



Church
of the

Holy Spirit

3700 Harvey Lake Rd, Highland MI 48356

November 28th, 2021 - First Sunday of Advent

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Advent marks the beginning of the new church year. It was not on the church calendar until after Christmas was established at the end of the 4th century. Until then, Easter was the major Christian festival. The resurrection of Jesus was celebrated each week on Sunday, the day of the Resurrection. In time, Lent became a preparatory season for the annual celebration of the sacred three days (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday), just as Advent was preparatory to Christmas. The 40 days of Advent is specifically mentioned at the Council of Tours (567). By the beginning of the 7th century, it was shortened to 4 weeks.

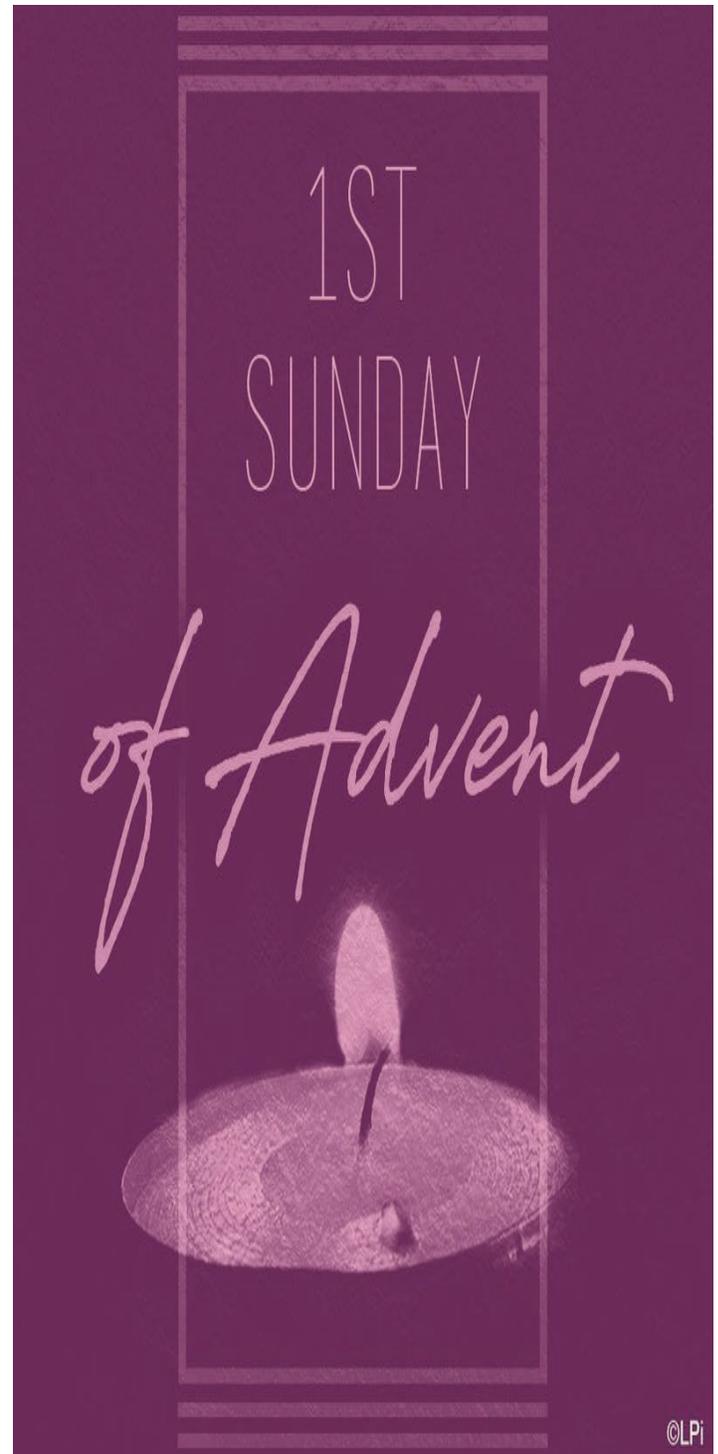
The Advent wreath is a much later development. Its origins date to the 16th century. The Advent wreath as we know it was made by a German pastor in 1839. Using an old wooden cartwheel, he put candles on it as an aid to teach excited children how much time they had to wait until the arrival of Christmas.

