

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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**Awake to the day of the coming of the Lord!  
Sing out! Rejoice in this land!  
Make straight the way...for the Kingdom of God is at hand.**

We've been singing this since the first Sunday of Advent. 3 Sunday mornings beginning with an anthem compelling us "Awake!"

You might even have it memorized by now... but have you really let the words sink in? Have you been making straight the way this Advent season? Have you been preparing your hearts for the coming of the Lord?

Here we are, exactly one week away from Christmas. For some, life has been consumed by final exams, for others life may have centered around finding the best deals and the perfect presents for family members this year. Whatever it has or hasn't been, we have the chance to come together on Sunday mornings and let all of that go. We are blessed with the time to come together to sing "Awake!" We get to pray and sing together "Ready the way!" Then, it won't be long before we're proclaiming the good news to the world... "Go tell it on the mountain!"

I don't know about you, but I sure am looking forward to celebrating Jesus' birth in this simply spiritual and beautifully acoustical space of the Cook-DeWitt Center... Take the time. Prepare your hearts. And come, celebrate with us :)

*-Caitlin Cusack*

## Readings for the week of December 18 - 25

### Sunday Fourth Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

### Monday

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

### Tuesday

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

### Wednesday Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

### Thursday

1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

### Friday John of Kanty, Priest

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66

### Saturday

Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

### Sunday The Nativity of the Lord

Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18



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## Happening this Week in Our Parish

### Sunday (12/18) 4th Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m.	Mass + Ron Schipper	Cook-DeWitt
9:30	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Cook-DeWitt
10:30	Mass For Our People	Cook-DeWitt
12:00 p.m.	Choir Practice	Cook-DeWitt
5:30	Mass + Rev. Lionel De Silva	Cook-DeWitt

### Monday (12/19)

9:30 a.m.	Pastor Conversations	Biggby Allendale
12:10 p.m.	Mass Fr. Chuck's Intentions	Parish Trailer
12:30	Reconciliation	Parish Trailer

### Wednesday (12/21)

5:00 p.m.	Mass Safety of Travelers	Parish Trailer
5:30	Reconciliation	Parish Trailer
6:00	Youth Group (6-12)	Lost City-Holland
7:30	Choir Practice	Cook-DeWitt

### Friday (12/23) Parish Office Closed

#### No Mass

9:30 a.m.	Parish Breakfast Club	Grand Coney
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### Saturday (12/24) Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m.	Christmas Carols	Cook-DeWitt
4:30	Mass + Robert Emmelander	Cook-DeWitt
9:30	Christmas Carols	Cook-DeWitt
10:00	Mass Parish Benefactors	Cook-DeWitt

### Sunday (12/25) Christmas Day

9:30 a.m.	Christmas Carols	Cook-DeWitt
10:00	Mass	Cook-DeWitt

**For a full list of ministries for Christmas Masses please check the ministries website.**

## Altar flowers this Sunday:

**In Memory of  
James Nash  
by Janet Nash,  
Kim and Tom Kronlein**



### Saint Luke University Parish

December 18, 2016  
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**Things Liturgical**

**During the holidays** - The Parish Office will be closed Dec. 23, 2016 through Jan. 2, 2017. We will have Mass on Christmas and New Year's (see schedule below). Should a sacramental emergency arise during the holidays, please contact Fr. Chuck [616-446-5742].

**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.



**SCRIP**

The scrip store will be closed next Sunday, Dec. 25. We will reopen on Sunday, Jan. 1.

**Wishing everyone safe travels and a very Merry Christmas!**

**Catholic Business Leaders' Forum**

Join Bishop Walkowiak and fellow business associates for the Catholic Business Leaders' Forum (CBLF) Breakfast, Jan. 27 from 7-9 a.m. at Cathedral Square Center. The CBLF breakfast events provide an environment for idea sharing, professional development, and thoughtful conversation while fostering the connection between Catholic business professionals in the Diocese of Grand Rapids. RSVP by Monday, Jan. 23 by visiting The Catholic Foundation of West Michigan website, CatholicFoundationWM.org, and clicking the "events" link or by calling 616-459-4508. The cost to attend is \$25 for an individual and \$200 to sponsor a table of eight.



**Volunteers Needed**

We need volunteers to count the Sunday collection. It will be counted on Monday morning and would involve a time commitment of 2 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.

**GriefShare at Second Church**

GriefShare is scheduled to begin at Second Church, 6950 Lake Michigan Dr., on Wednesday, Jan. 11, from 6:30 to 8:30pm. This support ministry is designed to help people who are grieving the death of a loved one. You are welcome to start at any of the sessions. GriefShare provides a safe, caring place to find hope and healing. For more information or to register, visit [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org), call the church office at 616-895-7694, or go to [www.secondchurchallendale.org](http://www.secondchurchallendale.org).

**Financial Update**

November	Envelope	Online	Combined	Budgeted	Over/Behind
Total for Month	\$ 15,299	\$ 5,620	\$ 20,919	\$ 23,440	\$ (2,521)
Weekly Average for Nov.	\$ 3,825	\$ 1,405	\$ 5,230	\$ 5,860	\$ (630)
Dec. total to date	\$ 5,141	\$ 3,300	\$ 8,441	\$ 11,720	\$ (3,279)