

# DIVINE WORD

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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***First Sunday of Advent  
November 29th, 2020***

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#### **MASS SCHEDULE:**

Monday through Friday: 8:30 AM

Saturday Evening Vigil: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Rosary: Monday through Friday: 8:00 AM

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday from 3:30–4:15 PM or anytime by appointment.

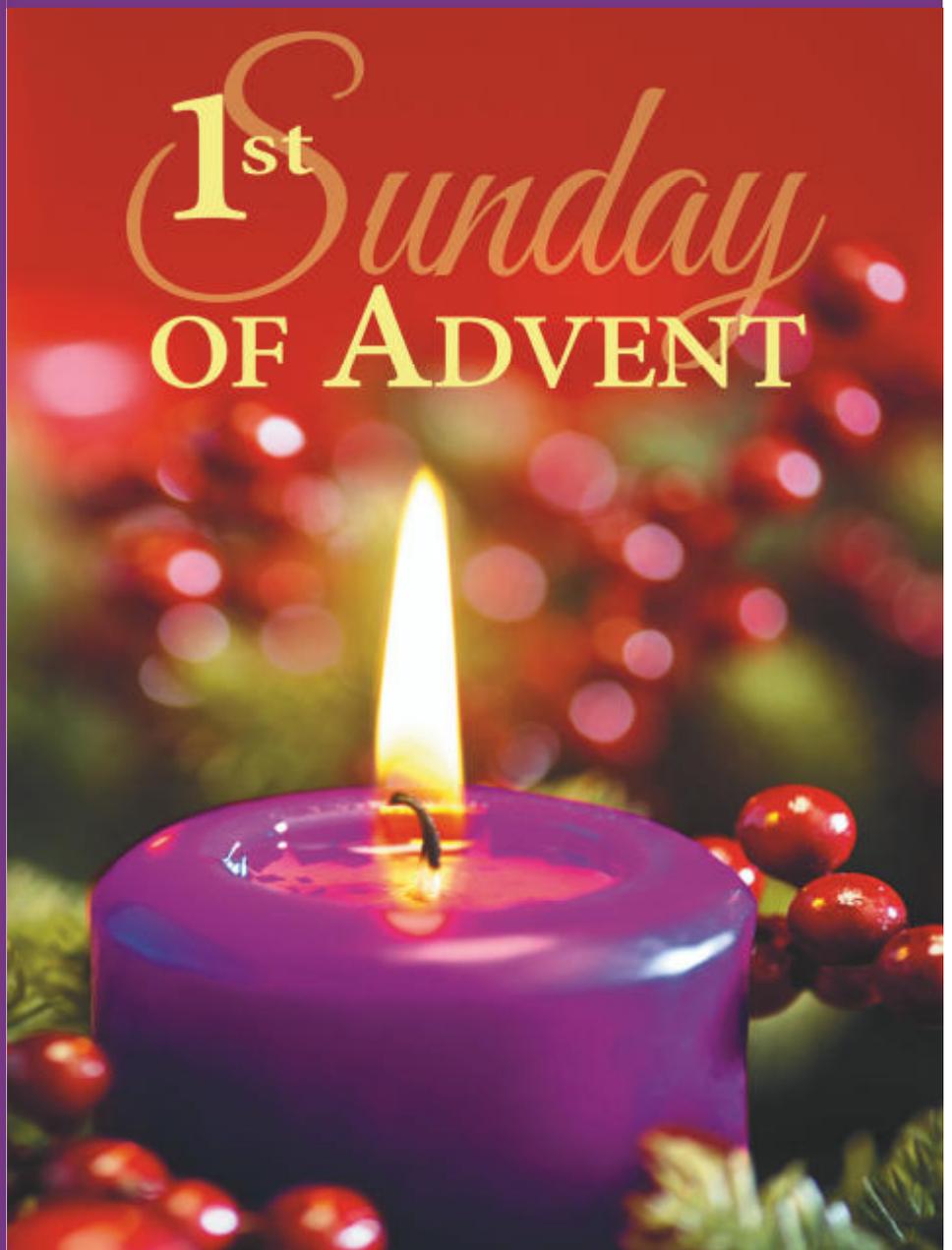
**BAPTISM:** Arrangements are to be made in advance. Parent Baptismal Class and Sponsor's Certificate are required. Please call the Parish Office to register.

