

December 2, 2018 · First Sunday of Advent

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1st Sunday
OF ADVENT

"Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." - Lk 21:27

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Saturday 3:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Sacrament of Baptism

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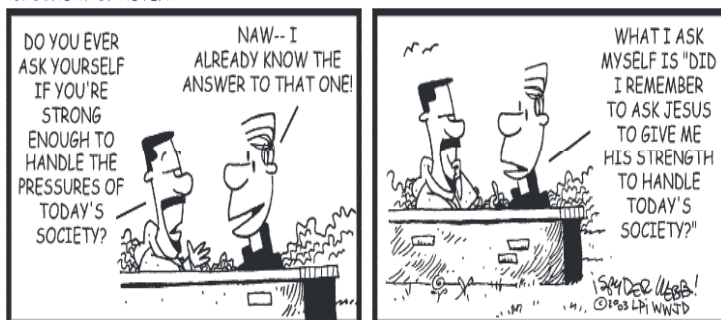
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1st SUNDAY IN ADVENT
Tribulation. Wildfires. Tsunamis. Moral corruption. Disease. War. We tend to associate these things with the end times, and perhaps

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.

ServeHAITI THANK YOU! Thank you so much to everyone for their support of the ServeHAITI Biennial celebration and fundraiser recently held in Moline. Thanks to the generosity of many we were able to have a wonderful night of celebration and raise over \$170,000! That amount is almost one half of the budget needed to maintain our St Vincent DePaul Healthcare Clinic and continue our efforts in clean water, child nutrition, education, and economic development. The people of our sister parish in St Pierre and the Grand-Bois region thank you for your continued support to improve their lives.

THANK YOU! The families of Joe Ryan would like to express a sincere Thank You to Circle 8 for their help and to those who brought food for the funeral luncheon. May God bless you.



SCRIP: Scrip cards are a perfect stocking stuffer, teacher gift, and holiday gift-giving. Smaller denominations (\$5 and \$10) are now available. Pick up your Scrip cards after the weekend Masses or place your order by Monday morning to get a Thursday/Friday pick-up. Scrip is a gift card that is dollar for dollar. There is no additional charge when you purchase these gift cards.

THE BEST ADVENT EVER! Advent begins this weekend, which means Christmas will be here soon. Advent is a time to prepare for Christmas, but we often get distracted and busy. So sign up for Best Advent Ever! It's a free daily email program from Dynamic Catholic that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most in the midst of the holiday bustle. Each day you'll receive an email with practical tips, short inspirational videos, and encouraging real-life stories. Go to <https://dynamiccatholic.com> or call 859-980-7900 to get started.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN ADVENT BREAKFAST today, Sunday, December 2nd following 10:30am Mass in Harness Hall. Pancakes, eggs, sausage and sweet breads will be served. A free will donation will be accepted. The money raised will go towards the purchase of emergency backpack kits for St Joseph School classrooms.

KC MASS INTENTION: The Knights of Columbus Council 959 would like to invite all Knights of Columbus widows to the Tuesday, December 4th Mass at 5:30pm dedicated especially for our beloved deceased Brothers.

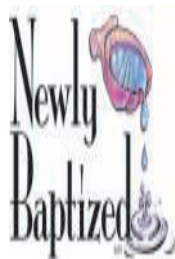
THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the Blessed Virgin Mary holy day is on Saturday, December 8th, Mass is at 9:00am.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & COMMUNAL PENANCE will be on Sunday, December 16th at 4:00pm. Communal Penance service will also be held today, Sunday, December 2nd at St Ann's Church in Long Grove at 1:00pm and on Monday, December 3rd at St John Vianney Church, 4097 18th Street in Bettendorf at 6:30pm.

IF YOU PICKED AN ANGEL FROM the trees in the Gathering Space please remember to bring back your gift as soon as possible. The gifts are due back next weekend December 8/9. Every year the angels disappear and the people of our parish show great compassion and love by shopping for the needs of others. The recipients of your generosity thank you very much.

NCYC FUNDRAISER: In an effort to raise funds for the National Catholic Youth Conference, Alicia Burken has made many handmade Christmas ornaments, Nativity sets and other holiday items for sale. Please check out the many items in the gathering space this weekend.

ANOTHER NCYC FUNDRAISER— "TAKE STOCK IN OUR YOUTH": It is our pleasure to announce the Youth Ministry Stock program for 2019. Next November youth and adults from our parish will be attending the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana. We are asking for your help to support this effort. Please consider investing in our youth through our youth ministry stock program. **What is the Youth Ministry Stock Program?** It's a fundraiser where we are asking parishioners, family and friends to "take stock" in our youth. When you invest in this program you make a triple investment! 1. The spiritual growth and well being of the youth. 2. Helping them experience a multi-cultural church from all over the country. 3. The youth in turn will also serve the parish community. In return for "Taking Stock" in our youth you are able to "cash in your stock" for yard work, chores or tasks you need done. We would like to show you how even a small investment can make a big difference! Call Pat Sheil to schedule or fill out a form located in the gathering space.



