



Fr. Anthony Cirignani, OFM, Pastor
 Paul P. Umentum, Deacon
 Bill LaLuzerne, Trustee
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Weekend Masses

Saturday.....4:00 pm
 Sunday 9:00 am

Weekday Masses

Monday..... 7:00 am
 Tuesday 7:00 am
 Wednesday 7:00 am

Phone numbers

Parish Office.....437-1979
 Pastoral Ministries432-2747
 St. Thomas More School432-8242

Sacrament of Reconciliation

3:30 pm on Sat. & 8:30 am on Sunday

Sacrament of Marriage

Contact parish at least 6 months prior to the date of the marriage.

Sacrament of Baptism

Contact the parish to make arrangements for the baptism.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Those desiring to become Catholic or learn more about Catholicism, please contact the Parish Office.

Planning ahead...

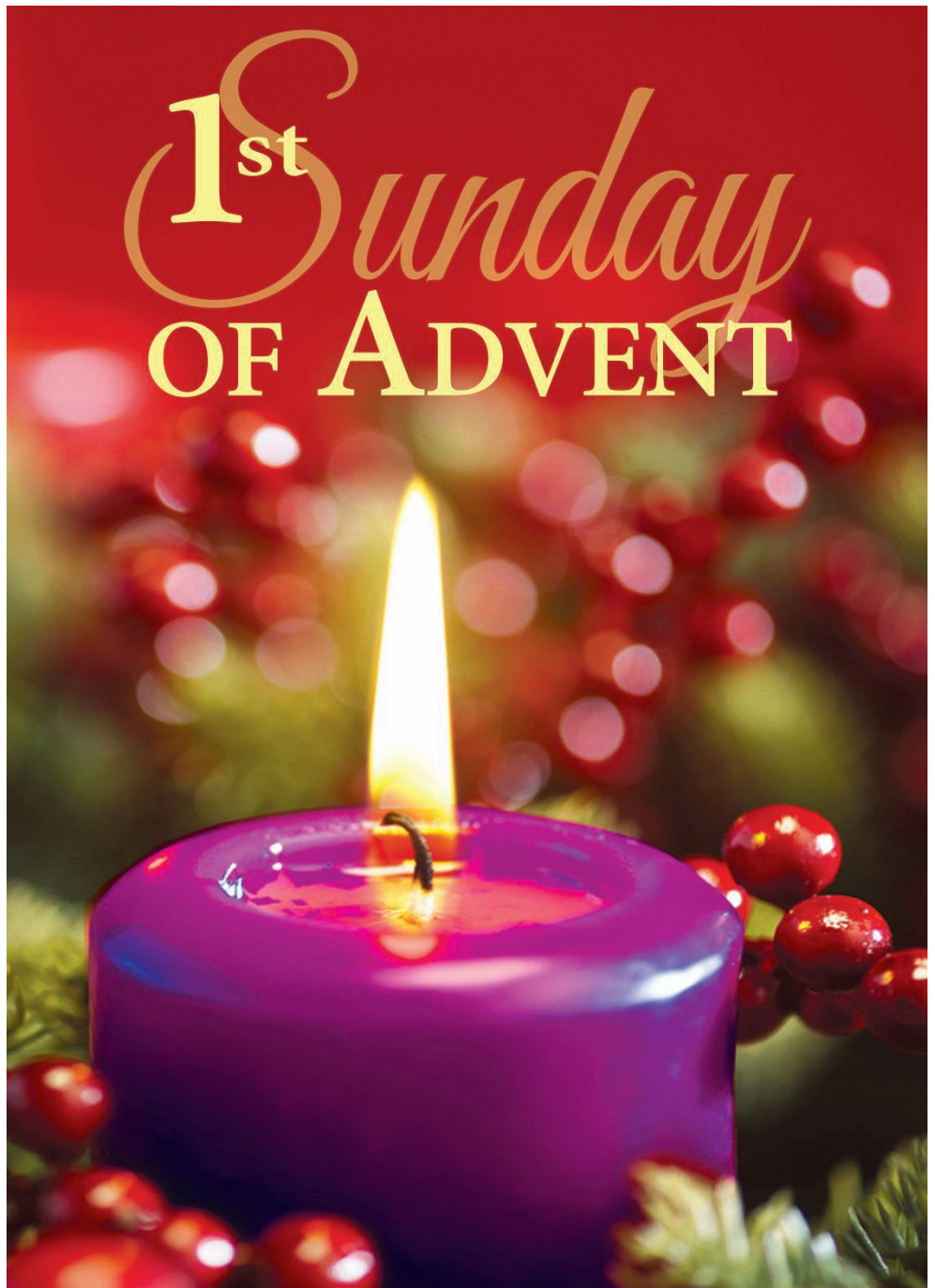
December 3..... Men’s Club Meeting
 December 7..... First Friday
 December 9..... Children’s Church
 December 10Altar Society
 Christmas Potluck



