



SAINT MARY'S
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Sunday, November 28, 2021
1st Sunday of Advent

Mass Schedule

Sunday

7:30am

9:30am

12:00pm (Español)

Monday through Friday

6:15am

Confessions and Adoration

Thursdays

5:30pm-6:30pm



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**ADVENT PRAYER FOR AN
INCREASE IN MASS ATTENDANCE**



*O Savior of the nations, come!
You come to us in mystery on the altar at Mass,
And you will come in glory in the fullness of time.
May you find at your arrival
Hearts that are truly devoted to you.*

*Receive with mercy our daily prayers and fasting
for an increase in attendance at our Masses.
May our churches be filled with worshipers.
May we treasure the great gift of the Eucharist.
May we lead to your sacraments
our family and friends who have fallen away.
May you be glorified, Lord, for all ages, AMEN.*

- To be prayed daily throughout Advent from November 28th through December 24th
- To be prayed by itself or joined to the recitation of the Rosary or Mercy Chaplet
- Join this prayer to a daily act of fasting/abstaining from food or drink of your choice for these same intentions

In the Heart of Barton

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FROM FATHER NATHAN



Dear Friends at Saint Mary's Immaculate Conception Parish and Saint Frances Cabrini Parish:

Praised be Jesus Christ! Among the more famous reflections and meditations on the Lord's Prayer is found in Saint Teresa of Avila's book *The Way of Perfection*. In this spiritual classic, she comments that when one prays the Lord's Prayer, and utters the phrase "Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done," then one must be truly ready for God's Kingdom to come even if it does not come as we expect it to.

To underscore the point that there is no messing around when it comes to the coming of the Kingdom, and to obedience to God's most holy will, Teresa offers an example from the Lord's own life: his prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane. The Lord prays and asks his Father if it is possible for the suffering that is coming to pass him by, but quickly adds that if it is not, then "thy will be done." In the Garden we find our King ushering in his Kingdom with radical openness to the divine will, an openness that accepts the suffering that comes with the phrase: "thy will be done."

This weekend the Church embarks upon yet another Advent journey. This is the season of "thy Kingdom come, thy will be done." We cannot sincerely pray for the coming of the Kingdom according to the divine will, which is perfect, if we are not willing to accept the implications of such a move. To pray for the coming of the Kingdom is to understand that our King does not at all like competing kingdoms and that as he encounters them in any way, shape, or form he dismantles them. This process of dismantling always involves suffering because it requires the removal of things to which we are inordinately attached. This is true on the level of the individual person and also on the broader level of entire social systems.

All this by way of saying that for us Christians who are Advent people, we are blessed with a different perspective about why things happen like they do. If we find ourselves at the moment with questions in our hearts about why so much around us, and within us, seems so disrupted, why the social order seems so battered, why we seem at every turn these days to have to adjust our expectations about even the most basic routines of life, then we can rest upon the conviction that God is busy bringing about his Kingdom, and this is how it looks.

No one enjoys supply chain disruptions, rising prices, labor issues, political instability, unraveling social norms, and the broad questioning of what have been fundamental Western assumptions about life itself. All of this is its own type of suffering to be sure. The perspective of the Season of Advent encourages us to consider that maybe it is the case that all that we are currently going through is how God is choosing to dislodge whatever is opposed to his reign so that he can replace it with what is instead fashioned after his will.

His Kingdom does not come as an abstraction. Many times in life God is the great disruptor because he knows there is no other way to pry us free from our attachments to all that diminishes our true flourishing in grace. To offer one example: wouldn't it be amazing if an outcome of our current set of difficulties is that we all learn to be content with less and to be more patient when plans change? We might just end up as more joyful and grateful people. One does not end up at that point without first passing through the cross of letting go, and our culture is undergoing that cross right now. Advent is an invitation to accept disruptions as a grace and as a sign of the coming of our great King with his Kingdom. He loves us and our world too much to leave it just as it is. He wants to claim every shred of it, and of us, for himself. Into Advent we go: thy Kingdom come, thy will be done.

UPCOMING EVENTS: See our website for complete details!

ADORATION TO DEFEAT ABORTION

Holy Trinity, Kewaskum will be hosting the local site in a nationwide effort (sponsored by Catholic Vote) to end abortion. Adoration will begin following the 5pm Mass on Tuesday, November 30th and end with Benediction on December 1st at 6:15am. The rosary will be prayed every hour through the night. Please join us in this critical time as you are able.

