



# St. Ignatius

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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Father John Meyer, Pastor

### Weekly Meditation

*I give thanks . . . For the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus.  
(1 Corinthians 1:4)*

Welcome to Advent! Whether it's your first time entering this holy season or your ninetieth, be assured that God, your heavenly Father, is eager to bestow his grace on you.

As Paul says in today's second reading, God has *already* poured his grace on you. He has given you access to every spiritual gift as you wait for Jesus to reveal himself to you (1 Corinthians 1:7). And God wants to do even more. He wants you to have a great Advent! He wants to make this season into a time for you to grow closer to him and come to know him better.

That doesn't necessarily mean these days before Christmas will be easy. Your faith might deepen, or you might receive unexpected blessings. But you might also experience hardship or setbacks. Yet no matter what happens, God will reward whatever effort you put into your Advent preparations. That's because he wants nothing more than for you to deepen your relationship with Jesus. That's the grace God is offering you this season.

So dig in! Start by committing to spend more time in prayer this month. Use *The Word Among Us* magazine to read the Mass readings and meditations with an open heart. Participate in the life of your parish, maybe through Eucharistic Adoration or a service project. Pick up a spiritual book or do an Advent Bible study to develop your understanding of your faith.

Above everything else, be hopeful: "God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son" (1 Corinthians 1:9).

*"Father, I want to experience your blessing  
as I wait and watch and prepare this Advent."*

(Advent Edition - The Word Among Us)

#### Advent/Christmas Confessions Sunday, December 6th

Come at your convenience between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

#### SHARE YOUR CHRISTMAS 2020

Due to Covid-19, Share Your Christmas will be handled different this year. We are asking parishioners to donate monetary funds, either cash or checks, in the amount you normally spent on gifts. Checks should be made out to St. Ignatius. **Donations can be mailed to church or put in the collection basket, clearly marked "Share Your Christmas."** The goal is to provide each child with a \$35 gift card. Each family also receives a food card at Marketplace for Christmas dinner supplies. Gift cards will be mailed out the week of December 7th. *(Donations must reach us by December 6th)*

St. Ignatius has always been so generous and supportive of Share Your Christmas in years past and we are counting on and appreciate your participation again this year! Thanks so much, Barb Groth, St. Ignatius Share Your Christmas chairperson.

#### Early Bulletin Deadlines for December!

Monday, Dec. 7th—*Bulletin for Dec. 13th transmits*

Friday, Dec. 11th—*Bulletin for Dec. 20th transmits*

Thursday, Dec. 17th—*Bulletin for Dec. 27th transmits*

Tuesday, Dec. 22nd—*Bulletin for Jan. 3, 2021 transmits.*

All bulletins transmit at noon on the above dates. Please plan ahead and get your copy to the office as early as possible. Thank you for your consideration.

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 28th

5:00 p.m. Parishioners

Sunday, November 29th

8:30 a.m. † Mike Dougherty

10:30 a.m. Cancelled at present time

Monday, November 30th

No Daily Mass

Tuesday, December 1st

No Daily Mass

Wednesday, December 2nd

8:00 a.m. Celebrants Intention

Thursday, December 3rd

8:00 a.m. † Tom Taylor

Friday, December 4th

8:00 a.m. † Sr. Paula Pohlman

Saturday, December 5th

5:00 p.m. Parishioners

Sunday, December 6th

8:30 a.m. † Francis & Mary Jo Logeais

10:30 a.m. Cancelled at present time

### Ministry Schedules

Saturday, December 5th @ 5:00 pm

Celebrant: Fr. John Meyer

Altar Servers: not applicable

Eucharistic Ministers: Jeff Burkhardt

Greeters: Chad Filek

Lector: Claire Millner

Sacristan: Pat Meuwissen

Ushers: Tim Waldschmidt - Mike Zuehlke

Sunday, December 6th @ 8:30 a.m.