**MARRIAGE:** Arrangements must be made at least 6 months before the wedding. Please contact the Parish Office before you set your date or reserve your hall.

#### **OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday–Friday 9:00 AM–5:00 PM

Closed Saturday & Sunday



## Mass Intentions & Readings for the Week

## Anniversary

<b>MONDAY</b> <b>NOV 30</b>	St. Andrew, Apostle (ROM 10: 9-18; MT 4: 18-22) 8:30 AM + Anton Zupancic	Nicholas Correnti, Anna Francis, Marguerite Paulin
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>DEC 1</b>	Advent Weekday (IS 11: 1-10; LK 10: 21-24) 8:30 AM + Domenico Grande	Margaret Yatsko
<b>WED.</b> <b>DEC 2</b>	Advent Weekday (IS 25: 6-10; MT 15: 29-37) 8:30 AM + John & Margaret Walsh	August Bruno, Jr., Mary Krauss
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>DEC 3</b>	St. Francis Xavier, Priest (IS 26: 1-6; MT 7: 21, 24-27) 8:30 AM + Matt & Maria Zimmerman (IS 29: 17-24; MT 9: 27-31)	Dan Kellner, Dolores La Mantia, Margaret Smith
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>DEC 4</b>	Advent Weekday, St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church 8:30 AM + Robert Scholz	Louis Gammel, John Miller, Sr., John Sullivan, Grace Tully, Christina Zack
<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>DEC 5</b>	Advent Weekday (IS 30: 19-21, 23-26; MT 9: 35—10: 1, 5, 6-8) 4:30 PM + Bill & Ceil Griffith and Adam & Cassie Kruszynski	Stephen LaManna
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>DEC 6</b>	Second Sunday of Advent (IS 40: 1-5, 9-11; 2 PT 3: 8-14; MK 1: 1-8) 8:30 AM + Living & Deceased Members of HNS 11:00 AM + Michael Sussen	Regina Gloekler, Ceil Griffith, Joseph Tomsic

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### SUNDAY, NOV 29

8:00 AM- 1:30 PM Red Cross Blood Drive/HH  
8:30 AM Mass-Livestreamed  
11:00 AM Mass  
12:00 PM HS Youth Group/HH

### MONDAY, NOV 30

8:00 AM Rosary followed by 8:30 AM Mass  
9:00 AM to 9:00 PM Adoration  
1:30 PM Divine Mercy Cenacle via Zoom  
6:00 PM Bereavement Ministry/HH  
7:00 PM SVdP Meeting/HH

### TUESDAY, DEC 1

8:00 AM Rosary followed by 8:30 AM Mass

### WEDNESDAY, DEC 2

8:00 AM Avilas followed by 8:30 AM Mass  
6:30 PM Advent Scripture Study/HH  
7:00 PM Book Club via Zoom

### THURSDAY, DEC 3

8:00 AM Rosary followed by 8:30 AM Mass

### FRIDAY, DEC 4

8:00 AM Rosary followed by 8:30 AM Mass

### SATURDAY, DEC 5

2:00 PM Wedding: Ben Davies & Emily Christopher  
4:30 PM Mass

### SUNDAY, DEC 6

8:30 AM Mass-Livestreamed  
11:00 AM Mass  
12:00 PM HS Youth Group/HH

# Q A

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

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.



*This week's message from Fr. Dave....*

Advent is upon us. For the Church this is the beginning of a new liturgical year. This past year has been quite the experience. I am hoping the message of Advent that prepares us for Christmas will bring great hope to many. The

darkness of COVID and all that is happening in our world brings the good news of the gospel to the forefront.

