

*Second Sunday of Advent ~ December 9, 2018*

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# St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

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## *Kayser Line*

I found this article and pared it down to fit in this week's bulletin. St. John Vianney's Incorrupt Heart Begins US Tour. The tour highlights efforts for repentance, reform and renewal in the Church's current situation. The "Heart of a Priest" nationwide relic tour of the incorrupt heart of St. John Vianney, Curé of Ars, the patron of priests, fittingly launched at St. Mary Church in New Haven, Connecticut, on Nov. 16-18 with a "Triduum of Purification."

Since the Knights of Columbus are sponsoring this six-month national tour of the major relic of St. John Vianney's incorrupt heart which the Shrine of Ars, France has entrusted to them, it was only fitting for it to begin at St. Mary's Church, where the Knights were founded by another parish priest, Servant of God Father Michael McGivney. Father Walker described how the focus of the first night of this triduum was on "those harmed, the victims, the survivors of clergy sex abuse, to pray for their healing." The second night "to pray for repentance and penance." Sunday night's focus was on "purification and holiness and moving forward."

Many stories of this patron of priests at work and in life, especially on the mercy of God and the way he brought that mercy to others, also highlighted these reflections. Without mentioning the reason for the triduum, it was an indirect way to think about the scandals which had nothing at all of God's love and mercy in them. That is a goal of the Knights, too, for this "Heart of a Priest" tour.

"But we — like all Catholics — are painfully aware of the wreckage that ensues when elements of this leadership are abdicated by evil actions whether directly perpetrated or covered up," Supreme Knight Carl Anderson wrote in his letter to all chaplains and Knights when the tour was about to take shape. He quickly gave a response the Knights will give. "The Knights of Columbus — laymen, priests and chaplains together — will have an important role to play in rebuilding the Church. We must commit the Knights of Columbus to work for repentance, reform and rebuilding of the Church."

Anderson explained in his letter that the Shrine at Ars offered the Knights the possibility of the tour some months before the recent scandals. They naturally agreed. "We now welcome as providential this opportunity to invoke the intercession of the patron of parish priests, whose holiness and integrity is a singular model for clergy," Anderson wrote. That message will echo across the country at each stop on the tour that, while opening in November with some stops in December, officially begins in January and runs early June 2019. There are prayer cards with prayers for priests and an official foldout too.

The stops set so far are at the Knights of Columbus Museum, also in New Haven, on Nov. 19-21 and 23-25; St. Joseph Cathedral in Hartford, Connecticut, on Nov. 28; St. Rita Catholic Church in New Orleans, Dec. 1-2; Basilica of St. Michael in Pensacola, Florida, Dec. 3-4; Cathedral of St. Paul in Birmingham, Alabama, Dec. 5-6; Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Atlanta, Dec. 7-8; Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, Dec. 9-12; and Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Gales Ferry, Connecticut, Dec. 13. Check for frequent updates, as new stops are added constantly at the Knights website site, [KofC.org/Vianney](http://KofC.org/Vianney). Watch closely. Attend one of these events to venerate the relic of a great, humble saint, a model of holiness. To pray for holiness for our priests and bishops. To pray for reform. And to pray for personal holiness for yourself, family and loved ones.

When I know that the Saint's Heart will be in the area I will make sure to let you know so a pilgrimage may be made by as many of you as possible.

Love in JM&J

Fr. DeWayne Kayser

MASSES THIS WEEK

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT~ DECEMBER 9, 2018

Monday	12/10		No Mass	
Tuesday	12/11	5:00 PM	Advent Weekday	+Nick & Rosella Haider Williams family
Wednesday	12/12	8:00 AM	Our Lady of Guadalupe	+Susan Vaughan
Thursday	12/13	9:00 AM	St. Lucy	+Carol Van Erdewyk
Friday	12/14	8:00 AM	St. John of the Cross	+Tammy, Todd & Don Sterzinger
Saturday	12/15	5:00 PM	Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Advent	+Regena & Leo Kattke
Sunday	12/16	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Third Sunday of Advent	Pro Populo



SCRIPTURE READINGS  
for December 16, 2018  
Third Sunday of Advent  
Zep 3:14-18 Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE ~ DECEMBER 2

Support needed each week:	\$	8,654.
Total offering last week:	\$	14,397.
Difference to meet budget:	\$ +	5,743.
Needed budget accumulative:	\$	199,042.
Actual accumulative:	\$	195,020.
Difference to meet budget:	\$ -	4,022.

OUR SYMPATHY

To Dan & Renee Roemen and family on the death of Dan's mother, *Marie Roemen* of Dell Rapids; to Jay & Linda Leibel on the death of Jay's mother, *Orpha Leibel* of Brookings; and to Leon & Marsha Anderson on the death of Leon's mother, *Lulu Anderson*, formerly of Howard. May the Lord surround all of you with strength and comfort at this sad time.



SHOWERING CHRIST'S LITTLE ONES

You are invited to bring new, unwrapped baby gifts sizes newborn-12 months and place them in the crib in either entry of the church.



ST. THOMAS QUILTERS

The quilters have donated 25 of their hand-made quilts to the Angel Tree this year as gifts for deserving children in the community.

THANK YOU

To all those who participated in the Advent Family Night, a good time was had by all.

YDISCIPLE/HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY

This Wednesday, December 12 beginning at 5:30 PM at the St. Thomas House. All YD groups and High School students are invited to join us for pizza, activities, a movie and more!

ST. THOMAS WELCOMES

Our newest parishioners, Roland & Mary Pierce. Blessings!



