



My Dear Parishioners,

Greetings and Praised be Jesus Christ! As we enter the mid-point of Advent and celebrate Gaudete - Re-joice- Sunday, a few notes of joy.

1) This Sunday, December 11 is our **Annual Scenes of Christmas and Tree Lighting in the Courtyard. It begins at 4PM** with our young people and their families presenting and praying the rosary in Church, followed by the lighting of our Christmas Tree and the great celebration in the St. Joseph Room. Do make an effort to attend and see our young people. My thanks to our parish Knights of Columbus for providing the tree and festive social. It really is a terrific evening.

2) This Monday, December 12 is the Feast of Our Lady of Gaudalupe. This is a day of great joy, a true enduring miracle from heaven. *All are welcome to join us in the St. Joseph Room with our RCIA team at 7PM to learn more about the miracle.*

3) Our Living Stones Appeal is growing and I thank you for your **terrific** response. As of this writing, we have received over 100 pledge cards and are on track to achieve the matching gift of \$400K. Be sure to return your pledge cards before 12/31.

4) Area Penance Services begin this week with St. Maximillian on Tuesday at 7PM, Sacred Heart on Wednesday at 7PM and St. Agnes on Thursday at 7PM.

I close with this story out of Georgia about Caspar the sheep herding dog. I couldn't help to be wowed and reminded of Jesus our Shepherd and all He endured and continues to endure to save, protect and love us. May we love Jesus more and more!

Peace,

Fr. Rogers

[Georgia dog kills 8 coyotes to save sheep](#)

12/3/2022 Fox News Report

A [Georgia sheepdog](#) is recovering from injuries after squaring off against a pack of coyotes, killing eight of them, while protecting his flock. Casper, a two-year-old sheep herding dog who works on John Wierwiller's Georgia farm, fought off the more than half a dozen coyotes in a fight that lasted over half an hour, [WAGA-TV reported](#). Wierwiller says that Casper disappeared for two days after the brutal fight. "We knew he was hurt because we found parts of his tail and blood and other things, so we were worried," Wierwiller said. Casper eventually returned to the farm with visible injuries. "He was kinda looking at me like, 'Boss, stop looking at how bad I look, just take care of me,'" Wierwiller said. Wierwiller said it "looked like a coyote grabbed his skin and peeled it right off."



**THE JOYFUL SCENES OF CHRISTMAS  
PARISH ROSARY & CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022 AT 4:00 PM**

Please join us in Church this Sunday, December 11 to pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary as our parish children represent each of these mysteries in the five joyful scenes. Afterwards, all are welcome outside in the Parish Courtyard for our Christmas Tree Blessing & Lighting followed by Christmas caroling, hot chocolate and other delicious treats sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Come and share the joy of this Advent Season with friends and family! We hope to see you there. 236



Tuesday, December 13 at 7:00PM-St. Maximilian Kolbe  
Wednesday, December 14 at 7:00PM-Sacred Heart  
Tuesday, December 20 at 7:00PM-St. Patrick  
Wednesday, December 21 at 11:00AM & 7:00PM-St. Cornelius



**St. Patrick Parish  
Rosary  
Sunday Evenings  
7:00 PM  
via Zoom**

**THERE WILL BE NO ZOOM ROSARY ON SUNDAY, DEC. 11 -  
Rather, please join us in Church at 4:00 PM for the  
Joyful Scenes of Christmas.**

**Join our 5th Grade PREP students on Sunday, December 18.**