

Thank you for being with us for worship today.
Welcome to Advent!



REFLECTIONS ON GENEROSITY

[The angel Gabriel said to Mary,] "Nothing will be impossible with God." –Luke 1:37

Fear is a big part of our modern life. **How would you live if you had no fear?** Gabriel's words to Mary are his words to us today: Nothing is impossible with God. So, stop fearing, have faith, and live!

COME CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH ADVENT!

Sunday, December 24

9:00 AM

Holy Eucharist (one service)

4:00 PM

Christmas Eve Eucharist with Carols

6:30 PM

Christmas Carols & Music

7:00 PM

Christmas Eve Eucharist with Choir



Monday, December 25

10:00 AM

Christmas Day Worship Service

Sunday, December 31

10:00 AM

Holy Eucharist with Christmas Lessons & Carols
(one service)

*Followed by a retirement reception for
the Rev. Canon Timothy Dombek.*

HOME BLESSING & RECEPTION DECEMBER 27

Rev. Janet Gooltz, John & Carol Teays, Digby & Karen Cook invite you to a reception on December 27 at 2:00 PM to celebrate their newly blessed homes. Join them in the 3rd floor Activity Room at Vista Winds Retirement Community (28775 N. Vistancia Blvd. in Peoria). RSVP to Rev. Janet at 617.240.4946 or jgooltz@gmail.com.

RETIREMENT RECEPTION NEXT SUNDAY DECEMBER 31

The Hospitality, Events, and Publicity (HEP) team members are planning the retirement reception luncheon for Fr. Timothy on Sunday, December 31. The entree and salads will be provided. Those parishioners attending are asked to bring an appetizer or dessert: *A - L Appetizer and M - Z Dessert*. Thank you for helping make this a special day for Fr. Timothy."

THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

Monday, December 25

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist with Christmas Carols

Tuesday, December 26

10:30 AM Exercise Fitness Class

1:00 PM EfM

Wednesday, December 27

8:30 AM Altar Guild

8:30 AM Choose to Lose

4:00 PM Holy Eucharist with Healing Service

Thursday, December 28

11:00 AM Exercise Class

3:00 PM Choir Practice

Saturday, December 30

8:30 AM Altar Guild

9:30 AM Flower Guild

Advent Prayer List

December 24, 2023

Please remember those for whom special prayers have been requested. Names will automatically remain on the prayer list for one month. If you wish an individual's name to return to the list after one month, please call the church office at 623.584.0350. *Names are listed alphabetically by last name.*

**Denotes Advent members. †Denotes deceased individual.*

Jason	Arlene Janis*	Christina Smith
Barb Abbott*	Robin Ladd	Karey Santastevens
Jose Antonio	Laurie Lewis	Ron Steel*
Salvatore & Marie Baressi	Millie Mallett*	Jesse Tavares*
Donna Claudon*	David McLaughlin	Michael Thurstlic*
Sam Conley*	Evelyn Meyer*	Katie Watts
Mary Ellen Fleeger	Bill Navratil*	Jerry Wold
Harv Haskell	Richard Raszkwicz*	The Yingling Family*
Karin Hessellund	Sue Ann Simon*	



All our servicemen and women, especially those who are deployed in war zones, and their families. Please take the list home and include these individuals in your private prayers.

GIVING AWAY THE PLATE—LOVE FOR THY NEIGHBOR

Last week, \$402.00 was collected to support “My Neighbor’s Voice,” which brings people together with civic stability in mind through deep listening. This week, funds collected will support the Clergy Discretionary Fund. This special fund provides assistance to parishioners and others in need, as determined by Advent Clergy.



PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY

Save us, O Lord, as your people, from being inward-looking and backward-looking in the work of the church. Help us to take our eyes off ourselves and turn them on the world around us: to be concerned less with what we have accomplished or where we have failed and more with what remains to be done: that with our vision enlarged and our love rekindled, we may go forward to attempt new and greater things to your glory; in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

December 26

Charles Smith

December 29

Carol Lee Siconolfi

December 27

Kay Elliott-Oman

Ethan Smock

December 28

Kay Orvalla

*Happy
Birthday*

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

*Happy
Anniversary*

December 29

Dirk & Marianne Prather

CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

A REMINDER— The Church office will be closed on December 22, 25 and 29 and again on January 1, 2024.

May the love of Christ fill your heart and home this holiday season bringing you joy and comfort!

FAITHSTREET GIVING



Scan the QR code to go directly to Advent's giving page on the Faithstreet website.