

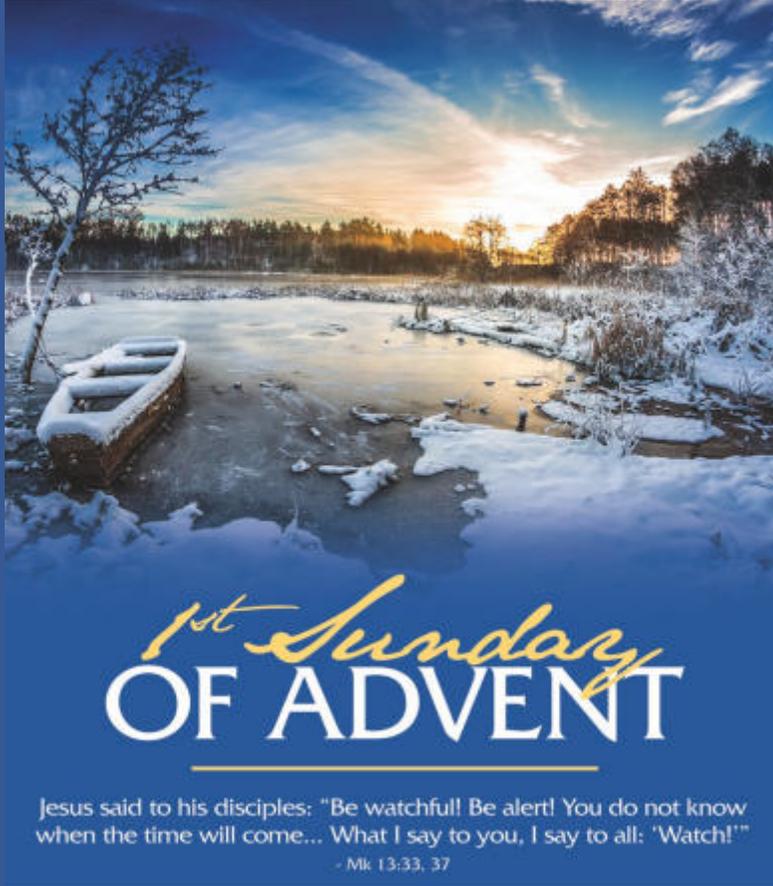
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1st Sunday
OF ADVENT

Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come... What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"

- Mk 13:33, 37

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:15-4:00 pm or by appointment

Schedule of Holy Eucharist

Saturday Vigil - 4:30 pm

Sunday - 8:00 am and 10:30 am

Weekdays - Mon through Fri 8:00 am

Holy Days - 8:00 am and 7:00 pm

"Youth Music" Mass - 1st Sun. of month 10:30 am

"Children's Liturgy" Mass - every Sun. except 1st Sun. of month - 10:30am (Sept. through May)

Perpetual Help Devotions

Tuesdays following 8:00 am Mass

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday 8:30 am - 6:00 pm

Anointing of the Sick

1st Friday of the month after 8:00 am Mass

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Inspired by Saint Martin de Porres and the gospel values, our parish family seeks to provide for the spiritual needs of our diverse community through vibrant liturgies and ministries, thereby creating a supportive, loving, caring and accepting environment for all.

NOVEMBER 29, 2020

Sacrament of Baptism Sunday after the 10:30 am Mass or by appointment after participation in Baptism Preparation Program. Our next Baptism Preparation Class is on **December 9 at 7:00 PM** to explain the sacraments and requirements. If you've never had a child baptized at St. Martin's, you must attend a class before scheduling a baptism. Call the office to sign up: 895-1100, ext. 2.

Sacrament of Matrimony Contact the Pastor at least six months prior to wedding to begin preparations.



