

December 4, 2017

The YM Event/Teen Mass on
12/10 has been CANCELLED

Important Information

NEW news:

Service Hours!...

In celebration of Mickey Redfearn's ordination to the permanent diaconate, we will be serving coffee and donuts after both Masses on

December 10.

Help is needed from 8:00 am to about 12:30.

RSVP Pamela Sherlock

Spirit of Christmas Night!

December 13!

Help serve dinner, work Christmas craft stations! Stay for the pageant!

RSVP Pamela Sherlock

**NEW YOUTH MINISTRY
EVENT!**

December 17th

at 2:00 pm

Help decorate church

and enjoy some

Christmas cheer!

Change in Time!

Confirmation class on

January 7th will be at 8:45

PLEASE NOTE THIS ON

YOUR CALENDARS

NPACC high school Youth Ministry

December Newsletter

Youth Ministry

Christmas EVENT

DECEMBER 17 2:00 PM

St. Wenceslaus Church

Join us for decorating and refreshments

PosterMyWall.com

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ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES HERE ARE SOME LINKS:

ADVENT AGAIN—TIME FOR PRACTICING HOPE

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*THE USCCB HAS SOME GOOD
INFORMATION TOO:*

USCCB ADVENT

*December 8th is the Solemnity
of the Immaculate Conception*

click here for more
information on Mary

Mass Times:

Thursday, December 7th

Vigil Mass 7:00 pm

Friday, December 8th,

Solemnity Mass 8:00 am

St. Wenceslaus Church

What is Spirit of Christmas? And the WCC Christmas Nativity Pageant?

Wednesday, December 13:

Oh, so much fun!!! All families 1-8, are invited to the Spirit of Christmas supper and evening events! And we need your help!

At 6:15, SW families go to the PAC, for Christmas bingo, cookie decorating, crafts and other fun activities. Grades 1&8 will go directly to church at 6:15. At 6:55, we will move up to the church. WCC families will head over to the SJ site for cookies and pageant/prayer practice, in preparation for the big event on December 20.

Wednesday, December 20:

All are invited to St. Johns at 7 p.m. for their traditional Nativity pageant and Prayer service. This will involve students grades 1-10. Hope to see you there - Contact Connie Brezina if you want to help!

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Saint reports for second year confirmation candidates are DUE JANUARY 14TH, 2018

Here are some links for research:

[Loyola Press Saint Stories](#)

[New Advent: an online Catholic encyclopedia](#)

[Franciscan Media Saint of the Day](#)



DECEMBER 8, 2017



SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



GENESIS 3:9-15, 28

PSALM 98:1, 2-3, 3-4

EPHESIANS 1:3-6, 11-12

LUKE 1:26-38

REFLECTION

Today, we celebrate Mary. The Gospel reading this day shines light on Mary's extraordinary call from God through the angel Gabriel. Mary received the gift of salvation in Christ from this very moment. Because, besides Jesus, Mary is unique in all humanity for being born without sin, she is held up by the Church as a model for all humanity in her holiness and willingness to accept God's plan for her. Every person is called to recognize and respond to God's call, to their own vocation, in order to carry out God's plan for their life and fulfill the mission prepared for them since the beginning of time. Mary's "May it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38) response to Gabriel is the response required of all Christians to God's plan. This can be a challenge. In our world sometimes it is easier to take a nap, skip Mass, repost gossip, and share hurtful things. But God is calling each and every one of us towards him. Each of us has been created by God to fulfill a particular mission in life. This could be a large calling such as being called to be a doctor or to try out for the varsity team. Or it could be a quiet, gentle calling such as being called to eat lunch with our classmates who always sit by themselves or helping pick up books that someone has dropped in the hallway. In big ways and in small ways like Mary we are called to say yes to God's calling in our lives.

ACTION

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception celebrates the great joy of God's gift to humanity in Mary, and it recognizes more clearly the truth that every human being has been created by God to fulfill a particular mission that only they can fulfill. This week in prayer, thank God for his love and mercy and ask him to help you be like Mary and say yes to God. Then take some time to quietly listen for God's call in your own life. You may want to listen to reflective music, or God's creation in nature or simply just in the silence of your own space.

JOURNALING QUESTIONS

- What are the things in your life that you are currently saying yes to?
- What are the things in your life that you are currently saying no to?