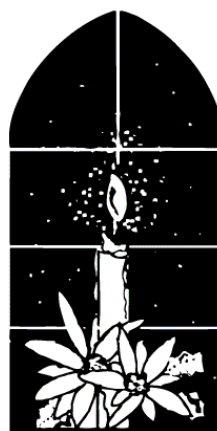




The Holy Eucharist *for the*
Third Sunday of Advent
December 14, 2025



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Good Morning! Sundays we celebrate the Holy Eucharist (Communion) at 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Our liturgy is from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), found in your pew. Please join us following the service for hospitality in Rose Hall.

All are welcome to the Lord's Table. It is our custom to receive the bread in our open hands and consume immediately. The chalice will be offered or you may choose an individual cup. We believe Christ is fully present in either element. If you have not been baptized or prefer not to receive Communion, simply cross your arms over your chest and the priest will give you a blessing.

Childcare for infants through preschool is available. Please sign your child in when taking them to the nursery.

If you are visiting today, please sign our guest book in the entrance area.

Restrooms are available. To the right of the entrance and down the hallway.

Serving Today

8 a.m. *Eucharistic Minister:* Scott Bianchini *Lector:* Nanette Newland *Greeter/Usher:*
TBD

10:15 a.m. *Crucifer:* Butch Schapson *Chalice Bearer:* Sonda Schapson & Sandy Wentz
Lector: Joy Craig *Ushers:* Bob & Cheryl Hastings *Greeters:* Chris Thompson & Angie
Lundy & family *Hospitality Hosts:* Shawn Victa & family *Altar Guild:* Bob Hastings,
Miechi Petro & Liz Bianchini *Nursery Volunteers:* Laurie Victa & Syd Ellis

If you would like to donate funds for Christmas Flowers, please place your donation in the offering plate. You may give in thanksgiving, celebration or in memory of a loved one. Those names will be printed in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

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Today's Readings

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. \No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Canticle 15 Page 91, BCP The Song of Mary *Magnificat* Luke 1:46-55

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

A Reading of the Epistle of James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew 11:2-11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’

“Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

8:00 AM—Rite One

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10 AM—Rite Two

Prelude

All stand when the church bell is rung.

Entrance Hymn 68 *Rejoice, rejoice, believers...*

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant says the

Collect for Purity

Kyrie eleison

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Please be seated.

The Celebrant says the

Collect of the Day

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah 35:1-10

At the conclusion, the Lector says

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Please read together

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for he has looked with favor on his lowly **servant**.
From this day all generations will call me **blessed**: *
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He has mercy on those who **fear him** *
in every **generation**.
He has shown the strength of his **arm**, *
he has scattered the proud in their **conceit**.

He has cast down the mighty from their **thrones**, *
and has lifted up the **lowly**.
He has filled the hungry with good **things**, *
and the rich he has sent away **empty**.

He has come to the help of his servant **Israel**, *
for he has remembered his promise of **mercy**,
The promise he made to our **fathers**, *
to Abraham and his children for **ever**.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy **Spirit**: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. **Amen**.

A Reading from the Epistle of James 5:7-10

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People Thanks be to God.

All stand.

The Gospel Acclamation *Introduced by the cantor, repeated by the congregation. Cantor sings the verse, then congregation repeats the refrain*



Fintan O'Carroll

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A Reading from the Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew 11:2-11

When the Celebrant announces the Gospel, all respond
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At the conclusion, the Celebrant says
The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon - Fr. Joe Czolgosz

After a period of silence, all stand and say the

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People (Form I)

Officiant

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying,
“Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our search committee as they seek a priest to care for and equip us for our ministries.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city of Warsaw, for the surrounding communities, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Judy, Mike, Lutie, Polly, Sharon, Olivia, Nanette, Cherine, Leanne, Scott, Brittany, Malcolm, Kimm, Patty, Ryan, Amy, Paddy, Sean, Larkin, Jane, Bill, Kathy, Jan, Sara, Pat, Tyler, Gabe, Bonnie, Clay, Rob, Michelle, Taylor, John, Gary, Edith, Dave, Travis, Becki, Pam, Mildred, Judith, Scott, Kim, Lorraine, Susan, Marcella, Sonya, Brooklyn, Jan, and the Women of Cell Blocks B & D. I ask your prayers for the following families: Miller, Sebo, Teeple, Shufelt, Parker, Eastlund, Milliman, Walmer and Jagger. We pray for those in the Armed Forces: Graham, T.J., Ethan & Colton. We pray for Trinity Episcopal Church in Logansport and Fr. Clark Miller serving as their Priest-in-Charge in the Diocese of Northern Indiana. We pray for Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer. We pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.... let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, [remembering Mary Louise, LaVaine, Rod, Eileen, and Adam and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.
To you, O Lord our God.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The People stand or kneel.

General Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

†The Celebrant gives an absolution.

The Peace

The Celebrant says

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements & Special Blessings

Birthday Blessing:

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn – 76 *On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry ...*

Offertory Response

Celebrant All things come of thee O Lord.

People And of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B (*Prayer Book, p. 367*)

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The People stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Anne and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Lord's Prayer

Joseph Lowe

Our Fa-ther, who art in Hea-ven, hal-low-ed be the Name. Thy

King-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in Hea-ven.