Jesus gets to the point as we hear from the gospel, "Be watchful, Be alert." I guess more than ever we have been in a hyper state of vigilance the last nine months. COVID, the election, and so many other events that have caused us to take a concerted focus and avoid that which can harm us, but at the same time embrace the power of Jesus' message. What makes these words and commands powerful is that Jesus uses them again before he is to experience his passion, death, and resurrection – "Be watchful, be alert."

It only makes sense you can never lose sight of the compelling events that end his earthly life even as we prepare for his birth. We can take all the events this past year that have grabbed our attention and ask ourselves, "Why am I so focused on this?" Can you imagine allowing the event of Christ birth grab our attention and have a greater impact on our lives? Jesus can give to us the ability to deal with anything in this life, if we are vigilant about his birth, his life, his death, and his resurrection.

I cannot help but add that we have probably felt greater uncertainty more than ever in the past few months. We do not have control of this situation and we try to do our best to persevere. Advent speaks of the uncertainty of many who were awaiting the arrival of God breaking through to humanity. Our world in the past year has not been business as usual. With the anticipation of Christmas, we must acknowledge that Jesus has turned the world upside down and inside out. He radically changed the lives of so many. His impact is experienced even two thousand years later.

Our vigilance is a mindset that something or someone greater than I am is coming. We must be watchful and on alert! When Jesus enters the world, the world will never be the same. When Jesus enters the human heart, he changes our lives. This message is so powerful to us that we reiterate it over and over that Jesus will come again. We know the effects of Jesus breaking into the world and can you imagine what it will be like when he does come again!

There have been many reminders of how brief our stay can be here on earth. The hypervigilance that is talked about in today's gospel certainly rings true in the natural process of aging and life. I think this Advent

more than any other, I have experienced the need to stay focused. We will light a flickering candle today. This will be the first on the Advent wreath. The light will remind us that God has poured his life into a world in need of much light. This simple candle accompanied by a simple ritual gives us hope that the little flicker of a child born among us will change this world. Can we rest our hopes on that sentiment?

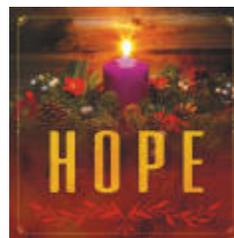
On Wednesday, December 2nd, we will have our Four Season's Book Club. We are to read Philip Yancy's book, "Where is God When It Hurts?" We will have our meeting at 7PM on Zoom. Call the parish office for more information. Hope to see you there.

Several people have asked about confessions as we approach the season of Advent and Christmas. We are available every Saturday afternoon from 3:30PM-4:15PM (before 4:30PM Mass). I will be available on Monday, December 14th from 7PM-9PM in the church. We will be seated six feet apart and masks are required. We will be hearing confession on Monday, December 21st from 7PM-9PM; Tuesday, December 22nd from 9AM-10AM and 7PM-9PM; Wednesday, December 23rd from 9AM-10AM and 7PM-9PM. If you cannot make these times, please call the parish office to schedule an appointment.

Our Christmas Mass schedule will be Thursday, December 24th at 3PM in the Church and Hanson Hall; 5PM in the Church and Hanson Hall, and 7PM in the Church. Friday, December 25th at 8:30AM in the Church and Hanson Hall and 11AM in the Church. We have extra Masses to accommodate any overflow. We will be sanitizing the church and Hanson Hall after every Mass.

Our next Adult Education opportunity will begin Tuesday, January 5th at 7PM on Zoom. The book we will be using is entitled, "Rescued: The Unexpected and Extraordinary News of The Gospel." The author is Fr. John Riccardo, a priest from the Archdiocese of Detroit. The book is a clear and concise read. Please call Debbie Lokar if you will be joining us for these classes or if you need us to order the book. We will be meeting every Tuesday night until February 23rd.

I hope the season of Advent brings a freshness to your faith and spirit. Keep focused on what is important. Stay vigilant for the coming of Christ. Have a faith-filled week.