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Mass Intentions and Readings for the week

Mon. Nov 30	8:00 am	Jim Fagyal	Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22
Tues. Dec 1	8:00 am	Daisy Schlecter	Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24
Wed. Dec 2	8:00 am	Deborah Burton (Special Intention)	Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37
Thurs. Dec 3	8:00 am	Robert Fink	Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Fri. Dec 4	8:00 am	Ted Nenninger	Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31
Sat. Dec 5	4:30 pm	Alma Schlitt	
Sun. Dec 6	8:00 am 10:30 am	Lynn Brown Parishioners	Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8



We begin the season of Advent. Advent derives from the Latin *adventus* meaning 'coming', 'arrival' or 'approach'. For thousands of years the world waited for the coming of the Messiah to redeem and to save the human race, restoring mankind's relationship to God. We too, experience this same longing for the coming of Christ during this time of Advent. Spiritually, we long for the coming of Christ into our hearts as the Holy Spirit draws us into ever deepening relationship with Him. Advent is the season of hopeful longing, joyful expectation, prayerful penance and spiritual preparation.

In the church advent refers to the period encompassing the four Sundays prior to Christmas. It is a season in the Church's life intended to renew the experience of waiting, and longing, for the Messiah. Though Christ has already come into the world, the church invites us to renew our desire for the Lord more deeply into our lives, and to renew our desire for Christ's triumphant second coming into the world.

During Advent, we are invited to enter more frequently into silence, into prayer and reflection, into scripture, and into the sacramental life of the Church. It is a time of penance, of turning away from sin and hopeful joyous preparation for the coming of the Savior. During advent Christians prepare for the here-and-now coming of Christ by remembering the long years during which Israel waited for the coming of the Messiah, and by looking forward to the final coming of Christ at the end of time.

One of the ways we can learn to live in Christ is by embracing a new way, a pattern of a life lived in the heart of the church for the sake of the world. During advent, the church as a mother calls all of us to get ready, to clean the house, to set special times aside for prayer and worship, so that we will be ready for all of His comings! And as a teacher she also instructs us on the very meaning of the Christian vocation. The Biblical texts that we hear at Holy Mass will be filled with the great figures, such as John the Baptizer and Mary the Mother of the Lord, who are examples for each one of us as they both embody the call to say Yes to the Lord and prepare the way for all who live between the first and the final coming of Jesus.

Advent draws us into the mystery of God who acts in history but is not bound by it. We are invited to contemplate God whose promises are embedded within our time and history, shaping it and slowly bringing it to fulfilment in unexpected ways and through the least expected people.

In advent we encounter God who never ceases to surprise us. The scripture readings help us to see how God does not abandon us or our world but continues with inexhaustible patience to call us to the new life of the kingdom.

In this process, as we grow during the time of Advent our hearts are enlarged even to embrace the sufferings, personal and of the world in God's love. In such love we do not get trapped in despair and powerlessness because we know we have a savior, 'Emmanuel.' Advent connects us spiritually with God's whole plan of redemption through Jesus Christ.

So, Advent is the time of opening ourselves to the risk of hope, and the power that it gives us to see new possibilities, to be renewed, to let the life that the Holy Spirit who has breathed into us become our life. May we all have a blessed Advent!

St. Martin de Porres, Pray for us!

Fr. Lijo Kallarackal



PARISH CALENDAR

Masses are live streamed

MONDAY - NOV 30

- * 8:00 am - Mass
- * 7:00 pm - Scripture Study KH

TUESDAY - DEC 1

- * 8:00 am - Mass.
- * 9:00 am - Scripture Study KH

WEDNESDAY - DEC 2

- * 8:00 am - Mass.
- * 6:45 pm - PSR
- * 8:00 pm - Youth Group

THURSDAY, DEC 3

- * 8:00 am - Mass.

FRIDAY, DEC 4

- * 8:00 am - Mass.

SATURDAY, DEC 5

- * 4:30 pm - Mass

SUNDAY, DEC 6

- * 8:00 am - Mass
- * 10.30 am - Mass

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The St. Martins Youth Group



ALTAR OF REMEMBRANCE

Thank you to everyone who brought in photos of loved ones for our Altar of Remembrance during November. Please stop by and take your photos home with you. Thank you.



