

**December 16, 2018 – Third Sunday of Advent**



**ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE, Pisek**  
**ST. JOSEPH, Lankin ~ STs. PETER & PAUL, Bechyne**

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**Unless noted, all daily Masses are at St. John Nepomucene in Pisek**

**THIS WEEKEND'S MASS INTENTIONS**

12/15– Saturday – Lankin – **CONFESSION – 4:00 pm – MASS – 5:00 pm** – † Leo Bosh – LaVerne Bosh & Family  
 12/16 – Sunday – Bechyne – **ADORATION – 7:00 am – MASS – 8:30 am** – Tri-Parish Members  
 12/16 – Sunday – Pisek – **MASS – 10:30 am** – † Donald Dusek – O'Toole Family

**MASS INTENTIONS (December 17 – December 23)**

12/17 – Monday – **NO DAILY MASS**  
 12/18 – Tuesday – **5:00 pm** – † Rev. Jack Cosentino  
 12/19 – Wednesday – **8:00 am** – † Dave Severson – Corrie Eander  
 12/20 – Thursday – **NO DAILY MASS** – Fr. Lefor hosting Real Presence Radio Live program  
 12/21 – Friday – **ADORATION – 7:00 a.m. – MASS – 8:00 a.m.** – † Clair Greicar – His Family  
 12/22– Saturday – Lankin – **CONFESSION – 4:00 pm – MASS – 5:00 pm** – † Dorothy Karas – Her Family  
 12/23 – Sunday – Bechyne – **ADORATION – 7:00 am – MASS – 8:30 am** – Tri-Parish Members  
 12/23 – Sunday – Pisek – **MASS – 10:30 am** – † Alexander & † Aileen Jelinek – Francis & Bonnie Jelinek

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE (December 24 & December 25)**

12/24 – Monday – Bechyne – Christmas Vigil – **MASS – 4:00 pm**  
 12/24 – Monday – Pisek – Christmas – **MASS – 12:00 Midnight**  
 12/25 – Tuesday – Lankin – Christmas – **MASS – 9:30 am**

**Reconciliation** – ½ hour before daily Mass; 1 hour before 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday; after 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass upon request; or, by appointment.

**Adoration** – 7:00 a.m. on each Friday  
 7:00 a.m. before each 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass

**Morning Prayer** – Weekdays at 7:00 a.m.  
**Evening Prayer** – Weekdays at 5:00 p.m.

**Baptism** – Please call 2 to 3 weeks prior to date requested for baptism.

**Wedding** – Contact pastor 6 months to 1 year in advance of anticipated date.

**New to Parish** – Please register at the parish office (284-6163) or call parish secretary, Louise (284-6167)

**FUTURE MASS SCHEDULE**

**December 2018**

Lankin – 5:00 pm – Saturday  
 Bechyne – 8:30 am – Sunday  
 Pisek – 10:30 am – Sunday

**January 2019**

Bechyne – 5:00 pm – Saturday  
 Lankin – 8:30 am – Sunday  
 Pisek – 10:30 am – Sunday

**February 2019**

Lankin – 5:00 pm – Saturday  
 Bechyne – 8:30 am – Sunday  
 Pisek – 10:30 am – Sunday

**ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE**  
**LITURGY HELPERS**

|        | December 23 – 10:30 am   |
|--------|--------------------------|
| Ushers | Damian & Janet Dvorak    |
| Read   | Janet Dvorak             |
| EMHC   | N/A                      |
| Clean  | <b>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</b> |

**ST. JOSEPH**  
**LITURGY HELPERS**

|       | December 22 – 5:00 pm    |
|-------|--------------------------|
| Usher | Francis & Marilyn Praska |
| Read  | Kristi Brintnell         |
| Clean | Don & Gayle Beneda       |

**S.S. PETER & PAUL**  
**LITURGY HELPERS**

|       | December 23 – 8:30 am       |
|-------|-----------------------------|
| Usher | Pat Restad & James M Shirek |
| Read  | Linda                       |
| Serve | Connor & Luke               |
| EMHC  | N/A                         |
| Clean | Lois Kovarik & Patty Bina   |

**PRAYER LIST**

Please pray for the following members of our Tri-parishes who are sick or hurt:

**Hadler Ellingson, Fr. Lefor, Roger Kovarik,  
 Linda Knudson, Joe Zikmund, Charles Waechter,  
 Andy Sobolik, Barbara Jarolimek**

*If you would like a name added to the prayer list, please contact the Parish Office. After 4 weeks names will be removed unless resubmitted. Thank you.*

**HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER**

**Evangelization:** *In the Service of the Transmission of Faith*  
 That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

**FAITH FORMATION**

(See [www.plbtriparish.org](http://www.plbtriparish.org) for full schedule)

12/19/18 – Gr. 7-9 – 4:30 pm & Gr. 10-12 – 6 pm – Pisek  
 12/23/18 – Gr. K-6 – 9:00 am – Pisek  
 01/02/19 – No Class  
 01/06/19 – No Class – Gr. K-6  
 01/09/19 – No Class – Gr. 7-9 & Gr. 10-12

## REFLECTION ON TODAY'S LITURGY

The people in today's Gospel are "filled with expectation." They believe John the Baptist might be the Messiah they've been waiting for. Three times we hear their question: "What then should we do?"

