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DECEMBER 21, 2025 + FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dear Parishioners,

I hope that you have heard about Seven Dolors' planning study of the Building and Grounds Master Plan, which will begin January 5. The study will provide our leaders with valuable feedback about projects proposed by myself and our leaders in the Parish Pastoral Council, along with the Building and Grounds Commission for our church, and about the possibility of a fundraising effort. We hired the Steier Group, a Catholic fundraising firm, to conduct the study. I know many of you have questions, so here are a few of the most common ones about the planning study process and what it could mean for our future.

Q: What is a planning study? A: The study gauges support for the proposed projects in the Building and Grounds Master Plan and for a potential fundraising effort called a capital campaign. The study, which lasts about five weeks, will also help identify possible volunteer leaders and set a potential financial goal for a campaign.

Q: How will the study determine whether there is support? A: The Steier Group will survey our entire parish community. The firm will compile your feedback and present it to our church leadership. We will then make an informed decision about the projects in the Building and Grounds Master Plan, the Seven Dolors Strategy and a potential campaign. Hiring an experienced, professional development firm like the Steier Group ensures an effective, unbiased, and successful planning study.

Q: Why should we conduct a planning study? A: Many churches find it is a wise first step because the study provides valuable information on how everyone feels about the proposed projects and a potential capital campaign. That information also can help customize a campaign that really fits with the unique needs of our church.

Q: What is a capital campaign? A: A capital campaign is a fundraising effort for big projects and needs, such as major renovations, new buildings, and eliminating debt. Capital campaigns fund specific projects and needs. They are not for regular, ongoing costs, such as salaries and utility bills.

Q: What do you expect of church members during the planning study? A: We ask only for your feedback and prayers during the study. You will be asked to take part in a personal interview with a member of the Steier Group team or to fill out an online or mailed questionnaire – both of which should take less than an hour. Your input will help us make wise decisions about the projects and a potential campaign. If we move forward with a capital campaign, you will be invited to participate in a variety of ways over the next few weeks and months.

In addition to the study, a long-term vision and intention for Seven Dolors Parish will be provided to the Parish Pastoral Council and all parish commissions (Evangelization, Social Action, Parish Life, Catholic Formation, Buildings and Grounds, and Liturgy). The parish commissions, in consultation with ministries, service groups and parishioners, will formulate six parish commission Master plans which will then be synchronized with the pastor, Parish Council and the Parish Finance Council into an overall Seven Dolors Strategic plan. This Seven Dolors Strategic plan along with the results from the study, will identify, define and confirm a prioritization of parish requirements and resources necessary to build consensus and improve communication in order to better guide future decisions.

In the coming weeks, we will share about progress of the Seven Dolors Strategic plan. I hope this answers many of your questions and adds to your excitement for the future of Seven Dolors. If you have any additional questions, please contact me at any time.

God Bless,
Fr. Leo Blasi

SEVEN DOLORS WEEK AT-A-GLANCE

SAT 12/20	7A-----Mass for Vocations 9A-----Youth Choir Practice 4:15P--Mass @ SP <i>For the Parishes</i> 5:30P--Mass + <i>Esther Umscheid</i> 7P-----Coro 7P(ESP) AND 9P-Reconciliation
SUN 12/21	Fourth Sunday of Advent SDCW Coffee & Donuts 8A-----Mass + <i>Rose Morin</i> 10A----Mass + <i>John Wataha</i> 11:15A-Advent Book Discussion Group 12:30P-Misa (ESP) + <i>Esmerelda Doblas</i> 3P-----Communal Penance
MON 12/22	Budget Shop-Closed All Week MCS Closed Dec. 22-Jan 2 2P-----Adoration Chapel closes 5:20P----Mass + <i>Paul B Irvine</i> 7P-----Communal Penance @ STM
TUES 12/23	NO OCIA/Parish Choir Practice 7A-----Mass + <i>Mary Zoeller</i> Noon--Reconciliation 7:30P--Neocatechumenal Way
WED 12/24	Christmas Eve 4P-----Mass @ St. Pat's + <i>Patricia Stewart</i> 5:15P--Children's Choir/Living Nativity 5:30P--Mass + <i>Elias Leon</i> 7P-----Misa en Español <i>SI Gloria Green & Family</i> 11:30--Choral Prelude Midnight Mass + <i>Sam Schmidt</i>
THU 12/25	Christmas 9A-----Mass + <i>Mike Pachta</i>
FRI 12/26	7A-----Mass <i>SI Ron Wells</i> 9A-----Adoration Chapel Re-Opens
SAT 12/27	7A-----Mass for Vocations 4:15P--Mass @ SP + <i>Deacon Ron Lehman</i> 5:30P--Mass + <i>Cyrus Shubert</i> 7P-----Coro 7P(ESP) AND 9P-Reconciliation
SUN 12/28	The Holy Family 8A-----Mass <i>For the Parishes</i> 10A----Mass + <i>John Linenberger</i> 11A----Married & Young Families 12:30P-Misa (ESP) + <i>Deike Family</i>

Parish Offices Closed
Dec. 23rd–26th



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SACRAMENTS @ SEVEN DOLORS

Baptisms are scheduled after a prep session.

