

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2025

HOPE AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS

ADVENT SEASON MASSES

Sunday Mass regular times: Saturday 5:00 PM, Sunday at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM
Liturgy of the Word with Children at the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Masses on Sundays

- Nov 29/30: First Sunday of Advent
- December 6/7: Second Sunday of Advent. After all Masses, **Christmas Around the World** nativity scene displays and yummy treats.
- December 8, Monday: The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mass at 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM
- December 13/14: Third Sunday of Advent. **Bring the Baby Jesus from your home Nativity set for a blessing at the end of Mass.**
- December 20/21: Fourth Sunday of Advent

PARISH WIDE ADVENT STUDY

“Happiness!” A video series on Formed, based on the book, “The Four Levels of Happiness” by Fr. Robert J. Spitzer, S.J., PhD More details on the back side.

ADVENT PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Taizé: Friday, November 21, 7:00 PM, in the church, Notre Dame Chapel.

In Remembrance Prayer Service: Tuesday, December 9, 7:00 PM in the church: For all who have lost a loved one recently.

Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation:

- Saturday, December 13, 9:00-11:00 AM—Individual Confessions with multiple priests.
- Thursday, December 18, 6:30-8:00 PM—Individual Confessions with multiple priests.
- The Sacrament is available every Saturday at 9:00 AM.

Praying the Rosary: In Person: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, at 7:30 AM in the Notre Dame Chapel before 8:00 AM Daily Mass. Online at 7:00 PM every Sunday.

Adoration: Come visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration begins after the 8:00 AM Mass until 8:00 PM every Wednesday.

ADVENT ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES

- Nov 29/30: Advent family take-home kits available.
- Nov. 22/23: Advent activity booklets for elementary and middle school available at the church.
- Advent candle sets (\$5) and wreaths (\$12) available for purchase in the Gathering Space.

CHRISTMAS SEASON MASSES

- Wednesday, December 24: **Christmas Eve Masses** at 4:00 PM (livestreamed), 6:00 PM and 10:00 PM.*
- Thursday, December 25: **Christmas Day Masses** at 9:00 and 11:00 AM.*
- December 27/28: Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.
- Dec 31/Jan 1: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Masses at 5:00 PM and 9:00 AM.
- January 3/4: Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

* On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, the church will open 30 minutes before Mass begins. The back row of the main section will be reserved for those with limited mobility who need Communion brought to them in the pew and their families.

Let's celebrate together!



“HAPPINESS IS THE ONE THING YOU CAN CHOOSE FOR ITSELF.”

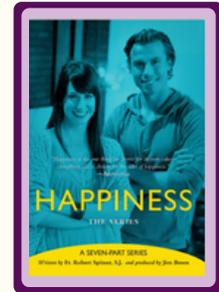
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We invite you to gather with your parish community, small group, or family to experience Happiness: The Series together. Watching and discussing each episode offers a powerful opportunity to grow in faith, deepen your understanding of life’s ultimate purpose, and strengthen the bonds of friendship and fellowship as you explore what it truly means to live a happy and fulfilling life in Christ. Visit our website for more links, the study guide, and the timeline for the study (Advent – Epiphany).

HAPPINESS THE SERIES:

This 7-episode video series is designed to answer the most fundamental questions affecting our lives — our happiness, purpose, dignity, and sense of destiny:

1. What is happiness — and how can we be optimally happy?
2. What makes life worth living — and even optimally worth living?
3. Do we have a transcendent eternal soul through which God calls us to himself?
4. Why does God allow suffering — and how can we suffer well?



The authors of this program, led by renowned philosopher Fr. Robert Spitzer, selected world-renowned experts in these four areas to present the most contemporary scientific, medical, psychological, philosophical, and theological evidence to answer these questions. These interviews are framed within an accessible dialogue between two young people — Eric Johnson and Jennifer Milani – who help explain the experts’ major points and principles. An illustrated, user-friendly, Happiness, The Workbook is also available with summaries, study questions, definitions, biographies, and references.

Join your fellow parishioners and small groups to watch this video series and discuss how to examine happiness to pursue everlasting happiness.

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FOR CHILDREN (GRADES PRE-K – 3)

This 3-episode video series on Formed teaches about happiness.

Now more than ever, children need love and guidance to help them navigate a world that confuses right and wrong and denies them a true moral compass. That's why Philo, a precocious penguin, and his lovable friend, Sophie the mermaid, have come to the rescue! Using hilarious sketches, memorable songs, and heart-warming stories they teach children about authentic happiness, the real meaning of love, and the value of all human life. All based on the pro-life teachings of Fr. Robert Spitzer, S.J., Ph.D.



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