Now used widely by families, churches and other communities, the custom of the Advent Wreath did not reach our shores until the 1930's. The candles remind us that Jesus Christ is the Light of the world. The circle of the wreath itself symbolizes the eternity of God and the Father's presence throughout human history. Evergreen branches are reminders of the eternal life of God in Christ.

Traditionally, the wreath includes three purple candles, reminding us of John the Baptizer's call to conversion and prayer, and a rose or pink candle, symbolizing the Third Sunday of Advent's call to "Rejoice in the Lord always!"

On the first Sunday of Advent, our eyes are drawn to the flame of a single candle. Against the backdrop of the pandemic, world events, and even of our own lives, its

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light seems small and insignificant. Now that the pace of life has picked up, and at this time of the year, we are once again becoming physically and mentally exhausted. It's natural to be skeptical about a tiny flickering flame and the illumination it can offer.

As we enter the holy season of Advent, the church encourages us to have hope in the promises of God that so easily flicker in and out of our consciousness.

To have hope means that we must wait. Advent is about waiting. The wreath serves as a reminder. Think about it. Somewhere in the closet or in the basement, perhaps setting high on a shelf or hidden behind assorted other things, the wreath sits to be rediscovered. Be it made of wood or metal, large or small, for 11 months of the year the wreath remains where it is: Waiting. It waits to be adorned with greenery, candles, decorative ribbons, and to be brought once again to a prominent place in our home and in our lives.

Even the Advent wreath spends most of its time waiting.

Consider the wreath here at church. The candles are lit and burn for about six hours each weekend. On the days in between, a few more hours. Consider, then, the fourth candle. Unlit, its main purpose is to stand tall proclaiming "not yet." This candle is a counterbalance to "soon," as proclaimed by its shorter counterparts. When it is time to be what it was made to be, to do what it is asked to do, this candle easily and capably springs into action. Reminding us that our whole lives are a combination of rest, readiness, and activity, all in the name of the Lord. Our lives, then, are a combination of "soon" and "not yet" as we wait for the Lord who has already come, risen from the dead, and has promised to come again. May Advent, a time of hope-filled waiting also be for you a time of great blessing.

Take Care. Be Well,
Fr. Wayne

Family Nativity "show and tell" and raffle

Does your family have a special Nativity set on display during the Christmas season? Perhaps it was purchased on a special trip, or handed down from a favorite relative. Is it something your children made in elementary school, or you purchased at a craft show? We'd like to see it! Tables will be set in the Gathering area **the weekend of December 4/5** to display your family Nativity set. Let us celebrate the history and diversity of our individual cherished sacramental decorations. In addition, we will offer \$2 raffle tickets for a lovely 19 piece Nativity set. Proceeds of the raffle will fund the 2022 Confirmation Class bench project. Contact Jillian Peck 248-887-1634 to save a spot.

Holy Spirit Church

Calendar at a Glance

Monday, November 29

Office Open 9am-3pm
11am-AA
7pm-Adult Faith Formation

Tuesday, November 30

Office Open 9am-3pm
10am-Women's Prayer Group
12pm-Adult Faith Formation
5:10pm-Elementary FF
6:30pm-Middle School FF

Wednesday, December 1

Office Open 9am-3pm
9am-Morning Mass
10am-Adult Faith Formation
6:30pm-Elementary FF
6:30pm-8th Grade FF

Thursday, December 2

Office Open 9am-3pm
9am-Morning Mass
10am-SAGS-Meadowbrook/Lunch
6:30pm-Women of Holy Spirit

Friday, December 3

9am-Morning Mass

Saturday, December 4

Christmas Basket Sale
5pm-Mass
6pm-Anointing of the Sick

Sunday, December 5

Christmas Basket Sale
9am-Mass
11am-Mass

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Parish Vision: To Be Christ to All.

Our Mission Statement: Led by the Holy Spirit, we accompany others to encounter Jesus, to give witness to Him, and to grow as missionary disciples.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Watching in Hope

Loving Father,
you have revealed yourself to us
and even now you call us to you.
You call us to:
wait
watch
look for signs.

