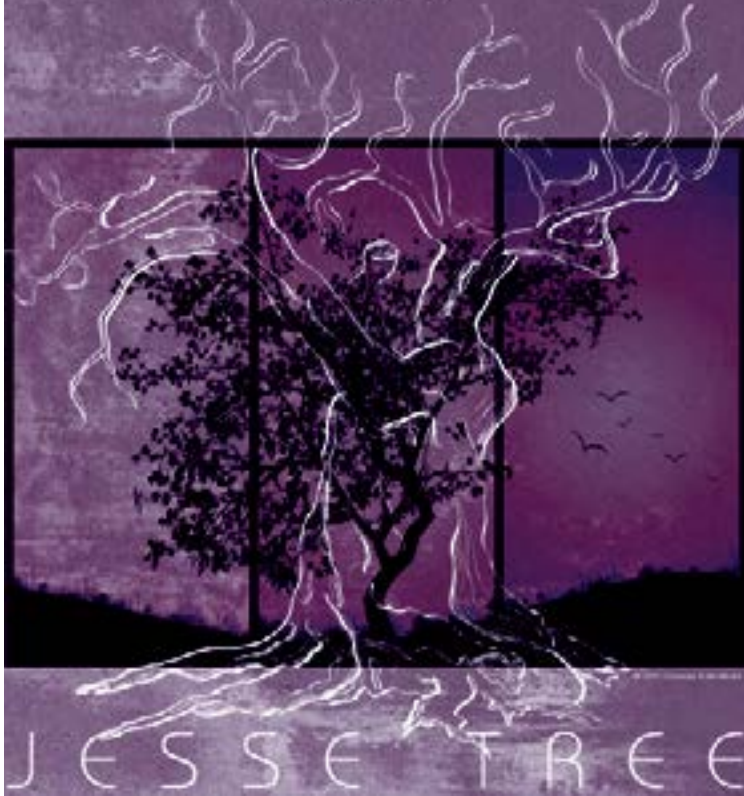


But a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD.
Isaiah 11: 1-2



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Many people talk about how mobile a society we have become. I think human beings have always been "on the move". The type of movement and the means of transportation has evolved over the ages. Early humans walked. Eventually they learned how to use certain animals (horses, oxen, camels) to ride and to carry their food and belongings, as well as how to use the wind and oars to carry them on rafts/boats. These developments allowed them to range farther when looking for food or places to live.

While rootedness in villages and cities helped start civilization, explorers continued to wonder what was over the next horizon. Some stayed nearby, keeping near their touchstone, their home base. Others would explore far beyond the horizon and be gone for years. When explorers returned, and many did not, they had tales of unimaginable vistas, foods and people whose language and style of dress was different than their own. New ideas assisted creative growth locally, leading to new venues of development in their local civilizations. Today, we often forget that if it were not for people who were willing to go into areas unknown, the western hemisphere might not have been discovered until much later in human history.

The invention of the automobile allowed people to move out of the cities. The habits and patterns of society changed as the majority of people began driving instead of walking to work, church, or the local grocery store. How often do we drive a long distance to visit family or friends or our vacation location and not explore some of the local geography?

During our intermediate stay in Cook-DeWitt, I invite you to see the time spent walking from the parking lot to the front door as a return to the ways of our ancestors: walking, being able to breathe fresh air (perhaps a bit brisk at times) and being able to see things that are often missed when driving. Or picture yourself living in New York, Boston or Chicago where many people still walk to work or church because those cities came into being long before the automobile. And after Mass, why not start a new habit of walking around the campus and discovering new aspects of Grand Valley State University?

Meanwhile, I will be driving to St. Simon Parish in Ludington this weekend. 😊 frchuck

Readings for the week of December 4 - 11

Sunday Second Sunday of Advent

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9;
Mt 3:1-12

Monday

Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday Nicholas, Bishop

Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2,3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13;
Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor

Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;
Lk 1:26-38

Friday Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

Is 48:17-19; Ps:1:1-2,3,4 and 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday Francis Xavier, Priest

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19;
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday Third Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 5:7-10;
Mt 11:2-11



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Happening this Week in Our Parish

Sunday (12/4) 2nd Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m.	Mass + Chuck Meehan	Cook-DeWitt
9:30	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Cook-DeWitt
10:30	Mass + Henry Stepping	Cook-DeWitt
5:30 p.m.	Mass For Our People	Cook-DeWitt

Monday (12/5)

9:30 a.m.	Pastor Conversations	Biggby Allendale
12:10 p.m.	Mass GVSU Graduates	Parish Office Trailer
12:30	Reconciliation	Parish Office Trailer
7:00	Exposition and Adoration	Cook-DeWitt Greenroom
7:00	Reconciliation	Cook-DeWitt Rm 120

Wednesday (12/7)

