



DECEMBER 5, 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS TIMES

Saturday: 5:30 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am
Weekday Masses at St. Matthew:
Tuesday and Friday: 7:45 am
1st Friday: 6:30 pm

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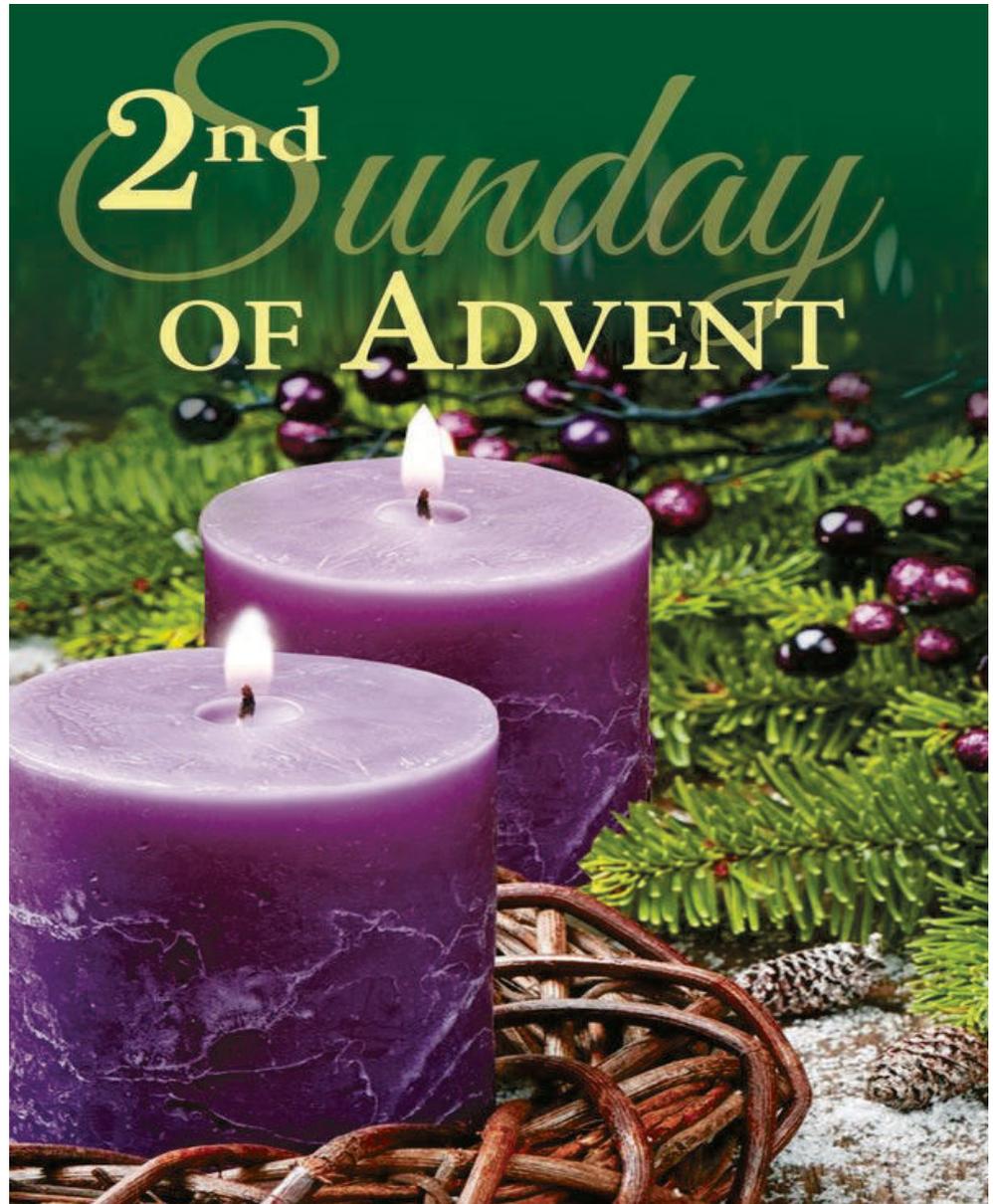
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BAPTISMS: A class for both parents is required before the baptism of a child. Call the parish office.

