

**ST. BARTHOLOMEW**  
**DECEMBER 21, 2025**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF**  
**ADVENT**



## FATHER CODY'S NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- *Christmas Mass will be on Christmas Day at 10 am.*
- New Year's Day Mass is on 1/1/26 at **9:00 am**.
- No RE or daily Mass on 12/24 and 12/31. RE will start back up on **January 7**.
- The fall session of the Church Fathers series has concluded. Notes for the series are available on the table at the entrance to the church and online on our website.
- The Pre-Christmas Party has been postponed due to weather to become a New Years party! It is now scheduled for **Wednesday, January 14th at 6pm**. Food, games, crafts, and fellowship.
- The next Chosen Movie Night is on **Jan. 7th at 6:00 pm** at Stageline Theater.
- Winter weather is here! I want to remind everyone of our email and text messaging service called Flocknote. If I need to cancel Mass due to weather, I will send out a text or email either the night before or on Sunday morning. If you would like to be on this list, please contact the office at [stjosephmt@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephmt@gmail.com).
- We have raised 28% of our goal for the Annual Catholic Appeal with \$4900 more to go. Please consider making a donation to the Annual Catholic Appeal to support the ministries of the Diocese.

If you have anything to add to the announcements or bulletin please reach out to Father Cody.



### **PARISH INFORMATION**

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**Weddings:** Contact Parish Office *\*at least 6 month advance notice is needed to complete marriage preparation.\**

### **Scripture Readings**

#### **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

December 21, 2025

Reading 1: Isaiah 7:10-14

Resp. Psalm: 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Reading 2: Romans 1:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

### **MASS SCHEDULE**

Confessions on Sunday from 8:30—8:50 am  
or by appointment

Sunday Rosary: 8:30 am

Sunday Mass: 9 am

Wednesday Mass: 11 am

This year we approved a budget that requires a much higher amount of income than we have budgeted for many years. This increase in income was due largely to the increasing costs of basic needs like insurance premiums and the costs of running a parish. Each week I will include in the bulletin the amount of money we brought in through the offertory as well as the amount we are above or below our goal for that point in the year. The annual goal is \$51,000 with a weekly average need of \$1000.

#### **Weekly Collection totals:**

11/9/25—\$2685.00 including stoles and stipends of \$370.00

11/16/25—\$736.00

11/23/25—\$572.00

11/30/25—\$314.00

Thank you for your generous support of  
St. Bartholomew!

## VOCATIONS PRAYER

*Lord Jesus, we ask your special blessing on those preparing for the priesthood in our seminaries. We pray that they will grow in faith, hope and love. Give them courage and perseverance and be their constant companion as they prepare to serve you and your people with the fire of your love. Make them holy as you are holy. Amen.*

### Seminarians

Dcn. Kaleb Mitchell, Riley Helgoe, Brett Rotz, Jamie Severson, Anthony Olmes, James Semling, Carter Anderson, Shae Bills, Matt Keck, Carson Gorton, Jake Smith, Liam Aippersbach, Ryan Frampton, and Mason Yochum.

St. Bartholomew Calendar	
Sun. 12/21/25	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> The Rosary: 8:30—9am Confession: 8:30—8:50am Mass: 9:00am
Mon. 12/22/25	
Tues. 12/23/25	
Wed. 12/24/25	No daily Mass, Church Fathers series, or RE
Thurs. 12/25/25	<b>Christmas Day Mass: 10:00am</b>
Fri. 12/26/25	
Sat. 12/27/25	
Sun. 12/28/25	<b>Feast of the Holy Family</b> The Rosary: 8:30—9am Confession: 8:30—8:50am Mass: 9:00am



# **Christmas Day Mass**

**Thurs. 12/25**

**10:00 am**



## **Basics of Catholicism Part 115—All-Male Priesthood**

When we think of the all-male priesthood, we often reduce it to an administrative or functional role and ignore the spiritual side of the priesthood. By reducing the priesthood to a functional role and ignoring the spiritual side, we miss so much of the beauty of our church. The spiritual side of the maleness of the priesthood compliments and edifies the femaleness of the church.

### **Maleness in the Sacraments**

The Church places high value on both families and sexuality. For the Church, sex is not only a physical activity but a spiritual one. As Genesis states, the man and woman came together and become one. The same idea applies to the Sacrament of Baptism. In the Sacrament of Baptism, new life is formed. This new life comes from two sources: the Church and Jesus. The Baptismal Font looks and functions like a womb. New life in the form of the baptized emerges from this womb into the new life with Jesus and the Church. This new life isn't just a sign but a new creation. During the Easter Vigil, which best expresses the reality of Baptism, the priest dunks the Paschal Candle in the font, the candle is both a phallic symbol and a symbol of Christ. Jesus is dunking himself into the womb so that it can be unsealed for new life to emerge. This one event shows the value and equality of both genders in the Sacraments. Jesus, through the priest, gives himself to the Church so that new life can emerge.

### **The Value of Maleness in the Mass**

Bear with me as we venture into biology. The biological nature of the man is to give. In order to sire offspring, he literally gives from his body in order for the egg to be fertilized. The biological nature of women is to receive. They take in the sperm of the male in order to create and nurture life. Does it end there, is that it? No. Once the female receives from the male, she gives the new life, the baby, to the male. The male then needs to receive the baby and choose him/her to become a father. Both men and women express gift and reception. In the Mass, the body of the priest mirrors the self-gift of Jesus who gave of his body for the sake of his people. Therefore, the maleness of the priest emphasizes a spiritual reality of the sacrifice of the Mass. The priest gives of himself to God who transforms it and gives it back. The Church, in response, receives the gift of the priest, Jesus, nurtures it within herself and then gives her body back to Jesus. The entire Eucharistic Sacrifice shows and illustrates the value and importance of maleness.

Fr. Cody