



CHURCH OF SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE

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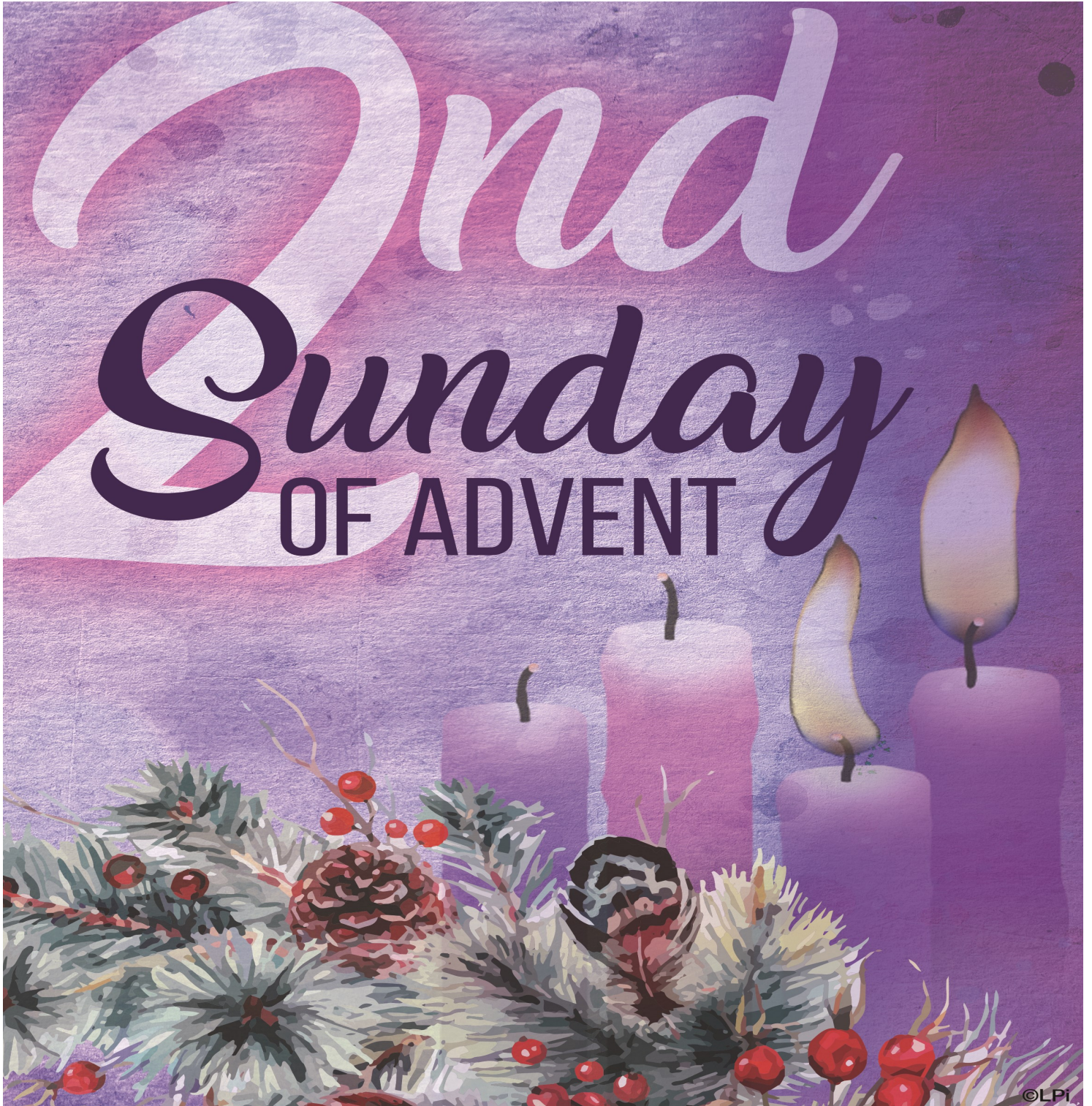
December 4, 2022

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Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday 9:00 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Parish Website: www.saintsimonandjude.org





12/03/22-Saturday-2nd Sunday of Advent (Vigil)

3:30pm Sacrament of Penance
5:00pm John "Bo" Sloan by Linda & Jim Meloy

12/04/22-Sunday-2nd Sunday of Advent

9:00am For The People

12/05/22-Monday-Advent Weekday

8:00am Greg Jasper by Barbara Jasper

12/06/22-Tuesday-St. Nicholas, Bishop

8:00am Susie David by Dan & Jackie Hauger

12/07/22-Wednesday-The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary (Vigil)

7:00pm Steve Kozar by Ed & Barbara

12/08/22-Thursday-The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am Nancy Bonarrigo by Gene & Gerri Esposito
7:00pm For The People

12/09/22-Friday-St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

8:00am Lillian Scuccimarra by Cris & Bob Johns

12/10/22-Saturday-3rd Sunday of Advent (Vigil)

3:30pm Sacrament of Penance
5:00pm For The People

12/11/22-Sunday-3rd Sunday of Advent

9:00am Mary Colench by De Iezzi

CHAPEL CANDLE IN MEMORY OF GREG JASPER BY BARBARA JASPER.

HOST IN MEMORY OF JOHN VUKMAN, SR. BY MILLER & DUNLAP FAMILIES.

DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO IS INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CATHOLIC FAITH? Invite them to attend an Inquiry Class. Call Elaine Scherer at 724-216-3342 for details or any questions.

