



Mission Statement

We as members of the Body of Christ, through our thoughts, words and deeds, celebrate the presence of God in all people. As a community of believers, we answer Christ's call to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless and love one another.

December 16, 2018

Third Sunday of Advent

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Holy Redeemer Church
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**WEEKEND CELEBRATION
OF THE EUCHARIST**

Sat 4:00PM Immaculate Conception
Sat 5:30PM Holy Redeemer
Sun 7:30AM Immaculate Conception
Sun 9:00AM Holy Redeemer
Sun 10:30AM Immaculate Conception

**WEEKDAY CELEBRATION
OF THE EUCHARIST**

7:30AM Immaculate Conception
8:30AM Holy Redeemer

CONFESSION

Saturday 3:00PM - 3:30PM
Immaculate Conception

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesdays 9:00AM - 10:00AM
Holy Redeemer

Gluten Intolerant?

If you cannot tolerate gluten, please receive communion on the tabernacle side of the church and let the person distributing communion know you need gluten free.

December 16, 2018

Readings/Responsorial # 999
Gathering: # 395 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Offertory: # 557 Send Down the Fire
Communion: #451 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
Recessional: #418 On Jordan's Bank

Weekly Collection

December 9, 2018

\$11,718.55

Holy Day \$1,550.00

Second Collection

\$1,097.28

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Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Monday, December 24th
4:00PM (IC), 5:30PM (HR), 10:00PM (IC)
Christmas Day Tuesday, December 25th
7:30AM (IC), 9:00AM (HR), 10:30AM (IC)

New Year's Mass Schedule

New Year's Eve Monday, December 31st
4:00PM (IC), 5:30PM (HR)
New Year's Day Tuesday, January 1st
10:00AM (IC)

Christmas Wafers

Christmas wafers can be found in the vestibules of the churches. Donation is \$2.00 for a pack of 4 wafers.

Help is Needed Today, Sunday for the following:

9:00AM Mass at Holy Redeemer

- Immediately following the 9:00AM Mass, your help is needed to load the gifts from under the giving tree into cars.
- Men and teenagers are needed to carry Christmas trees, etc. from the church basement to the church.

12:00PM at Immaculate Conception:

- A few men and teenagers are needed to help carry the Christmas trees and manger into the church.

4:00PM at Immaculate Conception

- Volunteers are needed in the church to organize and pack for distribution the gifts from the giving trees.
- Volunteers are needed in the church hall to fill and wrap 105 food "gift" boxes.
- Volunteers are needed in the church hall to wrap gifts.

Distribution of Christmas Gifts and Food

Volunteers are needed **Tuesday, December 18th from 5:00PM to 6:00PM in IC Church** for the distribution of the Christmas gifts and food.

2019 Parish Calendar

Thank you to Recupero Funeral Home for once again donating our annual parish calendars. The calendars are in the vestibules of the churches,. Take one home today.

Altar Servers & Student Lectors

All altar servers and student lectors are reminded to stop in the sacristy of the church where they usually serve to pick up their Christmas gift from the parish.

Religious Ed & Confirmation Classes

Please note there are NO Religious Education or Confirmation classes next Sunday, December 23rd. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 6, 2019.

Christmas and New Year's Office Hours

In observance of Christmas, the rectory offices will be closed on Thursday, December 20th at noon and will re-open on Thursday, December 27th at 9:00AM. In observance of New Year's, the rectory offices will be closed on Monday, December 31st.

Homebound and Nursing Home Parishioners

Thank you to our soup ministry volunteers who made and packed 43 quarts of delicious ham and cabbage soup which was delivered this weekend to our homebound parishioners. Along with the soup they received a Christmas tin filled with delicious homemade cookies, a gift of Christmas chocolates and Christmas cards made by religious ed children. Forty plus parishioners residing in nursing homes also received the cookies, chocolates and cards. Thank you to everyone who baked, packaged the gifts for delivery and those who delivered these gifts to homes and nursing homes.

Giving Trees

In order to put things into perspective, we want you to know we put 800 tags on our giving trees this year. The gifts will be distributed to 105 local families. Most of these families reside in the Wyoming Area School District. Your continued generosity of our "giving tree" project ensures these children a happy Christmas. Thank you to everyone for your thoughtful and very generous donations. Whether you donated a pair of socks, a gift or a monetary donation, you put a smile on someone's face. Thank you to all who have donated food or monetary gifts for food. Of course thank you to all our faithful volunteers who come out when asked to make sure these programs run smoothly.

Cabin Fever Raffle Tickets

Cabin Fever raffle tickets make great last minute stocking stuffers. For \$5 a ticket you will get 40 chances to win \$100 and 2 chances to win \$500. For tickets just call or stop by the rectory.

Save the Date!

Our next parish bingo "Twilight Bingo" will be held on Saturday, March 30, 2019 in Immaculate Conception Church hall. Details will follow!!!

Altar Candles at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Cheryl Devers** are donated by Rosella Fedor.

Holy Family Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Mr and Mrs Herman Ciampi** is donated by their daughters.

Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Brown, Bishop, Serafin, and Pasternak Families** is donated by John and Maryellen Serafin.

Sanctuary Candle at HR

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **John Sr, Cecelia, Mary C and Paul Kasisky** is donated by their family.

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Your Diocesan Annual Appeal donations are restricted for use to support the following 5 diocesan ministries and services: Catholic Social Services, Catholic Education in Schools and Parishes, Clergy Education & Care, Parish Life & Ministry Formation, and Catholic Media & Communications.

DAA 2018 Parish Goal	\$32,000.00
Total Raised	\$24,792.22
Over (Under)	(\$7,207.78)

Mass Intentions

December 17 thru December 23, 2018

Mon	7:30AM	Cheryl Devers By Rosella Fedor
	8:30AM	Mary Alice Wolcott By M/M Sam Iacona
Tues	7:30AM	John "Beno" Borzell By Mom, dad, sister & friends
	8:30AM	Eugene Zawatski By John, Kim & the boys
Wed	7:30AM	Dec'd membs of Lepore Family By family
	8:30AM	Matthew E. Michels By Carolyn Smith
Thurs	7:30AM	Harry O'Dell By wife, Maryann & family
	8:30AM	Vincent Perta By Dobie Kivak
Fri	7:30AM	Mary Ann Yorina By mom & dad
	8:30AM	Thomas Connors By Gabe Poceschi & family
Sat	4:00PM	Jamie & James Oliveri, Jr By mother, wife Ruth & family
	5:30PM	George B "Bucky" Mazur By Marguerite Dixon
Sun	7:30AM	Carmen, Mary & James Ciampi By Helen
	9:00AM	Edward Hosier, Jr By M/M Thomas Sheridan
	10:30AM	Eric Speicher By Family