Marriages (not scheduled during Advent or Lent) require a minimum six-month notice and preparation sessions.

Anointing of the Sick is for those preparing for surgery, facing serious illness or experiencing declining health, or for those of advanced age.

Contact the Parish Office for more information or to schedule.

Stewardship Report

Last Sunday's Collection	\$10,914.56
Average Needed Weekly	\$12,653.85



Food Pantry Needs

Canned Pineapple
Canned Potatoes
Cr. Mushroom Soup
Cr. Chicken Soup
Pancake Syrup
Hamburger Helper
Cereal (NO Cheerios)

We wish you a
Christmas full of faith,
hope and God's
endless love.

Merry Christmas!

Art & Environment Volunteers Needed

Do you have an eye for beauty or enjoy decorating sacred spaces?

The Art & Environment ministry is looking for volunteers to help decorate the church as our liturgical seasons change. This ministry plays a meaningful role in enhancing our worship space and reflecting the beauty of our faith. If you're interested, please contact the Parish Office.

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5. Enter your name and email - and you're in!
6. You will receive a confirmation email to confirm your sign up. Make sure to confirm!

IMPORTANT: SIGN UP IN A WEB BROWSER BEFORE DOWNLOADING & USING THE APP!

NEED HELP? Contact the parish office @ 565-5000.



Married outside the church and would like to have your marriage validated?

Let us help you! Call the Office and speak with Fr. Leo to begin the process.



Coming Up Soon!

Advent Communal Penance:

Seven Dolors, Sun., 12/21-3pm

STM, Mon., 12/22-7pm

Christmas Eve:

Children's Choir/
Living Nativity 5:15pm

followed by *Mass* 5:30pm

Parish Choir 11:30pm

followed by *Midnight Mass*

Christmas Day:

Mass 9:00am

Mary, Mother of God Masses:

12/31 - 5:30pm & 7:30pm(ESP)

1/1 - Noon, 5:30pm & 7pm(ESP)

MISSALETTES • As you may have already noticed, we have new missals and song-books. Because the cost of the clear covers has increased, we weren't able to replace them for this year's editions. We may revisit that in the future, but for now the books will remain uncovered. With that in mind, please treat them gently.



Thank you!

ST. PATRICK'S CORNER

- ✦ Christmas Eve Mass will begin at 4:00 p.m.
- ✦ Thank you to everyone who generously shared your time and talents this past year. Your dedication has truly blessed and strengthened our community. We are deeply grateful for the many ways you served throughout 2025.
- ✦ Wishing you a blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

WEEKEND MASS TIME IS SATURDAY AT 4:15 PM
CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD BEFORE
MASS EACH 1ST & 2ND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH.



NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY AND MASS SCHEDULE

	EMOC	Hospitality	Altar Server	Lector
Saturday 5:30 PM 12/27	Francis Hoang Tom Church Jana McKinley VOLUNTEER VOLUNTEER	Daniel Cutting Andrew Massanet VOLUNTEER VOLUNTEER	Franci Irvine Felicity Dongoski VOLUNTEER VOLUNTEER	Tiffany Cutting (1) Debbie Umscheid (2)
Sunday 8:00 AM 12/28	Rebecca Gould Dan Wright Suzette McGuire VOLUNTEER VOLUNTEER	Vincent Traffas Kristi Traffas Shelia Wright Helen Matthews	Hanna Tatro Augustine Irvine VOLUNTEER VOLUNTEER	Jeremy McGuire (1) Dennis Jones (2)
Sunday 10:00 AM 12/28	Jenice McCoy Alex Kifer Maria Riley VOLUNTEER VOLUNTEER	Pat McCoy Christopher Storms Tamra Storms Judy Parks	Bailey Riley Charlotte Riley VOLUNTEER VOLUNTEER	Bill Kifer (1) Nellie Bucholtz (2)
Domingo 12:30 PM 12/28	Esperanza Chávez Oscar Bonilla Carmen Bonilla	Luz María Deike Dimas Rivas Oscar Bonilla	Miren su teléfono	Miren su teléfono

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