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 2, 2018

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1st Sunday in Advent

Tribulation. Wildfires. Tsunamis. Moral corruption. Disease. War. We tend to associate these things with the end times, and perhaps for good reason! In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world." Not exactly putting us in the Christmas spirit, is it? During Advent, we anticipate a celebration of Christ's first coming. There is a quiet stillness about our waiting, or at least we try to encourage that in ourselves. Perhaps we have an Advent devotional or we take time to pray together as a family around the Advent wreath.

But Jesus did not come only once into history. During Advent, we remember that he will come again. You may remember the rapture craze in the early 2000s, when a series of books and movies envisioned a future where Jesus was coming soon and all the true believers had been whisked away. Everyone else had one more chance to repent before things really went to hell...literally, in this case!

But is that what Jesus is talking about here? The truth is, we don't know what Jesus' Second Coming will be like. The actual return of Christ - though sudden and perhaps frightening to some - should not frighten us. Despite all the stories we may have heard about the apocalypse, the advice of Jesus is not to hang our heads or cower in fear. "Stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." In a certain sense, we are already living in the end times. We already encounter great tribulation. We all find it easy to get distracted or discouraged in the grind of daily life. Today's Gospel reminds us that vigilance for God's presence is needed now.



Dear Parish Family,

During Advent, we prepare for Christ's coming in three ways: as an infant who came into this world over two thousand years ago, as our Lord and Savior coming into our hearts right here and now, and as the Son of Man who will come into this world again at the end of time. We do not know when the last of these will occur, so this season is a good opportunity to focus on preparing our hearts for Jesus now, perhaps by looking for His face in those we encounter.

PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE WORD

The Gospel on the First Sunday of Advent always concerns the end of the world, when Jesus will return to call us home. How should we prepare for this day that Luke calls an "assault"? St. Paul's words to the Thessalonians are no less apt today than they were then: "Conduct yourselves to please God." May this season concentrate OUR attention on how we treat each other, for we know that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters, we do for the Lord.

QUESTION FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT.....

How can I prepare myself for the coming of Jesus, at Christmas and at the end of time?

Friends, think this through all of Advent as we begin to seek financial and prayerful donations for our Restoration 2019. Remember, ALL donations to the church are Tax Exempt! Let's be proud of what was given to us many years ago and sustain our presence by helping us achieve enough monies to cover the complete restoration of our beloved Church for years to come.

Come Lord Jesus, Do no delay.

Fr. Tony Cirignani, OFM., Pastor

Deacon Paul Umentum, OFS., and Staff

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 3

7:00 am † Phyllis "Daisy" Jacobs

Tuesday, December 4

7:00 am † Laverne Boucher

Wednesday, December 5

7:00 am Intentions of all Parishioners

Friday, December 7

7:00 am † Ralph Musial

6:00 pm † Edmund "Bud" & Michelina "Mike" Nelson

Saturday, December 8

4:00 pm † Val Cegelski

Living & Deceased Members of the Cy Van Laanen Family

Sunday, December 9

9:00 am † Dorothy Palubicki

Church Support

Contributions from the week of



November 18

Weekly envelopes & loose collection \$3,436.00

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH; every contribution helps, no matter the amount!

"Be on guard," Jesus warns in today's Gospel, "lest your spirits become bloated with indulgence." Let us heed His warning and follow the advice of St. Paul, conducting ourselves in a way pleasing to God, overflowing with love for one another. *Luke 21:34*

Next weekend, our Parish will take a Retirement Collection. This will be to benefit two groups of people who have served us faithfully. We will have the opportunity to give to the National Retirement Fund for the Religious, which helps our retired sisters, brothers and religious order priests. We also have an opportunity to give to the retirement needs of the senior priests in the Diocese of Green Bay. You may donate to both of these groups or just to one. Please use the envelope that is provided in the bulletin.