You call us to hope.
Help us to remain in you.
Help us not to lose heart.
Keep our eyes toward heaven.
Make us ready for your coming.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, November 28, 2021

Promises Fulfilled



Today's readings: Jeremiah 33:14–16; Psalm 25:4–5, 8–9, 10, 14; 1 Thessalonians 3:12–4:2; Luke 21:25–28, 34–36. Advent, the start of the liturgical year, is a season of preparation for Christ's coming. The decorations that are out already may make it appear that Christmas has arrived. But without anticipation, our celebration cannot be full. In fact, the first two weeks of the season of Advent do not focus on the birth of Jesus at all, but on our hope for his coming at the end of time.

What is it that we hope for?

When we look around, we see that the world is not as it should be. There is illness, suffering, poverty, and injustice. People die. Grief and loss are real. Too often, death comes violently, leaving a different kind of pain in its wake.

Sometimes we think that this cannot be what our loving God intended for the world.

Indeed, God promises something different. Throughout Scripture and history, we know that God is a keeper of promises. It is in those promises that we hope. Jesus and the prophets describe perfect justice, the end of suffering and pain, peace among people, a new heaven and a new earth. The world portrayed in the readings cannot come without disruption. The old must fall away. What is not of God must fall away to make way for the completely new thing that God is doing.

Is there anything that must fall away for God's light to live fully in you?

Explore the Gospel



The Coming of the Son of Man and Exhortation to be Vigilant
Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in

anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand. Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."

Take Time to Chat

1. In today's Gospel, Jesus wants us to be ready when he comes again. We do not know when that will be. What are some ways you can stay vigilant and be ready for Jesus?
2. The word "redemption" means being saved from sin. Does everyone in the world need to be saved from sin? Explain your answer.
3. What does it mean to "stand before the Son of Man" at the end of time? How can we prepare for this now?

Please Prayerfully Consider Adoring in Our Chapel

Hours needing to be immediately filled.

Sunday	3-4AM
Monday	9-10AM
Tuesday	8-9PM
Wednesday	2-3AM, 3-4AM, 4-5AM, 3-4PM
Thursday	3-4AM, 4-5AM, 5-6PM
Saturday	5-6AM, 11AM-12PM, 12PM-1PM

Children's Hour - Monday's 11AM-Noon

COVID Cleaning Schedule

Weekdays 12PM-1PM closed for cleaning

We are always looking for substitute adorers. Please call, Jenna Konarzewski 248-891-1623
Or Autumn Woodcox 248-872-6607

Christian Service Corner

We are in need of the following items:

Laundry Detergent, Mayo, Toilet Paper, 2qt Juice
All Purpose Cleaner (spray bottle), Paper Towel

**Due to COVID we can no longer take plastic or paper bags and we cannot accept expired food.*

Meet Our Extended Family



Servant of God:

Constance Helen Gladman
Dec. 23, 1922-Nov. 30, 1964

Constance Gladman was born in a small rural town in southwestern Australia. At a young age, Connie (as she was called) felt a calling to religious life.

Connie attended a teaching college in Melbourne. She wanted to go into the convent but her dad would not let her. He felt that his oldest

daughter needed to be exposed to the world before making such a decision. Heeding her dad's wishes, Connie taught in regular schools after graduation, but her desire to teach the poor and impoverished never left her.

When she was in her mid-20s, her father, seeing how his daughter had never lost her desire to become a nun, relented and gave her his blessing. Connie then joined the Congregation of the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart. Connie took the religious name of Sister Mary Rosina, and, from that point on, she dedicated her life to the missions. She was sent to Papua New Guinea to teach. Sister Mary became highly respected and was elevated to the post of Teacher's Supervisor. The government held her in high regard and, needing qualified people to help train local teachers, she agreed to assist them. Training others to teach was something she came to truly love.

On November 30, 1964, while Sister Mary Rosina was working with a novice teacher, a man quietly moved up behind her and killed her. She was 41 years old. She has been declared a Servant of God, the first step in becoming a saint, and her cause is now before the Congregation for the Causes for Saints.

