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December 14, 2025

3rd Sunday OF ADVENT



MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday - Anticipated Mass 5PM
Sunday - 7:30, 9:00 & 11:30AM

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday - Friday - 8:30AM

CONFessions: Saturday 3:30PM - 4:30PM

Bulletin News for January 4th must be submitted to Bulletin Editor by Tuesday, December 16th

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STEWARSHIP FOR THE WEEK OF 12/07/25

Offertory	12/07/2025	\$ 22,398.79
Deferred Maintenance	12/07/2025	\$ 745.00
Building Loan Reduction	12/07/2025	\$ 3,032.45
Immaculate Conception	12/08/2025	\$ 3,164.00
MTD Offertory		\$ 25,562.79
MTD Deferred Maintenance		\$ 745.00
MTD Building Loan Reduction		\$ 3,042.45
Total amount owed on building loan as of 11/30/2025		\$ 667,328.51
Monthly Building Loan Payment		\$ 17,200.00

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Rest In Peace
Rita Medina

Mass Intentions

December 15th - 21st

Monday, December 15th

Adrian Elio

Tuesday, December 16th

+ Douglas Anderson

Wednesday, December 17th

Bertha D'Souza

Thursday, December 18th

+ Carolyn Miller

Friday, December 19th

+ James Dolan

Saturday, December 20th

St. Mark Parishioners

Sunday, December 21st

Joseph Ngo

+ Bill Proksch

+ Mary Martinez

+ indicates deceased
All others are intentions

The Story and You™



Sacred Conversations

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Can you imagine? Jesus said there was no one greater than John the Baptist, and yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. Oh, take us to your kingdom, Jesus!

What will the kingdom of heaven be like? I think we have glimmers. Can you remember those magical Christmases of your youth? I can. The tinsel, those beautiful, bubbly lights on the tree, singing carols by candlelight. So many memories.

And, oh, the reunions! Our beloved dead will be radiantly alive, strong, and young again. There will be so much joy and laughter that we'll wonder how heaven can hold it all. Every hard thing will be forgotten, and forgiven. This is what the kingdom of heaven will be like. Seriously. Imagine it.

There will be no death there. No illness. Everyone we knew and loved will be young again, healthy again, delighting in play with those with whom they may have been estranged in this life.

And about that. There will be rapturous homecomings with those who distanced themselves from us. There will be joyous tears, and healing conversations about the reasons for the estrangement. Everyone will listen to the other, without defensiveness or anger. And we will feel our hearts break with compassion for those who stayed away, as we realize, maybe for the first time, the pain they experienced in all those long years of isolation.

All your favorite saints are waiting to greet you. All the mysteries that confounded you in life will be unraveled and revealed. Those who were unhoused in this life will open their warm homes to you. Soon, and very soon, we are going to see the King.

What is your greatest longing for the kingdom of heaven?

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Family Faith Formation News

Happy Advent Everyone.

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." John1:14



December 14th – Family Activity Day, Las Posadas. Join us from 10:15am to 11:45am. Las Posadas journey outside, singing, potluck and we finish off with a Pinata.

NO Sacrament Class on December 18th

Merry Christmas to all FFF families, from all the Catechists. May your year be blessed.

Welcome back from Christmas Break January 4th

Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest

Poster must reflect the theme of **"Keep Christ in Christmas"** theme.

Poster blanks and entry forms available in Gathering Space. Posters must be dropped in box in Gathering Space no later than

December 14th.

Judging will take place after all Masses
December 20th/21st & 27th/28th.

Winners will be announced on
January 4th.

For more information contact
Mark Myers 303-903-1575

WEEKLY PLANNER FOR DEC 14TH – DEC 21ST

Sunday 14th	
Monday 15th	9:00am Scripture Class with Fr. Ron/Church
Tuesday 16th	1:00 am Parish Book Club/St Ignatius 1:00 pm Grief Minister Monthly Mtg/St Rose 6:00 pm Penance Service/Church
Wednesday 17th	1:00 pm Parish Game Day/Church 7:00 pm Choir Practice / Church
Thursday 18th	
Friday 19th	6:30 am That Man is You / Church 9:30 am Scripture Class with Fr. Jim / Church
Saturday 20th	9:00 am K of C Saturday of Service/Church 10:00 am Christmas Decorating/Church
Sunday 21st	12:30 pm Christmas Decorating/Church

Advent Penance Service

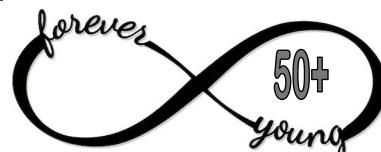
TUESDAY
DECEMBER 16th, 6pm

For Your Reflection

Key Passage: Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he." (Matthew 11:11)

Adult Question: How do you prepare yourself to meet Christ in those around you?

Child Question: What good thing have you done so far during Advent to be like Jesus?



President:
Lois Tochtrip
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Dues: \$10 (single)
\$15 (couple)

- BOOK CLUB: Tuesday, December 16, 1:00 pm, St. Ignatius Church. Book: *"The Snow Child* by Eowyn Ivey
- PARISH GAME DAY: (Everyone welcome). Wednesday, December 17, 1:00pm, St. Rose Room/Church. Bring your own beverage and a snack to share. Come join the fun!

**Please note:

During inclement weather, check TV if Westminster Public Schools and/or Adams County Dist. #12 schools are closed, or the church has sent a Flocknote and is closed this means all FY activities are also Cancelled. Sign up for Flocknote if you haven't this is the easiest way to be reached!
To sign-up for Flocknote: Text StMark to 84576.

MINISTERS PLEASE SIGN UP ONLINE FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES!

Environment Committee Christmas Volunteers NEEDED!

St. Mark is beautifully decorated for Christmas and it takes many hands to accomplish this feat. We are in need of helpers to assemble Christmas trees, as well as decorate the Church on the weekend before Christmas. Please come and help us on Saturday December 20th (10am) for Christmas tree assembly and Sunday December 21st at 1 pm to complete the decorating for the holiday. Thank you very much for your support and we know that everyone will enjoy this time together.

2025 SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE Wednesday, December 24th

Masses:

4:00PM - Children's Mass

(Christmas Carols begin at 3:30pm)

6:00PM

(Christmas Carols begin at 5:30pm)

10:00PM

CHRISTMAS DAY Thursday, December 25th

Masses:

8:00AM

10:00AM

(Christmas Carols begin at 9:30am)

NO DAILY MASS

Friday, December 26th

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Anticipated Mass: Wednesday, December 31st 6:00PM

Thursday, January 1st Mass: 8:30AM

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

December 22nd thru January 2nd Christmas Break

(re-opens 9:00AM Monday, January 5th)