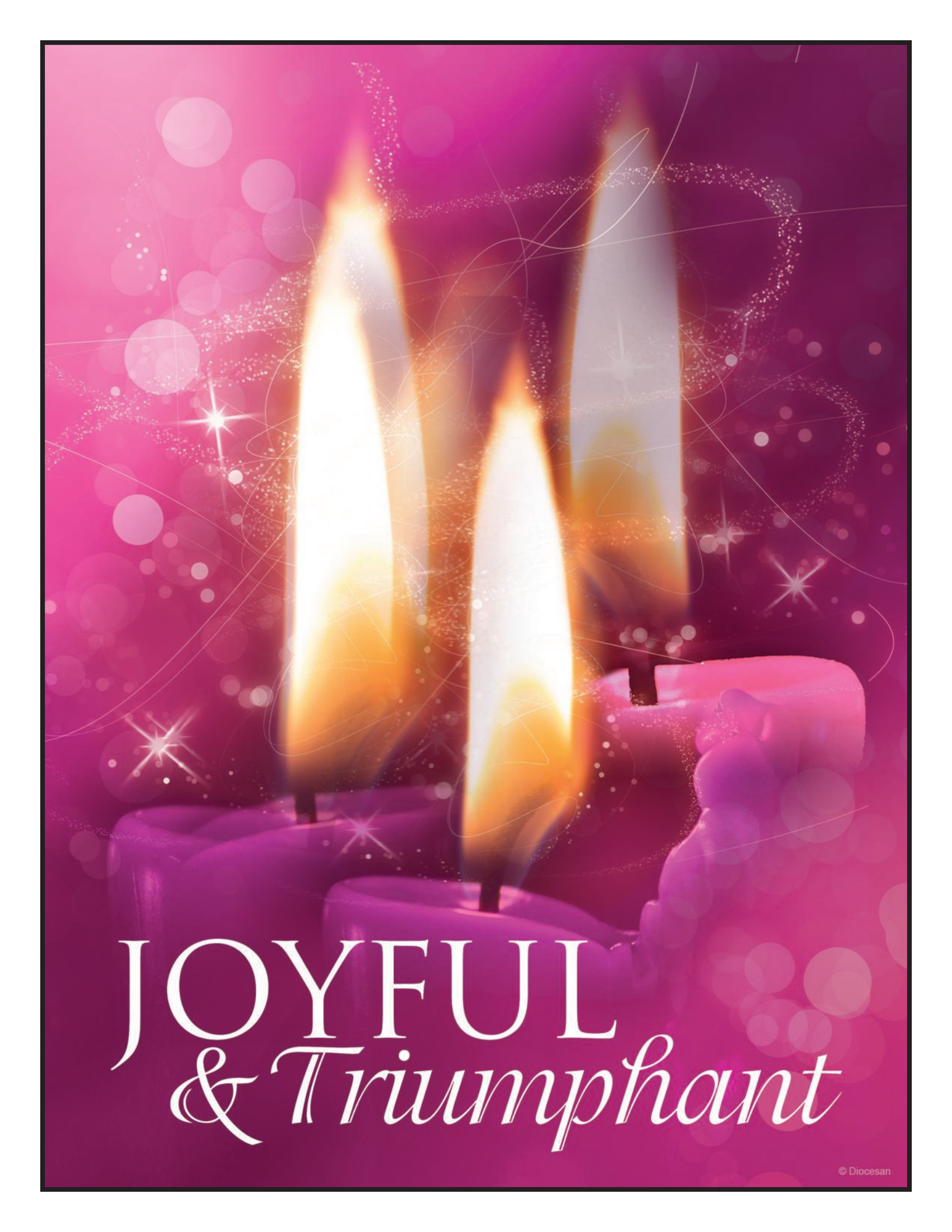


The image features three lit purple candles in the foreground, their flames bright yellow and orange. The background is a deep purple with a bokeh effect of out-of-focus light circles and delicate, swirling lines of white and gold sparkles. The overall mood is festive and celebratory.

JOYFUL
& *Triumphant*

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Prayer Requests Please remember the following people in your prayers this week: Reese Baird, Carl Bialeschki, Nancy Brown-Smith, Floyd Debolt, Vida Freidlein, Betty Harden, Mary Humer, Paula Ingram, Patty Kirby, Barbara Kleiss, Henry Kocher, Frank Norton, Margaret Ostrum, Cathryn Pfeffer, Barbara Smith, Jay Warfel, Jeff Holt, Nancy Henry, Audrey Sheahan, Helen Birtcher, Robert Mistdarfer, Katelyn Humer, and requested prayer intentions.