6:00 p.m.	Youth Group (6-12)	Kirkhof Thornapple Rm
7:00	Vigil Mass For Our Youth & College Students	Cook-DeWitt

Thursday (12/8) Feast of the Immaculate Conception

12:00 p.m.	Mass Our People	Cook-DeWitt
7:00	Mass Expectant Mothers	Cook-DeWitt
8:00	Catholic Student Ministry	Thornapple Rm

Friday (12/9)

9:30 a.m.	Parish Breakfast Club	Grand Coney
5:00 p.m.	Mass Rooted + Growing in Christ Campaign	Parish Office Trailer
5:30	Reconciliation	Parish Office Trailer

Sunday (12/11) 3rd Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m.	Mass	Cook-DeWitt
9:30	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Cook-DeWitt
10:30	Mass	Cook-DeWitt
5:30 p.m.	Mass	Cook-DeWitt

Ministries for Dec. 11

Lectors

8:00 a.m.	Terri Rowland (1st), Karon Flagg (2nd)
10:30	Val Lehti (1st), Robert Talbert (2nd)

Altar Servers

8:00 a.m.	Ethan Thomas, <i>Sub Needed</i>
10:30	Destiny Gaiser, Gabbi Gaiser

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

8:00 a.m.	Karyn Sagorski, Kim Thomas, Tim Alt
10:30	Larry Van Wyk, Ramona Baldrige, Elaine Briar, Carol Schoenborn, Cathy Talbert

Ushers

8:00 a.m.	Tim Rowland (lead), Max Ainslie
10:30	Dan Gaiser (lead), Larry Flagg, Howard Lehti

Saint Luke University Parish

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Second Sunday of Advent

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Things Liturgical

Thursday, Dec. 8 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. It is a holy day of obligation. A vigil Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. Masses on Dec. 8 will be at noon and 7 p.m. **ALL Masses** will be in Cook-DeWitt.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Season of Advent – many find celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation an appropriate way to help prepare to celebrate the Birth of Jesus of Nazareth. Along with our *regular times*, following the weekday Masses (office trailer) and Monday, when GVSU is in session, 7-9 p.m. in Cook-DeWitt room 120, one of the priests will be available for confession from 7-9 p.m. on

- Dec. 12 at Cook-DeWitt (Fr. Chuck) and the office trailer (Fr. Brad)
- Dec. 13 (Fr. Brad)
- Dec. 14 (Fr. Brad)
- Dec. 15 (Fr. Chuck)
- Dec. 16 5:30-6:30 p.m. (Fr. Chuck)

You are also welcome to make an appointment.

Christmas Season Schedule

All Masses at Cook-DeWitt

Saturday, Dec. 24

4 p.m. – Singing of Carols
4:30 p.m. – First Mass of Christmas

9:30 p.m. – Singing of Carols
10 p.m. – Christmas Mass During the Night

Sunday, Dec. 25

9:30 a.m. – Singing of Carols
10 a.m. – Mass on Christmas Day

NO daily Masses Dec. 26 – Dec. 30

Saturday, Dec. 31

4:30 p.m. – Vigil Mass for the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God

Sunday, Jan. 1

10 a.m. – Mass for the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God

Mass on Wednesday, Jan. 4 and Friday, Jan. 6 at 5 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 8

Masses at 8 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.; and 5:30 p.m.



Christmas Flowers

Due to our being in a transition worship space, our Christmas holiday decorating will be limited this year (not our space, lack of access during the week, etc.). However, we do wish to offer you the opportunity to honor/remember family and friends (living and deceased) with a donation to our Christmas Flower Fund. As in years past, we are suggesting a donation of \$15 per name to honor/remember someone, with the understanding that this donation is not for specific poinsettias but in support of our overall flower fund. Names are due by Dec. 18 for inclusion in the Christmas bulletin.



Altar flowers this Sunday:

In honor of
Angie Grzegorzcyk
by Bruce & Barb Grzegorzcyk



Children's Christmas Choir Rehearsal

Rehearsals for this year's Children's Christmas Choir take place Sundays at Cook-DeWitt between the morning Masses.

Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to count the Sunday collection. It will be counted on Monday morning and would involve a time commitment of two hours or less every couple of weeks. If interested or you have questions, please contact Sue Sandberg at 616-895-2247 or s.sandberg@lukespot.com



Financial Update

November	Envelope	Online	Combined	Budgeted	Over/Behind
Total for Month	\$ 15,299	\$ 5,620	\$ 20,919	\$ 23,440	\$ (2,521)
Average for Month	\$ 3,825	\$ 1,405	\$ 5,230	\$ 5,860	\$ (630)

SCRIP

Stuff those Stockings with gift cards from St. Luke's Scrip Store

Four weeks to Christmas! Looking to make your shopping easier. We have the answer...gift cards from the St. Luke's Scrip Program. Stop by and pick up our vendor list (over 700 to choose from), place your order, and we will have the prepaid cards ready the following Sunday. Did you know you can send a gift card anywhere? All you need is an email address.