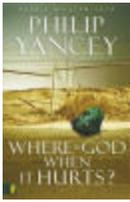
*Fr. Dave*

## Growing through Grief - Bereavement Support Series

After the loss of a significant person in our lives, we experience a wide variety of feelings and emotions. We are here to help you work through the stages of grief and find ways to continue on. Please join us on Monday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00PM **thru December 14th** in Hanson Hall. Feel free to join us even if you've missed the first few sessions. If you have any questions please call Debbie Lokar at the parish office.

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## Four Seasons Book Club



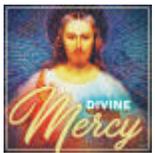
It's time to cozy up to a new book. The selection for next session is *Where Is God When It Hurts* by Philip Yancey. We will discuss the book on **Wednesday, December 2nd** at 7PM. Please contact Debbie Lokar at the parish office if you wish to participate and she will send you the Zoom link.

## Got Video Camera Talent?

We are seeking additional volunteers to occasionally serve as a camera operator for Sunday Masses, weddings, baptisms, and other special events. If you have experience with videotaping (you don't have to be a professional), we'd love to have you join us for a training session. Contact Deacon John to volunteer at [jgrazia@divinewordkirtland.org](mailto:jgrazia@divinewordkirtland.org).



## Divine Mercy Cenacle



The group will be meeting again on **Monday, November 30th** at 1:30 PM via Zoom at the following address:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83025899884>. We will be reviewing

week 28. All are welcome.

## **2020 Confession & Christmas Mass Schedule**



### Confession Times

Saturdays 3:30PM to 4:15PM

Monday, December 14th 7:00PM to 9:00PM

Monday, December 21st 7:00PM to 9:00PM

Tuesday, December 22nd 9:00AM to 10:00AM and 7:00PM to 9:00PM

Wednesday, December 23rd 9:00AM to 10:00AM and 7:00PM to 9:00PM

Or by Appointment

### Christmas Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 24th, Christmas Eve 3:00PM (Church and Hanson Hall),

5:00PM (Church and Hanson Hall) and 7:00PM

Friday, December 25th, Christmas Day 8:30AM (Church, Hanson Hall, and livestreamed) and 11:00AM

## Humor from the Caddyshack



A man was arrested two weeks before Christmas and was brought into court. The judge asked him what he was charged with. "I was just doing my Christmas shopping," he answered. The judge replied, "That's not a crime. How early were you shopping?" "Before the store opened," he replied.

*Father Jim*

## "Taylor-Made" News



I am praying that everyone had blessed Thanksgivings with their families and friends in whatever capacity you were able to this year. Please know how grateful I am to be a part of this parish and have the opportunity to share who Jesus is with all of your children. God is at work here in this place & I cannot wait to keep watching his plan unfold as the months go by. Also don't forget to join me this **Wednesday, December 2nd** to dive deeper into scripture from 6:30-7:30PM in Hanson Hall.

*Taylor*

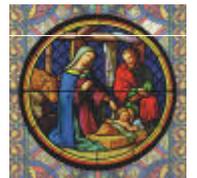
## So Much to be Thankful For!

Through the collaboration of the Divine Word Society of St. Vincent de Paul, The Kirtland Area Service Council and the Kirtland Police Department, forty-seven (47) Thanksgiving Food Baskets were distributed to Kirtland families in need. Thank you to all who provided food and monetary donations. A special thank you to the folks that helped with setup, teardown, purchasing produce, sorting and packaging of food, and delivery of the baskets. Everyone should be proud of a job well done. God is good!

*-Marilyn Raishart*

## Save the Date

The Divine Word Choir will be presenting a virtual Christmas Concert on **Tuesday, December 29th** at 7:00PM. Please plan to join us!



## Holiday Helps for the Divorced & Separated



The holiday season can be full of stress, mixed emotions, and challenges, especially for those who are separated or divorced. Join us for our Holiday Helps Program, presented on **December 1st** and **January 5th** via Zoom.