Fr. Lijo at your service

This pandemic has been difficult for us all, especially those of you not able to come or don't feel comfortable coming to church. Father Lijo would like to bring a little church to you.

He would be glad to come to your home to hear confessions and /or bring the Eucharist to you some time between now and Christmas.

Please call the office at 895-1100 ext. 2 to set a time for him to come.

*"Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping."
_Mk 13:35-36*

THE SEASON OF ADVENT
MEANS THERE IS SOMETHING
ON THE HORIZON
THE LIKES OF WHICH WE HAVE
NEVER SEEN BEFORE.
- JAN REICHARDSON



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are available in the office, or one can be mailed to you upon request. The packet includes Mass prayers and responses. The readings are available through the parish website, <https://www.stmartindeporesstl.com>, under "Readings for the Week," click on the day and you will be linked to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Website, allowing you to read and/or print them.



FIRST READING

O that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you. (Is 63:19b)



PSALM

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved. (Ps 80)



SECOND READING

God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (1 Cor 1:9)



GOSPEL

“Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning.” (Mk 13:35)

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BREAKING BREAD 2021



When we are approved to use our Breaking Bread missals again, the new liturgical year will have started and we will have our 2021 copies.

Please note that this year we have a number of Spanish Breaking Bread versions. They will be available for whoever would like to use them at the back of the church. If you use one please return it to its place at the back of church after mass.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS In the Unexpected

“What could happen next?” How many times have you asked yourself that question in the past year? Though we most often use that expression when things don’t seem to be going our way, this year it has been an expression of the constant changes to our world which the COVID-19 pandemic has wrought. But we might use the same expression to explain our feelings of being overwhelmed by blessings and good things, when the stars seem to align just right. No matter what, we can say with certainty that tomorrow will not go exactly as we envisioned. Our lives are influenced by so many factors and the world around us is increasingly complex. Rather than be surprised by the unexpected, maybe we should expect the unexpected. Living in this manner causes us to cherish more deeply the gifts we have been given. It helps us to live in the present and become mindful of those around us. Our relationships deepen. Our sense of responsibility builds. Our stewardship way of life finds new meaning and purpose. This Advent will not be the same experience as last Advent. It remains to be seen what the coming days and weeks have in store for each of us. However, no matter what happens, Jesus Christ is there to welcome us to the unexpected. He will celebrate with us in joy and he will even feel our pain. You can count on the unexpected, but you can also count on Him to be there with you. He is now and forever, Emmanuel, “God with us.” He is the expected in all things unexpected. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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St. Vincent de Paul is an amazing organization that helps many people in their greatest time of need. Donations are always appreciated at any time, but especially right now in light of what is going on. They have seen a huge increase in requests for help with rent and utility bills, etc. from those suffering the effects of this pandemic. While they appreciate their current generous contributors, it would be great if those who have not been contributing would consider giving to this most worthy cause. If you have been blessed, consider sharing your blessings with those less fortunate. Thank you for all your generosity.

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This dispensation is still in effect in light of the recent spike in COVID-19 cases.

The dispensation for public Mass attendance includes the Sunday obligation and the Holy Days of Obligation. For the foreseeable future, this includes:

- ◆ Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on Dec. 8,
- ◆ Christmas Day
- ◆ Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on Jan. 1

All mandates and directives regarding COVID-19 from the Archdiocese of St. Louis can be found at archstl.org/coronavirus
God bless.

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week.

Be watchful! Be alert! The core message of Advent cannot be more direct or simple. As those who are postured in a spirit of readiness and anticipation, we must always be attentive and vigilant. We have to be ready not only for the anticipated arrival of our Lord, but watchful and attentive to the unexpected visit as well. While we know that the Christ is coming, we also do not know the exact time. Cultivating this expectant attitude is the purpose of the season. It is easy to grow slack, inattentive, and too self-assured. We can easily deaden ourselves to the wonder and surprise of God's presence. We get so absorbed in so many other distractions that it can seem like Christ's second coming and even Christ's coming in time are of lesser importance. When it finally dawns on us that we have wandered far away from where we need to be, and lost our attentiveness and focus, we will wonder how this all happened. We may even try to put the onus on God and blame God for a lack of involvement or presence. We are the ones, who through our own choice, put the distance in our relationship and lost touch. Now it's time to come back and perk ourselves up a bit!

