal them. In James 5:14-15, St. James asks, “Is any one among you sick? Then call in the priest and the faith community and have them pray over those who are sick and anoint them with oil in the name of Christ. And this prayer of faith will save the frail and raise them up.”

The Oil of the Sick is blessed by the bishop at the cathedral on Holy Thursday morning. It is pure olive oil. The characteristic of olive oil is the healing and strengthening effect it possesses.

When we are apprehensive, God offers us this sacrament to quiet anxiety and dissipate fear. We are blessed with the peace of mind and confidence in God this sacrament bestows.

The essence of the sacrament is in the anointing of the person on the forehead and hands as the following prayer is prayed: “Through this holy anointing may our loving God, who frees you from sin, save you and raise you up.” We respond, “Amen.”

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Fourth Sunday: Father Dan Kearns

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Most Holy Trinity Parish

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*They will see the glory of the Holy One,
the splendor of our God.*

Isaiah 35:2c



WHY IS THERE NO ROOM FOR FEAR?

Reflection: Magdala Winter, SSND; Design: Joyelle Proot, SSND

MISSION:

We are a people graced by God, who come together as a community of faith, supporting each other as we live and celebrate the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Parish Mass Schedule: 9:30 AM Sunday (church); 4:00 PM First Saturday of the Month (rectory chapel)

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A beautiful thing about the God-child coming to earth out of great love to love us is that we are invited to receive this miracle. We prepare ourselves for the mystery of a God who desires to come to us. We call this time the season of Emmanuel, God-with-us. Peaceful joy and silent reflection characterize Advent preparation. God's Spirit leads us into the depths our hearts where we touch a tranquil spirit of hope and joy. St. Paul describes this silent spirit in a word to be shared with others "Rejoice." This peaceful attitude we carry on in our work, our neighborhood, and our vocation. Rejoice! Our God is near.

– Sister Janice



ALL THINGS NEW: Sister Gail, Madonna Buhr and I express gratitude to all for participating in the *All Things New* listening sessions. Our time together, sharing insights and listening to the opinions of others revealed vision and hope. Coming to a consensus about how Most Holy Trinity lives and carries out its mission thrives in the sharing of our faith community. WE are Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church. We take heart in knowing that the Spirit of God has been with our church for 174 years and continues to lead and guide us. As we go onward, steadfast in faith, we embrace challenges that occur. In grace and peace we stand firmly grounded in a God who takes every step with us.



OUR SYMPATHY to Doris Speed, whose sister, Annie Jones, was called home to God on the eve of Thanksgiving. Also, Joe Tracy's brother, Andrew Tracy, entered the eternal embrace of God on Tuesday. May their families be comforted with God's peace and our loving support.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, AT NOON: We will seek strong hands to put our Christmas trees in their stands in preparation for decorating on Sunday. Please come and help make ready the finishing touch for Sunday decorating.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18: We will prepare the Church for Christmas after Mass. Let us enjoy giving our hearts and hands to make our church outstandingly beautiful.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, MIDNIGHT MASS: Carols at 11:30. *Presider:* Father John Vogel.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25: Christmas day Mass at 9:30. *Presider:* Father Gerry Kleba

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1: New's Years Mass at 9:30. The Feast of Mary, the Mother of God is celebrated. *Presider:* Father Gerry Kleba.



WE HOLD IN HEART AND PRAYER: Ed Deason, Tom George, Mary Lee Howard, Doris (Feeherty) Janz, Ethel Long, Joetta Lukowski, Mary Meyer, Sharon Morrow, Marta Reyna, Sargeant Steve Salvaggio (co-worker of Lt.Col. Rochelle Jones), James Smith, Amanda Suchara, Daniel Thompson (Mary Grayson's relative), John Towles, and the Tracy and Usanga families.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 9:30 PM

Presider: Father Dan Kearns

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 9:30 AM

Presider: Father Tom Melancon

Lectors: First Reader: Madonna Buhr; *Second Reading:* Korky Buhr

Eucharistic Ministers: Rochelle Jones and Christine Trudell

COLLECTION: 11/27/22 - \$1,974.00

MASS INTENTION

Sunday, December 11, 9:30 am: Sue Flanagan and Joanne George

CELEBRATING OUR NEIGHBORS*

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: St. Matthew the Apostle Catholic Church 2715 North Sarah Street, Sunday, Dec. 18, 2022 from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM in the Stanley & Clayton Rice Family Center. **All are welcome!** Donation: \$5 per person (includes breakfast, entertainment and picture with Santa!)

* NEW bulletin feature in response to a December 4 *All Things New* table conversation

CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP SURVEY: <https://allthingsnew.archstl.org/planning-area-2>

This survey provides your feedback about the model options presented.

Some helpful hints:

- The online survey is open from today until December 31.
- The survey takes approximately 10 minutes to complete, depending on responses to the open-ended questions.
- The survey is anonymous: however, you will have the option to provide your name and contact information in case further clarification is needed about your comments.
- *Once you start survey, you cannot stop or go back in to finish. You must finish the online survey at one time.*

- The compilation of the results: the feedback will be individually reviewed as it is received by a team comprised of individuals from the *All Things New* team, the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council, and the Catholic Leadership Institute.
- This feedback will be used to add to and modify existing models' options. The revised model options will be shared with priest, deacons, parish life coordinators, key parish leaders in the winter of 2023.



Please let S. Gail know if you did not receive the survey.



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-- Isaiah 35:2

This morning Isaiah asks us to put on the splendor of God's glory. God leads us to joy with mercy and justice for all. This week we are reminded that God is in our midst. God rejoices over us with gladness and sings joyfully because of us. Our hearts exult!