Celebrant: Fr. John Meyer

Altar Servers: not applicable

Eucharistic Ministers: Renee Logeais

Greeters: Jennifer Holte

Lector: Jennah Groth

Sacristan: Shelly Naaktgeboren

Ushers: Brad Holte - Zachery Millner

Sunday, December 6th @ 10:30 a.m.

Cancelled until further notice.

\*Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary\*

Tuesday, December 8th @ 7:00 p.m.

Celebrant: Msgr. Callaghan

Altar Servers: not applicable

Eucharistic Ministers: Pat Athman - Tony Eicher

Greeters: Mari Arfsten

Lector: Jessica Chapman

Sacristan: Jen Braun

Ushers: Dennis Arfsten - Cliff Zimmermann

*Know that you are accompanied in your  
journey by a loving God.*

## Community News

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### Gospel Meditation - November 29, 2020 - 1st Sunday of Advent

You are at the eye doctor and it's time for the peripheral vision test. You know the one. It's where you put your head up to a contraption and have to click a switch every time you see a squiggly line. If you don't concentrate and maintain optimal focus, you will miss them and skew the outcome of the test. You can easily find yourself with a diagnosis that really isn't accurate! Concentration and focus are key to succeeding with this evaluation. They are also key to developing a healthy, vibrant 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. Let's face it. We can easily get distracted, focus on nonessential and superficial things and lose touch with what really matters. Our attentions wander. We daydream and even become a bit overwhelmed and tired. All of the stresses and 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. They flash before us like those squiggly lines on a screen. 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 watchful and 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 I 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 want to be there. 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. ©LPi

*You ought to ask our Lord for just one thing,  
to love Him.  
All the rest should be thanksgiving  
- St. Pio*

### Energy Assistance Available/Heat and Electric Bills

During this time of uncertainty, we recognize that many people are facing economic hardship. If your household or someone you know is worried about paying the heat and electric bills, apply for Energy Assistance today. Energy Assistance is a program to help pay a portion of heat and electric bills. Homeowners may also qualify for a free heating system repair or replacement. Email: [energy@wccaweb.com](mailto:energy@wccaweb.com) to have an application mailed to you or go to our website [www.wccaweb.com](http://www.wccaweb.com) to download an application. If you questions about how to apply, please e-mail us. We are here to help. You can submit your application by email, fax, mail or you can drop it off in our Maple Lake drop box...130 Division Street W., Maple Lake, MN. 55358

# Community News & Youth Activity 3

## New for 2020! St. Ignatius Catholic CCW will host a Christ Child Luncheon Drive-Thru!

All meals are prepared by our local Cottage Gourmets.

Pre-Order your meal by phone - I-320-274-8074 or email: redrosie90@gmail.com

Each pre-ordered meal will serve a group of 3-4 and will include a frozen hot dish and a small freshly baked loaf of bread. Directions for heating included.

Choices of hot dishes are: Macaroni and Cheese, Chicken Fettuccine Alfredo or Beef Goulash.

*Please pre-order your choice of hot dish by Monday, November 30, 2020 - earlier the better—Pam will happily take your order!*

*On Friday, December 4, drive by the front doors of the church to pick up your pre-ordered meals between 2:00 and 6:00 PM. To keep traffic moving safely & quickly, drive from Oak Ave (main street), turn east to drive in front of St. Ignatius (35 E. Birch St.)*

The cost is a free-will offering—*exact change/donation required*. All proceeds go to three Pro-Life Charities: *Elevate Pregnancy and Family Resource Center - Options for Women Cornerstone - Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life*

Thank you for your support! Questions, please call Pam at 274-8074  
*Last chance! Place your order today!*

## Food Shelf Is Here to Help

The Food Shelf is currently well stocked. There is both canned and fresh food available. If you or someone you know is in need just drive into the parking lot. Someone from the Food Shelf will greet you at your car and take your request. The address is 390 Annandale Blvd. Hours are: Monday 4 – 6 p.m., Wednesday 5 – 6:45 p.m., and Friday 9 -11:30 a.m.

## Practicing Gratitude

*'Tis the season of Thanksgiving! At times when life feels heavy or difficult, and especially with the 2020 pandemic, it can be easy to let gratitude take a back seat to disappointment, anxiety, or anger. Practicing gratitude during these times is a foundational way to turn your mind around. Here are a few ways to practice gratitude in your own life.*

- Keep a gratitude journal. It may seem simplistic or even a bit cheesy, but naming the things you are grateful for and writing those things down is a powerful way to take stock of everything amazing in your life. Commit to two weeks of keeping your journal and then read back through it on your own or share it with someone you trust.
- Look at how far you've come. Spend some time thinking back over your life. Every life has bumps and detours; what's important is you kept walking forward, and now look where you are. Be grateful for those difficult moments in the past that have produced wisdom in the present.
- Slow down. One of the biggest enemies of gratefulness is busyness. When our daily lives are a string of events, and we spend our time doing without allowing time for being, we may find ourselves only being satisfied with whatever comes next instead of reveling in all we have in the present.
- Refuse to rehash. It is human nature to scroll back through the failures and mishaps, the things we missed out on, or ways we didn't measure up. It's also a surefire way to keep gratitude at bay. When you find your mind drifting toward negative thinking, counteract it by naming some wisdom you gained as a result of your perceived failure and be grateful that you had a chance to learn what not to do.
- Being able to name the things we're grateful for, slow down enough to take it all in, and living more fully in the present will go a long way to increase gratitude. *And, last but not least, thank God for all the things your grateful for in your life and all the blessings he has showered your way. We hope in the midst of the Covid turmoil you experienced a blessed and faith filled Thanksgiving!*

## Free Store in Annandale

### Annandale Area Food Shelf

*Free Store* - Hwy. #55 & Chery Ave. in "Midtown 55" Mall, across Chery Ave. from the Cenex Gas Station, (clothing & small household items).

*Annandale Area Food Shelf* - 390 Annandale Blvd., (take Hwy. #55 east to Annandale Blvd.)

**Mondays: 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. - Food Shelf**

**Mondays: 1:00 to 3:00 - Free Store**

**Tuesday: 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Free Store**

**Wednesdays: 5:00 to 6:45 p.m. - Food Shelf**

**Wednesdays: 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. - Free Store**

**Thursday: 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. - Free Store**

**Fridays: 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. - Food Shelf**

**Fridays: 9:00 a.m. to Noon - Free Store**

**Love Inc. Store, Buffalo: Thursday: 10 am to 6 pm**

**Friday & Saturday: 10 a.m. to 5 pm**

**Love INC** - St. Ignatius partners with Love Inc., a non-profit group that provides services, rides for medical appointments & job interviews, minor car & household repairs, delivery of used furniture & household items. All services are provided by area church volunteers. Love Inc. is not an emergency agency and has no cash to give out. However, resources allow some callers to be referred to other agencies in a crisis situation. **If you have a need and live in Annandale, Maple Lake or Buffalo, call the Clearinghouse at 763-682-2550.**

Volunteers are also needed to help with the Free Store, located in Buffalo - call 763-682-6820

## **BAPTISM**



### Next Baptismal Class -

**Second Tuesday of February, the 9th, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.**

All baptisms at St. Ignatius require parents attend the class before the baptism can be arranged. The session

involves discussion on the purpose, history, symbolism, and the Rite of Baptism. Insights into Christian parenting are also briefly considered at this time. Please contact the rectory office if you plan to attend the class. The Sacrament of Baptism is held during a weekend mass, contact the parish office to register for the class or to make arrangements for the baptism. (320- 274-8828 ext. 21)  
**Sign up, if this class is rescheduled we will contact you.**

*Faith doesn't make things easy,  
it makes them possible.*

## Stewardship

Projected weekly giving.....\$5,400.00  
492 parish families

*Weekend of November 14/15*

Envelopes.....\$3,074.00

Plate.....\$101.00

Auto Deposits.....\$888.45

Total.....\$4,063.45

*Due to the early transmittal of this bulletin, stewardship totals for November 21/22 were not available. We will bring you up-to-date next week.*



# PRAY FOR . . .

Mike Cavanaugh	John Anderson
Larry Oberg	Elaine Manke
Joseph Niznik	Reanna Braun
Mike Meyer	Barb Wiegand
Jerry Birgin	Valentine Smith
Lynnea Stay	Jaden Hanson
Katelyn Busch	Nick Mares
Mary Wittsack	Goldie DeGross
Roxie Weese	Ivan Flicik
Shari Danzeisen	Joyce Bartels



## Weekly Schedule

*Ladies Wednesday Bible Study, 8:30 a.m.*

*Men's Monday fellowship 6:00 p.m.*

*Ladies Monday Bible Study 6:00 p.m.*

Daily Mass - Wed, Thurs., Fri, @ 8:00 a.m.

Saturday Mass - Mass at 5:00 pm

Sunday Mass - Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Sun., Dec. 6th - Reconciliation/Confessions 5 to 7 pm. Come at your convenience.

Tues., Dec. 8th - 7:00 pm Mass - *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

### Readings for the Week of November 29, 2020

**Sunday:** Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/I Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

**Monday:** Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22

**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:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Next Sunday:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8



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

### Parish Office

Fr. John Meyer, Pastor - Msgr. Callaghan, Parochial Vicar

35 Birch Street East • Annandale, MN 55302

PO Box 126

Office hours: 8:00 - 4:00 Monday through Friday

(excluding the noon hours)

Contact the office via email [Bonnie@stignatiusmn.com](mailto:Bonnie@stignatiusmn.com)

Phone: 274-8828-Ext. 21 Fax: 274-3961

Bookkeeper 274-8828 ext. 32 - email [Tom@stignatiusmn.com](mailto:Tom@stignatiusmn.com)

Web Site: <http://www.stignatiusmn.com>

### Religious Education Office

Mail Address: P.O. Box 126

Phone: *Youth F.F. classes Office* 274-8828 - Ext. #24

E-mail: [Mary@stignatiusmn.com](mailto:Mary@stignatiusmn.com)

Hours: (Fall/Winter hours) Mon., Tues., Thurs., 9:00 a.m. to

1:00 pm Wed., 11 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Youth Ministers Office: 320-274-8828 ext. 33

E-mail: [ali@stignatiusmn.com](mailto:ali@stignatiusmn.com)

Hours: Variable

### Mass Schedule

#### Weekend Masses

Saturday Mass - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses - 8:30 a.m. (8:30 mass live streamed)

10:30 a.m. mass cancelled until further notice

Mass is live streamed <http://www.stignatiusmn.com>

#### Daily Mass

Wed., Thurs., Friday @ 8:00 a.m.

No Daily Mass on Monday or Tuesday

Care Center Mass - No masses until further notice

#### Reconciliation

4:30 pm Saturday—one-half hour prior to Saturday Mass

Advent Penance - Sunday, Dec. 6th - 5 to 7 p.m.

### Sacraments

#### Baptisms

Members should contact the parish at least two (2) months in advance of the baptism. Baptismal Classes are held the 2nd Tuesday of February, May, August, and November. Parents are required to attend this class before the baptism. Baptisms are scheduled through the parish office 274-8828 ext. 21

#### Weddings

Members should contact the pastor at least six (6) months in advance of the desired date.

### Homebound Ministry

If you or someone you know would like one of our home visitors to stop by your residence for companionship, prayer, or have communion brought to you, please call the Parish office 274-8828 to make arrangements

### Prayer Requests

To place prayer requests in the bulletin, please call the parish office - 274-8828 ext. 21

### Bulletin Deadline

Bulletin for 12/6 transmits on Tuesday 12/1 @ noon

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