Our December 1st session will focus on the upcoming holidays. While they can be joyful, they can also be difficult as a result of separation and divorce, not to mention the realities of a pandemic. Join us for a discussion on how to reset expectations and embrace new traditions. Following up on January 5th, we will explore ways to start afresh with a positive growth mindset and tips on how to achieve more happiness in 2021. Registration is required. Please contact Karen Jubeck at 440-352-8282 or email [KJubeck@st-gabriel.org](mailto:KJubeck@st-gabriel.org) for more information or to register. You will be contacted via email with an invite to join the meeting.

## Year-End Giving

In this season of giving, consider making a year-end gift to our parish in gratitude for all the blessings you have received in life. As you plan to make the most of your charitable donations in 2020, know that we gratefully accept gifts of cash and appreciated assets such as stocks or bonds. ***Even if you don't itemize your taxes, because of the new stimulus package passed by Congress, qualified charitable donations up to \$300 for individuals may be tax-deductible.*** The CARES Act legislation also temporarily suspended the limitation on qualified charitable contributions of cash, allowing for a current year deduction up to 100% of AGI. This provision is in effect only for the 2020 tax year. And, if you are 70 ½ or older, you may be able to make a gift of a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA that will help us in our ministry and reduce your taxable income. Talk to your advisors and IRA administrator for more information and to be sure that your IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution gift is made directly from an IRA to a qualified charity such as our parish.

Questions? Contact Shari in our parish office via email at [sallwood@divinewordkirtland.org](mailto:sallwood@divinewordkirtland.org). You are also welcome to contact Mary Lou Ozimek of the Catholic Community Foundation at 216-696-6525 x4070 or [mozimek@catholiccommunity.org](mailto:mozimek@catholiccommunity.org).

## Parish Christmas Project

This year you and your family are invited to stop in the church, starting on **Wednesday, December 2nd**, to sign up for someone to buy a gift for. You will simply choose a parent or child, sign your name, phone number, and email address next to the person you chose and grab the envelope holding everything you need to participate. You will then purchase the gifts, wrap them, tag them, and return them by **Friday, December 18th**. If you cannot go out and buy gifts, we will have a collection bin to raise money for the Illuminate Youth Group, who will be making blankets for people in need.

These are the physical ways we can spread the true meaning of Christmas, but there are so many other small ways we can spread His Joy this year. Go out of your way for someone you typically wouldn't this year. Maybe send an old friend a card in the mail, deliver cookies to someone you know had a rough 2020, spend more time thanking God for the good things that happened to you this year, or even pay for the person behind you in the drive through line. Let's come together as one church and make it a memorable one.

If you have any questions regarding the Divine Word Christmas Project please contact Taylor Long at [tlong@divinewordkirtland.org](mailto:tlong@divinewordkirtland.org) or 440-256-1412.

## Wedding Banns



III Ben Davies & Emily Christopher

## Prayer Chain Ministry

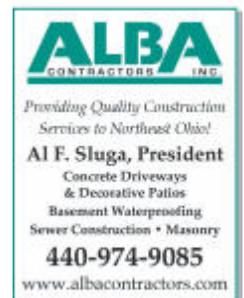


Anyone needing a prayer request can reach out to [prayerchain@divinewordkirtland.org](mailto:prayerchain@divinewordkirtland.org) or call Gina Rensi at 440-256-1412.

## Featured Sponsor This Week

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Our Featured Sponsor this week is:



## Stewardship Report

### Weekend of November 21-22, 2020

(Based on holiday bulletin publishing deadlines, collection numbers below are for the weekend of November 14-15)

Weekly Collection (164 envelopes): \$9,635

Weekly Collection Goal: \$10,800

Weekly Collection net surplus/deficit: (-) \$1,165

YTD Collection: \$223,519

YTD Goal: \$202,000

YTD Collection surplus/deficit: (+) \$21,519

### People Get Ready!



In 1965, the music group the Impressions recorded the song "People Get Ready." Here's the chorus:

*So, people get ready, there's a train a-comin' / You don't need no baggage, you just get on board / All you need is faith to hear the diesels hummin' / Don't need no ticket, you just thank the Lord.*

I've had the pleasure of knowing a number of pastors of various faiths throughout my lifetime. Aside from one, I've not met any who love to ask for money. A pastor's heart tends toward feeding and caring for the flock, and soliciting funds isn't a natural act for them. (Perhaps that's why many churches have business managers?)

