

The Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2017 10:00 am

Readings: Isaiah 6: 1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28.

Presiding Minister: Rev. Barbara Wilson

Assisting Minister: Bruce Banghart

Assisting Chalice: Priscilla Banghart

Acolyte: Chloe Arbanas

Readers: Betsy Trescher & Roger Wilschke

Greeters: Ann & Roger Wilschke

Offering Counters: John Forbes & Rob Burgess

Organist: Elaine Shoemaker

Coffee Hour: Deb & Jeff Bush, & Terrencia Rogers

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ONGOING

1st Sunday— Kids' Mass **2nd & 4th Monday** — Food Pantry, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Last Sunday — Anointing & Prayers of Healing **5th Saturday** — Soup Kitchen open 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Every Tuesday & Friday — A.A. meets 8 p.m. **3rd Wednesday** — Prayer Shawls at Caffé Tosi 10 a.m.

Wednesdays — "Mass Underground" at 6:15 p.m. **Vestry** — Meets third Monday, 6:30 p.m.

WEEKLY SUNDAY SERVICE ATTENDANCE

December 10 (-) December 3 (40) November 26 (47) November 19 (45) November 12 (54) November 5 (26) October 29 (49) October 22 (45) October 15 (36) October 8 (-) October 1 (48) September 24 (38) September 17 (-) September 10 (43)

FOOD PANTRY PATRONS

December 11 (41) November 27 (46) November 13 (63) October 23 (48) October 9 (58) September 25 (56) September 11 (59) August 28 (56) August 14 (64) July 24 (56) July 10 (56) June 26 (52)

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Pledges: Its a busy time of year to just a reminder to bring your pledge for 2019 on Sunday or mail to Mike Wells. Our anticipated pledges are needed to plan a projected budget and our direction for 2018. Please refer to attached pledge card.

Annual Meeting: mark your calendar for Sunday, January 21. More information to come.

E-mail Addresses: Now is the time to update the church's master list of email addresses. Please let Pat or Sharon Davarn know if your email has remained the same or it has changed. Whether email has changed or not this will allow St. Augustine's to stay in contact with everyone for weekly or special announcements.

Vigil Scheduled- The candlelight vigil for the 5th anniversary of the Sandy Hook shootings and #againstgunviolence is set for Thursday, December 14th at 7 PM

Cleaning Out- Boxes on the basement floor should be reviewed for content and dispose of items not going to be used in the future.

Raise Money While You Shop- St. A's receives 1/2% of eligible purchases from shopping at Amazon.com when you go to www.smile.amazon.com and designate St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church.

Rector's Study Group — This group will not meet through the Advent and Christmas season.

Advent program after the service- "The Book of Revelation: The End of the World or Heaven on Earth?," based on the book of the same title by the Very Rev. Michael Battle. Each session will include a video clip of Fr. Battle on the topic and conversation. If anyone wants to take part but cannot afford the book, please see Mthr. Barb. Some books have been purchased with you in mind!

NEW MUG format for ADVENT MUGs in Advent will focus on Centering Prayer and close with informal Eucharist.

Barrier-Free Project — The elevator installation is complete. We now have to wait for state certification before we can use it. Optimistically that will be 2 to 4 weeks. The contractor is working on a short "punch list". St. A's work is done thanks to Lin Hanson, Sharon and Pat Davarn, Mike Sladen-York, John Owen, and Jim Taylor. We are working on a design by Steve Leonard for the cross that will be on the front of the addition.

Food Pantry — Takes place **Monday, December 11th (No pantry on Christmas)** Volunteers needed for delivery about 10 a.m., and distribution from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Please help if you can, especially for the evening shift.

Weekly at The Whitcomb — All are invited to join the Episcopal community for a weekly informal celebration of the Eucharist at 11 a.m. every Thursday at the Whitcomb Hotel in downtown St Joseph.

Member Outreach — Reach out to church members unable to attend services on a regularly. Let them know we care and they are missed.

WANTED: Coffee Hour Hosts — Please sign-up to host this special time following Sunday service. For details see Natalee Rogers.

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PRAYER LIST

The Episcopal Diocese of Western Michigan — For Bishop Wayne Hougland Jr.; St. Paul's Church, Greenville, John Autio, Priest-In-Charge, Dana Philips, Sr. Warden.

Community, Nation, World — For the residents, students and educators in Berrien County; our president, governor, congress, legislature, councils and courts; people affected by poverty, political strife and natural disasters; all of those affected by the recent government actions against immigrants and refugees in the US; the people of Texas struggling to survive in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey.

In the Armed Forces — For Nathan, Paige, Patrick, Susan, Tom and Zack.

For Those Who Died — Due to armed conflict, religious persecution, senseless violence, and those within our community. Comfort those who mourn their loss, who so deeply miss their friendship and their love.

Your prayers are asked for: Sarah Woolcock; Timmy; Colleen Wilson; Kathy; Alexandra Leonard; Barb Davarn; Carolyn Delgado, and Thomas (one of our parishioner's classmate); John S.; Jean Owen; Emil Gallay; Debb Bush, Elaine Slikkers, St. A's Vestry and Search Committee; Zoe

Birthdays — Lin Hanson (12/1); Monique Simms (12/7); Don Martin (12/7); Les Knickerbocker (12/17); Christy Erickson (12/21); Yvonne Simms (12/21); Carol Moore (12/29); Bruce Banghart (12/30); Tom Hanson (12/30).

Anniversaries — Cara Gillespie & Michael Sladen-York (12/18); Norris & Al Whitfield (12/30).

Parish Cycle of Prayer — Gail & Mike Wells; Norris, Al & Catherine Whitfield; Ann & Roger Wilschke; Sarah Woolcock & Marc Rowland; Mother Barbara Wilson; and Ryan Zavacky.

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IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE

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Vestry: Senior Warden Jean Domer, Junior Warden Stephen Leonard; Reid Benson, John Forbes, Nathan Moore, Judy Moran, Natalee Rogers, Jenny VanDeWarker.

Food Pantry: Gail Wells.

Choir Director/Organist: Esther Elaine Shoemaker

Altar Guild: Stephen Leonard **Maintenance:** Bruce Banghart **Worship Service:** John Owen

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