

Daily Parish Communication

December 21, 2022

Good Morning All,

~1st Day of Winter today and this year winter is living up to its name! Stay warm!

~Adoration following the morning Mass till 4:00. Spend some time today at the church with the Lord. The peace you are seeking is right inside the door!

~"The Church Ladies" will be decorating the church at 10:00 on Friday the 23rd. Helpers are appreciated (men too)! Please call Diane Yuravich if you are interested in helping the team out (203) 231-2866.

~If you are attending Christmas Mass this weekend and are able to assist the Usher Group it would be greatly appreciated. Sign up on the Usher Door in the Narthex.

~Heather Slaughter, author of *Nun on the Run*, stopped by the office today to make a book and "nun" delivery. She updated me on a new website link that is user friendly ([Heather Slaughter | Instagram | Linktree](#)) if you are interested in learning more about her project. *Nun on the Run* is based upon Sister Rose who died here in Anderson and is buried in Silver Brook Cemetery (more to follow on Sister Rose in the future).

~Our Liturgical New Year began with Advent, preparing for the coming of our Lord. Have you thought about how you will continue to grow in your faith in the coming year? See the flyers attached regarding either Fr. Mike Schmitz's *The Bible in a Year* podcast or *The Catechism in a Year* podcast. A great way to continue learning about our rich Catholic religion and our traditions.

1. Today's Readings: [Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Advent | USCCB](#)

2. The RE Corner with Jan Heithaus: "O Radiant Dawn" is how we address Our Lord in the O Antiphon today. A beautiful image to ponder....

Prayer:

Latin: O Oriens, splendor lucis aeternae, et sol justitiae: veni, et illumina sedentes in tenebris, et umbra mortis.
English: O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

3. Quote of the Day:

"Celebrate the feast of Christmas every day; even every moment in the interior temple of your spirit, remaining like a baby in the bosom of the heavenly Father, where you will be reborn each moment in the Divine Word," *St. Paul of the Cross*

St. Joseph, Pray for Us!

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We are all desperately in need of a Savior, a Redeemer who is capable of ransoming from the darkness of our sins and from the blinding and numbing wound of ignorance from which we all suffer. In their terrible Fall, our First Parents inflicted grave wounds in the souls of every person who would live after them, except of course - by an act of singular grace - the Mother of God. Our wills are damaged. Our intellect is clouded. In Christ we have the Truth, the sure foundation of what is lasting. All else, apart from Him fails and fades into dark obscurity. He brings clarity and light back to our souls when we are baptized or when we return to Him through the sacrament of penance.

At Holy Mass of the ancient Church, Christians would face "East", at least symbolically, so that they could greet the Coming of the Savior, both in the consecration of the bread and wine and in the expectation of the glorious return of the King of Glory. They turned to the rising sun who is Justice Itself, whose light will lay bare the truth of our every word, thought and deed in the Final Day.

This is the Solstice day, for the Northern Hemisphere the day which provides us with the least daylight of the year. From this point onward in the globe's majestic arc about the sun, we of the north, benefit from increasing warmth and illumination. It is as if God in His Wisdom, provided within the framework of the cosmos object lessons by which we might come to grasp something of His good plan for our salvation.

Let us turn to the LIGHT, repent our evil ways and habits, and grasp onto Christ in His Holy Church, for as we read in Scripture:

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. He who believes in him is not condemned; he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.

But he who does what is true comes to the light, that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been wrought in God."

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