The one minister I knew who loved asking for money was a Unitarian minister who used to write columns for the addiction-recovery program I worked for. He inspired recovery meeting facilitators to feel confident when passing the hat. In essence, he suggested that donating was an important way for those benefiting from the program to participate financially in the program. As Minister Farley would suggest, the same is true for church. We receive our spiritual food, forge lasting friendships, inspire and support one another. We're baptized and married and buried by the church. It's a huge part of our lives, and it makes sense to support it with our talents and our financial resources.

I know that Fr. Dave and other pastors have expressed concern about what Christmas collections will look like this year -- particularly with fewer people in the pews. (I'm submitting this column on Wednesday, prior to the Governor's announcement and any resultant input from the Diocese as to possible future COVID-resurgence impact on Masses.) With all that in mind, I thought I'd give you a head's up that with Christmas soon arriving - you need to **get ready** to be asked to give. We're going to be asking. And we'll be grateful to have you continue to give joyfully and to give generously. *Don't need no ticket, you just thank the Lord!*

*Shari*

### Church Sanitizing Teams

Sunday following 8:30 AM Mass

Nov 29th	Team Gilchrist/Cerankosky/Cicirelli
Dec 6th	Team Holy Name Society

## Remember Our Sick & Suffering!



Pat Aquila, Maria Babic, Samantha Bagdasarian, Mary Barresi, Charlie Bartzen, Cecilia Bertha, Jeff Bonfanti, Premo Bonfanti, Cristan Smudz-Bregar, John Brown, Mike Camino, Rachelle Marie Carlson, Claire Casey, Michael Cholak, Courtney Clair, Daniel Clair, Izzy Corbin, Susan Daly, Nicole Dixon, Rose Dixon, Vera Draksic, James Drown, Cindy Evans, Jackie Fatica, Joe Fontana, Christopher Gilbey, Vickie Gilbey, Alice Gilmore, Magdalene Giorgi, Rosemary Giorgi, Lou Godfrey, Toni Grabowski, Vince Granito, Judith Gruber, Ida Guest, Richard Guest, Vicki Gullo, Mary Lou Hanslik, George Harchick, Rose Harchick, Kolbe Hepker, Lynn Hogye, Michelle Holbury, Gabrielle Holicky, Bill Horton, Donna Horton, Nancy Hummer, Elizabeth Hunter, Allan Jenisek, Mike Keresman, Kelly Konya, Audrey Kramer, Kallie Kramp, Lynne Kravos, Darlene Kuhar, Ralph Kutcher, Fred Lazar, Emily Levi, Cathy Lombardo, Nicholas Lombardo, Joshua MacDonald Jr., Marie Mauer, Phyllis McNally, Neil McReynolds, Dave Mekker, Ronald Minadeo, Katy Nicolli, Gwen Novak, Regis Novitski, Ed Nye, Mollie Obersear, Lynn Odell, Natalia Rose Ortega, Marty Parent, Father Fred Pausche, Michael Popovich, Erin Potter, Kevin Powers, Dominc Puinno, Breda Radej, Christian Rassi, Sharon Regovich, Judy Rigo, Kris Ruhe, Steve Sabol, Camille Salerno, Jennifer Sanderson, Elaine Sargi, Rosemary Schaller, Marie Siggins, Marie Smith, Barb Stuart, Peter Sussen, Judy Sustar, Gene Trela, Andrea Trivisonno, Ken Udovic, Deacon Carl Varga, Donald Victor, Jay Vukcevic, Angela Wandle, Bernadette Wasserman, Tammy Webb, Dale White, Michael White, Michael Wojnar, Father Dave Woost, Marilyn Young

**Please take a moment to lift these individuals up in prayer this week. Please notify the parish office when a name can be removed from the list. Thank You.**



# ADVENT



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## MINISTRY SCHEDULE December 5th and 6th, 2020

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Sunday 8:30 AM	HNS Members	J. Robejsek
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