

This is how to approach all the expectations of the holidays and the uncertainty of the upcoming year: **WITH PATIENT HOPE.**

**WITH PATIENT HOPE** is our parish tagline for the 2024 Advent & Christmas cycle. The upcoming year is a Jubilee Year for Roman Catholics, with the title "Pilgrims of Hope." In announcing the year, Pope Francis described how the lives of disciples have always been marked by "incomprehension and persecution." Yet in the darkness of suffering, we glimpse moments of light and come to realize that "evangelization is sustained by the power flowing from Christ's cross and resurrection."

**"In this way, we learn to practice a virtue closely linked to hope, namely *patience*. In our fast-paced world, we are used to wanting everything now. We no longer have time to simply be with others.... Patience has been put to flight by frenetic haste, and this has proved**



**detrimental, since it leads to impatience, anxiety and even gratuitous violence, resulting in more unhappiness and self-centeredness."**

May our gatherings for the Eucharist and other Advent practices help you keep Christ at your center and approach each challenge as Joseph and Mary did on their journeys: **WITH PATIENT HOPE.**

Read the full text of Pope Francis' announcement for the *Pilgrims of Hope*

## WORSHIP & PRAYER

✦ **The Sundays of Advent** ~ Dec. 1, 8, 15 & 22  
Masses 5pm Saturday; 8:30 & 10:30am Sunday

✦ **The Immaculate Conception of the BV Mary**  
Monday, Dec. 9

*A Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics in the U.S.*

**Mass at Noon and 6:30pm**

✦ **Daily Mass**

**NEW 9am Tuesday and Friday** (chapel)

**9am Wednesday** in church with our school

**5:30pm Thursdays** (chapel)

✦ **Exposition of the Holy Eucharist**  
Tuesdays after 9am Mass until 8pm

## THE SACRAMENT of PENANCE

*He was given the name Jesus "because he will save his people from their sins." (Mt. 1:21) Open your heart and receive the gift of mercy by confessing your sins.*

✦ **10-11am every Saturday**

✦ **By appointment with Fr. Chris Rouech**

**COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE with**

## CHRISTIAN CHARITY

✦ **Gift Bags for Local Families in Need** – Take a tag or a bag from the Narthex beginning Nov. 30/ Dec. 1. Return your items to the "give" area of the Narthex no later than Dec. 8.

✦ **Women's Guild Bake Sale after Masses on Dec. 9 -10** to fund giving baskets

✦ **Catholic Charities Child & Youth Gifts** – Foster parents will have the opportunity to shop for the children at Catholic Charities West Michigan's "Client Christmas Store." Will you help stock the store with gifts? **Place your unwrapped gifts in the large bins in the Narthex by Dec. 8.**

✦ **Retirement Fund for the Religious** – This collection on the third Sunday of Advent (Dec.

## OTHER DATES

✦ **Nov. 30/Dec. 1** – Christmas Postage Stamps for purchase in the Narthex (Knights of Columbus)

✦ **Dec. 7 & 8** – Meet St. Nicholas after Mass

✦ **6:30pm Dec. 16** – Holy Trinity Catholic School Advent Program in church