THE GIFT OF SUNDAY-ADVENT MISSIONS

Holy Angels * Wednesday, December 1, 2021 * 7-8:30 p.m.

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee is excited to host Advent Missions at 18 parishes throughout southeastern Wisconsin. This Mission is based on The Gift of Sunday, a theological reflection issued by Archbishop Jerome Listekci. Join us for a beautiful prayer service and presentation that encourages everyone to come to Mass and rediscover Jesus' presence in the Eucharist — this Advent Season and beyond!

SAMARITAN HEALTH CENTER GIFTS

Thank you to everyone who picked up a Samaritan gift tag this weekend. Wrapped gifts should be returned to the parish lobby by December 5th.

ANGEL TREE

Thank you to everyone who chose an Angel from the Angel Tree. Please return the gift by December 5th. Gifts will be delivered to the prisoner's children with a message of love and good news of Jesus in the name of incarcerated parents.

ADVENT ANTIPHONS AND LESSONS

Sunday, December 5, 2021

3pm at Saint Mary's Immaculate Conception Parish

Please join us in prayer as we prepare for the coming of the Lord and the celebration of his birth in the flesh on Christmas Day. The Advent Antiphons and Lessons celebration will be an opportunity to hear the Word of God, sing and pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament during this special season in the Church. The Advent Antiphons express the great desire the Church has for the coming of her Lord and truly are a cry that we all raise to heaven asking, "Maranatha, Come Lord Jesus."

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 29

6:15am +Norman Kutz

Tuesday, November 30

6:15am +David Ritter

Wednesday, December 1

6:15am +Joann & +Bruce Chlebek

Thursday, December 2

6:15am The Alvin Bruendl & James
Vaughan Family

Friday, December 3

6:15am +Merlin & +Alice Adelmeyer

Sunday, December 5

7:30am +Kara Kanieski-Butler

9:30am +Kenneth & +Marcella Vass

12:00pm(Spanish)Pro Populo

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to our new members!

Are you a registered member of our parish?
We would love to have you as a part of our family!
To register, please contact the parish office or visit
stmaryparishwb.org/im-new-parish-registration-info

INTERFAITH CAREGIVERS

Connecting Seniors with Caring Volunteers.
This organization provides local opportunities for both volunteers and recipients. They bring non-medical care, such as light housekeeping, grocery shopping, transportation, or just a friendly visit to Seniors who could benefit from resources necessary to remain independent. To register as a volunteer or recipient, call them at 262-365-0902.

PARISH CONTACTS

Please see the website for a complete staff listing

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PARISH HAPPENINGS

SECOND COLLECTION FOR BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:

December 12, 2021

SCRIP

SCRIP is available after weekend Masses in the Lobby.

CHURCH CLEANING

Our next church cleaning and decorating will be December 18th at 7am. All are welcome. Many hands make light work. Questions about church cleaning call Beth at the parish office: 262-338-5600

STAY CONNECTED WITH US!

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- FOLLOW US ON TWITTER!
- SIGN UP FOR OUR WEEKLY E-BULLETIN!
- CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE...

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PARISH INFORMATION

New Members

Welcome! Please call the parish office or visit our website.

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8am-4pm. Friday: 8:00am-12noon

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Contact Julie Braun at 262-338-2366 X114 for information.

Baptism

Contact Julie Braun for information on Baptism Preparation Classes, preferably before the child is born.

Marriage

Please contact the pastor as soon as you are considering marriage, but no less than six months prior to the desired wedding date.

Communion for the Homebound

Call the parish office.

Sacrament of the Sick

Celebrated the last Sunday of the month after both Sunday morning Masses. Or call the parish office to arrange a visit.

Signing for hearing impaired

2nd Sunday of the month at the 9:30am Mass

Miscarriage Ministry

Please contact Julie Braun at 262-338-2366

Bulletin, E-bulletin, Website, and Pulpit announcements

Contact Tammy Waech twaech@wbparishes.org.

Sign up for our E-bulletin on our website.

Parish Social Media

Facebook: @ImmaculateConceptionWestBend

Twitter: @WBParishes

Honduras Mission:

Visit: www.stmaryparishwb.org/twinning-san-gaspar for details and to get involved.

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