

ST. BARTHOLOMEW
DECEMBER 14, 2025

THIRD 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 on 12/24 and 12/31.
- Ask a Priest series is on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 6-7:30 with dinner at 6 and the presentation at 6:30. Anyone is welcome to come.
 - ◊ The next topics is: **Dec. 17th** - Do Catholics Believe in the Bible?
- 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.
- Pre-Christmas Party! This year we are preparing for Christmas with a parish party. There will be no RE that week. **Wednesday, December 17th at 6pm**. Food, games, crafts, and fellowship. Come and prepare for Christmas with us.
- The next Chosen Movie Night is on **Jan. 7th at 6:00 pm** at Stageline Theater.
- As the winter weather quickly approaches, 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.
- 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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Baptism: Contact Parish Office

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

Scripture Readings

Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2025

Reading 1: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10
Resp. Psalm: 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
Reading 2: James 5:7-10
Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

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. 12/14/25	Third Sunday of Advent The Rosary: 8:30—9am Confession: 8:30—8:50am Mass: 9:00am Coffee hour after Mass
Mon. 12/15/25	
Tues. 12/16/25	
Wed. 12/17/25	Daily Mass: 11am Church Fathers Series: 11:30am
Thurs. 12/18/25	
Fri. 12/19/25	
Sat. 12/20/25	
Sun. 12/21/25	Fourth Sunday of Advent The Rosary: 8:30—9am Confession: 8:30—8:50am Mass: 9:00am

Christmas Day Mass

Thurs. 12/25

10:00 am

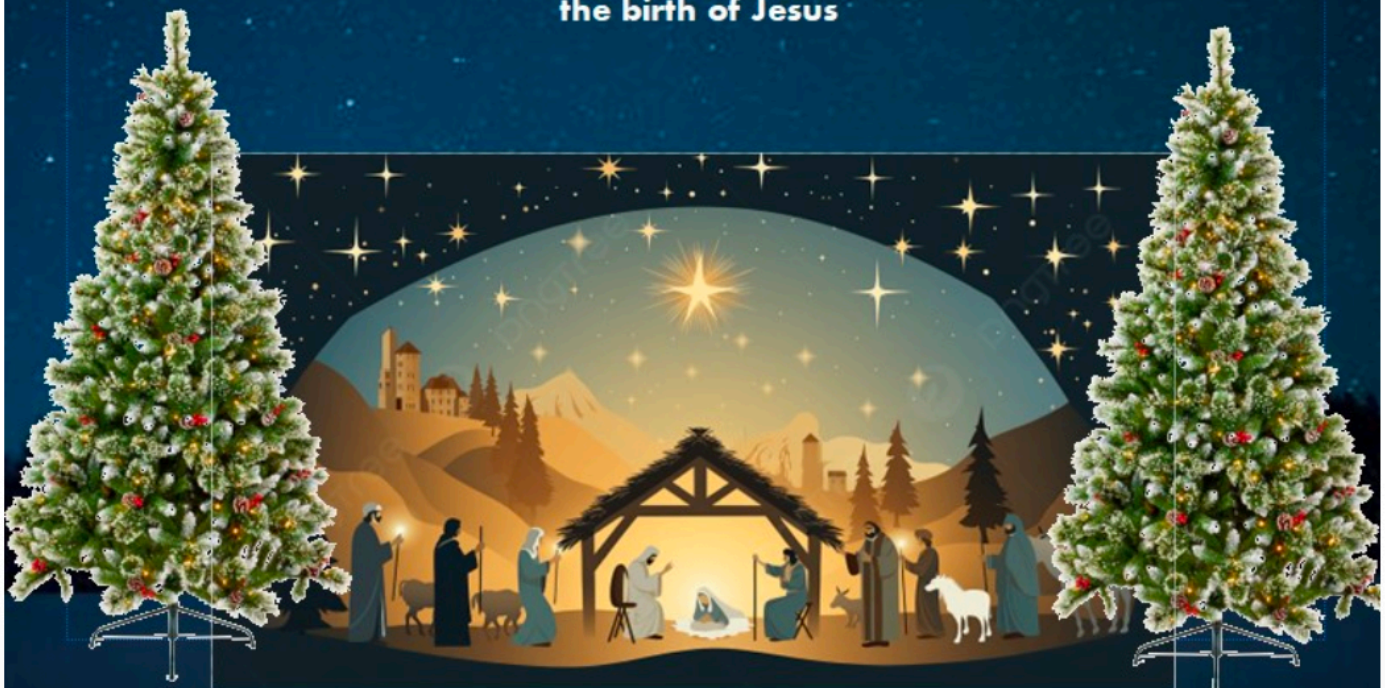


PARISH PRE-CHRISTMAS PARTY

Wednesday, Dec. 17th starting at 6 pm

Food, Games, crafts, and more

**Come prepare to celebrate
the birth of Jesus**



Basics of Catholicism Part 114—All-Male Priesthood

Now we begin a far more useful and exciting exploration in the value and importance of the priesthood being limited to men.

The Church as a Family:

One of the greatest reasons for the all-male priesthood is the balance of gender in the Church. I know, I'm guessing that most people are raising their eyebrows at me if not completely dismissing me at the moment. Remember: The Church is feminine and our mother. The priest holds a special role as the spouse of the Church. Bishops show this spiritual reality more prominently through wearing a ring and through their role in the Church. Yet, priests mirror some of this reality. In the words of Gensis, "man is not meant to be alone." Priests are not loners who want to live without a family or children. Priests are men who see such great value in family and children that we are willing to give them up for the sake of the parish family. The femininity of the Church is balanced by the masculinity of the priest. Pope Francis emphasized the need for women to show the beauty and femininity of the Church. When a priest has too much control over of the interior of the Church, it becomes sterile and lifeless. Women give the Church a special beauty and elegance which keeps both genders in balance. In a similar way, a priest's title of "father" illustrates the familial role of the priest and his connection to the larger body of the Church.

As a side note, imagine a woman pastor in the Catholic Church. I can easily imagine it because one of my friends is a Lutheran pastor. As you look around the Church, the interior is feminine, the leadership is feminine, and the identity of the Church is feminine. Where is the role for men? The challenge for us today is that we have not expressed both genders equally in our churches in order to see the beauty and value of both come alive and be well-represented. The challenge that women should become priests, should also call us to ask the question: what is the role of a woman in the church? What is the role of man in the church? What are the gifts that each bring?

Jesus as a man:

The Church teaches that our goal is to do as Jesus taught and gave us. Often today we want to dismiss the value of gender and make everyone genderless as though maleness and femaleness are social constructs and not rooted in our identity. Jesus is male. The priest is his representative, his face, his presence in the world. If our goal is to do as Jesus gave and taught us, then we also have to mirror him. Since Jesus was male, his priests are also male. Therefore, we have an all- male priesthood to match the maleness of Jesus.

Fr. Cody