Readings for the Week

Readings for the Week of November 25, 2018

- Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37
- Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 21:1-4
- Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 21:5-11
- Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9 [Rv 15:3b]/Lk 21:12-19
- Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [Rv 19:9a]/Lk 21:20-28
- Friday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10 or Jn 6:63]/Mt 4:18-22
- Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab [1 Cor 16:22b; cf Rv 22:20c]/Lk 21:34-36
- Next Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/1 Thes 3:12--4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Little Blue Books

The Little Blue Books with inspirational words will be available for a donation at the weekend Masses or the Parish Office for your convenience!

This Weeks Birthdays 75 or more Years Young

- Kathleen Berceau (12-2)
Dolly Boncher (12-4)
Lucy Schultz (12-7)
Guy De Groot (12-8)
Gerald Kehoe (12-8)



Advent Series

Join Mike Winter on Tuesday mornings for a DVD presentation and discussion on Bishop Robert Barron's new release "The Mass". Learn about the birth of our Savior through the Mass. The series will begin approximately 7:45 am in the new St. Clare Hall across the hall from St. Francis Chapel. Begin the morning with 7 am Mass in St. Francis Chapel.

December Holy Day and Christmas Season 2018

Holy Day and Patroness of the U.S.A./Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass of Anticipation of Feastday on **Friday, December 7th** at 6 pm in the GYM. Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us.

Wednesday, December 12th Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe - Queen of the Americas and Patroness of the Unborn - Mass at 7 am in St. Francis Chapel
Monday, December 24th-Christmas Eve- CHOIR CONCERT at 4 pm, Vigil Mass for Christmas at 4:30 pm in GYM.

Tuesday, December 25th-CHRISTMAS DAY-CHOIR CONCERT at 8:30 am, Mass for Christmas at 9 am in GYM.

Monday, December 31 - Last Mass of 2018 - 7 am Mass in St. Francis Chapel.

Tuesday, January 1st, 2019-NEW YEAR'S DAY-8:30 am Rosary recited for Peace/9 am Festive Mass for Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God.

Saturday, January 5th, 2019 - THREE KINGS VIGIL MASS AT 4 PM in GYM

Sunday, January 6th, 2019 - Solemnity of the Epiphany Mass at 9 am in GYM
JOIN US FOR THREE KING REFRESHMENTS!!!

May you and your families and friends, have a Blessed and Holy Christmas and New Year full of blessings and good health!

Fr. Tony and Parish Staff

This Week in the Parish

Monday, December 3

7:00 pm Men's Club Meeting, in the school bldg

Friday, December 7

First Friday

7:00 am Mass in St. Francis Chapel followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

11:00 am Holy Hour

6:00 pm Vigil Mass for **Immaculate Conception** In GYM

Sunday, December 9

9:00 am Children's Church

Giving Tree

Don't forget to take a name tag to help the less fortunate!

Please check the Angelus for details!

Scrip News

Thank you to the 19 people that purchased \$2,570 worth of Scrip Certificates from November 12th to 18th, resulting in \$134.17 profit for the Parish!

GRACE Employment Opportunities

St. Thomas More Catholic School is seeking a **Food Service Manager** to

oversee school-site food service operations. This position is a 5 day per week school year position (approximately 25 hours per week/42 weeks per year). Prior food service experience preferred. Applicants must complete a background check and VIRTUS training through the Green Bay Catholic Diocese. Interested candidates please send resume to jhurley@gracesystem.org. Our Lady of Lourdes is looking for an energetic individual to serve as an **Early Childhood aide**. This position is 5 days per week/school year. Hours worked would be 8:15-11:15 am Monday-Friday. Interested candidates please send resume to jyoung@gracesystem.org.

Community News

You and your fellow parishioners are invited for **Best Advent Ever**, a FREE e-mail program from Dynamic Catholic. Advent is a time to prepare our hearts for Christmas, but we often get distracted and busy. Each day you will receive an email with short inspirational videos, practical tips, and real-life stories to encourage you. All you have to do is sign up at BestAdventEver.com.

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