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## MASSES:

Sundays 7:30, 9:00, 10:30, 12:00 Noon  
Saturdays 7:00AM, 8AM 5:30 PM  
Monday 7:00AM, 8AM - 7:00 PM  
Tuesday-Friday 7:00AM, 8AM

## CONFESSIONS:

Monday 7:30 PM  
Saturday 1:00 PM until all are heard

## MARRIAGES:

Should be arranged one year in advance, or at engagement, whichever comes first.

## THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

May be received by anyone who is ill. Don't delay the sacrament until the person is dying. The strengthening and healing is important to experience when a person can encounter the Lord with conscious faith, and often with the support of family around the bedside. Far from being "scared" by the visit of the priest, the sick person is usually greatly consoled and grateful for your thoughtfulness in calling us. Please don't take it for granted that we know about people who are ill.

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DAILY MASS IS ON LINE

**SCOUTING FOR FOOD DRIVE IS A RECORD SUCCESS**

Boy Scout Troop 23 and Cub Scout Pack 23 have been participating in the nationwide Scouting for Food drive in a big way since the program first began in 1988. This year's drive was our biggest success ever! Over 5,300 pounds of food (a 33% increase over last year) was collected and distributed to four different local food pantries. With so many of our neighbors out of work or underemployed due to the pandemic, this food will help a lot of people. Thank you to everyone who contributed food items, frozen turkeys or cash (which will be converted to grocery gift cards). Your generosity is most appreciated!

**QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK -**

**First Reading:**

We hear today the prophet Isaiah's internal spiritual struggle as he questions God's ways and decries our human tendency to sin. What spiritual struggles do you need to confront as we enter into the season of Advent?

**Second Reading:**

In his opening words to the Corinthian Christians, Paul reminds the faithful of God's fidelity to those who believe in his Son. He then cites examples of the blessings they have received since coming to the faith. What are some blessings you have received in your faith journey?

**Gospel:**

Jesus instructs his disciples to be vigilant for the end times. How can you make this spiritual discipline a focus of your Advent season this year?

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.

**COLLECTION**

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## 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.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization for Catholic men. All men of the parish are invited to join. For information please contact : Council 253 at (908)355-2253 or Chris at (908)351-4444.

## STOCK UP NOW ON FIREWOOD

Do you need firewood for your backyard chiminea, fireplace or wood-burning stove? You can get well-seasoned split hardwood logs right here at St. Gen’s for half of what you pay in the supermarket. You will be supporting the camping program of Boy Scout Troop 23, including a campership fund that helps send financially-challenged Scouts to summer camp. Help yourself from Webby’s Wood Shed, located behind the Rectory near the garages that face Livingston Road. Follow the directions on the envelopes provided to make a donation. Thank you for your support!

## BOYSCOUTS TO SELL WREATHS & GRAVE BLANKETS

The Boy Scouts of St. Genevieve’s Troop 23 are again selling Christmas wreaths & grave blankets. The holiday items will be on sale on the St. Genevieve’s School playground after all Sunday Masses from Nov. 22 until Dec. 13. The products are of a good quality and are sold at a reasonable price. The Scouts will be observing all appropriate Covid safety protocols. In addition, they will be providing a self-serve contactless option 7 days per week. Please support the activities of our award-winning Scout troop, which teaches character, citizenship and physical fitness to the boys of our area.

## SPECIAL DONATION FOR HOSTS

*IN LOVING MEMORY OF : JOSEPH REILLY*

*FROM: JACKIE KELLEHER*

## WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: When we say the Penitential Act at Mass, why do we strike our chest three times?

Answer:

Our rituals and liturgical celebrations are filled with a variety of symbols, some of which also relate to our gestures and physical postures (e.g. kneeling, sitting, processing, making the Sign of the Cross). The custom of striking our breast three times during the “I Confess” of the Penitential Act of the Mass is one of those gestures that is loaded with symbolism. The tradition of Christian’s striking the breast (above the heart) is rooted in the image of Sacred Scripture, especially texts like Psalm 51 which speak of a “humbled contrite heart” or how God heals broken hearts, binding up our wounds (see Psalm 147:3). Early Christian writers like Saint Augustine of Hippo and Saint Jerome also refer to this custom in their writings.

Ultimately, this practice is an expression of our sorrow for those times when we have been guilty of faults and a sign that we are willing to take responsibility for our sins and failings. That we all perform this gesture together is also an act of solidarity, recognizing that none of us, regardless of where we are on our journey of faith, is without fault and the need for grace and forgiveness.

**SPECIAL DONATION**

If you wish to make a special donation for the following items please fill out form and return to the Rectory.

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**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 this 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!

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS WORLD PEACE AND AN END TO TERRORISM**

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2020**

5:30pm Joanne Arena req. Pasquale Arena

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2020**

7:30 Sarah Hahn req. Martina & Fred Hahn

9:00 Carmela Tamburello 6th Anniv. req. Daughter Joanna & Husband Giacomo

10:30 Anna Schleck req. Family

12:00 Maria Idalina Marques req. Mary Maruschak Rosemarie Lemos req. Granier Family

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2020**

7:00 Anne Russell req. Sue Tomasso

8:00 Melanie Linda Farrell req. Eloise & Rob Corbo

7pm Billy Adams req. Parenti Family

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2020**

7:00 Marie & Floyd, Jerry, Dr. Jack & Pick Donahue, Dr. Bob & Jane Messier

8:00 Rosolino and Justina Traina req. Bob & Lynda Braun

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2020**

7:00 Souls in Purgatory req. Homem Family

8:00 Hilda Alfonso req Family

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2020**

7:00 Purkis/Gill Families req. Mary Ellen Purkis

8:00 Rosilino Di Santo 1st Anniv. req. Sue Tomasso

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2020**

7:00 Margaret & Edward Kelly req. Audrey & Carmine Cicalese

8:00 Thomas Glackin, Sr. req. Family

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2020**

7:00 People of the Parish

8:00 Tony Paul req. Family

5:30pm Ignacio Alfonso req. Family

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2020**

7:30 Betty Ann O'Brien req. Grey & Eileen Mulroy

9:00 Julian & Maria Dorta req. Danielle Dorta

10:30 Marie Deegan req. Deegan-Pender Family

12:00 Aurora & Paulino Sainz req. Family Mercedes Abella req. Abella Family

*Pray For...*

*Our prayers are with you as you recover ~*

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Their caregivers and all others in need of our prayers.



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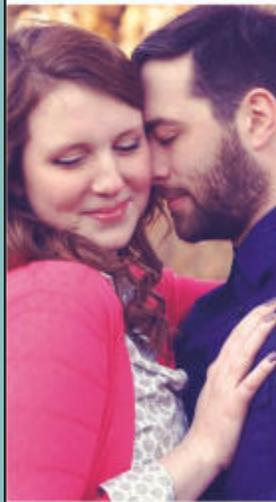
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