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do that without your support! Please consider donating a gift from our HOLIDAY WISH LIST, (from the above url) and help us fill their stockings with hope & cheer. Age range: 6-19 years with a wide variety of interests and hobbies. We have posted their wishes on our site, which include arts & crafts, clothing, games, personal care items, bedding and more! Please take a look and help us spread the word by sharing with friends and family.

Contact Becky Reichardt at (314) 261-6011 ext 123 or breichardt@saintvincenthome.org for more info, or to make your donation.



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Annually, the Wellston Center has a "Christmas Club". Families that receive assistance from the Wellston Center during the year are eligible to shop for gifts in the Christmas Club. The family size determines how much money each family may spend in the Club. All gifts are priced at about 10% of the original cost. Donors purchase new gift items from a suggested list. Gifts are then delivered unwrapped and with the price tag still on to the Wellston Center. With this year's pandemic truly altering the lives of many, the center would love your help to make this the best Christmas ever for all the families they serve. Check for new covid-19 restrictions 314-382-7158
For more detailed information go to <https://www.wellstoncenter.org/annual-christmas-club>

Does our church database have YOUR family membership record correct?

It is time for us to update our data base with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year, as well as our directory or buzz book.

- ◆ **Have you changed** your phone number? Do we have your cell phone and email address? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record?
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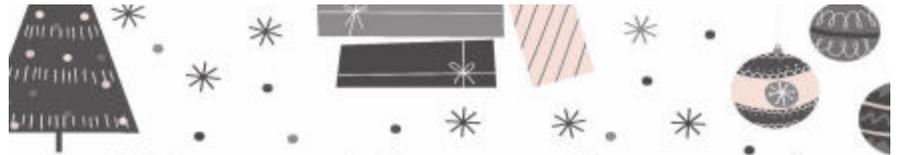
This is the time of the year many of us will get a new coat. Please think about giving your old clean coat to someone less fortunate than you are. We will be collecting clean coats for St. Augustine Wellston Center, from 1/3/21 to 1/17/21 in the back of the church. WE THANK YOU

PSR

December 2 - Regular class
December 6 - 10:30 am Mass
December 12 - Regular class

YOUTH GROUP

December 2 - 8:00 pm Youth group
December 6 - Youth group
December 12 - 5:00-9:30 pm Game Night



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GOSPEL MEDITATION

November 29, 2020 1st Sunday of Advent

Concentration and focus are key to developing a healthy spiritual life. If we do not bring our full consciousness to the task, concentrate with all our might, be watchful and vigilant, we are not going to see God's loving presence flashing before our eyes!

That's why we need Advent. We can easily get distracted and lose touch with what really matters. All of the demands of life consume us and we find ourselves constantly trying to play catch up rather than relishing the moment of the now. "Now" moments are so fleeting. Present moments go as quickly as they come but it is important to discover them and rest in them as often as we can. Though gone in a flash, these now moments of encounter with God teach powerful lessons and offer a grounding in truth that can be found nowhere else. It's the grace of Advent to become attentive because we are never sure when God will surprise us.

God loves surprises and love thrives on them! God's now moments of surprises come as tender instants of intimate connection where we can find profound peace, experience joy, and rest in love. These are Advent times reflective of the now moments when Christ first was born, when God surprises us during every time we care to watch and when the great surprise of Christ's second coming dawns upon us all. But, to discover the grandeur and experience the awe of these now times, we have to be ready. We have to believe. And, we have to have the desire to soak in as much as we can in the time we have before us.

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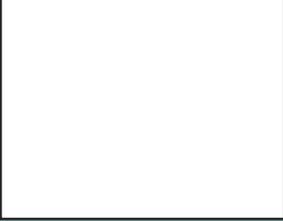
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