Give us this day our dai-ly bread and for-give us our tres-pass-es as

we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us. And lead us not in-to temp - ta - tion, but de-

liv-er us from ev - il, for thine is the King-dom and the pow'r and the glo - ry for

ev - er and ev - er. A - - - men, A - - - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The consecrated Bread and Wine are living signs of the presence of Christ in this gathering. All Baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion; however, no one who comes forward will be refused. If you are not baptized you may receive a blessing. Please indicate your desire for a blessing by placing your arms crossed over your chest. Wine is offered in the common cup or individual cup. Because of the increased possibility of contamination, we ask communicants not to intinct or dip the bread in the wine.

The minister receives the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

Communion Anthem *Make Ready a Highway*

Solo – Bob Jarboe

Refrain: Make ready a highway for the Lord. Make ready a highway for the Lord. In the desert John announces news for all the world to hear: “Change your hearts, your ways of living, for your Savior now is near.” (Refrain) Heed the voice of John the Baptist, “Be repentant” is his word. “Cast aside all sin and follow and prepare to greet the Lord.” (Refrain) Strip away the sins of hatred, envy, bitterness, and strife. Mercy such as God has shown us must become our way of life. (Refrain) Now the reign of God is bringing justice, love, and peace for all. As the world is being made new, “Come, O Lord,” your people call. (Refrain)

Post-Communion Prayer *(Said by all in unison, kneeling or standing as able.)*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Dismissal Hymn – 67 *Comfort, comfort, ye my people...*

Dismissal

People Thanks be to God.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANNE'S

WELCOME If you are a guest and visiting us for the first time, please join us for Hospitality Hour following the service. It's great to have you here.

GREENING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS today, following the 10:15 service please plan to stay and help decorate the church for Advent Carol's and Christmas Eve Mass. It's always fun to share in the holiday spirit.

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE We have placed our Parish and OTM Profiles on alternate sites as well as the National Office for Transition Ministries. We continue to wait for responses.

MORNING PRAYER is held at 9 a.m. on Monday and Tuesday in the chapel.

EVENING PRAYER is held at 5:30 p.m. on Monday in the chapel.

MID WEEK HOLY EUCHARIST is being held on Tuesday this week at 5:30 p.m. in the chapel.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY SERVING SCHEDULE will be posted soon. If you know of a date you are not available to serve, please email office@stanneswarsaw.org.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES To realize its Mission, St. Anne's has multiple Outreach Ministries: some ongoing and some focused in a specific month. Each ministry helps fill an important need in our community. For details on each ministry please see the St. Anne's website or the bulletin board in Rose Hall. To donate to any ministry, please make checks payable to St. Anne's and note the specific ministry you choose to support on the memo line.

Current/Upcoming Outreach Ministry Events:

- December 14, [Second Sunday Sack Lunches](#)

Ongoing Outreach Ministries:

- [Beacon Pantry](#) - [Edgewood MS Student Lunches](#) - [Retired Tigers](#)

DECEMBER OUTREACH OF THE MONTH –HATS & MITTENS FOR TITLE I SCHOOLS Please add hats, gloves, scarves and coats to the Giving Tree in the entrance area of the church. If you would like to give a monetary donation towards this ministry, make your check payable to St. Anne's Church with "Giving Tree" on the memo line.

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE will be offered to the community on Sunday, December 21, at 7

p.m. at Capstone Church, 2033 S 150 W, Warsaw, Indiana sponsored by the Greater Warsaw Ministerial Association and area churches.

DIOCESAN FEEDING MINISTRIES GRANT *We have used this grant to help cover the cost of the Thanksgiving Meals. If you know of families that were not on the Warsaw Community Schools lists that need a meal, please contact Carol in the parish office.*

SAMS (St. Anne's Men's Society) & ECW (Episcopal Church Women) *We are collecting aluminum cans as a fund raiser. Cans can be brought to the church on Sundays or during the week and placed in containers in the garage behind the raised gardens.*

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP *St. Anne's has begun to sponsor a grief support group on site for St. Anne's members. Joy Craig and Pastor Joe are co-facilitating this group on Tuesday, January 6, 2025, from 9:30 -11:00 a.m. in the Parlor. Subsequent meetings will be identified and communicated primarily in our Sunday Bulletins. If you have experienced the death of a significant person in your life, you are welcome to participate. Contact Pastor Joe (847-363-7572) with any questions or additional concerns you may have.*

REFLECTIONS BIBLE STUDY *agreed to change their weekly, hour-long meeting, to Tuesdays at 11 a.m. to help accommodate the new grief support group at St. Anne's. We are grateful for your openness to this change. If anyone would like to receive the Bible Study Guide, please contact Pastor Joe (rector@stanneswarsaw.org) with your preferred email address.*

2026 FLOWER CHART *To sponsor altar flowers, please sign up on the chart in Rose Hall. Flowers are \$40 per arrangement; there are two per Sunday. Flowers may be given in memory, celebration or in thanksgiving. An envelope will be sent to you to fill out the information. The new chart is posted on the bulletin board in Rose Hall.*

December 21, 2025

Advent IV

8 a.m. Advent Lessons and Prayers & Holy Eucharist

10:15 a.m. Advent Lessons and Carols & Holy Eucharist

December 24, 2025

7 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass