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Father John Meyer, Pastor

Weekly Meditation

They acknowledge their sins. (Mark 1:5)

John the Baptist is often called the “precursor” or the “forerunner” of Christ because he prepared the way for the coming of Jesus. But why was this preparation necessary in the first place? Mark gives us a clue when he calls John’s baptism “a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins” (1:4). John knew that sin kept people far from God, so he offered them the only remedy to help them receive Jesus when he came: repentance and forgiveness.

During Advent, we too are preparing for the coming of the Messiah, and part of that preparation also involves repentance. Like the people coming to the Jordan River, we know we have sinned and need forgiveness. And just as it did for them, repentance—even for minor sins—softens our hearts and opens us to Jesus and his grace.

How does this happen? Repentance requires us to take a spiritual inventory of what needs to change in our lives—of where we have fallen short of God’s commands. We don’t have to do this alone; if we ask him, the Holy Spirit will help us search our hearts and will gently reveal our sins to us. Then, when we see where we have strayed, the Spirit helps us see how deeply we need his grace. That causes us to go to Jesus more often and cling to him more tightly. When we experience God cleansing us of our sins, we can’t help but be filled with thanksgiving for his abundant love and for his unfailing, never-ending mercy.

So make it a point to try to get to Confession before Christmas. Let repentance become a daily practice as well so that you can keep your conscience clean of all those sins that can pile up and obscure your relationship with Christ. Repentance is powerful. God will use it not only to cleanse you but to soften your heart and draw you closer to himself.

“Jesus, give me the grace to recognize my sin and repent.”

(Advent Edition - The Word Among Us)

Advent/Christmas Confessions

Sunday, December 6th This evening!
Come at your convenience between the hours
of 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, December 8th
Mass at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Masses

Christmas Eve: 3:00 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.

Christmas Day: 9:00 a.m.

Christmas Mass Reservations with the expectation of a greater participation and limited seating available, reservations will be required for all Christmas services. Reservations started December 1st, Please call the office at 320-274-8828 ext. 34 or email Tom@stignatiusmn.com to reserve your space.

Information needed:

- Name
- Phone Number
- Mass you’d like to attend
- Number of people attending

You will receive a confirmation of your reservation. Unfortunately, special seating requests will not be available, allowing us to maximize seating capacity. Make your reservation as soon as you are able to ensure you have a seat and eliminate the chance of not being able to attend the mass of your choosing. All CDC guidelines will be observed.

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, December 7th

No Daily Mass

Tuesday, December 8th - *Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

7:00 p.m. Parishioners

Wednesday, December 9th

8:00 a.m. † Michael Dougherty

Thursday, December 10th

8:00 a.m. † Frances Mosley

Friday, December 11th

8:00 a.m. † Russell & Mabel Johnson

Saturday, December 12th

5:00 p.m. Parishioners

Sunday, December 13th

8:30 a.m. † Marilynne Driste

10:30 a.m. Cancelled at present time

Ministry Schedules

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

Saturday, December 12th @ 5:00 pm

Celebrant: Msgr. Callaghan

Altar Servers: not applicable

Eucharistic Ministers: Jeff Burkhardt - Jerry Goodale

Greeters: Deb Goodale

Lector: Ione Latour

Sacristan: Ione Latour

Ushers: Chad Filek - Ron Mares

Sunday, December 13th @ 8:30 a.m.

Celebrant: Msgr. Callaghan

Altar Servers: not applicable

Eucharistic Ministers: Mari Arfsten -

Shelly Naaktgeboren

Greeters: Shelly Naaktgeboren

Lector: Jackie Steinhoff

Sacristan: Renee Logeais

Ushers: Dennis Arfsten - Mark Logeais

Sunday, December 13th @ 10:30 a.m.

Cancelled until further notice.

Community News

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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*) **TODAY!**

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.

Gospel Meditation - December 6, 2020 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

People knew over a year in advance that the Pope was coming for a visit to America and the preparations began. Security, space limitations and requirements, protocols, crowd management, itineraries, invitations, regulations, and so much more was necessary to pull this event off effectively. It's not every day that we get a visit from such a prominent dignitary. Thought, effort, meticulous attention to detail and vision all are necessary to make this thing work. After all, he can't just show up in the ordinary and normal daily routines of life and catch people unprepared! Tickets have to be purchased, buses rented, hotel rooms reserved, and travel arrangements made early because it will be impossible to see him if we wait too long!

We do this kind of preparing not only for prominent religious figures but for political dignitaries, notable sports figures, people of fame, and even actors. If an individual intrigues us, we are going to want to do all we have to do to get a "good seat" in the house. Does Jesus captivate this much of our attention? We are asked to prepare the way of the Lord and to do so not with frantic frenzy but patient enthusiasm. We do not have to stand on a street corner making profound announcements about God's coming or become overly zealous in our embrace of the Good News. Our task is quieter, more interior, captivating, and consuming. We are asked to change. We have to conduct our lives with holy devotion.