The Messiah's coming requires every man and woman to choose—to "repent" or not. That's John's message and it will be Jesus' too (see Luke 3:3; 5:32; 24:47).

"Repentance" translates a Greek word, metanoia (literally, "change of mind"). In the Scriptures, repentance is presented as a two-fold "turning"—away from sin (see Ezekiel 3:19; 18:30) and toward God (see Sirach 17:20–21; Hosea 6:1).

This "turning" is more than attitude adjustment. It means a radical life-change. It requires "good fruits as evidence of your repentance" (see Luke 3:8). That's why John tells the crowds, soldiers and tax collectors they must prove their faith through works of charity, honesty and social justice.

In today's Liturgy, each of us is being called to stand in that crowd and hear the "good news" of John's call to repentance. We should examine our lives, ask from our hearts as they did: "What should we do?" Our repentance should spring, not from our fear of coming wrath (see Luke 3:7–9), but from a joyful sense of the nearness of our saving God.

This theme resounds through today's readings: "Rejoice!...The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all," we hear in today's Epistle. In today's Responsorial, we hear again the call to be joyful, unafraid at the Lord's coming among us.

In today's First Reading, we hear echoes of the angel's Annunciation to Mary. The prophet's words are very close to the angel's greeting (compare Luke 1:28–31). Mary is the Daughter Zion—the favored one of God, told not to fear but to rejoice that the Lord is with her, "a mighty Savior."

She is the cause of our joy. For in her draws near the Messiah, as John had promised: "One mightier than I is coming."

*St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology ~ Sunday Bible Reflections with Dr. Scott Hahn ~ [www.salvationhistory.com](http://www.salvationhistory.com)*

## WEEKLY BIRTHDAY, ANNIVERSARY, EVENTS & SAINT of the DAY CALENDAR

| 12/16/18  | 12/17/18                               | 12/18/18                          | 12/19/18   | 12/20/18  | 12/21/18                          | 12/22/18             |
|---|--|-----------------------------------|--|---|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Sunday  | Monday                                 | Tuesday                           | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday                            | Saturday             |
| <b><i>Third Sunday of Advent</i></b><br>Bl. Honoratus Kozminski<br><b>FAITH FORMATION</b><br>K-6 – 9:00 am<br>*Pisek – Potluck & Penance Serv. – 11:30 am<br>*Minto – Penance Service – 4 pm<br>John Shirek | St. Hildegard of Bingen<br>Wanita Cost | Bl. Anthony Grassi<br>Oliver Bina | Bl. Pope Urban V<br>*FAITH FORMATION<br>Gr 7-9 – 4:30 pm<br>Gr 10-12 – 6:00 pm<br>A – Francis & Bonnie Jelinek | St. Dominic of Silos<br>*Fr. Lefor hosts Real Presence Radio<br>*Langdon – Penance Service – 5:00 pm<br>Tara Shirek | St. Peter Canisius<br>Rachel Bina | Bl. Jacopone da Todi |

(Learn more about the saints by clicking on the hyperlinks above or on the Tri-Parish [Facebook Page](#))

## OTHER NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHRISTMAS DECORATING

St. John's will be done on Sunday, Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> after the 10:30 am Mass. Please stay and help get the basics upstairs from the basement and help with setup. Then if 2 or 3 would be willing to stay behind and help Joy do final arranging, that would be great. If you are willing to give Joy a hand please give her a call.

### CHRISTMAS MASSES

December 24 – 4:00 pm at Bechyne  
 December 24 – 12:00 Midnight at Pisek  
 December 25 – 9:30 am at Lankin

**SEARCH** – Experience God in a personal and real way. SEARCH for Christian Maturity has a retreat coming up January 11-13, 2019, at Maryvale Convent in Valley City, ND. Youth and young adults, 16 and older are invited to attend. Details and application at: [www.fargodiocese-search.org/home](http://www.fargodiocese-search.org/home)  
 Applications due 12/27/18.

**BABY CHANGING TABLE** – St. John's is looking for a Baby changing table, if you have one you would like to donate, that would be great.

### END-OF YEAR DONATIONS

With the end of the Year coming faster than most of us would like to see, here's a reminder to make your donations to your Parish & Cemetery before January 1, 2019.

## The 'O' Antiphons of Advent

### December 17 – O Wisdom

O Wisdom of our God Most High,  
 guiding creation with power and love:  
 come to teach us the path of knowledge!

### December 20 – O Key of David

O Key of David,  
 opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom:  
 come and free the prisoners of darkness!

### December 18 – O Lord

O Leader of the House of Israel,  
 giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai:  
 come to rescue us with your mighty power!

### December 21 – O Radiant Dawn

O Radiant Dawn,  
 splendor of eternal light, sun of justice:  
 come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

### December 19 – O Root of Jesses

O Root of Jesse's stem,  
 sign of God's love for all his people:  
 come to save us without delay!

### December 22 – O King of Nations

O King of all nations and keystone of the Church:  
 come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

### December 23 – O Emmanuel

O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law:  
 come to save us, Lord our God!