+++ FINANCIAL REPORT+++

November 20, 2022

Offertory Collection	\$ 4,379.00
Loose Collection.....	\$ 802.00
Total	\$ 5,181.00
Poverty Relief.....	\$ 662.00
Cemetery Income.....	\$ 1,000.00

November 27, 2022

Offertory Collection	\$ 6,136.00
Loose Collection.....	\$ 67.00
Total	\$ 6,203.00
Thanksgiving	\$ 778.00

WEEKLY READINGS: GATHER HYMNAL # 994

PARISH COMING EVENTS:

Sunday, December 4

- ◆ Sacramental Prep., 1st Reconciliation Practice, Parish Center, 10:15 a.m. – Noon
- ◆ Faith Formation, K-12, Parish Center, 10:15 a.m. – Noon

Monday, December 5

- ◆ 1st Reconciliation, Church, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 6

- ◆ Women's Choir Rehearsal, Church, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 8

- ◆ Parish Office Closed

OTHER COMING EVENTS:

Friday, December 9

- ◆ Live Nativity, St. James, New Alexandria, 4:30-8:00 p.m. For Further Information, Call 724-668-2829.



READINGS-DECEMBER 11, 2022

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10 (1st)
 James 5:7-10 (2nd)
 Matthew 11:2-11 (Gospel)
 Third Sunday of Advent



CD OF A SARRIS CANDY pick up is December 5th between 12:00-1:00 p.m. in Marian Hall. Thank you to all who participated in the fundraiser.

OFFERTORY: You may mail your offertory envelopes to the parish office or visit

www.saintsimonandjude.org

and click on the purple banner "Click for Parish Offertory" at the bottom of the home page to donate online. After clicking on this link, just follow the instructions to donate to our parish. We ask that you please write separate checks for second collection envelopes. You may write one check for all offertory envelopes. Thank you.

FYI: Starting in November and continuing through December, the deadline for turning in the bulletin for printing is significantly moved up. Therefore, remember this if needing to put an article in the bulletin those months and get the announcement to us as early as possible. Thank you.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the soul of parishioner, Joseph Tomko. May God grant him eternal life and peace.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION is Thursday, December 8th. Masses here in our parish will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 7th at 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, December 8th at 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

THE CHURCH WILL BE DECORATED FOR CHRISTMAS on Sunday, December 18th after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Anyone wishing to help is invited to participate.

CONGRATULATIONS to Adam and Jannine Caldwell on the baptism of their daughter, Adeline Jin. May God bless Adeline on her journey of life and faith.

THE WORD AMONG US, a booklet for the Advent season containing Scripture reflections and daily Mass readings for each day in Advent is available in the back of the church for those wishing to take one home.



PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR CENSUS UP TO DATE: Please inform the office if you are moving, have a name, address or telephone change or if an adult child has moved out. Also, if a resident of your household goes into a nursing home, please let us know so we can arrange visits. Lastly, any adult children beyond high school or college, who still live at home, should contact the office to arrange for a separate census listing. Thank you for your help.

CLEARANCES: With many COVID restrictions now being lifted, we would like to restore many of the ministries that were active in our parish prior to the pandemic. To do this; however, all those who wish to be involved in these ministries must have required clearances that are up-to-date. A few of the clearances must be renewed every five years and many of you, during the time of the pandemic, allowed your clearances to expire. Therefore, if you wish to return to your ministry (Angels of Compassion, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Children's Leaders of the Word, Choirs, etc.), you must update your clearances. If you are a member of an organization, such as CD of A, K of C, etc., you must also update your clearances to volunteer to work at any activity your group may sponsor. Please call the office to restart your ministry or to update your clearances. Thank you for your cooperation.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OFFERS COUNSELING for individuals, couples, and families. Catholic Charities of the Greensburg Diocese offers faith-based assistance with anxiety, depression, grief and loss, interpersonal conflicts, recovery support, parenting and family issues, anger managements, and other personal and family issues. Counseling is provided by licensed, professional and experienced therapists. Low fees, and many insurances accepted. Offices are located in Greensburg, Indiana, Uniontown, Kittanning, and New Kensington. For more information or an appointment, contact 724-837-1840 or email counseling@dioceseofgreensburg.org.



CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 – 5:00 & 10:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25– 9:00 A.M.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31– 5:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1– 9:00 A.M.



REGIONAL PENANCE SERVICES

DEC. 12-CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION, CLYMER–7 P.M.

DEC. 13-ST. THOMAS MORE, INDIANA-7 P.M.

DEC. 14-OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION, LUCERNEMINES–7 P.M.

DEC. 15-ST. SYLVESTER, SLICKVILLE-HOLY FAMILY, SEWARD–7 P.M.

DEC. 17-ST. BERNARD, INDIANA-10 A.M.

DEC. 19-SS. SIMON & JUDE, BLAIRSVILLE-7 P.M.

DEC. 20-CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, KENT-7 P.M.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS!

The Faith Formation Program invites the Parish Community to join us on Sunday, December 18, 2022, at 10:15am, following the 9:00am Mass, for a Birthday Party for Jesus. The Faith Formation Students will present a Nativity Play, there will be games and prizes, Birthday cake and ice cream sundaes.

We ask that you RSVP by completing the form below and returning to the Parish Office by mail or the collection basket. You may also contact Elaine Scherer via email or cell phone text/call:

escherer@gmail.com or 724-216-3342

Birthday Party for Jesus 12-18-2022

Name: _____
Children attending: _____ #Adults attending _____

*****Please RSVP no later than 12/14/2022*****