MARRIAGES: Registered, practicing members, call the pastor at least six months in advance to make arrangements.

RECONCILIATION: Anytime by appointment

PARISH REGISTRATION: Forms are available in the vestibule or contact the parish office.

MASS Intentions

This Week

Saturday 12/4/2021 5:30pm Angie Vallin

Sunday 12/5/2021 8:30am Henry Janasiak

Next Week

Saturday 12/11/2021 5:30pm James Telford

Sunday 12/12/2021 8:30am Sandy Vitek

ATTENTION LECTORS, USHERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS!



A schedule to sign up for December is available in the Vestibule, or you may call or email Jen in the Parish Office to be put on the schedule. Eucharistic Ministers will only be needed on weeks when Deacons do not preach. All ministers are asked to please arrive at least 20 minutes prior to Mass. Thank you.

LECTOR WORKBOOKS

The new *Workbook for Lectors 2022* is available for pickup in the Counting Office in Church, or arrangements can be made with Jen or Heather for pickup in the Parish Office. If you are a current Lector, please pick up your new copy. If you are interested in becoming a Lector, please call the Parish Office. Thank you.



FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



The Immaculate Conception OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - DECEMBER 8

Masses for the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 8th at 8:45 am and 6:30 pm at St. Matthew Parish. **There will be no Mass at St. Mary by the Lake this year.** Please gather at St. Matthew Parish as a community of faith as we remember and celebrate that Mary was chosen by God to be the mother of Jesus, and that she was free from sin from the moment of her conception.

FOOD PANTRY

The North Side Food Pantry that we support is in need of supplies. They are humbly asking us to "come thru again" with these specific items:



- Jelly/Jam
- Dry/instant potatoes
- Soup (no cream of)
- Laundry soap
- Dry pasta (shells, elbow, egg noodles)
- **Saltine Crackers**
- Spaghetti O's
- Pork & beans
- Pancake Syrup
- Pancake Mix
- **Toilet Paper**

Food may be dropped off in the blue barrel at the Parish Office on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. If you know anyone who needs food, please send them over to the Food Pantry.

Additional Food Barrel: In addition to the barrel being out on Tuesdays and Thursdays, there is now a barrel in the vestibule of church. You can now drop off food on weekends when you come to church.

HOSPITALITY AFTER MASSES



Back after a very long absence - Join us after Masses on **December 11th and 12th** for Hospitality featuring cookies and O & H doughnuts. Stop by for some good conversation and get to know your fellow parishioners.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

It is that time of year again. Remember or honor a loved one this Christmas with a poinsettia memorial. Pick up an envelope in the vestibule and place it in the collection basket or mail it back to church along with your payment of \$15. **Please return envelopes by December 19th to have names included in the Christmas bulletin.**



Remember or honor a loved one - living or deceased - or in thanksgiving for the blessings in your lives with a beautiful plant this Christmas.



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WORSHIP & FAITH FORMATION

SIGNS OF ADVENT

(continued from last week's bulletin)

The season of Advent is filled with many signs and symbols that provide the meaning and message of these days and weeks leading up to the celebration of Christ's birth on Christmas. See below for signs of Advent and be on the lookout for them.

