



## AT-A-GLANCE... December's Stewardship Resources for your Parish

### December 1<sup>st</sup> – First Sunday of Advent

**Bulletin Reflection:** In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus tell us about coming tribulations and His Second Coming.

**Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Formation:** As we begin our journey through Advent, we are called to prepare ourselves appropriately for the coming of Christ. This is a great time to go to confession, especially if you haven't been to confession in a while.

**General Intercession:** For those who haven't been to confession in years, that they may have the wisdom and courage to go and receive absolution. We pray to the Lord...

### December 8<sup>th</sup> – Second Sunday of Advent

**Bulletin Reflection:** God has done great things for us! We should always rejoice and give thanks for His love.

**Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Service:** One way we can give thanks to God, is by serving others. During this time of year, there are many opportunities for us to serve others. Including making a gift to this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal.

**General Intercession:** For those who are lonely, depressed or despairing this season. We pray to the Lord...

### December 15<sup>th</sup> – Third Sunday of Advent

**Bulletin Reflection:** "Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!"

**Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Service:** We are again called, in today's readings, to care for our brothers and sisters. As the different groups of people ask St. John the Baptist, "what should we do", let us ask the Lord the same question. How can we serve our neighbors this week?

**General Intercession:** For all those who serve people, that they may listen to God and their neighbor. We pray to the Lord...

### December 22<sup>nd</sup> – Fourth Sunday of Advent

**Bulletin Reflection:** The unborn John leaped in his mother's womb at the sound of Mary's voice.

**Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Hospitality:** Let this Christmas be a time of peace for you and your loved ones. Bury any hatchets and end any grudges within your family- let Christ's love shine.

**General Intercession:** For all those who will be lonely this upcoming Christmas day, that God may comfort their hearts and minds. We pray to the Lord...

### December 29<sup>th</sup> – Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

**Bulletin Reflection:** The child Jesus was found in the temple conversing with the teachers.

**Living Stewardship ~ Pillar of Prayer:** Let us come to Jesus in prayer and not only ask, but listen. Take time this week to just sit before the Blessed Sacrament... and listen.

**General Intercession:** For blessings this New Year. We pray to the Lord...