Why should I use SCRIP for my holiday shopping?

- Helps the parish earn FREE money.
- No shipping charges
- Instant gift certificates from many retailers when ordered online at www.shopwithscrip.com.
- No hassles – order when you want 24 hours per day
- Send e-gift certificates anywhere in the world
- Safer than using credit cards

With all these options, you can find something for everyone on your list!

The scrip store will be **open Dec. 11 & 18** but special orders must be placed no later than Dec. 11.

SIMPLY GIVE (Meijer)

Through Dec. 31 the Standale Meijer has picked St. Luke's Food Pantry for their *Simply Give* campaign. Purchasing a *Simply Give* donation card, in increments of \$10, will give the Food Pantry an equal amount in a Meijer food-only gift card. ***This campaign is only good at the Standale Meijer.***

Stewardship Speaker Series & Networking Event

You are invited to join fellow parishioners at the upcoming Stewardship Speaker Series & Networking Event Tuesday, Dec. 6, from 5-6:30 p.m. at Cathedral Square Center, downtown Grand Rapids, 360 Division Avenue South. Juan Carlos Farias-Gonzalez, Director of Hispanic Ministry, will offer a presentation, "Understanding Stewardship from an Intercultural Perspective." Enjoy light refreshments at this no-cost event. RSVP by calling (616) 459-4508 or emailing jkatt@dioceseofgrandrapids.org.

Mental Health Support Group

The Balanced Life Support Group is an anonymous fellowship for family and friends of a loved one with mental health problems, as well as those coping with their own mental health issues. The group meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday evening of each month at St. Francis de Sales in Holland. For more information call: Sheila Klemm at 616-481-3959 or sheilaklemm@hotmail.com OR Luz Rodriquez at 616-396-0529 or luzrodriquez534@yahoo.com.

Socks and Glasses for Prisoners

We are collecting new, white tube socks and reading glasses for prisoners. There is a box for the collection in the lobby. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Grzegorzczak@outlook.com or 616-240-1783.

Christmas Gifts for Love INC families

This year, we have adopted two families from LOVE INC. and will also help provide Christmas gifts for Children in Foster Care. Each year, children are placed in Foster Care right before the holidays, and families may not have an opportunity to get them gifts. Social Services tries to help. There is a basket at church designated for dropping off the gifts. If you were unable to take a tag, or have questions, please contact Barb Grzegorzczak at Barbgrz@outlook.com or 616-240-1783. Thanks for your support.

Happening at the



Lectio Divina: Exploring the Treasures of God's Word

English: Tuesdays, Dec. 6 & 13 at 7 p.m.

Spanish: Wednesdays, Dec. 7 & 14 at 7 p.m.

With Fr. René Constanza, CSP

\$10 donation requested per session

The Mystics: St. Hildegard of Bingen

Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m.

With Fr. Joachim Lally, CSP

\$10 donation requested

Coping with the Holiday Blues:

A Spiritual Survival Guide

Thursday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m.

With Sr. Colleen Ann Nagel, FSE, LPC

\$10 donation requested

Living with Grief during the Holidays

Thursday, Dec. 15 at 7 p.m.

With Molly Keating

\$10 donation requested

Most events require registration and take place at CIC
For more information or to register go to catholicinformationcenter.org or call 616-459-7267.



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Office of the Bishop

November 2016

Dear Friends in Christ,

Reflecting on the fruits of the Year of Mercy, I cannot help but recall the example of thousands of now elderly women and men religious who, for so many, were a living sign of God's mercy. These women and men—Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests—were indeed the hands of Christ as they educated the young, cared for the sick, and ministered to the neediest among us. Through their service and witness, they modeled the compassionate love of Jesus and showed us that we, too, could be instruments of peace and mercy.

Today, many senior religious continue to be vessels of mercy, serving in a wide range of volunteer and prayer ministries. Others are frail and need assistance. Most older religious ministered for small stipends, leaving a substantial gap in retirement savings. With the ever-rising cost of health care and the increased number of those needing care, many religious communities struggle to provide for aging members.

Soon, our parishes will be conducting the appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious, an annual collection that benefits nearly 33,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift provides vital support for medications, nursing care, and more. It also helps religious communities implement long-term retirement strategies that ensure both quality eldercare and continued service to the People of God.

I recognize this is but one of numerous worthy causes in need of support; I ask you simply to give what you can. In thanksgiving for the lessons of mercy senior religious have shared with us, please join me in supporting the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ David J. Walkowiak

Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak
Bishop of Grand Rapids