- **Trimming the Tree:** One of the activities of Advent is trimming the Christmas tree. Whether real or artificial, the Christmas tree set up within the home serves as a sign during these weeks of anticipation that our Lord Jesus is ever-present, just as the branches of the tree are evergreen. This tree that naturally points to the sky reminds us that we in our living should always point to heaven, the dwelling place of God. Lights, garland, tinsel, bows, ornaments and a topper for the tree are all elements that bring festive joy and warm feelings to our hearts and souls.
- **Caroling:** When caroling, families, groups of friends and church members gather to sing the songs of the season together on the doorsteps of neighborhood homes and businesses in the community. Caroling brings smiles to faces of those who hear the glad sounds and encourages people to get to know Jesus and one another better.
- **Searching for Gifts:** Searching for gifts for loved ones takes place during Advent and is a ritual that can remind us of the Greatest Gift of Jesus. The gifts we give to one another connect directly to the Gift God gives us in the Christ Child, born in a manger. This connection of our gifts to the Gift of Jesus helps us in our search for presents that are unique to that person, that come from the heart and that reflect the bond that we share with each other.

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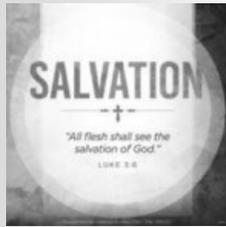
BINGO AT ST. MONICA'S



Bingo at St. Monica's, Sunday, December 5th, 1:00-2:00 pm. Sponsored by St. Mary by the Lake Parish. Vaccinated volunteers are welcome.

Donations of quarters would be appreciated. For more information, please contact Lynn Urban, 262-639-9105.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK



Sometimes, especially when life gets overwhelming and difficult, we can find ourselves feeling a bit downhearted and miserable. Wallowing in this uncomfortable

darkness seems to be our norm and it's difficult to see a way out of, or through, this experience. If we listen carefully enough, we will hear God's voice calling out deep within, beckoning us to seek out its source and discover the inner calm and peace that can prevail over the darkness of despair. Faith tells us that God has already begun the creation of a good work in us and is with us, bringing it to completion, until Christ Jesus comes again. It is this light of God's glory for which we are asked to pave the way and straighten the paths of our lives so that it can shine. With all that life can ask of us and bring to us, it is our task to constantly discern what is of value. So that we do not get so weighed down by things that we no longer see, or feel, God's salvation.

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HOW TO SHARE YOUR FAITH

Join St. Mary by the Lake and St. Matthew Parishes on December 15th at 1:00 pm or 6:00 pm for **How To Share Your Faith: Without Losing your Friends and Family**. Both sessions will take place at St. Mary by the Lake. Learn the 5 key steps to witness your Catholic Faith to others without starting an argument. There will even be time to practice this new formed skill following the brief presentation. For more information contact Heather Warner at SMBTL at 262-639-3616 or hwarnar@stmarybythelake.org.



PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, December 9th,
at 7:00pm

PARISH BOOK PROGRAM

Are you in need of a spiritual boost.... a "pick me up from the pew"? Check out St. Mary by the Lake READS our new Parish Book Program!

This Parish Book Program is designed to reconnect men, women, and families within our faith community - to help engage Catholics and reinvigorate parish life. According to research, each year only 1% of Catholics in America read a Catholic book.

Located in the vestibule of St. Mary by the Lake, is the St. Mary by the Lake READS cart, featuring complimentary copies of great Catholic books. The featured titles are carefully selected to meet people where they are and lead them to where God is calling them to be. Feel free to take a book, and then share it with a friend once you are done!

CHRISTMAS POSTCARD

Watch your mail! Postcards are going out this week with Christmas Mass times for St. Mary by the Lake and St. Matthew parishes. Additional postcards will be available in the Vestibule for parishioners to evangelize by sharing with friends and family. RSVPs will not be required for Christmas Eve and Christmas morning Masses.

ADVENT PRAYER TREE

Our Advent Prayer tree has returned! For the duration of Advent and Christmas time, the tree in the vestibule will serve as our Prayer Tree. On the paper ornaments provided, you are invited to write a short note to God saying: thank you, sorry, asking for help, sharing your worries, prayers for others, etc.

When you add your intention to the tree, pray also for the intentions of others already on the tree. These intentions will be remembered at Mass.





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