FAMILYCHALLENGE

Decide as a family a way that your family can volunteer your time in service to others during the season of Advent.

**Meditations for November 28
Luke 21:25-28, 34-36**

Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from . . . the anxieties of daily life. (Luke 21:34)

Jesus’ warning about anxiety is one of the best pieces of advice we could receive right now. We have all heard the statistic that people are more likely to feel worried or depressed during the month of December than at any other time of the year. The “anxieties of daily life” seem amplified as the holidays approach, and all the emphasis on parties and family gatherings can make some people feel more stressed or isolated. It’s not surprising to find our hearts feeling a little “drowsy” as we begin the season of Advent (Luke 21:34)!

But Advent isn’t meant to be a season of anxiety. It’s meant to be a season of expectation and hope. The Lord is near! He is coming to establish his kingdom! For all the warnings Jesus gives in today’s Gospel, and for all the dark and foreboding images of the end that he portrays, his promise outweighs them all: “Your redemption is at hand” (Luke 21:28).

So Jesus warns us to guard our hearts so that we can experience our “redemption” more deeply this Advent. He warns us not to let anything burden us so much that it keeps us from turning to him in prayer or talking with him during the day. He knows that if we keep him at a distance, for whatever reason, we run the risk of becoming spiritually drowsy—dull to his Spirit and unable to sense his presence.

There is so much that your heavenly Father wants to give you during this time of grace: inner healing, a deeper sense of peace or joy, a powerful encounter with his mercy, and wisdom and guidance for your life. If you can spend just a few minutes each day with the Mass readings and meditations in this booklet, you’ll be opening your heart to these gifts and more.

Don’t let Advent slip away. Your redemption is at hand. Stay awake so that you can receive it!

“Jesus, help me to seek you this Advent!”

Readings for Sunday, December 5
Bar 5:1-9 | Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 | Lk 3:1-6

Prayer
REQUESTS

The names of the sick will be removed in 6 weeks. To re-list, or to add a name, please call the parish office at 248-887-5364.

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Weekly Offertory Collection

Date	Actual	Budget	Over / (Under)
11-07	\$ 15,707	\$ 10,200	\$5,507
11-14	\$ 8,556	\$ 10,200	(\$1,644)
Y-T-D	\$204,424	\$214,200	(\$9,776)

This report is based on the Offertory Collection line in the budget. It includes weekly envelopes, loose and children’s collection, holy day collections, and online giving. It does not include Christian Service, fuel, or kitchen fund envelopes, the Christmas collection, Parish fundraisers, grants received, CCE tuition and fees, or other miscellaneous income. It is based on a yearly budget where we anticipate the expenses of the Parish. Just because there may be a deficit here, it does not mean the Parish is operating at a deficit. Feel free to direct questions to the Parish Finance Council.

The weekly offertory is the life-blood of any parish. We have utility bills to pay, a large physical plant to maintain, staff that we have hired to run our day-to-day operations, youth to teach, worship and music ministry to support, Christian Service neighbors to help. We need everyone who can to put something in the offertory basket each week. We are so grateful for all who give weekly and are consistent contributors.

Mass Intentions

Lector Schedule

Monday, November 29

Is 2:1-5 | Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, November 30

Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22

Wednesday, December 1

Is 25:6-10a | Mt 15:29-37

9:00 a.m. (PPP) James & Colette Lintol

9:00 a.m. +Derek Lintol

Thursday, December 2

Is 26:1-6 | Mt 7:21, 24-27

9:00 a.m. (PPP) James & Colette Lintol

9:00 a.m. Our Parish Family

Friday, December 3

Is 29:17-24 | Mt 9:27-31

9:00 a.m. (PPP) James & Colette Lintol

9:00 a.m. Don Dopierala

9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the
Waldowski Families

Saturday, December 4

5:00 p.m. (PPP) James & Colette Lintol

5:00 p.m. Our Parish Family

Sunday, December 5

9:00 a.m. (PPP) James & Colette Lintol

9:00 a.m. +Lillian Papierniak

9:00 a.m. +Katherine Fruhner

9:00 a.m. +Lori Rogalski

9:00 a.m. +Paul Wayne Frankovich

9:00 a.m. +James Gonder

11:00 a.m. (PPP) James & Colette Lintol

11:00 a.m. +Anthony Van Wagoner

11:00 a.m. Intentions of Betty Raupp

Saturday, December 4

5:00 p.m. - Audrey Schilkey

Sunday, December 5

9:00 a.m. - Carrie Pishek

11:00 a.m. - Jerry Przekora

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Michael Somervell, Deacon

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY - 5:00 p.m., SUNDAY - 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

