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Baptism

Call Parish Office to schedule preparation with Father Joe or Deacon Richard.

Marriage

Call Parish Office a minimum of six months in advance to schedule preparation with Father Joe or Deacon Richard.

Visitors

We are blessed to have you worship with us at Mass. If you would like to become a parishioner you can call the parish office or download a registration form from our website



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." - Mk 13:33

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Mass Schedule

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| Tuesday | 6:00 p.m. | SC&online |
| Wednesday | 8:30 a.m. | SC&online |
| Thursday | 8:30 a.m. | MI&online |
| Friday | 8:30 a.m. | MI&online |
| Saturday | 4:15 p.m. | SC |
| Sunday | 8:30 a.m. | SC&online |
| Sunday | 10:30 a.m. | MI |

Confession

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| Tuesday | 5:00-5:30 pm | SC |
| Saturday | 9:00-10:00 am | MI |
| Saturday | 3:30-4:00 pm | SC |
| Sunday | 7:45—8:15 am | SC |
| 1 st Friday | 4:00-5:00 pm | MI |

Fr. Joe is always open to making appointments for confession.

Adoration

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| Tuesday | 10:00 am-5:45 pm | SC |
| 1 st Friday | 4:00-5:00 pm | MI |

*cancelled due to Father's absence

Homebound Ministry

Fr. Joe visits the homebound within the parish boundaries on First Fridays.

Fr. Joe visits parishioners in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living in Grand Rapids and Hibbing on First Thursdays.

If you know of parishioners who are ill, hospitalized, or homebound, please contact the parish.

1st SUNDAY in ADVENT— November 29, 2020



December 1— December 6

Tuesday (1) - Jim Peluso †
Wednesday (2) Yvonne Sampsell †
Thursday (3) - Laurine Berardo †
Friday (4) - Souls in Purgatory

Saturday(5) - Parishioners
Sunday (6) 8:30 - Skylar Mitchell †
10:30— Mike & Rose Tok †

Saturday, December 5- 4:15 pm

Lector: Jim Sellner
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Com-
munion:
Server: Ava Gangl

Sunday, December 6 - 8:30 am

Lector: Betty Calaguire
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Com-
munion:
Server: Greg Brandner
Ushers:
Counters:

Sunday, December 6 - 10:30 am

Lector: Molly Randall
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Com-
munion:
Server: Jacob Johnson

Volunteer cleaners:
Marg Casey: Dec. 5 & 12

Bulletin articles need to be submitted by Tuesday at 10:00 am for the week the bulletin is printed. The Friday before if there is a holiday.

Know someone who could use prayers?
CALL- -St. Cecilia's Prayer Chain:
Darlene or Ted Squillace 885-1057.
Mary Immaculate Prayer Chain:
Teresa Kessler 910-9007.

Sister Dorene King from St. Scholastica Monastery has been assigned to our parishes to be a prayer advocate. She is praying for us, but if you have a special intention please call (218)723-6555.

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FROM FR. JOE

ADVENT – PREPARE FOR CHRIST'S COMING!

Today, November 29, is the First Sunday of Advent. The Church begins a new liturgical year on this day and begins preparing for the coming of Christ on Christmas Day. The word "Advent" means "Coming". We are celebrating that Christ is coming. He is on His way, and we are eagerly anticipating His arrival!

Advent can be seen as a kind of mini-Lent. Just as Lent is a preparation period for the celebration of Easter, Advent prepares us for Christ's birth. This preparation is a spiritual preparation. In order to have a healthy spirituality, we need to get rid of things in our life that are a hindrance or even harmful to our spiritual health. The Church has taught for centuries that penance is a wonderful way to get rid of what is harmful and to grow what is good in our spiritual life. Violet or purple is the color for penance in the Church. The violet vestments of the clergy and the violet candles on the Advent wreath remind us of that call to penance. Now, I am not saying we need to do as much penance at Advent as we do at Lent. Maybe we just do something simple for these 26 days of Advent, like watching less TV or cutting back on sweets. Even a small penance can help us prepare.

Prayer is another important way to prepare. I encourage you to take some time to pray this Advent. We desperately need more prayer this year! Pick up a blue book in the back of Church to help with prayer. There are also sets of Advent candles available to make your own Advent wreath at home. We even have pamphlets that show you ways to pray as a family around the wreath.

God gave us Advent to help us prepare for His Son's coming! We should take advantage to this time. May you all have a blessed Advent!



FROM THE OFFICE:

For **ADVENT:** please pick up a "blue book" Advent devotional book that was provided by St Cecelia's Social Concerns Committee.

Attn: Lectors & Servers: The new schedule for December is available at the church entrance. Please find a substitute if you are unable to serve. Thank you!!!

From Social Concerns Committee: We would like to ask everyone to take a special day and time to pray for an end to COVID 19 and for our country to get back to normal. We are asking that everyone join us as we pray a rosary and St Michael prayer in our homes each Monday at 7 p.m. Invite your friends & family to join.

Don't forget to check out the **gift nooks** at St Cecilia's and Mary Immaculate. You may find a gift for yourself or others!

The annual **Respect Life Essay Contest** sponsored by the department of Marriage, Family and Life of the Diocese of Duluth has begun. The essay contest strives to promote middle- and high-school students' ability to articulate the arguments for respecting life. This year's theme is "Live the Gospel of Life." Students in middle school, grades 5-8, and high-school, grades 9-12, are eligible. All submissions should be post-marked by Dec. 18th. Prize amounts are higher this year since COVID has messed up almost everything else (1st prize is \$150, 2nd is \$75, and 3rd is \$50). You may also see the **guidelines** and **poster** found under "Links" at <https://www.dioceseduluth.org/marriage-and-family-life>, or contact betsy kneepkens at (218) 724-9111 or betsy.kneepkens@duluthcatholic.org.



THANK YOU to everyone who has continued to contribute to our parishes. Most of our expenses continue during this difficult time. It is a GREAT time to sign up for giving online. See our website for details. (www.scmicatholic.com)

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]/1 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

From Mari Jo Anderson: Director Religious Education and Youth Ministry:

Be still and know that I am God. I think sometimes it can be very easy to desire control. Not necessarily control in a sense of controlling another person. Although that can be challenging for some too, but I am talking about the type that we may not always recognize. I am talking about the will to let go and let others in, to see things in another way, and to always be kind.

Sometimes it can be hard to accept change or an unexpected outcome. We can become very routine in the sense that we forget to be inviting. Or that we may forget not everyone has the same way of doing things. There are more times than not, several ways to do something. Now I am not saying that all types of "control" are bad either. We often need leaders, and people willing to take control of situations.

Guidance is beautiful if used in a kind and loving way, but may we remember to be still and know **we are not** God. So often we can be challenged to let go of control. What will you choose to do? Sometimes we just need to give ourselves a minute to step back. Think it over, is it worth being upset? Could we react in a kind way? It is so easy to know what we expect, and then find out quickly that is not always the case. We might not always see immediate results either, but we must have Faith and trust in Him.

Sometimes we need to take a breath, let go, and let God.

Psalm 46 vs. 11 "Be still and know that I am God!"

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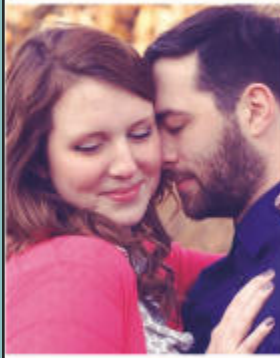


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