**Collection for the Week of December 9th, 2017**

Regular Envelopes.....	\$1555.00
Loose Collection	\$319.00
Christmas Flowers	\$365.00
Campaign For Human Development.....	\$40.00
Retirement Fund	\$195.00

Total\$2474.00

Cemetery.....	\$90.00
Mass Stipend.....	\$50.00
Building Fund	\$25.00
Food Pantry.....	\$65.00



Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 16th

4:00pm/Tolono Patricia Stanford

Monday, December 18th

NO MASS

Wednesday, December 20th

8:00pm/Tolono Don Spencer

Friday, December 22nd

8:00am Tolono Donna Smith

Saturday December 23rd

4:00pm/Tolono Kearns & Bieber Families

Christmas Eve December 24th

4:00pm/Tolono Carol Happ

Christmas Day December 25th

10:00pm/Tolono Helen Bates

***NO MASS December 26th-December 29th

Area Christmas Mass Schedule**Christmas Eve**

St. Patrick-4pm

St. Joseph-6pm

St. Mary's in Champaign-8pm

St. Thomas in Philo-

4:00pm, 10:00pm

St. Mary's in Pesotum-6:30pm

Christmas Day

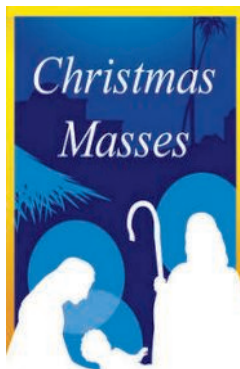
St. Patrick-10am

St. Joseph-8am

St. Mary's in Champaign-1pm

St. Thomas in Philo-8am,

Immaculate Conception in Bongard-10am



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Saturday, December 16th@ 4:00pm Mass

Lector: Jon Baker

Gifts: Volunteers

Ushers: Larry Meyer, Alan Schwenk

EMHC: Christine Schwenk, Theresa Montgomery

Saturday, December 23rd@ 4:00pm Mass

Lector: Beth Hewing

Gifts: Volunteers

Ushers: Denny Morgan, Tom Tempel

EMHC: Marlene Breen, Jon Baker, Rick Bates

Father Fredi Office Hours

Wednesdays 9:00 am to 10:30 am

Fridays 9:00 am to 10:30 am



John witnesses to one who is to come, one far mightier than he, one who will proclaim freedom and deliverance from sin and death. As we await his coming again in glory, let us join with Mary in singing the praises of God



Christmas Flower Memorial

You can remember a loved one this Christmas by contributing to the Christmas Memorial Flower fund. Envelopes can be found in your regular envelop box. If you do not have envelopes, you may put your donation in the collection. Please make sure it is labeled Christmas Flowers and who it is in memory of. Through your generous donations, we are able to fill the altar with beautiful Christmas flowers for the Christmas season. Once all donations are in, a memorial list will be available at Christmas in the information sections of the church.



Attention Liturgical Ministers.

We are wanting to put a contact list together for the office and other Liturgical Ministers. Please let Heather know in the office all your contact information. Include email, home phone, and cell phone numbers. You can email the information to officeofstp@gmail.com. Thank you for your continued service to God and your church family!



Great for Holiday Baking!!!

Altar & Rosary is selling pecans again this year. The pecans are available in halves & pieces for \$10.00 per 1 lb bag or 2 bags for \$16.00. If interested, call Marlene Breen at 485-6500.



Gaudete Sunday

The third Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday, which means Rejoice. It is taken from the entrance antiphon of the Mass which is: Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near. It is appropriate to rejoice as we see the goal of the season approaching: "The Lord is near." The appropriate liturgical color for this day is the color violet or rose.



St. Thomas School

St. Thomas School in Philo is seeking an Aftercare assistant for Mondays-Fridays from 2:45-5:45, with the possibility of leaving before 5:45 some days. The Candidate should be at least 18 years old, a high school graduate of high moral character, dependable, and enjoy working with K-8 students. Aftercare assistants are responsible for planning and facilitating student activities, working cooperatively with a fellow assistant, and supervising snack and homework time. Please contact Mrs. Lisa Doughan at 217-684-2309 or ldoughan@stthomasphilo.org to apply.



Quote of the Week

"Keep Calm and Rejoice in the Lord always!"



Schwan's Cares!

Once again Altar & Rosary will be doing the Schwan's Cares campaign. Now when anyone orders through the St. Patrick Church Tolono campaign page, we earn cash back. Orders can be made online, through the fundraising page or by phone using the identification number 34400.



Peace in the Womb Christmas Caroling



Saturday, December 16th at 2 pm at the Women's Healthy Practice 2125 S. Neil Street in Champaign. Followed by hot chocolate and cookies at the First Church of God (701 S. Duncan Road). We will gather on the public sidewalk outside this local area clinic that sadly performs both chemical and surgical abortions on babies up to 24 weeks old. The idea is simple: to bring the hope and joy of Christmas to one of the world's darkest places, the abortion clinic, in hopes that the traditional carols celebrating the true meaning of Christmas. A local area pastor will play saxophone while we sing. All are welcome. Attendees can bring Christmas cookies to share, but it is not required. As we will be outside for the caroling, people are encouraged to dress for the weather. Anyone wishing to participate can RSVP to reneemullen1@comcast.net or 217-607-0811

Caring Companions Program for Seniors

The Good Samaritan Program of Champaign and Piatt Counties is working to expand its Caring Companions Program for seniors. The program provides friendly visiting, assistance with shopping, transportation to appointments, and help with other needs by matching volunteers with seniors. We are also looking for adults of all ages who can spare a little time to volunteer. Contact Kim McAvoy at 637-2395 or kmcavoy@ccdop.org to request assistance or to volunteer.



Readings for the Week of December 17, 2017

Sunday	Third Sunday of Advent
	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Monday	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Tuesday	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Wednesday	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday	Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Friday	1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Saturday	Saint John of Kanty, Priest Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66