Is the cost of that ticket too much for you? Don't you want the "best seat" in the house? You don't want to miss Our Lord's arrival when he comes, do you? After all, if he comes while you are going about your daily routines without you even knowing, he may catch you off guard. Or, he may come in disguise looking like a beggar, a prisoner, migrant, refugee, or someone who is lost. Would you be ready to recognize him then? Preparing for the coming of Christ requires a change of mind, heart, and behavior. It is not adequate to simply do the things we always do. We want our lives to speak of the exciting news of Christ's coming and the joy that the Gospel brings. It has to do with our demeanor, values, priorities, choices, and how we structure daily routines. Of course, it involves sacrifice. All anticipations do! Are you excited, captivated, enthusiastic, and sitting on the edge of your seat eager to celebrate his coming among us at Christmas, and waiting for him to come again? If not, why not? ©LPi

Prayer is kind of like calling home every day.

Community News & Youth Activity 3

Thank you to the CCW co-chairs who made calls to invite our parishioners to place an order for the December 4th Christ Child Luncheon Drive-Thru. Please email Bonnie@stignatiusmn.com or call the office (274-8828 ext. 21) with any phone disconnects or other changes found during your calling. Thank you.

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Holy Spirit Academy, Monticello - Employment Opportunities

Thank you to all who supported our successful virtual Harvest Banquet 2020, if you missed the program you can still view it on our website. We invite you also to prayerfully consider two employment opportunities at the school, a recently expanded full time Executive Director position and a part time bookkeeper role. Job descriptions can be found at the school's website www.holyspiritacademy.org/employment/. Holy Spirit Academy continues to thrive and grow with community engagement!

Praying for the Virgin Mary's intercession and being devoted to her are a global phenomenon.

The notion of Mary as intercessor with Jesus begins with the miracle of the wine at the wedding in Cana, when, according to the Gospel of John, she tells him, "They have no wine," thus prompting his first miracle. It was in A.D. 431, at the Third Ecumenical Council, in Ephesus, that she was officially named Theotokos, Bearer of God. Since then no other woman has been as exalted as Mary. As a universal symbol of maternal love, as well as of suffering and sacrifice, Mary is often the touchstone of our longing for meaning, a more accessible link to the supernatural than formal church teachings. Her mantle offers both security and protection. Her reported appearances, visions experienced often by very poor children living in remote or conflict-wracked areas, have intensified her mystery and aura. And when children can't be shaken from their stories—especially if the accounts are accompanied by inexplicable "signs", her wonder grows.

Mary is everywhere: Marigolds are named for her. Hail Mary passes save football games. The image in Mexico of Our Lady of Guadalupe is one of the most reproduced female likenesses ever. Mary draws millions each year to shrines such as Fatima in Portugal, and Knock in Ireland. She inspired the creation of many great works of art and architecture (Michelangelo's "Pietà" Notre Dame Cathedral), as well as poetry, liturgy, and music. And she is the spiritual confidante of billions of people, no mater how isolated or forgotten.

Muslims as well as Christians consider her to be holy above all women, and her name "Maryam" appears more often in the Koran than "Mary" does in the Bible. In the New Testament Mary speaks only four times, beginning with the Annunciation, when, according to Luke's Gospel. The angel Gabriel appears to her and says she will bear "the Son of the Most High." Mary answers, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord." Her only extended speech, also in Luke, is the lyrical Magnificat, uttered in early pregnancy: "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed."

Indeed they have. Yet clues about her life are elusive. Scholars of Mary must take what they can from Hebrew Scriptures, first-century Mediterranean Tests, the New Testament, and archaeological digs. The Bible says she lived in Nazareth when Romans had control over the Jewish territory. The birth of Jesus is mentioned in just two Gospels, Luke and Matthew. The Gospels of Mark and John refer to Jesus' mother several times.

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).

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

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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

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.

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.

Stewardship

Projected weekly giving \$5,400.00
493 parish families

Weekend of November 21/22

Envelopes..... \$3,748.00
Plate \$94.30
Auto Deposits \$638.45
Total.....\$4,480.75

November 28/29

Envelopes..... \$5,309.00
Plate \$51.00
Auto Deposits \$1,202.50
Total.....\$6,562.50



PRAY FOR . . .

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



Weekly Schedule

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 December 6, 2020

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

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1]/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me." - Mk 1:4, 6-7a

Parish Office

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Religious Education Office

Mail Address: P.O. Box 126

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

E-mail: 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

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

Tues. Immaculate Conception Mass @ 7:00 a.m.,

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

No Daily Mass on Monday

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 12/13 transmits on Monday 12/7 @ noon

Bulletin for 12/20 transmits on Friday 12/11 @ noon

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