HOLY DAY - 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS - Saturday, 4pm or by Appointment

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Pastoral Council

Meets the 4th Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Baptisms

Contact Deacon Mike at 248-887-8813

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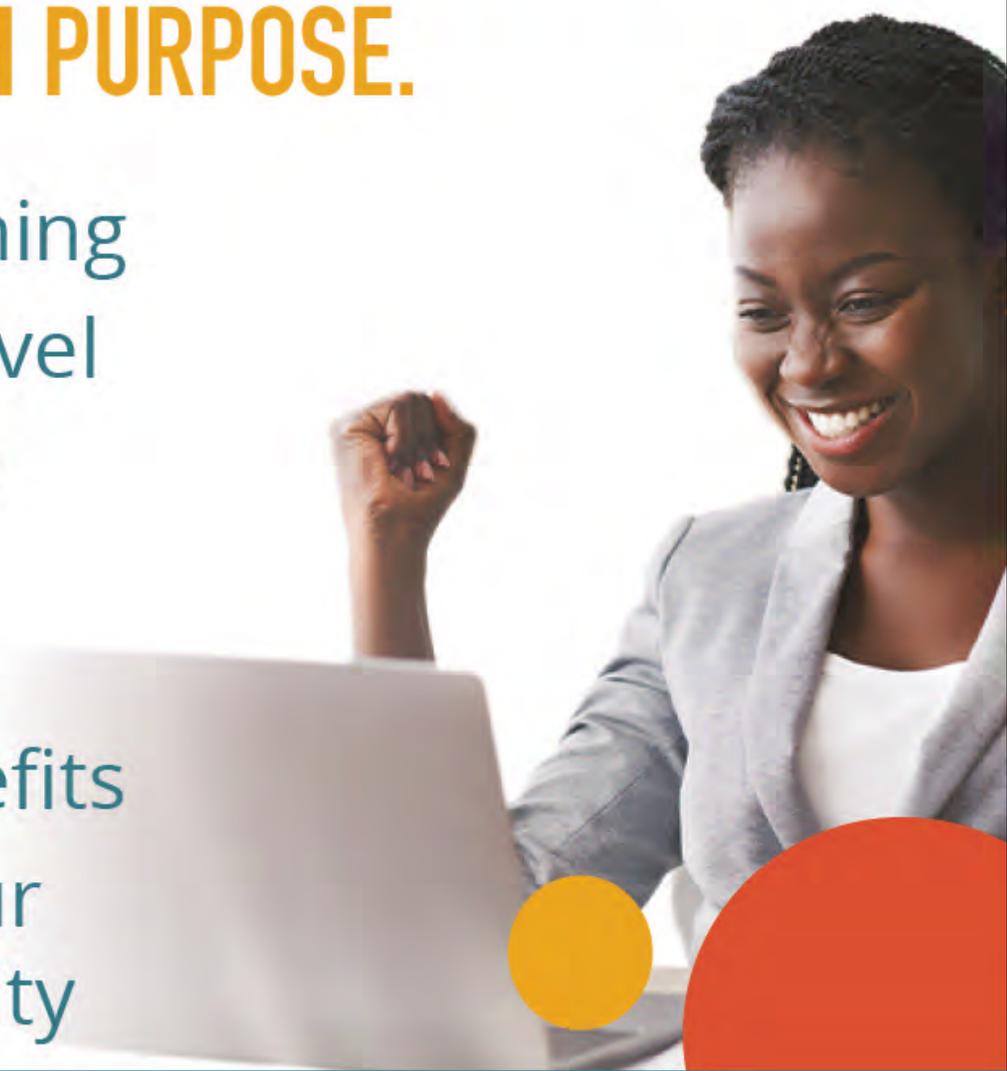


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