We welcome into God's Family
Rylan William Ruther
Son of Benjamin & Kelli Ruther
Cohen James Stecklein
Son of Derek & Courtney Stecklein
Luella Mae Krieger
Daughter of Benjamin & Jenna Krieger
Stella James McDermott
Daughter of Lucas & Lisa McDermott

In Your Prayers

This week, please remember the sick and the infirm, so that they may experience the healing power of Christ:

Rosalie Trimble, Bill McGarry, Joyce Marme, Ed Franzen, Jerry Renner, Katie Moore, Brittney Moore, Mary Roling, Morgan Nesbit, Sandra Fries, Janet Driscoll, Robert Rosenberger, Emily Blaga, Julie Howard, George Vens, Jeanette Ilg, Mike Thomas, Robert Delost, Chris Forret, Michelle Smith, Lori Hand, Henry Kruse, Jr., John McGarry, Mark Trimble, Sandy Fischer, Joyce Erling, Betty Summers, Sharon Barr, Joni Moore, Renegade Richmond, Amy Campbell Coulter, Marcellus Grell, Grayden Hanrahan, Patricia (Pat) Cahill, Phyllis Goodall, Kelly Fenner, Jim Burke and Heather Nees

And for the recently deceased, **Bob Bauer**, the brother of Marcy Steinke and Bill Bauer; that he may have eternal happiness in heaven.

"Heavenly Father accept our prayers which we offer for them."

Weekly Schedule

Sunday, December 2, First Sunday of Advent

8:00 am Mass
9:00 am Religious Education Classes
10:30 am Mass
11:30 am Advent Breakfast in Harness Hall

Monday, December 3

Tuesday, December 4

5:30 pm Mass
6:30 pm Advent Study

Wednesday, December 5

9:00 am School Mass
6:30 pm Choir Practice
NO Youth Group

Thursday, December 6

10:30 am Mass at Westwing Nursing Home
7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting

Friday, December 7

8:00 am First Friday Mass
8:30 am Adoration until 10 am; No Benediction

Saturday, December 8

9:00 am Immaculate Conception Holy Day Mass
4:30 pm Mass & 2nd Collection for Religious

Sunday, December 9, Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 am Mass & 2nd Collection for Religious
9:00 am Religious Education Classes
10:30 am Mass & 2nd Collection for Religious

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, December 4

5:30 pm Deceased Members of the KC's†

Wednesday, December 5

9:00 am Charlie Burke†

Thursday, December 6

10:30 am Sadie Zinger†

Friday, December 7

8:00 am Jack Hunter†

Saturday, December 8

9:00 am Joe Ryan†

4:30 pm Charles Kinney†

Sunday, December 9

8:00 am Intentions of Parishioners

10:30 am Ruth Hlubek†

Liturgical Roles

For the Month of December

4:30 pm

Cantor: Dorothy Sheldon
Lector: Patty Tarchinski
Communion: Megan Fuglsang, Mary Ketelsen
Ramona Lee, Joanne Scheckel
Hospitality: Mike & Judi Devine
Bob Lee, Scott Tarchinski

8:00 am

Cantor: Joel Dieckmann
Lector: Dan Burke
Communion: Bernie Kleinsmith, Roxanne Oerman
Don & Peg Thiltgen
Hospitality: Gary Burke, Paul Stillmunkes
Darrel & LaDone Schnurr

10:30 am

Cantor: Donna Klostermann
Lector: Susie Ernst
Communion: Vicki Judge, Jill Peterzalek
Kirk & Lori Machovec
Hospitality: Joe Burke, Tim McClimon
Dean & Lori Holst

Readings for the week of December 2

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
Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt
8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk
10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt
15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a
[26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph
1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-
6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Observances for the week of December 2

Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent
Monday: St. Francis Xavier, Priest
Tuesday: St. John Damascene
Thursday: St. Nicholas, Bishop
Friday: St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor
Saturday: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed
Virgin Mary (holy day of obligation)
Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent



Christmas Eve Children's Mass
Monday, December 24th
4:00 pm

Dramatization of the
Gospel Sign Up

Dear Parents of Students in Kindergarten—5th grade,
Would your child like to be an actor or actress to pan-
tomime the parts of Mary, Joseph, angels, wisemen, etc.
as the Gospel is being read? If so, indicate on the form
below and return it as soon as possible!

Rehearsal will be Saturday, December 15th, from
10:00 am to 10:30 am in the church. Costumes will be
distributed at the rehearsal.

If you have any questions or can volunteer as a helper,
please contact Pat Sheil at 659-3514 ext. 4.

The Children's Christmas Eve Mass will be celebrated
at 4:00 pm on Monday, December 24th.

Once Mass is over, please return all costumes to the
Gathering Space.

Please return the bottom portion to St Joseph School
by Friday, December 14th or to your Religious Educa-
tion teacher by Sunday, December 9th or bring it with
you to rehearsal on Saturday, December 15th.

Christmas Eve Nativity Dramatization Sign Up

Child's Name _____

Child's Name _____

Child's Name _____

I can help at rehearsal on Saturday, December 15th.

Parent Volunteer

Thank you in advance for your involvement to make
the Children's Christmas Eve Mass even more special.
Any help you can give the children to make this a treas-
ured Christmas memory they will never forget is
greatly appreciated.



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