FREE PANCAKE FEED

Is being served today, December 9, from 10:00-11:30 PM in the school gym. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and served by DSU students, staff & parishioners, all are welcome to join us for delicious, hot pancakes.



THANK YOU

St. Thomas Cemetery is appreciative to the following for remembering our Association this past year in memorials or donations ~ In memory of *Tom Callahan* from Rick & Shelly Doblak, Ray Luze, Lisa Friedrich, Marilyn Hanson, Richard Kiley, and Sylvia Callahan; in memory of *Rose Mary Hyland* from her children and families; and a donation from Darrel Schultz and Dick & Jeanne Simpson.

THIS WEEK AT ST. THOMAS

Sunday	12/09		Second Sunday of Advent Scrip sold & CDA Christmas Cookie walk after all Masses
		6:30 PM	Rosary (chapel)
		7:00 PM	Confessions
		10-11:30 PM	Newman Pancake feed (gym)
Monday	12/10	1:15 PM	Bible Study (CB)
Tuesday	12/11	7 AM-7 PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
		10 AM-2 PM	Fr. Kayser at DSU
		4:30 PM	Confessions
		7:00 PM	Newman bowling
Wednesday	12/12	7:00 AM	Men's Faith Group (PO)
		8:30 AM	Women's Faith Enrichment (CB)
		5:30 PM	YD/HS Christmas party (STH)
		6:00 PM	CCD/EDGE
		7:00 PM	Choir
Thursday	12/13	11:25 AM	Rosary (church)
		1:00 PM	Quilters (RB)
		7:00 PM	RCIA (PO)
Friday	12/14		(CB) in use
Saturday	12/15	4:00 PM	Confessions
		4:20 PM	Divine Mercy Chaplet
		4:35 PM	Rosary
			Scrip sold after all Masses
Sunday	12/16		Third Sunday of Advent
		6:30 PM	Rosary (chapel)
		7:00 PM	Confessions



CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL OFFERING ENVELOPES

Are available in the church entries or in the parish office, names will be listed in the December 23 bulletin and need to be returned to the parish office by **December 17**.



DAY OF RECOLLECTION

'The Best Gifts' December 11 at The Abbey of the Hills. Presented by Deacon Paul Treinen, the day begins at 10:00 AM with two conferences, Mass, Adoration & Confession. Lunch is provided, the retreat ends at 3:00 PM. Registration is required, call 398-9200 or go to [www.abbeyofthehills.org](http://www.abbeyofthehills.org).

LECTOR WORKBOOKS

For the new Liturgical Year are available in the sacristy.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Classes are held in the parish office on Thursdays at 7:00 PM. The topic this week is *Examination of Conscience/ How to go to confession*, next week Father will discuss *Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism and Confirmation*.

**Parish App Feature-of-the-Week**



- Helpful Confession guide
- See available times
- Set useful reminders for your next Confession

Learn more or download our parish app at [myparishapp.com](http://myparishapp.com)

\*Available on Apple and Android Phones.

## ALTAR SERVERS

Weekday 12/11-14 Wyatt & Seth Klein  
Sat 12/15 5:00 PM Lindsey Dockendorf,  
Ethan Roling, Blake Feldhaus  
Sun 12/16 8:00 AM Caleb Hodges,  
Thomas Gors, Alex Collins  
10:00 AM Andrew, Kate, Elli Comes

## LECTORS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Sat 12/15 5:00 PM Marsha Anderson  
\* Patti & Darrel Simon  
\* Toni Rustand  
Sun 12/16 8:00 AM Rosemary Limmer  
\* Paul & Julie Lambert  
\* Patsy Clarke  
10:00 AM Mike & Kathy Volker  
\* Ryan & Angi Kappenman  
\* Jason Lurz

## USHERS

Sat 12/15 5:00 PM Dan & Shirley Barker,  
2 Volunteers  
Sun 12/16 8:00 AM Brice Franken, Paul Hoff,  
Tom Heirigs, Michelle Johnson  
10:00 AM Mike & Joanne Wheeler,  
Jack Kieffer, Volunteer

## COFFEE & ROLLS ~ PLEASE JOIN US!

CDA Cookie Walk this week.  
Group 6 serves next week.

## MUSICIANS

Sat 12/15 5:00 PM Julie Lambert  
Sun 12/16 8 & 10 AM Joyful Noise Choir

### ITEMS FOR YOUR CALENDAR!

Many confession times available during Advent,  
check the Advent letter for dates & times.

December 24 ~ Christmas Eve Mass at 5:00 PM (**note  
the change!**) ~ Midnight Mass.

December 25 ~ Christmas Day Mass at 10:00 AM.

December 31 ~ Vigil Mass for Mary, Mother of God  
(Holyday of Obligation) at 5:00 PM

January 1 ~ Mary, Mother of God Mass at 10:00 AM

## PARISH STAFF

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## PARISH PHONE NUMBERS

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## PARISH OFFICE SCHEDULE

8:00 AM - 4:30 PM (closed from 12:00-1:00)  
Bookkeeper - Tuesday & Wednesday  
Secretary - Monday, Thursday & Friday

## BAPTISM

Pre-Baptism Class required, held as needed.

## MARRIAGE

Diocesan regulations require six months  
preparation prior to the wedding. At least one  
partner must be a registered parishioner of St.  
Thomas Parish and be actively practicing the faith.  
Saturday weddings are scheduled no later than  
1:30 PM. Please contact the priest before setting  
a wedding date.

## PARISH REGISTRATION

If you are new to the community, please register  
at your earliest convenience at the parish office.  
We look forward to meeting you!

## PARISH WEBSITE

[www.sttha.org](http://www.sttha.org)