

WEEKLY LITURGY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 12/15/18 VIGIL
 5:00 p.m. Chuck Skiba gift of Virginia Cymbal
 SUNDAY: 12/16/18
 10:00 a.m. Bert Poole gift of Marcia Zoyiopoulos
 TUESDAY:
 9:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Communion
 SATURDAY: 12/22/18 VIGIL
 5:00 p.m. Lorraine Jacobs gift of Mary & Brady Gray
 SUNDAY: 12/23/18
 10:00 a.m. George Zoyiopoulos gift of Lois Bilacic

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

SATURDAY: 4:15 p.m. Reconciliation
 SUNDAY: 10:00 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word
 11:15 a.m. Elementary Faith Formation
 11:15 a.m. Hospitality
 12:30 p.m. St. Mark Advent Communal Reconciliation
 WEDNESDAY: 5:30 p.m. Chime Choir Practice
 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice
 FRIDAY: Office Closed
 SUNDAY: 10:00 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word
 11:15 a.m. Church Christmas Decorating

OUR CONDOLENCES are extended to Anita Shillair on the death of her grandson, Ben Atkins. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. Amen.

PRAYER LINE: Please call Marie at 867-4340 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. or the parish office at 876-7925.



ST. MARK ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS: There will not be an Altar Society meeting this month. Our next meeting will be in April 2019. See you then!

Our Cohort Mass Schedule

SATURDAY: 4:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity – Pinconning
 4:30 p.m. at Resurrection, Standish
 5:00 p.m. at St. Mark's – Au Gres
 SUNDAY: 8:30 a.m. St. Joseph's – Alger
 8:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity – Pinconning
 10:00 a.m. at St. Mark's – Au Gres
 10:30 a.m. at Resurrection, Standish
 10:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity – Pinconning

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR:

December 22 & 23, 2018

MINISTERS OF THE WORD:
 5:00 p.m. M. Gray
 10:00 a.m. A. Brownell
 EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:
 5:00 p.m. (B) C. Dittenber (C) A. Shillair, T. Johnston
 10:00 a.m. (B) B. Caulfield (C) M. Zoyiopoulos, M. Murphy, S. Lamrouex, F. McGuire
 ALTAR MINISTERS:
 5:00 p.m. S. Menard
 10:00 a.m. D. Szabo
 USHERS:
 5:00 p.m. T. Graczyk, B. Harris
 10:00 a.m. T. Janish, J. McAlindon, A. Lake, B. Talaga,

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK:

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MINISTERS OF THE MASS SCHEDULES for January, February, and March are ready to be picked up. Please pick them up today. Remember, you are responsible for finding a substitute if you are unable to be at an assigned Mass.

3rd Sunday of Advent

“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.” Philippians 4:6

God is the giver of all gifts. He promises to give us what we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share the gifts we have been given.



OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP

“Returning to God what is God's”

Annual Collection Target: **\$165,000**

Adult Treasure:	Target	Actual	Balance
Last Week	\$3,174	\$2,797	-\$377
Year to Date	\$76,176	\$83,232	\$7,056

Retired Religious Collection: \$1,285
 Immaculate Conception Collection: \$380

We appreciate your envelope even when you are away – our financial obligations continue! Thank you!

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

MONDAY:
 Gn 49:2,8-10 Ps 72:3-4b,7-8,17 Mt 1:1-17
 TUESDAY:
 Jer 23:5-8 Ps 72:1,12-13,18-19 Mt 1:18-25
 WEDNESDAY:
 Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a Ps 71:3-4a,5-6b,16-17 Lk 1:5-25
 THURSDAY:
 Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-6 Lk 1:26-38
 FRIDAY:
 Sg 2:8-14 Ps 33:2-3,11-12,20-21 Lk 1:39-45
 SATURDAY:
 1 Sm 1:24-28 (Ps) 1Sm 2:1,4-7,8abcd Lk 1:46-56
 SUNDAY:
 Mi 5:1-4a Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19
 Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

December 24 at 5:00 p.m.



CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

December 25 at 10:00 a.m.

MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

January 1, 2019

10:00 a.m.

Holy Day of Obligation

COLLEEN'S CORNER

When I was growing up, my parish priest would read the following poem each year on the Third Sunday of Advent. It has always stayed with me, so I thought I would share it with all of you this year: Blessings on your week!

Colleen

Ready For Christmas

*“Ready for Christmas,” she said with a sigh,
 As she gave a last touch to the gifts piled high,
 Then wearily sat for a moment and read,
 Till soon, very soon, she was nodding her head.*

*Then quietly spoke a voice in her dream,
 “Ready for Christmas? What do you mean?
 Ready for Christmas when only last week
 You wouldn't acknowledge your friend on the street.*

*“Ready for Christmas, while holding a grudge?
 Perhaps you had better let God be the judge,
 Why, how can the Christ-child come and abide
 In the heart that is selfish and filled with pride?”*

*“Ready for Christmas when only today
 A beggar lad came and you turned him away
 Without even a smile to show that you cared?
 The little he asked — it could have been spared.*

*“Ready for Christmas? You've worked, it is true,
 But just doing the things that you wanted to do.
 Ready for Christmas? Your circle's too small —
 Why, you are not ready for Christmas at all!”*

*She awoke with a start and a cry of despair,
 “There's so little time and I've still to prepare
 O Father, forgive me, I see what You mean,
 To be ready means more than a house swept clean.”*

*Yes, more than the giving of gifts and a tree,
 It's the heart swept clean that He wants to see;
 A heart that is free from bitterness, sin —
 Ready for Christmas — and ready for HIM.*

~ Alice Haneche Mortensen

